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Dyan Cannon
at the pulpit

A WOMAN who says she fell - literally - for Dyan Cannon during a bizarre religious ritual is now suing the actress-turned-faith healer.

Melody Traylor, 30, claims that she injured her back and neck when Cannon's healing session flopped.

"Dyan Cannon instructed Ms. Traylor to fall backward. But unlike others Cannon prayed for, no one was there to catch her," Traylor's attorney, Robert J. Younger, tells GLOBE. "As soon as she hit the floor, my client knew she had received a serious injury. She received a neurological injury to her neck and worsened a previous injury to her back."

Traylor says she was hurt during an August 2000 meeting of God's Party With Dyan Cannon & You, a faith-healing ministry founded by the 64-year-old star. Cannon claims that she can heal sick or injured people by praying for them, hugging them, then allowing them to fall backward onto the floor.

Traylor says that after hours of singing and chanting, she joined a line of people waiting to

be personally prayed for by the actress, who stars in the NBC series *Three Sisters*. When her turn came, Traylor says that Cannon prayed for her, hugged her, then told her to fall backward. None of Cannon's staffers caught her and she crashed to the floor, according to the lawsuit.

"My client was out of work for five weeks and is still under regular care by a physical therapist," says attorney Younger. "She has also lost her

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full ability to engage in family affairs such as managing (her) home and can no longer engage in the same physical activities as before - including sexual relations (with her husband Mark)."

Traylor sent a letter to Cannon asking how she planned to resolve the matter. But Cannon's attorney John Williams told GLOBE that the actress denies all the allegations, including ever telling the injured woman to fall backward.

Undaunted by the suit, Cannon plans to take her ministry on the road.

"God has given me a vision," she says. "I'm going to take God's Party to every capital city in the U.S." - **ROBIN MIZRAHI**