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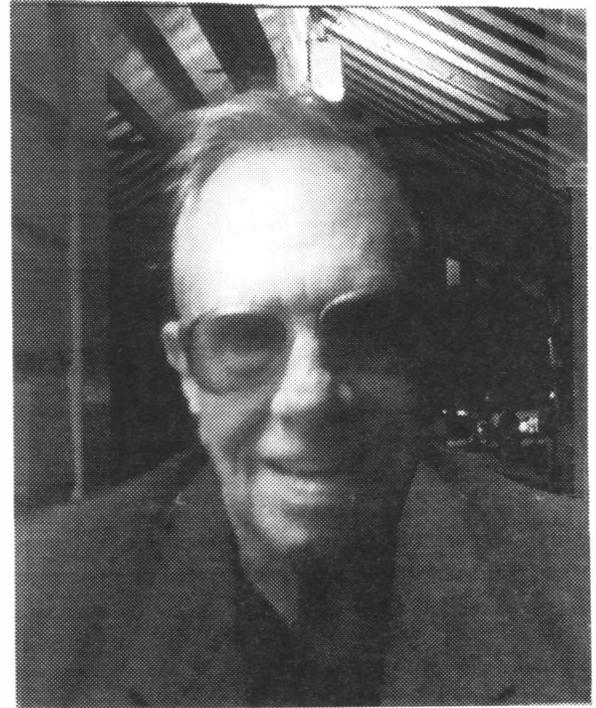
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G U E S S W H O ??

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So here we are, at the start of Fateful Year 2012. We say this because, as most of you know, the Mayan calendar runs out on December 21st, 2012, and presumably that might be the End of the World - er at least the beginning of Very Bad Times.

The factual basis of this "doomsday theory" stems from a pair of tablets with inscriptions that describe the return of a Mayan god at the end of the 13th period of 400 years (whatever that means), which happens to fall on December 21st of the year we call 2012. Experts say this date is the end of a cycle of 5,125 years since the beginning of the Mayan Long Count Calendar in 3113 B.C. and the start of another. Now you know!

The Mayans, of course, were among the ancient inhabitants of what is now Mexico, and their temples, burial grounds, and such have long been a fascination to archaeologists as well as illegal treasure hunters. A similar situation exists in Peru, regarding the Incas and other ancient tribes. The big difference is that the Incas never had any written language at all, so that many details of their culture and belief system are lost forever.

Shockingly, a lot of money grubbers in southern Mexico (= former Mayan territory) have decided to cash in on this situation, whether or not there is any reality to it. (The merchants of Roswell come to mind!) Tourism officials have installed a digital clock to count down the time left before the Dec. 21st solstice. Live Mayan priests will perform an ancient ceremony when the time comes very close.

Said tourism director Manolo Pinot: "I look at this as an opportunity for rebirth. A lot of people know they can fill their body with energy if they come to these archaeological sites. If people are interested, we have to take advantage of this."

I WANT TO

BELIEVE

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The following is taken from the "Above Top Secret" website:

In early January of 1981, I was catching a ride from a buddy who lived in Conroe, Texas, and we necessarily travelled that same roadway (FM 1485) on our way to work on the east side of Houston. We usually left well before sunrise to reach our jobsite by 7:00 AM, as the commuter traffic up there around Conroe was legendarily bad. So it was still dark when we hit the road.

This would have been shortly after the Cash-Landrum incident transpired, but we didn't know that, as the story had not yet reached the press.

Outside of New Caney, Texas, on a stretch of 1485 that was particularly desolate at the time, we encountered a nondescript sawhorse roadblock and what I supposed was a contract road crew working in the dark, using only a spotlight tree to illuminate what appeared to be some serious road repairs. In fact, we were turned back to New Caney because the entire road was closed.

I thought this was odd because there were no "detour" nor "road closed" nor "men working" warning signs, and it was highly unusual for road repairs to shut down both sides of a thoroughfare. Unless, of course, it was an emergency job. We assumed that a petroleum tanker had crashed and burned, damaging the road and warranting a rush repair.

By the light of our headlights, we could see quite a bit of heavy equipment — a couple of beaten-up and unmarked dump trucks, an unmarked front-end loader, an unmarked road grader, and a couple of other bulky vehicles hidden by the darkness. I guessed that it was a blacktop machine, because we could smell creosote and asphalt in the air. None of the road crew were wearing reflective gear, either, which I thought was pretty peculiar. They were tearing up and laying a new road. In the dark.

Aside from being a little puzzled and pissed off, we turned around and took an alternate route to work and didn't give the road block another thought, except that we remembered to take a different route home later that day.

Shortly thereafter, the Cash-Landrum incident first made the news in a big way; even then, we didn't put two-and-two together for a few more weeks. Then, on the way home from work one afternoon, travelling up FM 1485, we made the connection — here was a new stretch of over 100 feet of the roadway that was stark and pristine blacktop. Even the gravel shoulders of the road were fresh gravel, all of which stood out like a sore thumb against the rest of the forested scenery.

It just suddenly became very obvious to us — this was where that goddamned thing, that diamond-shaped UFO, had come down and melted the road. As later confirmed by the witnesses, it was the exact site of the incident.

Which was a distinctly creepy feeling, but also an infuriating one. I mean, this thing had provided even the staunchest skeptics with some of the most irrefutable physical evidence they could possibly demand of a UFO sighting... A melted highway, and a trio of witnesses suffering high-energy radiation burns, for God's sake.

But the evidence was deliberately destroyed and paved-over.

P.S. by J.M.

This is an astonishing narrative, and we just wish we had the name of the informant. To us the most interesting part is the fact that, if the military had not been stupid enough to do the repairing in this very strange, "secret" way, it is likely that no one would have made the connection to the Cash-Landrum case, which apparently had occurred just a few nights earlier. As it is, we have the above story, which is probably as close to proof as we are likely to get.

But the military is used to appearing stupid. The worst case we can think of off-hand was the Air Force's claim that the alleged Roswell alien bodies were actually life-sized human-looking dummies dropped on the desert by the Air Force starting about 1952 - which was five years after the Roswell incident! The bodies looked exactly like clean-cut "G.I. Joe", in uniform, and had tags attached, telling the finder how to turn them in to the government. We do not have AF personnel who look like hideous little dwarfs!...

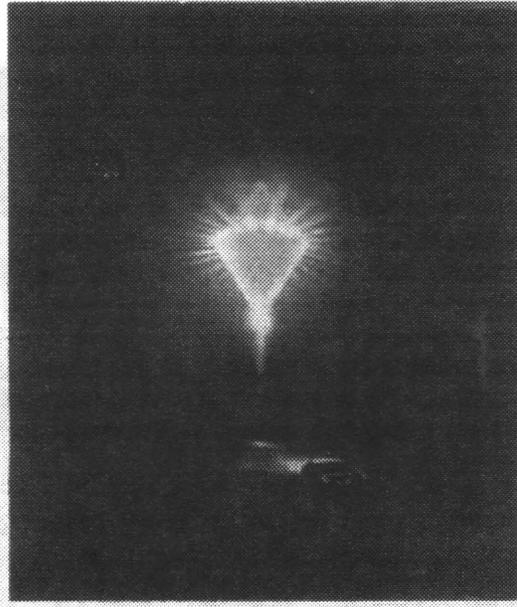
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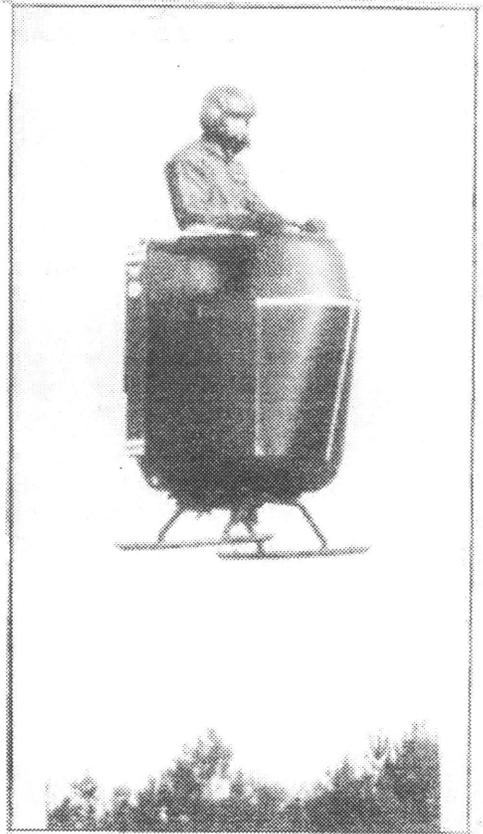
(re)view of the Cash/ Landrum case

Ice prison for elderly islanders

Somerset Gazette, 7 Jan 2010.



Williams WASP II



Elf arrested after dynamite threat to Santa

Russian fired gun at banana

Cambridge News, 10 Dec 2010.



John Schuessler:

In addition to taking Vickie and Betty's testimony, we went to every individual living within 5 miles of this area. At least 10 other people had seen the object, and 7 or 8 other people have seen the helicopters. And their descriptions were all very similar to ~~what~~, what Betty and Vickie described.

Just as with Roswell, there probably will never be a "final word" on the Cash-Landrum Incident, but with the help of Curt Collins, Vince Ditchkus and others, we can hopefully shed a little new light on this unique ufological occurrence.

Top left and top right, above: Here we see an artist's rendering of the C-L UFO - not necessarily accurate. Well, is this "WASP-2", as we theorized recently? Probably not! It turns out that "WASP-2" was the very ordinary military vehicle shown here, not atomic powered by any stretch of the imagination. We seem to have made a rather serious mistake in the last issue, based on misleading information in some of the C-L-related material we have recently read.

Bottom left: A depressing photo of the burns on one of Betty Cash's hands; and, bottom right: A hopefully accurate statement by John Schuessler, former director of MUFON, who was the original chief investigator of the case.

Incidentally, we should alert you that the long narrative on the last page is only one of several versions of this "highway repaving" story. Hopefully it is accurate.

The C-L helicopters were probably from "Task Force 158", as stated in our last issue. The craft remains completely unknown, unfortunately...

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NOSTALGIA DEPARTMENT:

(See also ANONYMOUS letter on Page 8.)

For those few who still remember or care, ufological pioneer Albert K. Bender is still alive and living in California. He corresponds occasionally with a fellow named Don Rose, but never mentions UFOs at all. Their common interest is music, rather than weirdness. Bender is now about 90 years old, and recently lost his wife to an unnamed illness.

In 1952, Al Bender's "Space Review" zine was established as the first internationally distributed flying saucer magazine. Our old friend Gray Barker was "Director of Research". After only a very few issues, Bender was supposedly silenced by three very mysterious Men in Black. That is when and how this now-famous phrase first came to be used.

Bender eventually married and moved from Connecticut to California. He also eventually came out with a book that read a lot like cheap science-fiction. It was called "Flying Saucers and the Three Men", and was published by Barker's Saucerian Press...

HALLELUJAH, THE DRAFT IS COMING BACK!?

We didn't realize that the draft is apparently coming back again - until we happened to notice the warning printed below, which was available on a shelf in our local post office. Apparently this is not a new program, but has there been any recent discussion of this at all?? If so, we haven't heard a word about it. And by the way, why are women not included? Is this sexism at a federal level?

The United States is currently walking away from two obviously unfinished but increasingly unpopular wars. The only reason that there was American public acceptance of these wars was that all our combatants volunteered for military service in one way or another. But by now at least a few people have finally realized that we could use some of these uncounted billions of war dollars here at home!

Don't get us wrong - we despise the militant branch of the Muslim "religion" as much as anyone, but there must be a better way to cope with it!

Anyhow, it appears that some of the Powers that Be, here in America, are expecting "a national emergency which would require rapid expansion of the Armed Forces". What could this future crisis be? Might it be interplanetary in nature? Is that when Martial Law kicks in? Do we citizens have any future at all? As the late George Adamski often said, "Time Will Tell"...

MORE INFORMATION ON THE ROSWELL "DREAM TEAM":

As mentioned in our last issue, Roswell researchers Dr. Col. Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt and Tom Carey have organized the above-mentioned group to re-re-evaluate all the evidence in this never-ending case. Though they admit they all have different opinions on some of the details, they intend to jointly write a book. It is not clear how this is possible.

Now, to make matters even more complicated, they have welcomed researcher Anthony ("Tony") Bragalia into the group. We are amused, because Tony definitely believes whatever he believes because he believes it. Right away, Randle correctly takes note that Tony solves the famous 1964 Socorro, N.M. (Lonnie Zamora) case as a hoax by university students. The others disagree, as does your humble "Smear" editor.

Late last November, the U.S. Congressional "supercommittee" charged with cutting at least 1.2 trillion dollars from the federal deficit, agreed to disagree. Can a band of self-appointed ufological experts do any better than that?

Our latest information is that famed Canadian re-

You Must Register With Selective Service

What is Selective Service Registration?

1 Registration is the process by which the U.S. Government collects names and addresses of men age 18 through 25 to use in case of a national emergency, determined by Congress and the President, which would require rapid expansion of the Armed Forces. Men are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Once men reach their 26th birthday, they can no longer register, as stated in the Military Selective Service Act.

What Happens If I Don't Register?

2 Not registering is a felony. Young men prosecuted and convicted of failure to register may be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned for up to five years, or both. Failure to register also may cause men to permanently lose eligibility for student financial aid, government employment, job training, and U.S. citizenship for male immigrants.

searcher Chris Rutkowski has also joined the Team. Now the chances for harmony are even worse, because Chris has stated: "I think we are a long way from declaring Roswell an alien incident...It's a matter of speculation as to whether or not the material recovered was non-terrestrial in origin, since we don't have any on hand to test."

As for Bragalia, he has already made his presence known. Admitting that conventional lie detector tests are not reliable as absolute proof of anything, he tells us of a new technology that has "an astounding 86% - 99% rate of success." The details of this new method are complex, but since it admittedly is not 100% reliable, we are not justified in believing in something as extreme as an ET crash/landing on the basis of this process!

Bragalia claims that the late Roswell witness Jessie Marcel Sr. recently passed the test in regard to taped statements made by him years ago. However, Bragalia deliberately omits the fact that, about twenty years ago, a now-deceased skeptical researcher named Robert Todd somehow obtained health & performance records regarding Marcel's military career. He showed conclusively that the man lied or exaggerated regarding several key points.

Even Randle has admitted in his blogs that he cannot explain or justify all of Marcel's claims about himself. This is especially true in regard to a well-known interview Marcel had with the late UFO researcher Bob Pratt. For some reason, Marcel made certain claims to Pratt in that taped interview that he never made at any other time. Strange indeed!

May the Gods of Ufology keep us here at "Smear" from ever becoming as deeply hypnotized by the Cash-Landrum Case as Randle & a handful of others are regarding Roswell. Amen!...

And, speaking once again about Roswell, we have recently learned that plans to move the International UFO Museum to a nearby very expensive location have been dropped, perhaps partly because of the currently bad economic situation. The Museum's controversial curator Julie Shuster (daughter of Museum co-founder Walter Haut), is no doubt very disappointed.

The above is condensed from emails between "Smear" contributing editor Vince Ditchkus and a Roswell resident named Dave Swink. Dave, strangely, is fascinated by the local politics regarding Julie and the Museum, but does not seem to have any current interest in the actual topic of UFOs. He has thus gone off our esteemed mailing list...

BIGFOOT LIVES ?

Ms. Molly Hanson of California was a close friend, quite a few years ago, of the late Bigfoot hunter Erik Beckjord. Erik also was able to go to Loch Ness in Scotland at least a couple of times, without any positive results regarding the famous Monster.

Erik was a very hard guy to like, but Molly endured him, as did your editor on a different level. When Erik died of cancer, Molly volunteered to do something constructive with his videos, notes, etc, which he left behind. Unfortunately, he never wrote a book.

Molly has stayed on our esteemed mailing list all this time, and is re-married, with a 16-year-old son whom she is very proud of. But regarding Erik's material, she has never found enough time to do what she wants with it, though she would really like to do so. In this year's Christmas card to us she writes, "By now I had hoped to have all the videos on DVD. Not done."

As for Bigfoot, Erik recognized the fact that no dead body has ever been found, at least not in this country. That must mean that, in spite of all the sightings, Bigfoot simply does not exist - as all living creatures have to die. Beckford

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From SUNlite zine by Tim Printy

Book Reviews

Buy it! (No UFO library should do without it)

Shockingly close to the truth -
James Moseley and Karl Pflock

This book is more an entertaining read than informative. While many UFO books like to go into details about mysterious events in the sky, Moseley concentrates more on the human aspects. His story about his travels across the country early in his UFOlogical career is highly amusing (as were his years in Peru). This book is a time machine into the past that demonstrates that UFOlogy really hasn't changed much over the decades. It should be found on the bookshelves of both skeptics and proponents.

CURT COLLINS, who has been researching the Cash-Landrum Case for us, writes:

"I'm glad to see from last issue's letters that your re-visiting the Cash-Landrum UFO case has received favorable interest. Your coverage of it will keep the investigation alive, and will improve chances that this case can someday be solved. I've discussed this case with several folks by email, and most were enthusiastic about the case. With the media attention it received, it was the first UFO case many kids heard about, and they still want to know just what happened..."

"One bit of good news: I came across an old article where the author mentioned having met Vickie Landrum. His name is Chris Lambright, and I was able to contact him for further information. Chris tells me he was able to meet Vickie twice, and videotape the conversation (and also at some point, interview Betty Cash by phone). The most important piece of information he discussed was that the visualization of the UFO that is generally associated with the case is inaccurate. According to Vickie, there was no ring of lights, the object itself appeared dark, and the erupting flames were the source of the illumination. I'm hoping Chris will make further details from his interviews of the witnesses available. (Chris is also a good friend of Tom Adams, but hasn't been able to reach him for years.)"

This information about the precise appearance of the mystery craft is very important, if we are ever to learn just what it was. Thanks, Curt! - Editor.

TIM PRINTY, editor of the skeptical zine "SUNlite", surprises us with this:

"...Note that I highly recommend that people buy your book. I am not kissing up. I really felt the book was a worthy read and gave a lot of insight into the comings and goings in Ufology over the years. It was refreshing compared to the usual stories you see in UFO books."

Aviation expert CURTIS PEEBLES writes:

"Regarding the two measurements of subatomic particles exceeding the speed of light, the experiments will have to be repeated many, many times to make sure it is not due to instrumentation errors, how the tests were structured, etc. But if the results prove to be true, there will be Nobel Prizes raining from the sky, as it would require a basic revision of physics..."

We recently read somewhere that further testing solved the problem, so Einstein's reputation is safe - for now. - Editor.

Researcher SMILES LEWIS, who would have hosted the NUFOC convention of 2001, had it not been for the attack on the World Trade Center, writes:

"...Please find enclosed annual TRUE LOVE OFFERING in its specially designed envelope for that purpose.

"There are always so many things I want to say in response to the wealth of information you provide in each hand-prepared issue of 'Saucer Smear'. But upon each failure to send you some pertinent piece of info within a month's time, I received the next issue and discovered that someone else has not failed, and has delivered to you at least part of the info I had wanted to send along.

"So, until we meet again, cheers to you Supreme Commander Moseley!..."

Hard-core non-subscriber GARY HEMPHILL (aka Big Cashew) writes as follows:

"I see by X-aming my 'Saucer Smear' envelope that it is time once again to donate to my non-subscription. I am easily badgered, so please accept my humble offering.

"It is good to see a 'classic' UFO account again; thank you. The phenomenon has changed or perhaps those perceiving the phenomenon have changed into endless boredom in my opinion. Once upon a time there was hope that a burned circle in a remote area was

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truly the leavings of something saucer shaped and hot. It used to be fun sleuthing through newspapers, trying to discover if the lights seen in the sky were seen elsewhere, so that a 'flight pattern' might be established. Those were the days! The fringe of the population that did not seem to fit anywhere could always count on the saucers, Ashtar's bunch, and the three Georges to lead us to a better planet with the aid of the space brothers and sisters. There was something for everyone, even the lonely guy with the dead end job...

"Here's to you, Jim, for your staying power. I am looking forward to many more issues of 'Smear' and bushels more of your pithy insight and earthy wisdom..."

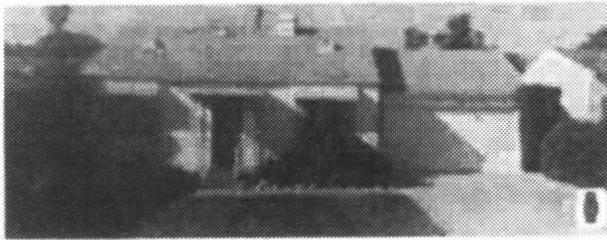
ANONYMOUS writes:

"Here is a Free Will Offering to keep your gossip rag coming to me for the next year. It remains delightfully tacky, which is exactly how I like it.

"Top Secret: Do not attribute this to me, but I have some interesting information for you. Some years ago you printed a post office box address for Albert K. Bender in Los Angeles. That was actually for a music society he was running for awhile, and even that was decades old and is now defunct. However, I believe I have the current street address for Bender and his (late) wife. I even have a photo of their house! All of this from the Amazing Internet.

"Go ahead and print this information and/or photo. You can even paste it into your zine. Just don't say who sent it to you..."

According to property listings, this is the house of Albert K Bender [age 82 in 2011] and Betty C Bender [age 90 in 2011]. 🏠8741 Airline Ave Los Angeles, CA 90045. This house is near the edge of LAX airport.



House of Albert K. Bender from Google Street View



Researcher ED MITCHEL writes as follows:

"Enclosed is my love offering of \$35.

"Please send me another year's worth of 'Saucer Smear'. Your zine is easily the best in the world.

"Best wishes for 2012. I believe the world is scheduled to end next December."

Long-time friend and UFO enthusiast STEVE BARNETT of New Mexico writes:

"I look forward to my 'Saucer Smear'. It is my only source for UFO news these days, except for very occasional newspaper articles..."

"I never expected life to be so mundane in the 21st century. When I grew up, it seemed like there was no end to the speculation about the radical future we could expect, but even the advent of the Personal Computer really hasn't changed day to day life much. I guess I expected the world to be a big playground of endless possibilities. Instead, we are all just hoping to make a buck or two to keep ahead of the bills. Even in Utah, there seemed to be an overwhelming wave of impractical new ideas in the 1960s. I guess what I am trying to say is that I was much happier when spending my time doing impractical things, and that hasn't changed. All that seems to have changed is the lack of opportunity to follow one's bliss."

Giant genitals 'evil'

Canberra Times, 19 May 2009.

Faster trains will arrive earlier

The Buryip (Gawler, South Australia), 20 May 2009.

Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN kindly writes:

"Thanks for the best UFO zine in the world!"

Researcher DAVID PERKINS writes:

"Regarding the Curt Collins letter about Tom Adams - yes, Tom is still alive. He went missing from ufology back in 2002. He did appear in the 'High Strange New Mexico' movie, but that came out in March, 1997 - not 2010 as Collins indicates. It's still unclear why Tom gave up on ufology ten years ago. He was a great researcher..."

We have been told by a very reliable friend & researcher that Adams was deeply into conspiracy theory, and apparently moved on from there into paranoia. - Editor.

And, CURTIS PEEBLES, again:

"...Regarding the Cash-Landrum incident, I can offer some observations. One is in regard to the energy allegedly emitted by the diamond-shaped object. Assuming it was ionizing radiation, the witnesses were exposed to it for an estimated 20 minutes at an unknown distance. As a result, the witnesses reportedly suffered a range of medical conditions suggestive of nuclear radiation. The question then arises, what level of exposure did the crews of the CH-47 and Huey helicopters receive?

"If they were 'herding' a nuclear-powered vehicle, they presumably would have been closer, for a longer period of time. Between 1955 and 1957, a NB-36H was fitted with a nuclear reactor and then flown as part of an effort to develop a nuclear-powered aircraft. To protect the crew from radiation exposure, the airplane carried 11 tons of lead shielding. The nuclear airplane project was abandoned for the obvious reasons.

"A formation of CH-47 and Huey helicopters in the same general area and time of the Cash-Landrum sighting was independently confirmed by two witnesses. The witnesses did not see the diamond-shaped object, however. While the object is therefore questionable, the helicopter activities are not.

"This suggests a possible reason for the lack of official information about the activities. On December 20th, 1980, the Iran Hostage Crisis was still ongoing. It is now known that plans for a second rescue attempt were being made. It is possible that the large number of helicopters were on a low-level navigation training flight, as part of the preparations should the second rescue mission have been ordered.

"I offer this for what use it may be to you or Curt Collins."

Long-time UFO enthusiast DR. JOHN MILLER writes as follows:

"...Regarding your piece on Joseph McMoneagle in the December 'Smear', I don't think MUFON's coverage of Joe is as far off topic as you do. There are severe problems with information gathered from remote viewing, and yet at times it is valid information. Thus Joe's viewing of 'Aliens' may have validity.

"I met Joe at one of the 'Crash-Retrieval' UFO conferences. He is a very likeable guy in person."

We just don't want to see WW III begin just because a small group of militaristic psychics want it to! - Editor.

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solved this problem by telling people that Bigfoot is "4-D", and only exists in the 3-D world part of the time. We always thought this to be nonsense, but now we say, "Maybe Erik had a valid solution after all"...

**Call to ban
Black Cats**

Wolverhampton Express & Star, 13 July 2009

**Gateshead woman denies
biting off testicles**

BBC News, 21 April 2011.

**Walking dead
head for Headingley**

Yorkshire Eve. Post, 20 April 2011.