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| MUSTANG - Owners said no cause can be found for the two
| mutilated black cattle, which were found dead in fields
| about 60 miles apart, followins a full moon.
| The cattle, in Canadian and Blaine counties, had their
| sex organs removed.
| Mustang Police Chief Ron Lewis said his office
| recently investigated the mutilation of a 1,100- pound
| Angus cow. Blaine County Undersheriff Kent Sexton said
| his office was called to the ranch of Galen Slagell near
| Hydro the same morning to investigate the mutilation of
| a 70-pound Angus steer. Although Lewis said he is not
| versed on cults, he thinks some type of cult
| celebration that coincides with Passover might be
| responsible for the mutilations. Lewis and Sexton
| said their investigations turned up some similarities. No
| blood was found at the scene of either mutilation, and
| Lewis and Sexton said both cattle appeared to be "drained
| of blood." The interior and exterior sex organs, tongues
| and one eye from each animal had been removed. The cow
| found in Canadian County was missing her left ear and
| a patch of hide over her ribs on the right side. The
| cow's owner, who asked not to be identified, said he
| wonders what "idiots" would mutilate an animal, and he
| would like to have the cow's death solved. He said he
| checked his cattle the evening before the mutilation. "I
| had just worked them and I knew I didn't have any sick
| ones. When I went to check them, I saw her and I knew she
| was dead by the way she was laying." He said he was
| angry at first because he thought someone had shot her
| and left her for the coyotes. A closer look showed him
| the mutilation was not the work of coyotes. There were
| some drops of blood on the ground, but no blood came from
| any of the wounds. He said this was odd because when
| someone shoots a cow, a death struggle occurs and there
| is a lot of blood. He also said the cow was in an
| area of dirt and there were no tracks, neither human or
| animal around her.
| "When I walked up, I left tracks," he said.
| He said he checked the animal carefully and could not
| find a cause of death. The cow's death will continue to
| be a problem. Her 4-month-old calf, which would not
| normally be weaned for another two months, now will not
| grow as rapidly, and the cow had been bred and was about
| two months pregnant. Undersheriff Sexton said it had

|rained before the steer was found near Hydro and the |
|ground was soft. "There were no prints," i Sexton said. He |
|said he has been around cattle all his life, and "this |
|wasn't coyotes." Ranch owner Slagell agreed: "I don't |
|know of any coyotes that carry knives." Sexton said |
|veterinarian Tim Lowry also couldn't find a bullet hole. |
|"We're baffled." he said. Although Lowry said, "There |
|definitely was a human hand involved," Slagell said he |
|was still not ruling out the possibility that the |
|mutilation could have been done by vultures. : But Blaine |
|County Assistant District attorney George Burnett said |
|the steer "obviously was surgically cut ... If someone |
|saw something, it may help us solve the case." |