Scientology tunes heading to area homes

By LESLEY COLLINS Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — Could the composing abilities of the late L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Church of Scientology, nudge Madonna and Billy Ocean out of the top-20 in pop music?

Some 600 Clearwater residents will have the chance to decide.

Parishioners at the Fort Harrison Hotel, the sect's Clearwater headquarters, have forked out the money to mail out more than 600 cassette tapes that contain Hubbard's musical statement on what Scientology is all about.

"The Road to Freedom" cassette — with a cover that shows a white bridge traveling into a cloud-filled sky — contains 10 songs with music and lyrics by Hubbard. The elusive Hubbard, who had not been seen in public since 1980, died of a stroke Jan. 25 at his California ranch.

"Some parishioners got together and thought others might enjoy the music," Scientology spokesman Ludwig Alpers said.

"This cassette called 'The Road to Freedom' is a gift to you," reads a letter enclosed with the tape.

"Please listen to it. Enjoy the music and listen to the words. We think you'll find it most enlightening."

"The Worried Being" includes the following

There was a worried being who did secret acts He felt he had to hide, hide, hide, hide, hide. Oooo what a sad song!

A careless teacher gave him false data
And he went dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb.

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Oooo what a sad song! That bad experience gave him engrams And he began to hurt, hurt, hurt, hurt, hurt. Oooo what a sad song!

More cassettes will be mailed to residents, Alpers noted. And, if future plans hold up, Hubbard's songs may be played over the airwaves of local radio stations.

While the packaged cassettes take their route through the U.S. Mail, a musical video version of the tape is airing on a Tampa cable television station, he added.

Hollywood notables John Travolta, Frank Stallone (Sylvester's brother) and Leif Garrett are some of the vocalists for such upbeat, contemporary tunes as "The Evil Purpose" and "The ARC Song."

A flap on the cassette cover lists the definitions of Scientology terms used in the lyrics.

The letters A-R-C, for example, stand for Affinity, Reality and Communication. To Scientologists, the initials have come to mean good feeling, love or friendliness, the cassette cover explains.

Boy, 2, in critical condition

By SUSAN SNYDER Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — One of two children who nearly drowned in unrelated accidents Thursday remained hospitalized Friday in critical condition.

Beau Jacob Karnovsky, 2, went nearly 15 minutes without breathing after falling into a swimming pool Thursday. He remained in critical condition Friday at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, officials said.

The toddler fell into eight feet of water around 5 p.m. in an unattended pool behind the Sand Castle Motel, 200 N. Osceola Ave., while being watched by a 16-year-old baby sitter, a police report states.

The child, who has been staying with his parents at the motel owned by the Church of Scientology, was under water for about 10 minutes without oxygen, according to the police report.

The toddler didn't breathe for another three to four minutes after being pulled from the pool by a bystander, who attempted to expel water from the child's lungs by placing him over one knee, the report state.

The child's heart began beating about 15 minutes after fire rescuers delivered him to the Morton F. Plant Hospital emergency room, the report states. He was sustained by life support and taken to All Children's Hospital.

In an unrelated incident, a 5-year-old Clearwater boy nearly drowned at 8:55 p.m. Thursday when he fell into the Intracoastal Waterway off the Seminole Docks seawall at the end of Seminole Street, police said.

Jeremy Williams was walking around the area of the

docks with his mother. Sara, several siblings and Carl Jefferson, a family friend, when he fell into the water, police said.

Jeremy was wearing heavy boots and went under the surface three or four times before Jefferson plucked him out, police said.

The child wasn't breathing when he emerged from the water, police said, but began sputtering up water and breathing on his own after an unidentified bystander pressed on his stomach to release the water, police said.

The child went home with his parents, but stopped breathing again when he laid down, police said.

Jeremy was breathing again just before fire rescuers arrived at the 611 Spruce Street home, police said, but was taken to Morton Plant Hospital where he was treated and released.