

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

ESTATE OF LISA MCPHERSON, by
and through the personal Representative,
DELL LIEBREICH

Plaintiff,

Case No. 00-5682-ci-11
Division 11

vs.

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY FLAG
SERVICE ORGANIZATION, JANIS
JOHNSON, ALAIN KARTUZINSKI
and DAVID HOUGHTON, D.D.S.,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF KENDRICK MOXON

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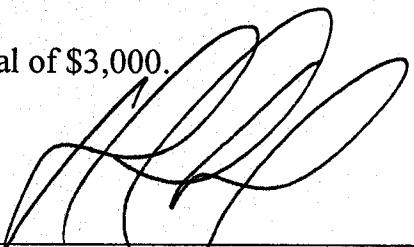
Kendrick Moxon, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over 18 years old, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and am otherwise competent to testify in this matter. I am counsel of record for defendant Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization ("the Church").

2. On August 15, 2001, Stacy Brooks, as the corporate representative of the Lisa McPherson Trust, produced 9 CD's of videos in purported compliance with the Court's discovery orders. I have examined many of these materials in coordination with a paralegal in my office, and found that the CD's contain portions of video footage from

other videos or tapes. All of the sections produced appear to be short edits of larger tapes, and some are only a few minutes of lengthy interviews, demonstrations, statements and events. While several of the videos are 10, 20 or even more minutes, most are only a few minutes in length, and some are extremely short excerpts.

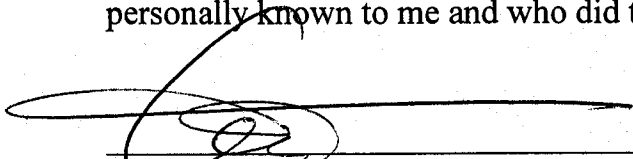
3. I expended in excess of 12 hours in the preparation of the motion to compel and for sanctions. The more than 12 hours of my time, at a reasonable hourly rate of \$250/hour, should be reimbursed, for a total of \$3,000.



Kendrick L. Moxon

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me to be true and correct to the best of her ability this 22nd day of August 2001, by Kendrick Moxon. He is personally known to me and who did take an oath.



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Notary Public - State of Florida
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9 DAVID HOUGHTON, D.D.S.,

10 Defendants.

11 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF STACY BROOKS
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13 C O N F I D E N T I A L

14 BEFORE: MR. JOHN W. BOULT, SPECIAL MASTER
15 Barr, Murman, Tonelli, Herzfeld & Rubin
16 Attorneys at Law
17 201 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2000
18 Tampa, Florida 33602

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23 Reported by:

24 Susan D. Wasilewski, RPR, CRR
25 June 23, 2000



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1 he's wasting our time, so we can take it
2 before Judge Moody for sanctions.

3 MR. BOULT: Well, I don't think that's an
4 appropriate restriction to place on Counsel.
5 I think that he knows the boundaries of this
6 deposition and the scope of this deposition.
7 Some of these questions might be right on the
8 borderline between what's within and what's
9 not within the scope of the judge's
10 instructions with regard to this deposition.
11 In addition to that, I think Counsel should be
12 given the leeway to proffer questions that he
13 considers appropriate.

14 I would ask him to exercise a certain
15 amount of restraint in wandering way away from
16 the boundaries of this deposition because it
17 is a waste of time.

18 BY MR. MOXON:

19 Q. Were you provided any -- well, when is the
20 last time you received any payments from Mr. Dandar
21 for work in this case?

22 MR. MERRETTE: Objection; scope, instruct
23 the witness not to answer.

24 MR. DANDAR: Plaintiff joins in the
25 objection.

1 Q. Are you still --

2 MR. BOULT: Excuse me. I think that would
3 be within the scope. That is -- the objection
4 to that question would be overruled.

5 A. Okay. What's the question again?

6 MR. MERRETTE: The question was when is
7 the last time you received payments from
8 Dandar. The instruction was not to answer.
9 It is beyond the scope.

10 A. I'll answer. I haven't received any
11 money from Mr. Dandar, if at all, probably since
12 '97. I'm not doing this -- any consulting with him
13 in this case for money. He may have sent us
14 something back in '97 but, to be honest with you, I
15 don't even remember how much it was, a few hundred
16 dollars maybe, but certainly I don't believe there
17 has been anything since then. I have not been
18 working with him as a consultant for money. I've
19 been working with him as a consultant because I
20 thought I could help him because of the knowledge
21 that I have about what was done to Lisa McPherson,
22 and he hasn't paid me for that.

23 Q. You don't claim to have personal knowledge
24 with respect to what was done to Lisa McPherson, do
25 you?

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF POLK

I, the undersigned authority, hereby
certify that the witness named herein personally
appeared before me and was duly sworn.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this
25th day of June, 2000.

Susan D. Wasilewski -----



Susan D. Wasilewski, RPR, CRR
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4 I, Susan D. Wasilewski, Registered
 5 Professional Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter
 6 and Notary Public in and for the State of Florida
 7 at large, hereby certify that the witness appeared
 8 before me for the taking of the foregoing
 9 deposition, and that I was authorized to and did
 10 stenographically and electronically report the
 11 deposition; and that a review of the transcript was
 12 requested; and that the transcript is a true and
 13 complete record of my stenographic notes and
 14 recordings thereof.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither an
 16 attorney nor counsel for the parties to this cause,
 17 nor a relative or employee of any attorney or party
 18 connected with this litigation, nor am I
 19 financially interested in the outcome of this
 20 action.

21 DATED THIS 25th day of June, 1999, at
 22 Lakeland, Polk County, Florida.

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ORDER COMPELLING
DOCUMENT PRODUCTION OF LISA MCPHERSON TRUST, INC.

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before me on November 8, 2000, on the motion of Defendant Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization Motion to Compel Deposition of the Lisa McPherson Trust, Inc., for Sanctions and for a Finding of Contempt. After considering the papers filed and hearing argument of counsel, it is thereupon ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

The Motion of the Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization to Compel is GRANTED as follows:

The Lisa McPherson Trust, Inc. ("LMT, Inc.") is Ordered to comply with Judge Moody's Order of July 19, 2000, within 10 days of the date of the November 8th hearing.

LMT, Inc.'s search for video tapes and documents relating to witnesses in this case must utilize the parties' witness lists previously filed, as well as any other person reasonably identifiable as a witness to the facts in this case.

If LMT, Inc. seeks to challenge the inclusion of any witness, it must do so within the same 10 day period, bearing in mind the Court's definition of "witness" discussed at the hearing.

The Court finds that LMT's failure to comply with Judge Moody's Order of July 19, 2000 was not justified. The Court will address the matter of sanctions in a separate order after receipt of a response from counsel to Mr. Minton.

Dated: November __, 2000

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FRANK QUESADA
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Hon. Frank Quesada

cc: Counsel of record
John Merrett, Counsel for LMT, Inc.

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Newsgroups: alt.religion.scientology

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Date: Wed, 02 Feb 2000 16:15:48 -0500

Organization: The Lisa McPherson Trust, 33 N. Fort Harrison Ave., Clearwater, Florida
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Brenda Hubert was asked by OSA to write a report about events in Lisa's life
the last few days before Lisa was incarcerated at the Fort Harrison Hotel
and tortured. On November 19, 1995, the day after Lisa was locked-up, Brenda
Hubert submitted this report to the Church of Scientology's OSA:

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I'd like to preface this with information about my relationship with Lisa. I
have known Lisa for about 20 years. We were on staff together at the
Celebrity Centre in Dallas for 6 years; we were roommates for over 3 years;
we've worked together - first at Atlantic Financial Mortgage Co. and later
here at AMC for over 7 years. I know her well.

This past week AMC Publishing was exhibiting at a trade convention in
Orlando and 4 of the staff (Craig Burton, Brian Rakestraw, Lisa and myself.)
were assigned to go to Orlando and spend 4 days working the trade show.

Lisa has been working on an ethics program for several weeks now. Her ethics
terminal here at AMC has been Katie Chamberlain. Prior to us leaving for
Orlando on Wednesday morning, Katie came to me and told me that Lisa was
having some difficulty with her ethics cycle; that she was still mid-cycle
on her O/W write-up and was frequently-dispersed and generally "in the
middle of it". She wanted me to run tight 8C on Lisa at the trade show and

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product officer her to get the work done at the show. I wasn't given any other information specific to what her ethics program was but was asked not to let Lisa discuss it with me or let her "run on" about anything that could be remotely case-related.

In getting things together to get off on the road I noticed that Lisa was dispersed. She couldn't get her things together in an A to B way; I had to help her to make certain she had everything and that it was put in the car. She had a list of references that Katie wanted her to read and she was taking LRH books and dictionaries and tapes. She had a clipboard that she was constantly making notes on about the most mundane, routine details. She was obsessive about "making a note" about practically everything.

On the way to Orlando she was very frantic, she talked constantly and couldn't recall what she had just said; frequently changed course in the middle of what she was saying and then asked me what she had been telling me. She seemed to be struggling with staying in PT and was writing everything down to remind her where she was and what she was supposed to do next.

In the time I have known Lisa she has needed orders and direction quite often to stay on track or at least she would invite orders and direction and someone else to tell her what to do despite the fact that it was very obvious to anyone who was around her that she is an extremely able thetan quite capable of running circles around just about anyone. My observation is that she played the ditzzy blonde to gain attention and affection from others and to amuse people or just play a game with it to create an effect. The behavior I was observing in the car on the trip was a very exaggerated display of this same thing only there was an element of desperation and pain associated with it. She definitely was struggling, was desperate and she was in pain as a being.

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I made sure we stopped and that she was fed as she said she had not eaten. I inquired about sleep and she said she had not been sleeping well. She told me that she was getting up in the middle of the night and coming to the office and working and then going home and trying to sleep. She said she had been doing that for "a while now" .. She said she had only had 3 or 4 hours sleep the night before. I got her to Take some B and E when we stopped to eat.

When we got to the convention she got even more frantic in her actions. She

had forgotten several personal items and she tore apart her luggage looking for them and had her things strewn all over the room in total disarray. She got irrationally upset that she didn't have these items and it took me getting in her face and literally yelling at her to knock it off to subdue her behavior. That didn't last long, within a few minutes she was back at frantic again.

I put her to work and for a couple of hours she appeared to be "in control" or at, least "under control,,," I was watching her closely and it appeared to me that she was still struggling to keep herself going or to stay in PT.

I took her to get something else to eat and while we were in the restaurant she suddenly turned around and called out to one of the people working in the restaurant to come over to the table. She then proceeded to tell this restaurant employee that they HAD to read the Dianetics book and they had to do it NOW. It was a very off-the-wall type communication, to this person. The person was completely in mystery about what the hell she was talking about. I made some excuse and tried to make it appear to be a joke.

I took her back to the room and tried to get her to lay down and rest for a while, but she could not stay in any one spot for more than 30 seconds. She was all over the place and just rattling on about this and that and stopping to correct herself or ask me what she had just said.

Later that night Craig, Brian, Lisa and I went to dinner in the hotel. During dinner she did a repeat performance of the earlier incident in the cafe. She called over one of the waiters and started in with him about reading the Dianetics book, it was not as "off the wall" as the earlier incident but was still totally out of place and inappropriate. Also during dinner we were having a conversation about one of my clients and the difficulties he was having with his business due to some new legislation that was implemented in his home state of New Jersey, Lisa yelled at me- (literally)- about what I was doing to handle the situation with my business and didn't I think it was necessary to let him know what the SPs were doing there? she wanted to know what I thought he would do if he REALLY knew who he was up against.

Craig, Brian and I were trying to change the subject and get her off this totally strange interrogation- she was out of control again.

After dinner I took her up to our room and made her go to bed at 9:30 as she looked exhausted. She went to sleep. I went to sleep. At about 11 p.m. I woke up to find her going through her luggage frantically and mumbling to herself. I asked her what she was doing up. She said she was hungry and was going to go down to the snack bar to get some fruit and then that she was going to read some references. I told her she needed to get back in bed and get rest but couldn't get her to listen to me. She went to get the fruit. I fell asleep.

Some time later (about 2 a.m.?) I was awakened again when she slammed the bedroom door. She was still up. I made her go to bed and stayed awake until I thought she was asleep. At about 4:30 she was up again rambling around; she finally went into the bathroom and was quiet. I fell asleep again. When I woke up at 7 a.m. I found her still in the bathroom reading LRH. She looked like hell.

This erratic behavior got worse during the day, Craig and Brian were reporting bizzare things to me about what she was saying and doing. We all started sharing responsibility for watching her. Things like not knowing where she was, and asking where we were, where the door to the room was, how to get to the elevator.

That night we hosted a hospitality suite and had clients coming and going until 1 a.m. At about midnight I sent her to bed. When I finished up with the suite about 1 a.m. I found her sound asleep and thought perhaps she would sleep all night as we had had a very long day and she had slept so little the two nights before, I went to bed.

At 3 a.m. I woke up with a start and found her on top of me in my bed holding me down by the arms. She was right in my face and she was sobbing hysterically and telling me that I had to get up right then and get dressed; that there was something going on on this planet that I didn't know about and that we were in terrible danger; that I HAD TO HELP HER before it was all too late. I couldn't get her to calm down. She was ranting. Finally I shoved her off me and screamed at her to come to present time and knock it off. I told her I wasn't going to talk to her unless she calmed down and talked to me rationally. I had no idea what the hell to do with her -- I had no idea what was happening. I knew I was talking and no one was home and I did not know how to get her to come back home. I don't know what all was said or that it matters. She was going on and on about needing to be more responsible and that she had fucked up so badly that she couldn't make amends for it -- that she didn't know how to do what was being asked of her. She told me that she

was afraid that she was going to flip out again like she did earlier and she was trying to keep that from happening again but couldn't be that responsible. That we needed to save the world NOW.

Finally I got her back in bed and she fell asleep and slept until about 7:30 a.m. She was even more spaced on Friday. She walked to a girl that was at the convention and got right in her face and started in with her interrogation mock-up. She told this girl that she knew who she was and that she had to get her hat on. The girl had no idea what the hell she was talking about. Lisa just kept on with statements along those lines.

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Brian, Craig and I decided that I had to bring her home on Friday as she was getting worse and worse, I got her things packed up and loaded us up and started home. She was totally bizzare in the car on the way home. She kept talking to me - just rambling and asking me what she had said. Anything I said, she said she didn't get it or didn't understand and ask me to say it again. She was very monotone. Then, she cried and cried but said nothing. Then she was totally sullen and withdrawn.

About, 10 minutes out of Clearwater she started interrogating me about a mutual friend and what I thought this person's out-ethics in life was and why wasn't I taking responsibility for doing something with this person. Then she started telling me about a Halloween party at Bennetta's house that she had gone to. She told me about doing her interrogation routine on a girl that was at the party that Lisa decided was her enemy and was somehow a threat to everyone at the party. She started getting off overts about that and then earlier overts. I couldn't get her to knock it off or quit talking about it.

I took her home. When I got her upstairs and situated I stopped to see what she was doing. She was just looking through her things and I asked her if she would promise to call Katie and let her know that she was back. She suddenly started talking to me and she was THERE and talking rationally. She told me that she wanted me to know that earlier in the spring when she flipped out that what had occurred was that when she went clear she withheld it and didn't want anyone to know. That she withheld it very very hard for a long time and that it crashed. She said she realized that being clear was something to share with others -- that it wasn't just for her and that from the auditing and handlings she got she came to see that and when that happened she was okay again. This was

said very directly and very matter-of-factly. I just acknowledged her. I left her there with her promise that she would call Katie.

I want it known that the information I was given by Katie was that I was to heavily product officer Lisa and was to be relentless in having her knock off any behavior that was not appropriate to her post. I was told that she was just pretending to be incapable and need directions and orders and that I should not grant that any life or credence but should get in her face if necessary to get tier productive. My own observations of Lisa's behavior did not align with what I was told. I did what I was told to do. I did try to impinge on her by yelling at her a few times. I did tell her with force to knock it off. I did tell her that she was at risk of losing her job if she didn't straightened up and I didn't want that should operated on what I observed no matter what anyone else told me as I am afraid that, I might nave made this whole thing worse or further upset her and that was not what I wanted to have happen.

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This is all I can recall. It you need other information or help from me, please let me know. You can reach me at AMC at 446-1100 during work hours or at home at 445-1115.

I love Lisa and want to see this get handled. Please do everything you can for her.

Brenda Hubert

Brenda Hubert, I want to know why you remain silent about what your Church did to kill your "friend" Lisa. I understand you and Katie Chamberlain have both left AMC and no longer work for that evil bitch who drove Lisa to the brink of insanity. Why don't you speak out now Brenda?

Call us so you can live with yourself Brenda.

Bob Minton

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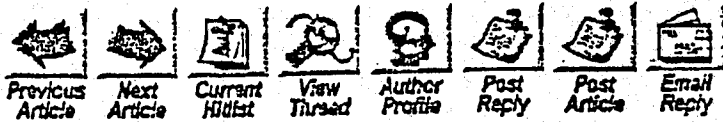
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Clearwater police have a web page at:
<http://public.lib.ci.clearwater.fl.us/police/>

There is a list of known sexual predators, but I don't see Strawn on the list. I don't think it says the definition of a sexual predator so maybe he doesn't belong there.

<http://public.lib.ci.clearwater.fl.us/police/homicide.html> has case #3 that is apparently related to Scientology, regarding the homicide of Lisa McPherson. Did anyone know her in the church? Obviously the police are still seeking help in solving her murder.

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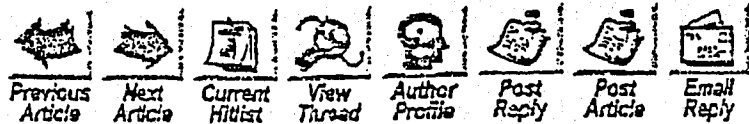


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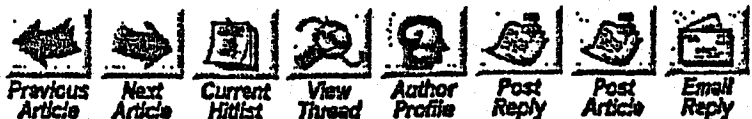


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<http://public.lib.ci.clearwater.fl.us/police/homicide.html> is the Clearwater Florida police department's web page. Case #3 involves the murder of Lisa McPherson, who had an address of Flag in Clearwater.

If any ex-Scientists knew Lisa or have possible pertinent information please contact the Clearwater police.



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It now looks as though the Estate of Lisa McPherson will have to file a lawsuit against Benetta Slaughter to rightfully reclaim its property.

Bob Minton

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From: Bob Minton <bob@minton.org>
 Newsgroups: alt.religion.scientology
 Date: Saturday, October 17, 1998 4:59 PM
 Subject: Re: Surprise Confession: Monica's response to Bob's Original Post

On 17 Oct 1998 14:22:56 -0700, referen@bway.net wrote:

The entirety of this post by you Diane is utter bullshit. And, as far as Ron Newman's comment—I would be interested to hear him say this and how he came to this conclusion. Has he too bought into Rinder's bullshit.

Just last week I put another \$100,000 to this fight against Scientology. I am in constant contact and continue my promised support of Ken Dandar and the McPherson estate. I have said within the last few weeks in an interview to be aired nationally that I am willing to personally put up another \$2+ million to expose Scientology.

I have not and will not negotiate any legal crap with Scientology except in my position as a Factnet director. If they had wanted to come after me in civil suits or otherwise they have had more than three years to do it. I have no concern about Ofman/Co\$, criminal or civil.

It seems really easy to sit back and be an armchair quarterback Diane. When the fuck are you going to get off your ass and high-horse and do something other than attack everybody who fights against Scientology.

I don't need to impress anyone Diane. I had a private and comfortable life before Co\$ came along to attack the things which I thought were sacrosanct. I quickly learned they were not when scientology was involved. Yes, I am getting attention. It's the message stupid.

Bob Minton

>In article <[70akfr\\$qtq@bgtnsc02.worldnet.att.net](mailto:70akfr$qtq@bgtnsc02.worldnet.att.net)>, <Pignotti@worldnet.att.net>
 >says...

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>>Bob Minton wrote:

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>>>Not long after I started, I was seeing the end of the road for my conflict
 >>>with Scientology and the end wasn't a happy one. I had been willing to
 >>>pursue many paths, and did, some extremely unusual, for someone who
 >>>really wanted to make a difference. What I could do still wasn't
 >>>enough. So perhaps you can imagine my surprise and relief when I
 >>>received an e-mail message from someone who eventually claimed to
 >>>have been one of a group of five people who were responsible for
 >>>birthing the Church and all the materials of Scientology.

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>>Yes, I can well imagine. Con artists are very good at stepping in
>>when a person is the most vulnerable. This is a very long post, but
>>I want to cut straight to the heart of the matter. Is the bottom line
>>that this "Dorian" person has convinced you that it is useless to
>>continue helping people in the way you have been doing?

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>You and I are the only people noting Minton's justification for
>introducing Ralph Dorian's material. It looks to me as if Minton
>is presenting Dorian as his rationale for ending his involvement
>financially and personally in the battle against the CoS.

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>>The fact is
>>that what you have done to help people has been very valuable and
>>it concerns me greatly that you seem to now be denying this just
>>because you haven't been able to bring down the entire cult (yet).

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>I'm sure there are many people who will remain grateful to Minton
>for his financial support for years to come. Permit me to speculate
>on why I believe Ralph Dorian is a fabrication developed with the
>knowing collusion of Bob Minton, Stacy Young, and perhaps others.

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>1. When he posted the DA materials passed out at the IMF meeting
>in Washington, DC, Minton stated he was receiving pressure from
>business partners to drop his efforts against the CoS. The recent
>downturn in global markets point to a gloomy picture for those
>heavily invested in world financial markets. If Minton depends
>upon such investments for his retirement income, he may be worried.
>His business partners may be even more worried.

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>2. Minton's lawyers will probably have no difficulty getting the
>criminal assault charges filed against him dropped. Civil actions
>against him for the fracas in front of the Boston Org may be much
>more worrisome. Perhaps Minton's lawyers are even now privately
>negotiating a settlement which allows both sides to maintain face.
>This might involve an agreement by Minton to discontinue his
>public financial backing of those fighting against the CoS.

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>3. Stacy Brooks Young's reply to those questioning Ralph Dorian's
>reliability is nothing more than a perfect example of the PR
>skills she learned as a GO/OSA PR op. She effectively discounts
>"everything" she claimed she learned during her Wellspring
>retreat. Stacy can't have it both ways—either she's learned
>to think critically and question those who demand unquestioning
>belief or she hasn't. This all looks suspiciously to me like
>a plan by Bob Minton and Stacy Brook Young to disengage themselves
>from active participation.

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>4. Why don't they just say "Well, we've tired of this fight and
>we want to get our lives back to normal"? The only answer I have
>to that is what Ron Newman once told me when I asked him why Bob

>couldn't seem to stay out of trouble. "Bob likes attention," was
 >Ron's reply. I don't think Minton is willing to go out with a
 >whimper. Ralph Dorian, I believe, is Minton's going out with a
 >bang.

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>This is, of course, nothing but sheer speculation. My opinion
 >only. I don't expect others to agree with my suspicions and they
 >may very well be wrong. I'm just attempting to sow seeds of
 >doubt among the true believers here. :-)

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>[snip]

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>>>If you're finding any of this hard to believe, I have to admit I had a
 >>>hard time believing it too. I still have some serious doubts. Everything
 >>>seems to depend on whether Ralph "Dorian" has been telling me the
 >>>truth. Ralph "Dorian" was Hubbard's editor, or so he tells me. I put
 >>>"Dorian" in quotes because he's told me this name is a pseudonym.
 >>>He still hasn't told me his real name and I don't have any way of
 >>>checking it out.

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>>Has it occurred to you that maybe he doesn't want you to check him out
 >>because that would expose him? If someone won't give me their name,
 >>they won't get my trust or have any credibility with me.

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>And Minton, of course, could easily come up with Dorian's true identity
 >if he chose to do so. This is another claim that I find incredibly
 >suspicious. Minton didn't make his millions by being this gullible.

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>>Yes, please do reserve your judgment and think critically.
 >>Consider all the possibilities, not just the ones that are attractive
 >>to believe and remember the principle of Occam's Razor: The simplest
 >>explanation of something is usually the best.

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>Which is why I tend to suspect this hoax is being perpetrated by
 >Minton and Young against their own supporters.

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>>That's utter nonsense, about not trusting ex-Scientologists.
 >>There are plenty of ex's who have proven themselves to be trustworthy
 >>and this is obviously just another excuse to escape scrutiny.

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>Or, as Jeff Jacobson has pointed out, why not select someone like
 >Priscilla Coates or Cynthia Kissner, who both spent far more time
 >and effort, and who both were subjected to far worse harassment,
 >than Robert Minton. This "explanation" just doesn't hold water.

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>>>If Dorian Junior and Senior have gone to the time and trouble to

>>>deceive me, I haven't found the selfish motive.

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>>There are several possibilities. They might ultimately be after your
>>money but are holding out until they've reeled you in further.

>>Or, they might actually be working for OSA.

>>Or, they might just be very disturbed individuals, but who have

>>enough knowledge about Scientology to pull the wool over your eyes.

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>Or, the whole thing may be a hoax developed for the specific purpose

>of extricating Bob Minton from his position as an "opinion leader"

>for CoS opposition in a face-saving manner.

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How much oddity can one town take?

Scientology critic Bob Minton and his staff are just the latest element added to the unique mix that is downtown Clearwater.

By THOMAS C. TOBIN
Times Staff Writer

CLEARWATER — "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen!"

Bob Minton's resonant voice sounds friendly, but the Scientologists don't return his greeting.

Pumping a picket sign, Minton walks along narrow Waiterson Avenue, a downtown side street where uniformed staffers from the Church of Scientology arrive by the hundreds for evening meals at two church dining halls.

"It's safe to look; it's safe to talk," Minton shouts.

"When you have problems with Scientology, call us at 467-9335! Remember, that number could save your life! 467-9335."

"Have a great-dinner tonight!" Minton also tells them: "Hit your knives and forks on the table and demand reforms now!"

He urges the unthinkable: Oust David Miscavige, Scientology's worldwide leader.

He spies a Scientology security guard across the street: "I hope one day we can be friends with each other!"

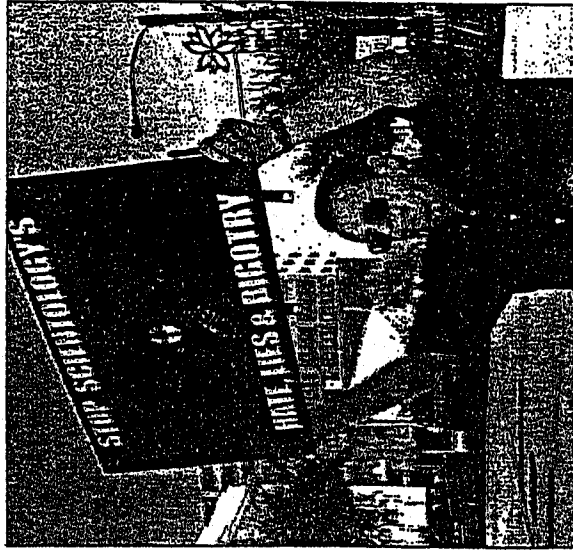
The guard is all business, reporting Minton's movements via cellular phone. Another Scientologist is just a few feet away videotaping Minton.

But the 53-year-old New England millionaire has hired his own videographer, who captures the unusual street scene for later broadcast over an Internet Web site.

As for the hungry Scientology staffers: They hustle on and off church buses, never giving Minton so much as a glance.

It is a surreal moment, one of many that have unfolded in downtown Clearwater since Minton arrived in early January to joust with the church full time.

In a move that has pierced Scientology's comfort zone, Minton bought a building 30 feet from the church's stately



Times photo - JILL SAGERS

New England millionaire Bob Minton bought a building in downtown Clearwater last month to battle the Church of Scientology full time. He and a paid staff of six picket church followers and their public gatherings.

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Scientology critic



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"Frankly, I'm afraid for people's lives. It seems the more he's ignored, the more he flies off the handle."

— **MARTY RATHBUN**,
a top Scientology official, referring
to Bob Minton



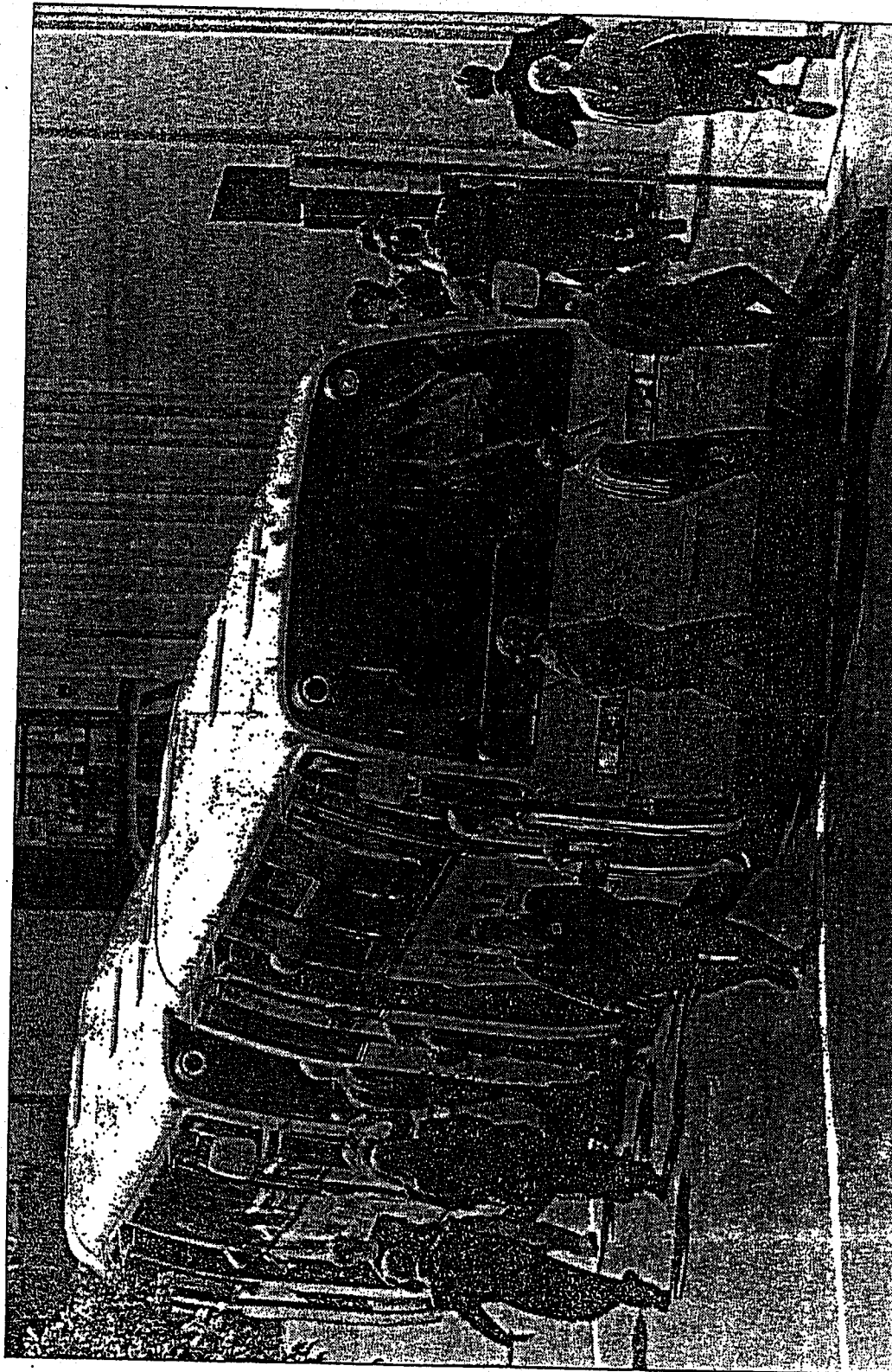
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"We're going to have to deal with the consequences of all this. It is not a situation that brings a lot of value or assets to the community."

— **MIKE ROBERTO**
Clearwater city manager



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Scientists arrive for lunch in Clearwater. The white lines on Watterson Avenue show where Minton's group isn't allowed to go. Times photo - JIM DAMASKE

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property at 500 Cleveland St., the former Bank of Clearwater Building.

With a paid staff of six, his mission, in part, is to create a refuge for Scientologists who want to defect.

His in-your-face strategy comes across as extraordinarily bold to locals who have come to know Scientology as a church that does not turn the other cheek. To them, it is a bit like whacking a bee hive then waiting around to be swarmed.

Minton has become one more curiosity in a downtown trying to shed its unconventional image as Scientology's mecca, where hundreds in uniform crowd the streets and are shuttled around in converted city buses.

But the added spectacle of Minton vs. the Scientologists couldn't come at a worse time for city officials who are courting out-of-town developers and dreaming of a new downtown waterfront, just two blocks west of Watterson.

"We're going to have to deal with the consequences of all this," laments City Manager Mike Roberto. "It is not a situation that brings a lot of value or assets to the community."

Pushing buttons

Wherever there are Scientologists in Clearwater, Bob Minton and his followers have been there:

The church's Fort Harrison Hotel, holding picket signs.

Scientology offices along Cleveland Street, holding picket signs.

A Scientology-sponsored 10K road race, holding picket signs.

Even at the annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast with members of Clearwater's black community.

Three members of Minton's staff sit one table away from Church of Scientology executives who regularly attend such events.

Later that morning, the Minton staffers head back to their downtown headquarters. As they park and feed the meters, a Scientology staffer with an earplug appears in a doorway off Watterson Avenue, videotaping.

Suddenly, Minton's videographer is there, too. He draws his own camera and walks toward the Scientology staffer.

If only it were high noon, the Wild West image would be complete.

"They're here to create a conflict," complains Marty Rathbun, a top Scientology official who is based in Los Angeles but lately is tied up in Clearwater.

He says the church is trying to ignore Minton, but adds: "I worry about this guy because he's deranged." No Scientologist is interested in his message, Rathbun says.

Minton's crusade against the church began more than two years ago after he learned about Scientology's efforts to keep critics from posting its teachings on the Internet. As his involvement with church critics deepened, he quickly became a target for Scientology counterattacks.

A retired investment banker with undisclosed millions, Minton began financing legal actions against Scientology, including a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the family of Lisa McPherson, the 36-year-old Scientologist who died in 1995 while in the care of church staffers in Clearwater.

Then in October, Minton formed the Lisa McPherson Trust, which states its mission is "to expose the abusive and deceptive practices of Scientology and to help those who have been victimized by it."

Minton says he wants the Clearwater group to educate the public about Scientology, provide "exit counseling" for disaffected members and generally push Scientologists into reforming their church.

He says the trust's start-up brings to more than \$3-million the amount he has spent raffling Scientology's cage.

"Clearly, we're trying to elicit responses from church members," Minton says. "Yes, we're pushing buttons. And the buttons we're pushing are ones the management of Scientology is very uncomfortable seeing pushed."

'Maintaining peace'

The church has responded in part by calling on Clearwater city officials for help.

In late January, Roberto, the city manager, paid a visit to Watterson Avenue, a one-way northbound street. His solution: change its direction to southbound so Scientology staffers could step from church buses and disappear behind the dining hall doors without seeing Minton.

A city worker was on a ladder with a wrench in hand, preparing to reverse the one-way sign, said Paul Bratsos, manager of Jimmy Hall's Steak House, which has an entrance off Watterson.

When Roberto walked over to ask Bratsos if the change was okay with him, Bratsos said it would inconvenience longtime customers who drop off their parties at the door.

At that point, Bratsos said, church officials who accompanied Roberto offered to pay for a carport for Jimmy Hall's. City officials offered to fashion a special parking zone on public property for restaurant customers, and even put several parking meters out of commission.

When Bratsos declined, Roberto called off the impromptu street change.

"We were trying to find a way of avoiding confrontations between the two groups," the city manager explains, "because confrontations accomplish nothing."

Still, Bratsos was struck by the apparent ease with which the change was nearly accomplished. "I wouldn't have had the power to get that done," he says.

The previous week, the city painted two white lines across a section of Watterson Avenue, creating a zone where neither Minton nor his staff may walk while church buses load and unload.

Also, Scientology has hired off-duty police to monitor the dining hall entrance, but police Chief Sid Klein says the officers will remain neutral if any disputes arise.

Minton has complained, saying the lines are another example of the city bending to Scientology's demands.

"We see it as maintaining peace," Klein says. "And if it takes two white lines to do that, then so be it. . . . If either side gets out of line they're going to jail, no questions asked."

Digging in

Scientology officials say Minton is unstable, citing three well-publicized incidents in which he has lost his temper with church members who confronted him.

In July 1998, Minton fired a shotgun into the air to scare off Scientologists who trespassed on his New Hampshire farm and challenged him with questions about his personal life.

In two other encounters, including one on Halloween night in Clearwater, Minton has been charged with misdemeanor battery on Scientologists.

After the Halloween incident, a judge ordered Minton and his associates to stay at least 10 feet away from church properties. He also ordered

the Scientologist who provoked the incident to stay 20 feet from Minton.

"Frankly, I'm afraid for people's lives," Rathbun says. "It seems the more he's ignored, the more he flies off the handle."

Minton has apologized for the physical confrontations, which also have brought criticism from some of his allies on the Internet. But he argues that Scientologists have baited him and overdramatized the incidents.

Meanwhile, the church last month sent Scientologists to picket and spread leaflets about Minton near his homes in New Hampshire and Boston. When Minton cries foul, church officials call him a hypocrite.

The problem for Scientology is that Minton and his Lisa McPherson Trust appear to be digging in for a long stay.

The new headquarters has five phone lines, a suite of offices with a conference room, equipment for editing videotapes, five computers to maintain Internet contact, two paper shredders and living quarters on the second floor.

Most of the staff, including four former Scientologists, already have moved to Clearwater.

Just a short stroll down Watterson Avenue, Rathbun, the church official, is reviewing videotapes like a football coach on Monday morning.

His jaw is clenched. He wears a look of frustration and disgust as he plays video taken by church security.

One Minton follower, Grady Ward, is seen standing immediately outside the dining room door, saying, "No matter what they tell you, we don't bite."

Another, Patricia Greenway, yells across Watterson Avenue: "Free telephone calls home!"

Former Scientologist Jesse Prince, referring to Lisa McPherson's mysterious death, calls one church security guard a murderer.

Mark Bunker, the videographer, walks up to another guard and says, "Welcome to Bob Minton City."

Minton is seen circling an idling Scientology bus on Watterson, the church's head of security walking with him.

He is hoisting his picket sign up to the bus windows. He is yelling over the engine noise, telling the occupants that L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, would never approve of the church's current management.

Rathbun stops the tape and says with disdain: "So *he's* L. Ron Hubbard's friend now?"

It's harassment, he says.

"This is demeaning. Like you're some kind of cult or something."

Mike in the middle

Minton also is a problem for Mike Roberto, who is trying to engineer a downtown renaissance, in part with a marketing strategy that portrays Scientology's dominating presence as a positive economic factor.

Meanwhile, Minton and his staff say they have been welcomed by residents and business people who have offered to help.

The night of Jan. 20, city commissioners listened stoically as Minton showed up at City Hall to publicly accuse Roberto and his staff of being "too cozy" with the church, which has battled controversy since coming to Clearwater in 1975.

He called it a "dangerous coalition," alleging City Hall had asked local landlords not to rent office space to the trust.

Snubbed by leasing agents, Minton bought his new building at 33 N Fort Harrison Ave. on Jan. 5 for \$325,000 from local accountant Scott Brauer. When church officials tried to intercede with a \$600,000 counteroffer, Brauer turned them down, saying he would honor his handshake deal with Minton.

Brauer also took a call that night from Roberto, which he took as a subtle, if tardy, attempt to stop the sale.

Roberto defends his call, saying he simply asked about the sale "because I realized we were going to have to deal with the situation."

He says he has not taken sides in the dispute between Scientology and its critics, but added that his practice of talking with all parties is misinterpreted as favoritism.

"I've had to deal with that from the beginning," says Roberto, who became city manager in 1997.

"I think the failure of this community has been to just say, '(Scientology) is a liability. Let's walk away from it.'"