

FIRST DRAFT

Story of captured Indian boy brings diverse family together

When Harold Smith — now Harold Ouray — was a boy growing up on the Northern Arapaho's Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, "an old man would come and stay with us," he recalled. "His name was Jack Johnson." He was a Ute from Utah. And he was a relative.



BOB SILBERNAGEL

When Jonas Grant was growing up on the Ute Indian Reservation in Utah, his great-grandmother, Clara Thompson Johnson Wopsock, recounted the lengthy history of the Johnson family. It included stories about Susan Johnson, the sister of famed Ute Chief Ouray and Jonas Grant's great-great-grandmother.

The family history also told how Ouray's only son, Paron, was kidnapped by Sioux or Cheyenne in 1863, while Ouray



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Members of the Johnson and Smith families, descendants of Susan Johnson and Chief Ouray, respectively. Left to right: Jonas Grant, Kenny Smith, Clarence Smith, Ian Smith, Big John Smith, Roseline Taveapont, Beatrice Taveapont Harold Ouray and Don Taveapont.

and other Utes were hunting buffalo on the plains northeast of Denver.

Paron, also known as Pahlone and Cotoan, was traded to an Arapaho chief, who raised him as his son. As a man, Paron would be known as Ute Hannah, and would serve as a scout for Gen. George Crook during the campaign against Sioux and Cheyenne. "He was one of the people who brought in Crazy Horse," Harold Ouray said. He was also Harold's great-great-grandfather.

Grant and Harold Ouray have a common ancestor, Guero, the father of both Ouray and Susan. He was a member of the Tabeguache band of Utes, and he married a woman who was half Jicarilla Apache and half Ute. Guero raised

his family for a time in New Mexico before returning to the Ute lands in what's now Colorado.

Jack Johnson was a grandson of Susan Johnson and a half-brother to Jonas Grant's grandfather, Myton Johnson.

Harold Ouray has had a long association with the Johnson family.

"Since I was a small boy we would visit our Ute cousins at White Rocks" (in Utah, north of Fort Duchesne), he said. They included people such as Harriet Johnson Taveapont, another descendant of Susan Johnson. "I didn't get to know Jonas until a few years ago, but I knew of him," Harold said.

Jonas Grant and his wife, Joy, assisted me with my book, "Troubled Trails," about the 1879 Milk Creek Battle and killings at the White River Indian Agency. Susan Johnson played a key role in protecting

white hostages following those events.

Jonas told me about descendants of Ute Hannah who lived on the Arapaho reservation near Riverton, Wyoming. He put me in touch with Harold Ouray.

Harold changed his last name because of his growing interest in his famous ancestor, he said. The name Smith was given to his grandfather when he attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, Harold said.

He also said his father had four brothers and two sisters. "But out of all of them, our family were the only ones that knew the Ute people, our Ute relatives."

Harold's father was raised by his grandfather, Ute Hannah, Harold said, and learned more about Ute Hannah's history than his siblings.

The Paron-Ute Hannah story



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Paron, the kidnapped son of Chief Ouray.

took a strange turn in 1873, a decade after his kidnapping. At the time, the U.S. government was negotiating the Brunot Agreement with the Utes, through which the Utes agreed to give up a large portion of the San Juan Mountains to miners and settlers.

In an effort to garner Chief Ouray's support, Felix Brunot, the commissioner of Indian affairs, said he would try to find Paron and reunite him with his father.

The story of the meeting is recounted in "Chipeta, Queen of the Utes," by Cynthia S. Becker and P. David Smith. Ouray and a boy named Friday met in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 3, 1873. Friday was accompanied by several Arapaho and Cheyenne chiefs.

"Friday said all he knew was

location where Ouray said his son was taken. But no meeting with that youngster was arranged.

Whether he was Friday or the other youngster, Ute Hannah grew up knowing he was originally a Ute and he had connections to people in Utah. He served with distinction as an Army scout. He was buried with honors in a cemetery south of Riverton.

His descendants, and those of Susan Johnson, gathered this fall when the photo on this page was taken. They continue to meet regularly to recognize their joint ancestry and share their unique history as a family of the West.

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Chief Ouray

Short on ballots, Gunnison County turned to photocopier

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Gunnison County had such a turnout on Election Day it ran out of ballots in at least one voting area.

But because that occurred so late in the day, prohibiting County Clerk Stella Dominguez from sending an elections worker to the nearest polling place in Crested Butte to get more, she resorted to the only thing left.

She photocopied her own ballots.

"That was only one style, but it wasn't that many," she said. "I had some in Crested Butte, but we didn't have time to go get them. We ran out at about 5:30

(p.m.) that day."

She said her elections officials had little choice but to photocopy about two dozen more ballots, each having to be hand-counted because they couldn't be scanned like normal ballots.

Dominguez knew things were going to be bad when she noticed numerous students from Western State Colorado University showing up at the vote centers.

Although this was the first year of all mail-in balloting, the state's new election laws allow voters to come in person if they choose.

In Gunnison's case, that was a combination of two things,

the college students and three marijuana measures on the city's ballot.

"We had tons of college students, and a lot of them had the same issue — that they had registered in their hometowns in another county, but didn't go get their ballot, they didn't want to vote their ballot," Dominguez said. "We had to cancel out their ballot so we could issue them one here. It was a long process because of a lot of little things."

The marijuana questions passed, with flying colors, but it also led to something else: Democrats winning in just about every major election in the county, from Sen. Mark Udall to Gov.

John Hickenlooper.

The one race that didn't turn out well for Democrats? Rep. Michael McLachlan, D-Durango, whose district includes the southern half of Gunnison County.

In that part of the county, former state Rep. J. Paul Brown, R-Ignacio, beat him by five percentage points, more than enough to allow him to do to McLachlan what McLachlan did to Brown in 2012, unseat him.

Overall, Brown won the race by only 229 votes, making it one of the closest in the state.

That race helped the Republicans narrow the Democrats' 37-28 majority in the House to a slimmer 34-31 lead.

University of Utah grad student faked research, investigation finds

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — An investigation has found faked research at a University of Utah chemical engineering lab.

A graduate student doctored photos for a paper about microscopic structures called nanorods, making it appear as if a theory on how to change their

position worked, said Jeffrey Botkin, the associate vice president for research integrity at the university.

"There was no legitimate data in that paper," Botkin said.

The magnified images of the pill-shaped structures attracted attention on social media after the paper was published last year because the rounded ends appeared to be surrounded by

square outlines, as if they had been highlighted and moved with an image manipulation program like Photoshop.

The paper purported to show a method for bringing the ends of the nanorods together at an angle that could have had implications for creating synthetic antibodies.

The paper published by the journal Nano Letters has already been retracted.

A university investigation found doctoral candidate Rajasekhar Anumolu changed the images, which were the basis for all the findings in the paper published in June 2013, Botkin said. Anumolu did not return phone and email messages seeking comment.

The university denied Anumolu his doctorate as a result of the investigation.

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Police search for vandal

Authorities are looking for a man who reportedly vandalized a North Avenue store that sells hookahs, hookah tobacco and e-cigarettes, according to Mesa County Crime Stoppers.

The incident took place around 4:45 a.m. Sept. 12 at Smoke Shop ETC, 1059 North Ave.

Video surveillance captured images of a white or Hispanic male with a medium build, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing a jersey with the number 20 on it, shorts and a baseball cap.

The man used a metal or wooden rod to strike the rear glass door to the business. After an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry into the business, the suspect fled the scene.

Total property damage was estimated at more than \$400.

Anybody with information about the suspect is asked to call Crime Stoppers, 970-241-7867, or send a tip online, www.241STOP.com. Up to \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest.

According to Grand Junction Police Department:

■ Marcus Williams, 26, was booked into Mesa County Jail Friday on suspicion of third-degree assault, criminal mischief, and domestic violence at 961 White Ave.

■ Michael Ybarra, 21, was arrested and released on a summons Friday on suspicion of indecent exposure after allegedly urinating in public at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets.

■ Liliana Soto, 19, was booked into Mesa County jail Friday on suspicion of DUI af-

ter being stopped in the 1500 block of Crest View Way.

■ Ryan Godonis, 21, and Trent Buchanan, 18, were both arrested Saturday in the 700 Block of Bunting Avenue and released on summons on suspicion of interfering with police and possession of alcohol by an underage person.

■ Tony Dominguez, 29, was arrested near Eighth Street and Ouray Avenue Saturday and released on a summons for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and other charges.

■ James Campion, 27, was arrested Saturday in the 2800 Block of Orchard Avenue on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.

■ Someone known to police passed an insufficient funds check Sept. 22 in the 500 block of 25 Road, causing a loss of more than \$2,000.

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The Daily Sentinel's advertising deadlines will be moving up to accommodate the Thanksgiving Day holiday!

This early deadline schedule is designed to help you plan your advertising around the holiday.

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12/01, Monday.....	11/28, Friday, 1 PM

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