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WHOPPING LAWSUIT was filed by Landrum (left), Betty Cash and Mrs. Landrum's grandson.

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ONWARD AND UPWARD WITH THE CASH-LANDRUM UFO CASE

We have recently been in touch with MUFON's John Schuessler, the principal investigator of this classic 1980 UFO event, involving serious injury to three people who got too close to a very dangerous UFO of some sort.

The basic facts of this case have been printed in "Smear" several times, as recently as our February 2011 issue. You will remember that there was one huge diamond-shaped object, being followed by about 23 U.S. military helicopters. All three of the nearby witnesses were severely injured.

Schuessler has kindly sent us about 75 pages of contemporary news clippings, but he was unable to locate his copy of his 1998 book on the subject. It is entitled "The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident: Three Texans Are Injured During an Encounter with a UFO and Military Helicopters".

Another leading MUFONite named Robert Swiatek therefore loaned us his copy of the book, for which we are very grateful.

Of special interest is the foreword (misspelled "forward") of the book, written by a recently-deceased ufologist named Bob Pratt. He was a top-notch but vastly underrated writer who, among other things, told us about low-flying nighttime UFOs in Brazil, which rather routinely chase, injure, or even kill natives in the jungle there.

Says Pratt in the "forward" (!): "Since the mid-1980s, many American UFO researchers have been mired in endless quarreling over the Roswell Incident, MJ-12, and other quagmires, with little to show for it other than bitterness. In doing so, they have overlooked or ignored one of the most significant cases ever to come to light.

"If all the energy and time spent on those ugly battles had been devoted to finding out who or what was behind the Cash-Landrum incident, we might now know what the U.S. Government really knows about UFOs, and perhaps be closer to solving the UFO mystery. We might also have found better ways to treat the health problems of the three victims in the case - Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and Vickie's grandson Colby Landrum - and alleviate their suffering...

"The case remains one of the most important in the history of ufology. It has never been resolved. Someone in the U.S. knows exactly what happened to Betty and Vickie and Colby, but they have remained silent despite the suffering - and ridicule - these three have endured." (End of quote.)

Next comes the Prologue, by John Schuessler. In it he presents what he believes to be the most likely scenario, as to what really happened. He calls the Cash-Landrum UFO an "intruder". In our opinion he is incorrect in stating that "government officials are aware of all major alien intrusions, but only interfere when there is a threat of exposure"

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In our opinion, many UFOs are not U.S. experimental crafts, but this one was. Apparently Dr. John Alexander and other competent researchers agree with Schuessler, just because no definitive proof has ever emerged proving that the craft and the many helicopters were ours. We feel that this merely shows that the government's Cash-Landrum cover-up was successful - unfortunately!

The closest thing to proof in the entire book is this: Several years after the Cash-Landrum incident, a researcher named Tom Adams obtained a very intriguing bit of information from a military informant herein given the pseudonym "Tony". This story rings true to us, as to what really happened on the night of December 29th, 1980. We quote (Pages 184-185):

"Tony was a helicopter pilot at Fort Hood. Between Christmas and the end of 1980, there was a 'special alert'. The helicopter pilots...did not know where they would be going - that once they reached the general area, they would be vectored in. They were told they would see an 'unusual aircraft' there - that their mission was to 'cover' this craft and try to force it to land by keeping it at a low altitude. Once the craft landed, they were to 'mark' the spot, radio in, and wait for 'other people' to move in. The choppers would then be dismissed to return to their base. Tony told (his friend) Victor that the whole operation happened so suddenly that he was 'half-drunk' when he took off from Fort Hood, but that what he saw later sobered him up. They reached the area in question and Tony saw a craft he described as 'the biggest damndest diamond he ever saw in his life'. As the choppers flew over the top of the object, trying to 'hold it down', it was 'throwing off sparks like a 4th of July sparkler'. Sometimes the sparks would hit the ground; sometimes they would appear to burn out before hitting the ground.

"The craft began to move off and the choppers followed it for 7 to 10 miles. As they were following it, it stopped throwing off sparks and started to 'glow'. The craft then became stationary again. At that moment, the choppers received word that they were to abort the mission and 'return to their various bases', (i.e., they had come from more than one base). Later, the Fort Hood personnel who had been involved in the mission were re-assigned. Tony ended up in Germany.

"After their arrival back at Fort Hood, everyone was debriefed. They were told that what they had encountered was an 'experimental aircraft' that had gone astray outside of its flight pattern, and had started to 'experience problems'. It was critical to ensure that no one (civilians) got too close to it...

"Tony couldn't verify the total number of choppers (23?) since they had come from different bases. Tony had no idea what the 'diamond object' really was. They were told they would be vectored into the location; but then they would have to 'go visual' because the object they were looking for would be flying below radar. Apparently, thought Tony, whatever malfunction had occurred on board the strange craft, it was corrected.

"Tony said he kept his mouth shut about this incident, and nothing untoward had happened to him since then. He felt that (his friend) Victor would be interested in the story, but Tony advised he should keep his mouth shut about it, as well!" (End of quote.)

We wish we knew whether any sincere effort was ever made to locate "Tony".

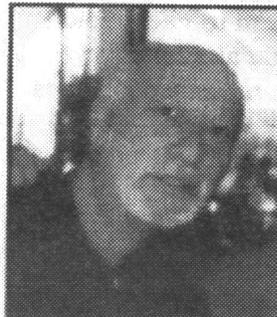
Moving on - This is a very important book, well worth reading, but it is out of print and very hard to obtain. The many details of the Cash-Landrum case are fascinating,



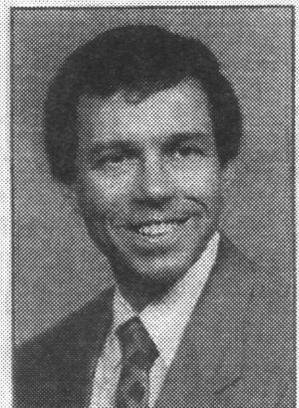
"Have you seen me?"



John Schuessler



Peter Gersten



Rob Swiatek

but too long-winded to repeat here.

The most disappointing thing we learned from reading Schuessler's book is that the three witnesses' \$20 million lawsuit was never heard in a court of law! About five years after the UFO incident, their lawsuit vs. the U.S. government was dismissed without any detailed public courtroom hearing at all. Thus there is no transcript that could be reviewed in order to find new clues.

Incidentally, UFO researcher Peter Gersten is pictured on Page 2 because he was one of the prosecution lawyers, i.e., he was helping Schuessler, etc. Gersten has a history of reasonably successful Freedom of Information requests. Incidentally, he is the same man who has threatened to commit suicide by jumping off a cliff on a specific date next year. (This, obviously, is totally irrelevant to our present topic.)

Again, we are grateful for having had the opportunity to increase our knowledge concerning this unique UFO case - which, incidentally, has a lot more substance to it than the cursed Roswell Incident...



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"Religion does play a big part in the UFO phenomenon," said Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M., the shrine for alien enthusiasts. "A lot of people feel it's a very demonic thing. They'll come with a family member, but they won't set foot in the door because they don't believe in any of it, and don't think they should."



Young aliens pose for visitors touring the International UFO Museum Thursday morning during the UFO Festival's opening day.

And, speaking of Roswell -

HERE'S A SHORT REPORT ON THE 2011 ANNUAL UFOLOGICAL ORGY THERE, AND THE HISTORY OF THIS FANTASTIC FESTIVAL:

Above we see Julie Shuster, for many years director of the esteemed International UFO Museum and Research Center at Roswell, New Mexico. Your editor has visited the Holy City three times - in 1996, 1997 (for the big Fiftieth Anniversary extravaganza) and 2002. During our last visit we lectured at the Museum, thanks to the efforts of a Museum volunteer named Dave Swink, who was out of tune with Julie and later resigned.

Julie Shuster is not a team player. For a long time she has been at odds with the City Fathers about how to run the Festival. This year, as we understand it, the City contributed less than usual to the festive scene, thus apparently giving more opportunity for the Museum to cash in. There was no parade, and no two rival slates of lecturers, as there had been in recent years.

Not long ago dear Julie wrote us, asking that we stop sending "Smear" to the Museum. We declined to do so. Julie doesn't like us because (1) she has no sense of humor; and (2) we don't favor the ET solution. Julie's father Walter Haut, who died quite recently, was one of the founders of the Museum back about 1991.

Haut claimed to have first-hand knowledge about alien bodies, etc., but he only made these specific claims shortly before his death (never before!) and in his so-called "Deathbed Confession". We believe, without any proof at all, that this sensational claim was made solely for the benefit of his daughter, the Museum, and the City of Roswell. If so, we really cannot fault him.

As for Julie, at least she dresses in a patriotic fashion!

There were several co-founders of the Museum, of whom one was a long-retired mortician named Glenn Dennis. His story of ET bodies, etc. is well known and was decisively disproven not too long ago. He is the only important Roswell "witness" who is still alive, and the only one whom your editor has personally interviewed.

This year's Festival was high-lighted by a first-time-ever panel of top-notch Roswell Researchers ("the usual suspects"), including Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt, Tom Carey,

and the ubiquitous Stanton Friedman. Also included was a relatively new "expert" named Frank Kimbler, who is a teacher of geology at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. He believes (or claims to believe) that he has found evidence of an aluminum compound that "was not created on earth". This sample was found at one of the Roswell Incident's several alleged landing sites.

Also present at this year's Festival was an aging actor named Roy Thinnes, who was a science-fiction ("The Intruders") TV star way back in 1967, at the time of our classic UFO convention at the (former) Commodore Hotel in New York City. Your editor paid expenses -only for Roy and his mother-in-law (!) to fly to New York from Los Angeles, to make four brief talks at that event. Strangely, your editor was so overwhelmed taking care of endless details at the convention that we never actually met Roy or even his mother-in-law!

Finally, it is pertinent to remind you that the Roswell Incident, which occurred approximately on July 4th weekend in 1947, was barely noticed at all until the very late 1970s, when Stanton Friedman, William Moore and others started investigating the case. We remember distinctly that the event only rated a paragraph or two in the late Frank Edwards' 1966 book "Flying Saucers; Serious Business".

O how times have changed! The little town of Roswell has grown considerably in recent years, due largely to the ET presence, or whatever. (See cartoon below.)...

MORE UFOLOGICAL MISCONDUCT!

Famed documentary producer Paul Kimball writes on the Net as follows:

"There is apparently much chatter as of late (on various blogs and podcasts - the usual suspects) about a certain UFO researcher, and claims that he made up phony academic credentials. In the grand scheme of things (even 'ufological' things), it is really much ado about nothing. But people these days love to talk about personalities, because it's the great leveler - you don't need a degree, or any qualifications whatsoever, to gossip, or attack people, or pile on. You barely need a pulse!...

"Some things matter - and some things don't.

"Did the researcher currently under fire fake his credentials? It seems like he did.

"Does it make much of a difference? No, not really, other than to him and those who worked with him.

"What of any significance is left to discuss, once the lie has been exposed? Nothing.

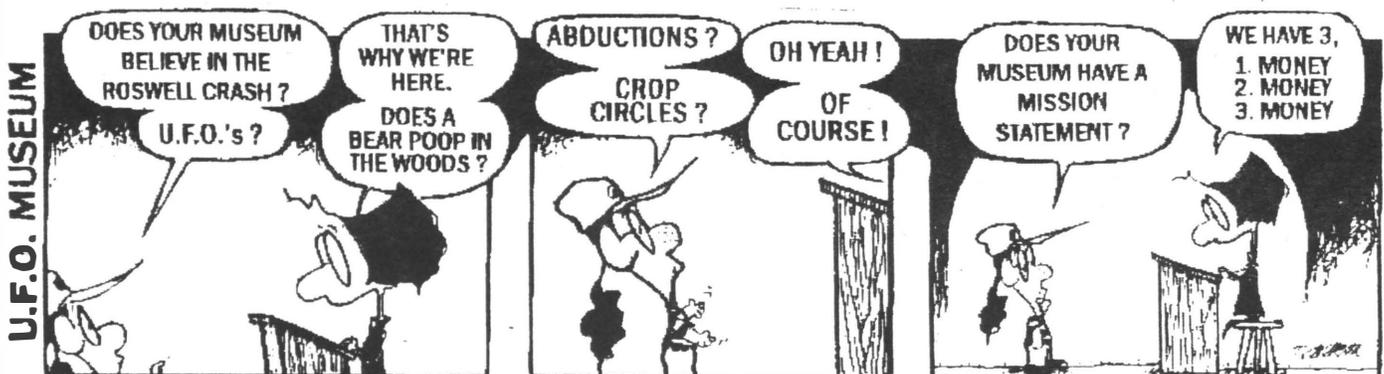
"Will it help solve the UFO enigma? Absolutely not. It's a sideshow.

"It's all about having your priorities in order, folks." (End of quote.)

We tend to agree with Paul, but he has deliberately failed to name the guilty party. It is none other than Philip Imbrogno, a science writer, who claims a Ph.D. from M.I.T. that apparently doesn't exist, according to the anonymous person who checked this matter out. (Do you get the irony of an unnamed person checking out an unnamed person?)

Imbrogno has written quite a few books, some of them quite "far out". One is a ufologically famous book that came out in the mid 1980s, called "Night Siege". It was co-authored by Dr. J. Allen Hynek and UFO researcher Bob Pratt. It concerns a large number of unexplained sightings of triangular objects flying at night over New York's Hudson River Valley. Either these were real UFOs or possibly pilots of small planes flying in a V-formation just for the joy of fooling people. The truth about this matter is not clear, at least not to us.

Usually fakery of one's past achievements doesn't really matter very much, just as



Paul Kimball says. However, there are exceptions to this rule, such as the case of key Roswell witness Jesse Marcel Sr.

Marcel was exposed years ago in a little-known newsletter published by the late researcher Robert Todd, who somehow obtained Marcel's military records from the government. These records showed clearly that Marcel lied and/or exaggerated regarding various aspects of his education and his military accomplishments.

Why does this matter? Because Marcel's precise description of the Roswell debris likely contains deliberate misstatements and exaggerations making this pile of rubbish sound more exotic than it really was.

Kevin Randle has written several blogs on the Net, wrestling with this problem - including one very recent rant. Marcel apparently also made misstatements about his career in an important interview long ago with researcher Bob Pratt. Randle has to admit that Marcel lied at least a couple of times, but he blames most of the lies on the alleged fact that military records are known to be inaccurate.

Randle seems to realize that Marcel's statements about the debris are among the very few pro-ET pieces of Roswell evidence that have not already been discredited over the years.

Poor Randle!...

SWEDISH BOOZE HUNTERS MAY HAVE MADE THE UFO FIND OF THE CENTURY (it says here).

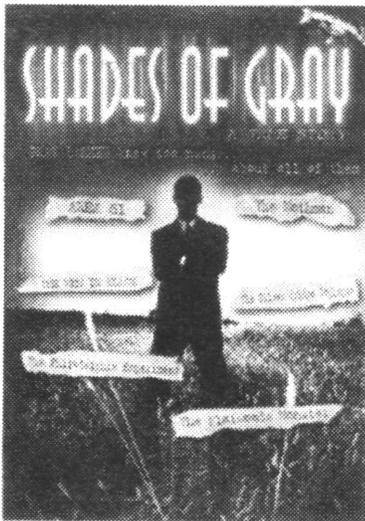
This is indeed a bizarre tale; Back in 1997 a Swedish treasure hunting team called Ocean Explorer made several million dollars from finding a sunken merchant ship named Jonkoping. This unfortunate ship had sunk in 1907, and part of its cargo was a consignment of a now-rare wine called Heidsieck Monopole Gout Americain. Apparently the sale of this wine has been enough to keep the team in business ever since. (The bottles brought around \$13,000 apiece!)

Much more recently (June of this year), the group saw on their sonar a large circle, about 60 feet in diameter, on the ocean floor, 87 yards below the surface of the water. They also saw what may have been tracks running some 300 yards up to the place where the underwater disc (if that's what it is) now lies. Thus the object may have moved, either immediately upon sinking to the bottom of the ocean, or some time thereafter.

The location of this mystery object is somewhere between Sweden and Finland.

Unfortunately, the true spirit of adventure is not with this Ocean Explorer group, as their leader has said, "Despite the possibility of alien riches, we will not attempt to investigate the disc. It is not in our sphere of interest to go for this object, since it might be nothing. We cannot afford spending funds just to have a look at it, even if it might be a new Stonehenge. It is up to the rest of the world to decide what it is."

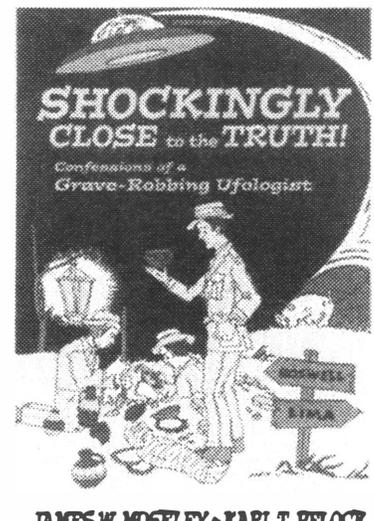
We will keep you informed if we hear anything further on this subject...



Shades of Gray



Whispers From Space



JAMES W. MOSELEY & KARL T. PFLOCK
Shockingly Close to the Truth: Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist

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He's been there from the beginning, back in the days when the buzzword was flying saucers, not UFOs. He's been involved both in ufology -- documenting strange cases but also exposing hoaxers -- and ufoology -- perpetrating a few hoaxes of his own. A combination of believer, skeptic and trickster all rolled into one.

Jim Moseley will be 80 years old on August 4th. Note to UFO researchers: better interview Jim now or before you know it, time will fly by and the opportunity will be lost.

Best wishes, cards, money can be sent to him at PO Box 1709, Key West, Florida 33041. You can email him at saucer_smear@yahoo.com -- indirectly, that is. He has an associate editor that will pass along your messages. Jim eschews the digital revolution, especially what he calls the Dreaded Net. I suspect he doesn't trust all the alien tech given to us from the Roswell Crash. That's why he still puts together each issue of his non-scheduled zine, *Saucer Smear*, with a typewriter, scissors and tape.

But Jim isn't a complete Luddite; he has a phone: (305) 294-2270. Call if you suspect he isn't real. I know I call on occasion just to make sure he exists. In fact, considering his energy and rebelliousness, 80 years young would be a better description.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!**

We are most grateful to the non-subscribers and misc. Fans who responded to our birthday hint in the last issue of "Smear". Special thanks go to Tom Benson, Barbara Snowberger, and Miller Johnson - who sent us the customized cartoon at the left. - Sadly, your editor probably will not live long enough to see the solution to the UFO mystery. The answers are out there somewhere, but the problems are much more complex than any of us realized when we started investigating this mess! Onward & Upward!.....

Masters of the Universe fail to end secrecy

D.Mail, 20 Nov 2007.

Rat milk can help save our planet, insists Heather

Irish Independent, 20 Nov 2007

Unborn babies targeted in crackdown on criminality

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

Famed Fortean author NICK REDFERN writes:

"Many thanks for the review of my latest book, 'The Real Men in Back'. Much appreciated!

"Re that quote, 'I don't make this stuff up, I let other people make it up for me.' However, I meant that statement in jest! I sincerely do hope that people don't make stuff up to deceive me just for the sake of it!...

"On a totally different matter - I am in the middle of writing a new book on the old (very old!) Hunrath-Wilkinson affair of the 1950s. I have uncovered a lot of new data on the case and I'm planning to do a small book on this (probably self-published, given that it will only be about 100 to 150 pages long, and is an obscure story).

"But, if you don't mind running this email in 'Saucer Smear', I would much appreciate it if anyone who was around during the Hunrath-Wilkinson days and has knowledge of the matter they would be willing to share, that they get in touch with me at; nick_redfern@sbeglobal.net."

The 1953 disappearance of Karl Hunrath & Wilbur Wilkinson while flying to a rendezvous with a flying saucer, is a classic tale. Another story, from 1966, has some similiar characteristics. It comes from Argentina, and is called "The Iron Mask Case". Maybe this could be included in the same book. - Editor.

JERRY CLARK, currently with CUFOS, writes:

"I don't know where you're getting your information, but both CUFOS and Fate Magazine (the most recent issue of which I received two or three weeks ago), if not so vigorous as in their glory days, are still standing. We're working on the new IUR (International UFO Reporter) which will feature an extended, and excellent, essay by Eddie Bullard on the state of the UFO evidence.

"Most print publications (including books as we have always known them) are suffering in the Internet age. They all need our support, or - given the quality of so much that passes for discourse on the net - the country and the world are going to turn very stupid. Maybe it's too late already...

"I assume you've heard of Hilary Evans's death. Though he was not a close friend, he and I were on cordial terms for many years. We had different, in some way conflicting approaches to anomaly research, but no cross word ever passed between us. He was a major scholar in our field, one who never failed to have something interesting to say. He was also, not least, an old-fashioned gentleman. His passing is a sad occasion."

"SMEAR" Contributing Editor CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"In recent issues of 'Smear' I much enjoyed the revisiting of the Zamora sighting, which I agree is still a significant one, and which I do not think was just a college hoax, though I don't know what it was; and especially Cash-Landrum, which I think was not extra-terrestrial but was a secret government project that went awry, and which the government should be held to account for (but never will).

"I am still torn on the Fish-Hill star map. I would like to show it to someone that I know who does statistics to give an objective opinion on how likely it would be for there to be a match between the map and the actual heavens.

"I also heartily approve the introduction of UFBS - Unidentified Floating Buildings - to the ufolore and fortean lexicon!...."

TIM PRINTY, editor of the skeptical zine "SUNlite", writes:

"...I am sure you are aware of the downfall of Phil Imbrogno (who has now 'retired' from Ufology). It was all transpiring as I was finishing up my latest issue, and I was privy to Lance Moody's early e-mails about it. Once he broke open the seal about his false MIT degree, Don Ecker went after his claimed military record. That turned out to be

bogus as well.

"This is the problem with Ufology. Just about anybody can say anything - about their resume, what witnesses tell them, what they discovered, etc. - and they will not be really contested. Most people will simply accept these as facts and not bother to check up on them. This is one of the reasons Ufology has such a bad reputation..."

Long-time aviation writer CURTIS PEEBLES writes:

"I made the mistake of buying Annie Jacobsen's book. The errors start with the title, 'Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base'. The base was never 'top secret'. A press release was issued (copy enclosed) on May 15th, 1955 announcing that an airfield was being built a few miles from Yucca Flat. This is the Groom Lake facility.

"As for the Nazi flying disk / Dr. Mengele / Joseph Stalin / Roswell tale, Dr. Dwayne A. Day tracked down a story in the July 1956 issue of 'Astounding Science Fiction' called 'Tomb Tapper', which is very similar to the tale in Jacobsen's book. He published this on 'The Space Review' web site. The author was James Blish, who wrote the 'Cities in Flight' novels. I was able to get a copy of the magazine and confirmed the account."

So why do so many people believe that the Air Force denied the existence of "Area 51" until quite recently? - Editor.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

Well-known offbeat author Paris Flammonde, who has written books about the Kennedy assassination, UFOs, & many other topics, is hard at work on a new scholarly tome. This one is about "the great airship mystery of 1897-1898 over the west coast, especially California". Flammonde would like very much to hear from anyone who has significant information (especially news clippings) on this fascinating subject. He is at: RR6, Box 6199, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360...

Most of the tidbits of news reaching us recently are not pleasant. Christopher Allen, an enlightened British semi-skeptic, who has been on our esteemed mailing list for many years (and has sent us numerous detailed comments on current ufological matters), has decided to Throw in the Towel - due to olde age, ill health, and (sadly) fading interest in this frustrating topic.

We will readily admit that Ufology is so discouraging and tiresome in its complexity, that Giving Up is an understandable thing to do. Yet, there is something really weird and worth knowing, hidden in all the bullshit, and those of you still alive in 50 or 100 years will see that we were right about this!...

Hilary Evans, another "Smear" non-subscriber from across the Pond, has recently cashed in his chips - or whatever. We barely knew him, but read about Evans' demise in Jerry Clark's letter, on Page 7...

"UFO Newsclipping Service", a monthly compilation of mainly American and British newspaper articles, has been around since 1969, but is now folding for reasons that are not explained in the "farewell" letter they just sent out.

During its lifetime, this publication was mainly edited by Ron Dyke and Lucius Farish, both of whom are well known in the UFO field. The present editor is named David Marler, whom we have not heard of. So - what can we say??...

Betty And Barney Hill UFO Abduction Story Commemorated On Official N.H. Highway Plaque

It will never be a rival to Roswell, but the classic Hill abduction case is getting a lot more attention lately, due largely to the efforts of Betty Hill's loyal niece Kathleen Marden.