

Houston Sues New York Post



Houston

caused all of this trouble and that the story was written incorrectly," she said on the station's "Kiss Wake-Up Club" morning program.

"After looking further into things yesterday, we learned that there were a lot of indiscretions...in the story," she said.

"Because of the time the story was written we did think things were true but after looking into things yesterday, we found out that there were things that were printed incorrectly and for that reason we are apologizing," Anthony said.

Houston is seeking \$10 million in libel damages and \$50 million in punitive damages.

A spokesman for the Post, Howard Rubenstein, said Tuesday that lawyers for the Post were reviewing the lawsuit and would have no comment.

The Post reported Monday that Houston, 29, had spent 90 minutes at Mount Sinai Hospital on Thursday and was diagnosed with heart arrhythmia, apparently brought on by diet pills.

"She has never taken a diet pill in her life," Platt said. "She's outraged, She's hurt."

Platt said he has had no contact with the Post since the story was printed.

"They filed their article and they didn't check with us," he said Tuesday in a telephone interview. "So, we're filing the lawsuit, and we're not checking with them."

The complaint against the Post says the reporters published the story "on a principal 'hard news' page and not on the tabloid 'Page Six' knowing that it would be understood... as a factually accurate story as opposed to a 'gossip' article."

The story allegedly included other "falsehoods," such as that Houston's weight had reached 200 pounds during her recent pregnancy, that she was depressed and that she was on the verge of pass-

other hospital), and was not diagnosed with any heart irregularities. ... The Post sincerely regrets these errors."

The singer, who owns a home in Mendham, N.J., alleges the Post had tried "to sell newspapers at the plaintiff's expense, the truth being no impediment."

After the first editions were printed with the correction, Houston's attorney, Sheldon Platt, said he would have "to study what was written first" before commenting.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan, names the Post and the two reporters who wrote the story, Florence Anthony and Bill Hoffman.

Speaking on WRKS-FM, Anthony apologized to the singer.

"I am very sorry that we

By Verna Dobnik
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NEW YORK - After being sued for \$60 million by Whitney Houston, the New York Post ran a correction retracting the key elements in its report that the singer overdosed on diet pills.

"In Monday's editions of the Post, it was incorrectly reported that superstar Whitney Houston had been hospitalized in Miami after an overdose of prescription diet pills," the newspaper said in a correction placed next to a photo of a smiling Houston.

"We can now report that Ms. Houston did not suffer an overdose of any pills, and does not take diet pills. She was not admitted to Miami's Mt. Sinai Hospital (or any



Photo by James Brown

Mr. Tender?

Nope, it's Mr. as in the star of "Rocky III," "A-Team" and "T And T." The heap-big mohawk wearing film star stopped by Heroes Aren't Hard To Find to promote his new comic book Mr. T and T-Force. Seven-year-old Naugy Shaw seems to think it's a hit. I pity the fool that doesn't!

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