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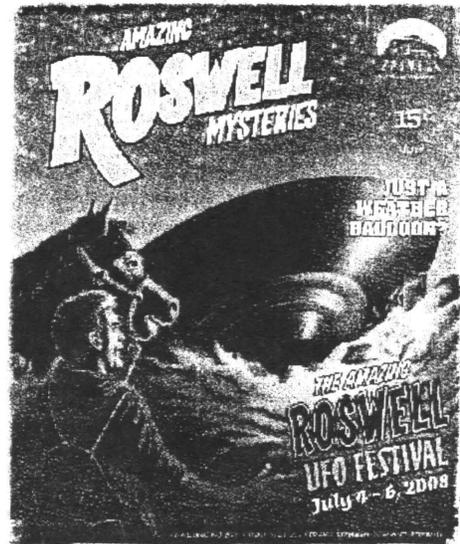
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ANOTHER ~~NETED~~ UFO ABDUCTEE BITES THE DUST (OR WHATEVER) :

Charles Hickson, one of the two men allegedly abducted briefly while fishing in Pascagoula, Mississippi one night in 1973, has died very recently at the age of 80.

Your editor visited Pascagoula almost ten years earlier, to visit a ufological friend named Clyde McLean, who was then employed at the well-known Ingalls Shipyard there. The abduction took place very near that facility, within view of two 24-hour manned booths and also within view of the shipyard's security cameras. Apparently nothing unusual was seen that night by this surveillance system.

To us this does not mean that the incident somehow did not really take place. Our latest abduction theory is that some sort of non-human intelligence (not necessarily ET) beams sights, sounds and even feelings directly into a human mind (for whatever reason), which causes a non-physical, non-mental-illness type of experience. Attempts to understand such experiences get tangled up in the abduction researcher's bias, plus the fact that hypnosis can cause false memories, plus other complicating factors. The technology involved need not be all that "far out", but it will probably be a long time indeed before this syndrome is fully understood. We can either investigate objectively and patiently, or "throw out the baby together with the bath water", as the saying goes.

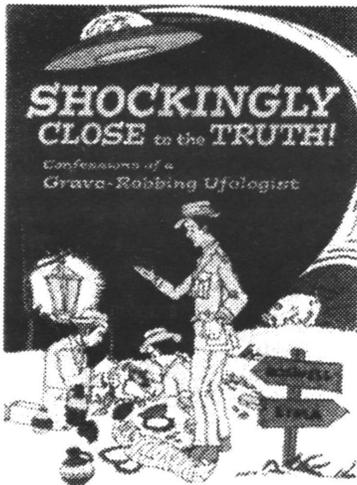
At the time of the abduction, Charles Hickson was accompanied by a much younger man named Calvin Parker. Hickson eventually wrote a book on the subject, called "UFO Contact at Pascagoula", which sounds like it may have been privately published and did not sell well.

Hickson also lectured occasionally to UFO groups, and your editor was privileged to attend one of these lectures quite a few years later. We were very favorably impressed by the man's spirituality and Southern courtesy. This attitude might well be partly because he claims to have had three follow-up contacts with "aliens" during the following year - 1974. He stated that the messages were always the same: "We mean you no harm. You are the chosen one. Your world needs our help".

On the other hand, Calvin Parker was apparently so terrified by the experience that he may never have gotten over it. We have heard that he was in a mental institution for awhile, and we have no knowledge of him ever having talked publicly about the abduction. He is probably still alive, and some highly-motivated researcher should track him down!

We should add that, although favorably impressed by meeting Charles Hickson, we were very unfavorably impressed when we met the better-known abductee Travis Walton at a public lecture. He seemed either hateful or contemptuous toward the crowd. We don't think much of his abduction story, either.

As for the Pascagoula abduction itself, basically Hickson and Parker were forced up
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JAMES W. MOSELEY & KARL T. PFLÖCK

Shockingly Close to the Truth: Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist



**SHOCKINGLY
CLOSE TO
THE TRUTH!**

PSYCHIC VIBRATIONS is the title of a new book by long-time UFO skeptic Robert Sheaffer, who long lived in the shadow of the better-known Phil Klass until the latter's demise a few years ago. For some thirty years, Sheaffer has written a column with the above title for the famed Skeptical Enquirer, and he also lectures on skeptical subjects, including for our now-defunct National UFO Conference (NUFOC).

Sheaffer autographs our (free) copy of his book:

"To James Moseley, from one UFO humorist to another. Enjoy the cartoons even if you don't like the text".

The amazing thing is that we find Sheaffer's text to be interesting and amusing, even though (as a hard-core skeptic) he deliberately ignores whatever "real" value there may be in the items he discusses. On the other hand, the approximately 150 cartoons, by someone named Rob Pudim, can only be described as dreadful, i.e. (except for a very few), they are not funny. Our daughter, a noted (?) artist named Elizabeth, concurs with us about this. (It is ~~is~~ the first time we have agreed about anything in quite a long while!) Generally we love UFO-related cartoons, whether "negative" or not; but there is really something missing here - humor.

As Bob Sheaffer points out to us in a note, the index of his book contains almost a dozen references to JWM, and another equal batch refer to "Saucer Smear" - though obviously there is much overlap. We have no quarrel with the text, except that in regard to the infamous 1987-1989 Gulf Breeze Florida syndrome, involving "Mr. Ed", we were distressed to see that Sheaffer makes at least three references to the concept that we found Ed to be "sincere".

At first we thought we were being grossly misquoted. Then, we gave a lot of thought to the matter and came up with the correct answer: We did say that! "Sincere" implies "truthful", but it can also mean sincerely wrong or sincerely deluded. We remember now that we deliberately used this ambiguous word to describe Ed in "Smear", because we wanted to remain on good terms with him so that he would cooperate in our in-



NOW, HERE'S A GREAT ANTI-ROSWELL UFO CARTOON!

vestigation of the case.

The ploy worked, and we came up with an unbiased analysis of the intricate details that no one else obtained. Read our real opinion of the Gulf Breeze case and "Mr. Ed" in our epic book "Shockingly Close to the Truth", especially Page 295 therein. Of course, this would mean you would have to buy the book. Not a bad idea!

One final thought; The True Skeptic (= Debunker) is no more enlightened than the True Believer. Whatever is really going on out there, re UFOs, the paranormal, etc., neither extreme is likely to learn anything. Pity! (More info about Psychic Vibrations can be obtained at <http://www.BadUFOsCom.>, or (email) Robert.Sheaffer@gmail.com...

STILL ANOTHER ROSWELL-RELATED MYSTERY (?) - In our August 15th issue we told you of a newly-emerged "expert" named Frank Kimbler (pictured below), who believes he has found small pieces of metal at one of the alleged Roswell crash sites which "were not created on earth".

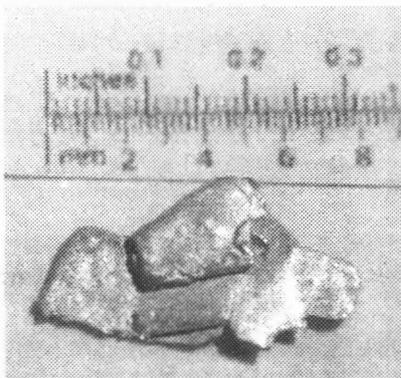
It is not clear just how Kimbler knows this. Apparently he has already done some testing elsewhere, but recently he mailed a sample of this stuff to Arizona State University. To make a long story short, the package got there, but the strange metal fragment was absent from the package when it arrived! Roswell "expert" Kevin Randle admits he has no explanation for this, because in his opinion Kimbler could not be a hoaxter. (Why not, we ask!)

Frank Kimbler is upset by this situation. Says he: "No other fragments will be sent to anyone. All specimens will be delivered by me, under private armed guard if needed; every step of the analysis will be supervised by me and a trusted scientist or individual".

Below, next to a rather sour-looking Frank Kimbler, is a photo of some of these debris fragments near a ruler which is marked off in inches and also millimeters (mm). Unfortunately, when we get back to reality and check these markings on a real ruler, we find that somehow the scale is incorrect, both in inches and in millimeters. Could this be the latest interplanetary mystery? Stay tuned!

Letter from Peter W. Merlin, author of *X-Plane Crashes*, Specialty Press

MUFON of Ohio Newsletter → May 2011 →



Here are questions Frank. No, I have no explanation for this

During a trip to New Mexico in 1994, I visited the Foster Ranch and asked permission to explore the area reported to be Mac Brazel's debris field. After a few hours of searching, I spotted the gleam of metallic foil in a rock crevice. Reaching in, I pulled out a T.V. dinner tray. Not quite what I hoped for. I have since come to believe that the preponderance of evidence supports the theory that the "Roswell Incident" involved some sort of balloon/radar-target (probably from project Mogul). I believe it was a non-event that eventually (decades later!) grew into an urban legend. It should have remained a mere footnote to UFOlogy rather than the huge distraction it has become, derailing the course of serious research.

WHERE WERE YOU ON 9/11/01? Your editor was on his way to Austin, Texas, for that year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC). This was a series of annual conventions around the country that began way back in 1964, and continued till 2005. Your editor was "perminent chairman" for most of those years.

In Austin, the local chairman was a very active researcher named Miles ("Smiles") Lewis. He had done a lot of hard work putting everything together for the event, which was to take place on the weekend following 9/11, = about three days later.

Our plane left Key West at about 8 a.m. We were headed to Austin via Miami and Dallas-Fort Worth.

The first tower of the World Trade Center went down while we were in the air. At the Miami airport there was much confusion, and all flights were cancelled. Soon the second tower went down. We were upset because our intended next flight was not headed to anywhere near New York, and could theoretically been allowed to take place.

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With extreme good luck we quickly booked a motel room in Miami. We stayed there for two nights and then rented a car back to Key West.

Obviously the 2001 NUFOC was cancelled. Miles Lewis never again chose to host the convention, but life went on.

As we have mentioned before, there are something like $1\frac{1}{2}$ billion Muslims in the world, many of whom are fanatical enough to make 9/11's attack appear very mild in comparison to whatever they choose to do to us next. In our opinion, there is probably no way out!..

POSSIBLE ANSWER TO THE CASH-LANDRUM MYSTERY:

The following is quoted from an article in the August/September issue of Open Minds magazine. It was written by a man named Michael Schratt, who is one of their staff writers. (Our thanks to Antonio Huneus for sending this zine to us. He is another of the Open Minds staff writers.)

"What we can speculate, based on the evidence available, is that the unknown craft involved in the December 29th, 1980 Cash-Landrums incident could have been a top-secret classified craft manufactured by the U.S. military-industrial complex. This conclusion is likely for the following reasons:

"The craft made a high-pitched beeping noise. It had a single bright light on top, and 'portholes' along its mid-section. A blue-colored flame was seen exiting the bottom, which seemed to scorch the pavement directly below. The craft emitted radioactive material. And, U.S. military helicopters were involved...

"It appears that the Cash-Landrums mystery craft could have been an early NEPA/ANP prototype that utilized an atomic-liquid-fueled rocket with a sub-critical reactor or nuclear ramjet. This would explain the immense size of the craft and the loud 'whoosing' sound. The craft may also have utilized a supplemental hybrid anti-gravity propulsion system, which would explain the neutral buoyancy 'bobbing' effect. A hull breach may have developed inside the walls of the reactor, and would explain the leakage of radioactive material and the subsequent poisoning of the eyewitnesses. The strange beeping noise heard by the eyewitnesses may have been a proximity warning siren indicating to surrounding personnel that the craft had reached a dangerously low altitude.

"The initial design and development of this vehicle appears to have been completed by the Glenn L. Martin Company with initial research performed by Convair." (End of quote.)

Note: NEPA/ANP stands for Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft / Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion.

Michael Schratt is a military aerospace historian and has lectured across the country on the subject of "mystery aircraft" and classified propulsion systems buried deep within the military-industrial complex. He is therefore just the person to research and write an article like this!...

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7/7 bomber turned
me into a lesbian

(London) Evening Standard, 15 Mar 2011.

Police search
for Moron

Former neo-Nazi
becomes leftist
after sex change

into a nearby hovering craft for a few minutes and then let go. This is just the standard sort of thing, really.

The main reason we take this particular abduction so seriously is this: At one point the two men volunteered to tell their story to the local sheriff. He listened to what they had to say and then put them alone together in a room secretly wired for sound, in hopes that their conversation with each other would reveal a hoax of some sort.

There is still a transcript of this very important conversation, and our Net source publishes part of it. It is extremely clear therein that the terrified men were not discussing any kind of hoax, but were merely trying to hang onto their sanity. Parker in particular was actually in a panic.

Also, it turns out that there were a few other witnesses, including a parole officer named Raymond Broadus, and a now-retired Navy chief petty officer named Mike Cataldo, who came forward as recently as 2001. He had witnessed a strange craft that fit Hickson's and Parker's description, on the very same day back in 1973!

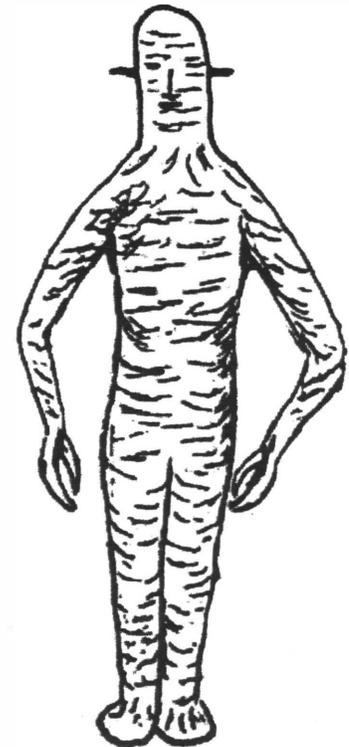
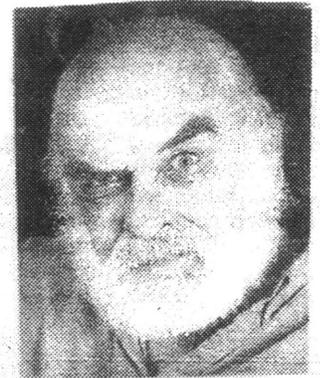
There is much more, but we have tried to cover all the key points of the Hickson-Parker story. Comments from readers will be welcomed. (Our thanks to our friend Antonio Huneeus and his employer Open Minds magazine for some of this material.)...

The item below is from a south Florida newspaper called the Sun Sentinel. It is from mid September, but we do not have the exact date.

'The Amazing' Randi finds himself caught up in ID theft charges filed against partner



James "The Amazing" Randi, 83, pictured in 1985, has made a career out of debunking supernatural claims. Authorities say his partner, Jose Luis Alvarez, left, is an identity thief. "As far as I've ever seen, [Alvarez has] only done good things in his life. As a literally world-famous artist, he should be accepted by American society and should rightly be embraced," Randi said.



Sketch of one of the Pascagoula aliens, made by Jim Flynt a week after the incident. (image credit: "UFO contact at Pascagoula")

RICHARD NIXON, JACKIE GLEASON, and DEAD ALIENS!

For many years we have heard the "legend" about the night former president Nixon showed the remains of some dead aliens to his friend, comedian Jackie Gleason. This allegedly occurred at Homestead Air Force Base, just south of Miami, Florida.

We have recently read a rather complete version of this story in (again!) Open Minds magazine. Mind you, they have a lot of articles we don't like, but this one is okay!

As a background fact, we do know that Gleason had a serious interest in UFOs. We don't remember the year, but your editor was once on a Long John Nebel radio show in New York City, in which Gleason talked at length, by telephone, about the subject. The late Gray Barker, in the studio, was the guest of honor that night. Gleason seemed to be quite serious in stating his ufological opinions.

This ET legend is vouched for by only two people, as far as we know. One was Gleason's then estranged second wife Beverly McKittrick. In a 1974 interview with Esquire magazine, this lady stated the details that her husband had supposedly told her about this exceedingly strange 1973 incident.

The other source of the story is a man named Larry Warren, who is co-author of a 1997 book about the classic 1980 Bentwaters Forest UFO incident in England. The book is called "Turn Left at East Gate". The other co-author is ufologist Peter Robbins.

We never read the whole book, but we were fascinated by a short section about a "highly evolved space being" who had somehow been captured and was later de-briefed in a secret underground room at this military base. In the book, Warren was present for this de-briefing, but even though it should be of cosmic importance, he could not remember much about it! There is no other source for this particular aspect of the Bentwaters case. Our conclusion is that Warren simply made it up.

Larry Warren is/was a very nice guy, but not particularly serious about life. We met him once at a UFO convention near Phoenix, Arizona, where he scandalized the conservative Mormon community by being caught naked with three naked young ladies in the motel's sauna, at about 2 or 3 a.m. one morning. We were asleep and thus missed this event which we surely would have enjoyed witnessing. It was said that a police helicopter, vaguely resembling a UFO, flew low over the motel and shined a bright spotlight on the sauna!

Warren claims to have known Jackie Gleason quite well and to have heard the ET story directly from him. We don't think Warren mentioned this gem in his lecture at the Arizona convention.

So, what is the story we keep referring to? Nixon, while president of the United States, drove his own private car, with no Secret Service escort, to Homestead Air Force Base, and in a secret lab the two men saw "several containers that looked like 'glass-topped Coke freezers'. Inside was something Gleason described as looking like mangled children". Gleason later supposedly told Warren that he was very upset that the government would not share this information with the public. However, Gleason himself never once commented publicly on this alleged event while he was alive!

There are so many things wrong here that we just can't deal with all of them. The most obvious problem is that there have never been any purported UFO crashes/landings anywhere near Homestead Air Force Base.

When we tell this story, as we often have done, we always end with: If there were any alien bodies at Homestead, they probably are not there any more. The base was almost totally destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992 (?)..

◆ "NASA STATES THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THESE ORBS OF LIGHT UFOs ARE" ◆

This is the surprising headline of an internet story transmitted to us by telephone from researcher Dennis Grenshaw. He is the former publisher of the delightful "Hollow Earth Insider", and currently he is involved in various activities including an internet radio show. (Your editor has been on it.)

The audio/video transcript runs as follows. This is a Fox News Video Report posted on September 10th, 2011:

"The object was detected under the space craft yesterday. It was detected shortly after a routine check of the shuttle steering jet. After Columbia, NASA has developed several procedures and tools to protect the shuttle while in space. NASA admits that they may never know what the objects are."

Then, Space Shuttle Program Director Wayne Hale states: "Over the years, we have chased many, many, many of these things, but not with the visibility that this one has gotten. And rarely have we been able to pinpoint exactly where they came from, and always finding out that it doesn't pose us any hazard."

The screen shows in the background an official NASA video of three round lights in a triangular formation. There is no way to tell how close or how large they are. The whole presentation takes less than a minute, and to us the wording seems kind of strange and incomplete!

For some reason, this story apparently has not been in newspapers or other media. If we learn more details, we certainly will report them in our next issue. Right now we are in a hurry to get this non-scheduled newsletter to the printer. Don't ask us why....

**Exotic alien plant species are moving
in on ghost estates in Cahersiveen**

**Mice are found to
be skilled singers**

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THE STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL PSYCHIC SEANCE (SSPS) :

We have warned you that in the course of a long lifetime, we have had almost a dozen unexplainable experiences - a few of them UFO oriented, but mostly of the (alleged) psychic variety. With profound apologies to Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics, we hereby summarize an interesting event in the latter category.

Back in the late 1970s, your editor and his daughter Elizabeth, then a teenager, used to visit the Robb family, who then had a house in Anaheim, California, just south of Los Angeles. Stewart Robb was a highly educated man, an expert on Nostradamus, and a hard-core believer in many kinds of psychic phenomena. His wife Marilyn was a much milder version of the same sort of thing. They had a daughter named Denise, who was about the same age as Elizabeth.

Stewart was obsessed with a specific type of informal seance in his home. He would play a tape recorder at maximum volume, allowing each person in the room to make a short personal statement on the tape or ask a question. A short period of silence would follow each person's contribution, to give the spirits (??) time to respond. The microphone would be passed around the room, from person to person. Then the tape would be played back, to see if any sound or words were on it that could not be attributed to anyone present. Then the whole procedure would be repeated - endlessly! Each complete cycle was about 30 to 40 minutes long.

The procedure was somewhat boring but humorous at times, when Stewart would argue with his wife or others as to whether or not a given sound on the tape was significant. Usually it was just a cat on the roof, loud trucks on a nearby freeway, or sometimes even a person in the room moving his/her chair a bit. The high volume of the tape recorder magnified everything.

We participated in this strange game several times during our visits to the Robbs, which were spread out over a period of a few years. Nothing significant ever happened (in our opinion) except once.

That evening, when Elizabeth's first turn at the mike came, she very unexpectedly said (approximately): "There are no spirits. You are adults and I am just a young girl. You should all be ashamed of yourselves". On the playback, a loud whispered voice could clearly be heard, saying precisely: "She's a fake. It couldn't be true". These words did not overlap Elizabeth's at all, and this is indeed the most amazing part of the incident. But there was more to come: A little later on the same tape, the playback suddenly came out with "DENISE" - not in any kind of whisper but loud, with a strong sound of panic in the voice. Marilyn Robb was seated near your editor, and we watched carefully as she panicked and ran into a nearby bedroom, where Denise, who had been bored with the whole thing, was peacefully asleep in her bed.

Our question is this: If a very meaningful sound can be heard on the playback, why was it not heard by anyone in the room when the tape was made? We have no answer for this.

Both Stewart and Marilyn Robb are now deceased, but Denise remembers this very strange incident, even though she was not directly a part of it. So does our daughter Elizabeth. So do we!...

We aren't saying that the above narrative proves anything. Obviously, we could have made the whole thing up, or there could be any of several more subtle explanations. All we say is - keep an Open Mind - like the magazine??

If your editor lives long enough, you the readers will be subjected to more of this sort of rant. Please be kind...

Imagine the hoots of congressional ridicule if we tried to funnel \$2M — or 0.00016 percent of the \$1.2 trillion tab for our military adventures in Iraq and Afghanistan — into a legitimate NAS study on UFOs. Imagine, also, its potential for igniting public interest in science. Imagine, in the run-up to an election year, voters actually petitioning their representatives for a little consideration. Imagine elected officials contemplating those letters. Imagine a blue whale building a nest in a cottonwood tree.

→ "blogger" Billy Cox

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

TIM PRINTY, editor/publisher of the skeptical/debunking UFO magazine called "SUN-lite", writes as follows re our August 15th article about the classic Cash-Landrum case. Though we disagree with his analysis, we are very grateful for his comments, which will help to keep the discussion alive. (We would also enjoy seeing his comments on the C-L article in this issue!):

I wanted to discuss your presentation of the Cash-Landrum case. I saw nothing that was really earth shattering. I never heard about "Tony" before but I find his story a bit on the unrealistic side. Is it a coincidence that "Tony" is the same name as the Public affairs spokesman, Major Tony Geishauser, who said no helicopters from Fort Hood were near Houston that night? To me the story appears to have been manufactured by somebody reading too many Tom Clancy books. Look at some of the stories that could easily be checked but apparently were not:

- 1) They were on special alert? How many people confirm this? Certainly, the entire support structure of the helicopter squadron would be involved (mechanics, refueling, electronics techs) and could confirm this. Even the families of these airmen would have been aware of what transpired. At least, they would know their husbands/boyfriends would have had to be away from them during the Christmas stand down period (which is usually when most bases run on minimal staff so everyone can enjoy the holiday period). Certainly, even if a few dozen men were on this "special alert", it would have been noticed.
- 2) I don't recall Cash or Landrum describing sparks falling off. It sounds like an effect that was added by the story teller.
- 3) He never describes any decontamination of the helicopters, which would have happened if there were a radiation or chemical concern. This is Standard Operating Procedure. You have to wash down the helicopters if they were contaminated. Tony also would have mentioned having to wear some sort of dosimeter to measure the amount of exposure he would receive since they knew the craft was radiating something and was a danger.
- 4) He says they came from different bases for the operation. What bases were in range of a CH-47C (the D version did not appear until after 1980) and had CH-47s available? This is a claim that could be proven or disproven.

In my opinion, unless you can verify such a story, it is just something somebody could easily have made up based on the story already being circulated about. UFOlogists just threw it up against the wall, hoping it might stick. "Tony" can put himself among other mythological UFO sources. My guess is that the follow up on "Tony" failed to produce results but people willingly accepted it because it fits the story they want to believe. I guess I am too skeptical to accept this story without further proof.

If this is the best evidence for Cash-Landrum, you will have to do better.

Our friend GENE STEINBERG of "The Paracast" writes:

"...It's summer, and the silly season is upon us. So we have some people going ballistic over a couple of spontaneous comments co-host Christopher O'Brien and I made on our radio show, 'The Paracast' recently. It appears that those comments, about someone's supposed 'obessive' behavior involving a controversy related to UFO abductions, have generated a bunch of obsessive responses, consisting of thousands upon thousands of words of hateful verbiage.

"Perhaps a saner person than I would give it all up, realizing that you cannot argue with fools (but) 'The Paracast' continues broadcasting to a growing audience. Besides, it's not as if you can actually get a 'real' job these days."

**Sanctions against
lecturer in bat sex
case lifted by court**

Irish Times, 2 Dec 2010.

**Bugs in
health
check**

North Devon Gazette, 21 Oct 2009.

**Backlash as
God forced
into schools**

Sunday Age (Melbourne), 27 Mar 2011.