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Travolta in 'Spray' revolts gays

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John Travolta may live to regret squeezing into the house-dress of Edna Turnblad.

Gay critics are hissing at Travolta for inserting himself into the remake of 'Hairspray' because they charge that his faith, Scientology, is homophobic.

'It's well-known that Scientology has operated reparative therapy clinics to try to 'cure' gays,' says Washington Blade editor **Kevin Naff**, who is calling for a boycott of the movie, which opens next month.

'Scientists are required to donate a hefty portion of their income to the church,' Naff tells us. 'So, by going to this movie, gay people are literally putting money into an organization that seeks to 'cure' them.'

Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote in his 1950 best seller, 'Dianetics,' that gays were 'sexual perverts' and 'very ill physically.' In a federal lawsuit filed in 1998, ex-Scientologist **Michael Pattinson** claimed the church deceived him by using Travolta as an example of a

satisfied member who'd gone straight. Reps for Travolta — who has been married to Scientologist **Kelly Preston** for 13 years — and the church have called Pattinson's charges 'meritless' and 'hogwash.'

Travolta's rep didn't respond to our e-mail yesterday. But **John Carmichael**, president of the New York branch of the Church of Scientology, told us, 'Scientology doesn't try to tell people what their sexual orientation should be. The emphasis is on helping people survive better in the world. If a person comes into Scientology and they are involved in doing anything that they consider detrimental to their survival, then they can change that compulsion.'

Naff considers the notion of remaking **John Waters**' 1988 camp classic 'ridiculous. The role of Edna Turnblad was played brilliantly by Divine. I'm a huge John Waters fan, but shame on him for signing on to the casting of this film.'

The openly gay Waters wasn't available for comment yesterday, but we're sure he'll have some thoughts.

Quivers' diet team ensures Robin eats like a bird

Robin Quivers should be perkier than usual on **Howard Stern**'s show this morning: She got a colonic yesterday. It's all part of the immersion of Stern's Sirius sidekick in **Dr. Roni DeLuz**'s book, '21 Pounds in 21 Days: The Martha's Vineyard Diet Detox.' So far, she's lost 16 pounds in 12 days. DeLuz and co-author **James Hester** have actually moved in with Quivers, and it sounds as if it's harder on them.

'Robin gets up at 2:45 in the morning, so we all do,' says Hester. 'By 3:15, we're in the car. At 6 a.m., Robin gets her first supplement, a berry drink. At 8 a.m., she gets her green drink; at 10 a.m., a lemon drink. At noon, she gets a juice made of spinach, chard, ginger, collard and cucumber, and at 4 o'clock she gets a puree of broccoli, cauliflower, yams, garlic and spinach.' Presumably, at 5 o'clock she gets a medal.

Says Hester: 'Then she rides her bike, and later, we wrap her up in infrared pads and a sheet and she bakes under the blankets for about an hour and she's asleep by 7 p.m.'

P.S.: The colonic was given by **Yoko Ono**'s assistant-turned-colon-cleanser Philomena, who was probably inspired to go into her new line of work by working for the lovely, the talented, Ono.

Side Dish

It's a good thing **Alison Rogers** won't be needing her New York Post job back. The witty Harvard grad rips owner **Rupert Murdoch** and editor **Col Allan** in her new book, 'Diary of a Real Estate Rookie,' the story of becoming a broker after Murdoch's 'refusal to pay her a decent wage' as editor of the real-estate section. This, despite Rogers' estimates that she brought in \$5 million in two years to the paper. But the 'final straw' came, Rogers writes, when Allan 'yelled at me for three straight days ... three days of red-faced hollering. We were done, Col and I.' When reached for comment, Allan clarified: 'I yelled at Alison for four days, not three.'

Tuesday was a bad night for under-age party hoppers. **Rihanna**, 19, **Cassie**, 20, and **Teyana Taylor**, who turned 16 on MTV's last season of 'My Super Sweet 16,' were denied entrance at **Fabulous**' album party at Runway when reps for event host Level Vodka enforced 'Lohan's Law,' checking IDs.

To celebrate their inaugural flights to New York, Qatar Airways has gotten **Colin Cowie** to imagine a first-class lounge at the home of Jazz at Lincoln Center on Columbus Circle. So it's caviar, Dom Perignon and **Ms. Diana Ross** on June 28.

Vanity Fair's **Graydon Carter** and Vogue's **Anna Wintour**, the Apollo and Athena of Conde Nast, joined forces Tuesday to throw a party for **Nicholas Coleridge**'s novel 'A Much Married Man.' Among those who showed up at Carter's Waverly Inn were **Rufus Albemarle**, **Andre Balazs**, **Tory Burch**, **Olivia Chantecaille**, **Jennifer Creel**, **Reinaldo Herrera**, **Zac Posen**, **Marina Rust**, **Plum** and **Tom Sykes** and **James Wolcott**. Coleridge told us, 'I feel like the

filling in the Graydon-Anna power sandwich.' Four-times-wed billionaire **Ron Perelman** was sure the satire about a rich man's wives must be based on him, 'even though we barely know each other,' said Coleridge.

Surveillance

Kevin Connolly partied away the past three years as talent-manager **Eric Murphy** on HBO's 'Entourage,' and he'd do it for dozens more. 'It shoots in L.A. It's sunny every day,' he told guests at Tuesday's Friars Club dinner for his first ever cover, of Hamptons magazine. 'And every day's a different place. It's like, okay, today we're going to shoot at Earth Café and they pull up a bus and a hundred new girls get off the bus. As an actor, it's the greatest job you can have.' Those itching for a spoiler may be glad to hear that Connolly's onscreen girlfriend **Sloan** (Emmanuelle Chriqui) is 'on her way out.'

Nick Lachey and girlfriend **Vanessa Minnillo** hit the town Tuesday night for a Bellini-fueled dinner at Downtown Cipriani. They continued the cocktails at the Hotel Gansevoort.

Boxing champ **Floyd Mayweather Jr.** showered bikini models on the catwalk at Tao Las Vegas with \$100 bills 'until the whole stage was covered,' says a spy, 'and the girls were strutting on a floor of money.' Floyd told staffers he threw a total of \$10,000.

After her performance as the nurse in 'Romeo and Juliet' in Central Park Sunday night, **Camryn Manheim** rode the late-night A train back downtown with audience members.

Steve Carell, with a handheld fan à la **Karl Lagerfeld**, at the the L.A. premiere of his Noah's Ark-esque comedy '**Evan Almighty**.'

'American Idol' alum **Melinda Doolittle**, outfitted in jeans, T-shirt and Prada bag, trying on sneakers at Niketown on E. 57th with a male sidekick.

Model turned B-movie actress **Lauren Hutton** pulled up to the West Village's Bar Pitti in a

pedicab Friday night to wait for a female friend.

Many 63-year-old ladies would be flattered if a 31-year-old guy tried to touch her leg, but not **Patti LaBelle**. When a male fan tried to cop a feel as she performed at the Holt Renfrew opening in Vancouver, she snapped, 'I'm not some hoochie, and I can still kick your a--.'

Both **Anne Hathaway** and **Maggie Gyllenhaal** have passed on the lead role of Broadway-bound 'Pygmalion,' we hear, but we may see the gamine Gyllenhaal onstage yet, as Nellie Forbush in 'South Pacific.'

Plumm owner **Noel Ashman** will share his birthday fete with actor **Jesse Bradford** today at the West Village hot spot.

No one is more bummed by the end of 'The Sopranos' than **Axl Rose**. The touring rocker asked HBO to send him the last three episodes overseas.

Andy Summers, **Sting** and **Stewart Copeland** mug for the latest issue of Rolling Stone (on stands tomorrow), which heralds the Police reunion some thought would never happen. 'We have all raised families, maintained marriages, maintained careers,' Sting tells the mag in mid-rehearsal for the trio's first tour in 23 years. 'We are able to navigate better. Stay friends. I hope.'

Jessica Alba showed off her fantastic form at the London premiere of her flick 'Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer.'

Shear genius! **Katie Holmes** (with hubby **Tom Cruise**) sported a short and stylish new 'do in Beverly Hills.

'Transformers' star **Josh Duhamel** looked peaceful outside MTV's 'TRL' studios Tuesday, but he and the cast of the flick faced some tough times when Paramount sent them for three days of military boot camp. 'I had to get in the best shape I could,' Duhamel says. 'I was carrying this 40-pound gun, wearing full body armor ... and I'm running as hard as I can up the street. I was

dying after the first take.' You can see Josh in action when the film hits theaters July 4.

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