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## Mutilated bull cut, not burned

DALLAS (AP) — Analysis of tissue from a bull found mutilated near Harlingen last month shows the animal was cut into with a sharp instrument, a researcher said Wednesday.

Tommy Blann of Lewisville said the animal was not burned and there was no evidence of radiation, as some have speculated.

A Cameron County rancher found the 1,110-pound bull with a circular incision in its shoulder and its heart removed.

Blann said authorities sent him part of the animal's shoulder for testing in a private laboratory here.

"I want to dispel some rumors," Blann said. "The animal was not burned with a laser. It was not burned at all ... The dark, coagulated area may give that effect, however.

"The cut appears to have been made with a sharp instrument ... and it definitely was not cut with a laser."

The recent rash of animal mutilations in South Texas has given rise to a variety of theories as to the perpetrators. The theories range from UFOs to cult activities to government experimentation.

## Did soccer boys see a real UFO?

PLAYING football with his pals, nine-year-old Anthony Rayment ran to fetch the ball—and found himself staring at a bizarre flying object, changing colour. And he and his friends are anxious to know if they had a close encounter with a real UFO.

Anthony, of Denmark Road, Poole, said he and five friends were playing a game of soccer on The Baiter shortly before tea-time yesterday when they sighted the flying object.

"It was round with lumps on it and had a black ring round it," he said. "It was red, yellow and blue, changing colour, and what looked like a black pole with a light on the end, came out from it.

"It was only about 15 feet from me, in the air," he added.

Anthony's friends confirmed that they had seen the strange object too.

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