

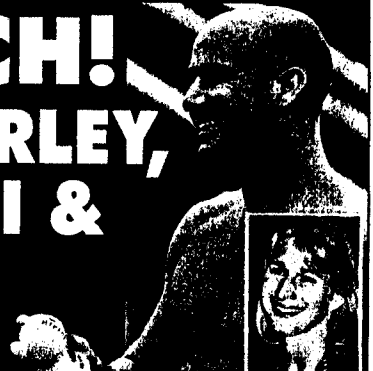
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John Travolta and Kelly Preston are expecting their second child, but the couple are battling rumors that their eight-year marriage is merely a "business" arrangement.

Now fed-up Kelly — who stars in the new movie "For Love of the Game" — has lashed out against those claims.

"That's so ridiculous. Hilarious and ridiculous," the 36-year-old blonde angrily declared to a New York newspaper. "Eight years of a business marriage!"

Kelly also went on "The Tonight Show" in mid-September to announce her pregnancy and made a point of portraying John as a macho man, telling Jay Leno: "I have the best, sexiest husband in the world!"

Travolta, 45, has been followed for years by rumors that he's a homosexual. As far back as 1983, he denied he was gay in a Rolling Stone magazine interview.

Wensley Clarkson, author of the book "John Travolta: Back in Character," told The ENQUIRER: "The rumors are that his marriage was one of convenience, arranged to further his career and hide his gayness."

The persistent rumors about Travolta picked up steam last year when he was mentioned in a lawsuit filed by a former member of the Church of Scientology alleging that the church used John — a longtime member of the group — as an example of someone who had been "cured" of homosexuality.

The lawsuit has been dismissed, but the plaintiff's lawyer said he is refiling.

The lawsuit has been called "meritless" by the Church of Scientology — which also includes Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman and Lisa Marie Presley among its members. And Travolta's lawyer Jay Lavelle called it "complete hogwash" at the time it was filed.

But Clarkson said: "Obviously, with a growing family, the rumors are beginning to bother both John and Kelly."

Dealing with the gay ru-



JOHN, Kelly and their son Jett. "I have the best, sexiest husband in the world," says gorgeous Kelly.

mors is just one of the pressures the two-star Hollywood couple have had to endure.

And the pair have been relying on therapy sessions with a marriage counselor to hold them together, a friend revealed.

"While they indulge in a luxury-filled, superstar lifestyle with a large household staff and their own jet ready to go anywhere anytime, they utilize a marriage counselor through the Church of Scientology to keep their bond strong."

But Kelly continues to suffer excruciating heartbreak from the continuing rumors about her husband.

Internet Web sites repeat the rumors. One site located by The ENQUIRER says: "John Travolta was married off to a pretty blonde to prove his perennially questionable heterosexuality."

Former porn star Paul Barresi charged in a 1990

interview that he'd been Travolta's lover for two years, although he later denied the story.

And the lawsuit against the Church of Scientology charges that the church deceived a gay member into believing it could turn him straight by pointing to its "success story" of Travolta.

In court papers obtained by The ENQUIRER, Beverly Hills artist Michael Pat-

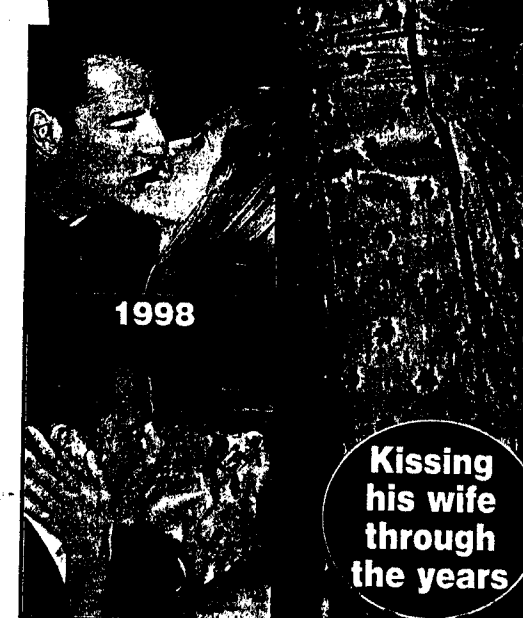
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Olivia Newton-John



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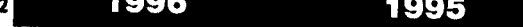


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tinson alleges that agents of the church "implicitly referred to the 'success story' of John Travolta while failing to disclose published reports of John Travolta's homosexual relationship with porn actor Paul Barresi."

Pattinson's attorney Graham Berry told The ENQUIRER:

"My client continues to assert the same core claims — that he was fraudulently induced to participate in Dianetics and Scientology processing and that he relied upon the false representations that Scientology counseling or courses would handle or cure his homosexuality — just as they had Travolta's."

But for every rumor about Travolta's secret lifestyle, there are tales of the actor being one of Hollywood's greatest lovers.

Author Clarkson told The ENQUIRER: "John had romances with a tremendous number of women including some of the most beautiful in the world: Olivia Newton-John, Catherine Deneuve, Marilyn Henner, Carly Simon, Brooke Shields and Debra Winger."

Then Travolta met Kelly at a party at Kirstie Alley's home and "settled down to a very faithful marriage," said Clarkson.

A source close to the couple disclosed: "Kelly told me, 'John's a dynamite lover, all man — and I'm the luckiest girl in the world to have him as a husband.'"

"These nasty spiteful rumors have been floated by jealous hypocrites who be-

The gay charges — & the truth about his marriage

Fast Facts

Travolta's mother was 42 when he was born. His goal was to "beat my mother and father's record." He succeeded by four years, having Jett at 38.

grudge him success or by disgruntled employees looking to make a fast buck. I know the talk really hurts John.

"It just makes me sick that I have to defend the reputation of a wonderful guy who's all man — a superstud, in fact!"

The close source added: "Their marriage is hot and passionate. They keep it fresh by having sex in all sorts of romantic locations."

"Kelly told me, 'When John's on location, I'm usually with him. That's when we slip off for dates in cozy little motels. We behave like young lovers — sexy lingerie, dressing up in period clothes, that kind of thing.'"

"We've made love in John's plane at 30,000 feet many times. That's the advantage of having your own jet."

"We've made love on



TRAVOLTA has heard the gay rumors before — he denied them way back in 1983.

Caribbean island beaches, in the ruins of a Scottish castle, even in the jungles of the Yucatan."

The friend revealed: "John also loves to seduce Kelly with some dirty dancing. Sometimes he slips into the role of smooth dancer Tony Manero from 'Saturday Night Fever.' Other times he becomes the hip 'Pulp Fiction' hit man character, Vincent Vega."

Kelly told the friend: "John and I have been silent for too long about all the rumors. For years, people have had this wrong-headed notion that our marriage is just a put-on. But we've been married eight years now, and I'm having my second child."

"I want people to know that John and I have one of the happiest marriages in

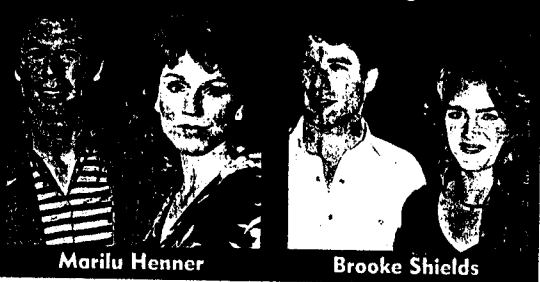


MAN BEHIND the lawsuit: Michael Pattinson, at a protest at the Scientology center with an associate.

Hollywood. John's a great father, a wonderful husband and a great lover. We're the healthiest couple we know, and I want the rest of the world to know the truth."

— SUZANNE ELY, MARC CETNER, REGINALD FITZ and TONY BRENNAN

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Marilyn Henner

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NATIONAL ENQUIRER

U.S. bill would chide Germany for refusal to recognize Scientology

BY JAN CIENSKI

WASHINGTON • U.S. legislators have introduced a bill chastizing Germany — a close NATO ally — for religious discrimination, based on its treatment of Scientology.

"I believe, as a matter of general government policy, no religion or belief should be discriminated against," said Senator Michael Enzi, a Wyoming Republican.

A news conference yesterday was attended by Republicans and Democrats, all of whom condemned Germany for violating numerous international treaties.

A similar bill failed last year, but the issue has been a sore point in U.S.-German relations for some time. In its annual report on human rights around the world, the U.S. State Department criticized Germany's policy toward Scientology and other minority religions.

Scientology, a religion founded in the 1950s by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, was put under surveillance by Germany in 1997. It is recognized by Canada, the United States and other countries.

The German government guarantees freedom of religion but refuses to officially register Scientology. The authorities accuse the group, which has about 30,000 members in Germany, of being a money-making scheme that bilks its followers.

Major political parties have been purged of Scientologists, and the group's members claim they are discriminated against when applying for civil service jobs and in other dealings with the government.

German authorities defend their practices, saying they are tough on radical cults and political movements to prevent any re-

turn to the Nazi past.

In turn, Scientology and some small Christian evangelical groups warn the Germans are showing dangerous signs of intolerance. A controversial media campaign by the Church of Scientology compared German policy to Hitler's persecution of the Jews.

The German embassy in Washington refused to comment on the renewed bid to pass a critical resolution.

But some U.S. human rights workers point out the United States rarely appreciates similar criticism of its human rights record.

Bacre N'diaye, a United Nations special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, travelled through the United States in 1997 trying to analyze the application of the death penalty. He received little help from the State Department and U.S. officials condemned his final report as arbitrary and unfair.

The United States has also been slow to endorse treaties signed by much of the rest of the world, such as the pact to prevent children from becoming soldiers.

"There is something we've called 'U.S. exceptionalism.' It is very happy to put out reports on other people but it is much more hesitant about doing reports on itself," said Allyson Collins, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch.

"The U.S., which really holds itself as a human rights beacon to the world, has a certain obligation to take these treaties more seriously."

But the legislators preparing the resolution condemning Germany insist they are acting in good faith.

"We are sending a polite and friendly message," said Xavier Becerra, a California Democrat.

National Post

OFFBEAT

L. RON SPEAKS!

"AFFECTION COULD NO MORE SPOIL A CHILD THAN THE SUN COULD BE PUT OUT BY A bucket of gasoline."

Don't go looking for this maxim in your *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations* — but you just might find it in your local newspaper, courtesy of Scientology. The IRS-designated religion — ministry to the stars (John Travolta, Jenna Elfman, Tom Cruise), owner of vast worldwide holdings and co-sponsor of this year's Hollywood Christmas Parade — has been mailing out this and other pearls from the lips of founder L. Ron Hubbard to newspaper "Quote of the Week" sections.

The Hubbardisms address Morals ("The criminal accuses others of things which he himself is doing"), Problems ("Any problem, to be a problem, must contain a lie") and, in a masterpiece of mixed metaphor, Marriage ("Communication is the root of marital success from which a strong union can grow, and noncommunication is the rock on which the ship will bash out her keel"). They run above the tagline "L. Ron Hubbard, one of the most acclaimed and widely read authors of all time." (Hubbard was a science-fiction writer.)

Hubbard public-relations director Kaye Conley says the quotes have appeared in 80 publications, including the *Orchard News* (Nebraska), *Clayton Today* (Oklahoma), and the *Stratford Star*, *Iraan News*, and *Talihi-na American* (all of Texas). "I'm not saying they're big, huge papers," Conley says. "They don't have to be to be popular."

Iraan News editor Clara Greer says her paper (circulation 900) printed "everything that I got" during the two-month-old Scientology P.R. campaign. "One of our customers didn't appreciate reading them. She seemed to know a lot more about Hubbard than I did," Greer explained during a phone interview.

Ann Driver, editor of the weekly *Talihi-na American* (part of a three-paper chain of Texas weeklies, combined circulation 4,500) also confesses to knowing little

about Hubbard or Scientology. "I've heard of it, but I don't know anything about it," she says.

It's no secret that Scientology aggressively courts good publicity — and the group could use some good news. A French judge this month sentenced a former Scientology leader to six months in prison on fraud charges. (The church denounced the trial as an "inquisition.") Authorities in Moscow and Switzerland also shut down Scientology-associated operations.

The Hubbard P.R. machine has been busy. An article on the P.R. News Wire this month spoke of some "interesting new insights" into the subject of memory found in the Hubbard bestseller *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*. (The Scientology text was published on May 9, 1950; it's not clear how or when the "new" insights sneaked into the pages, particularly as Hubbard died in 1986.)

"Never has our society been hit with so much devastation... We're trying to do something about it," Conley says.

"We just use the quotes as filler to fill our little holes," shrugs newspaper editor Driver.



L. Ron Hubbard: Gone but not forgotten