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Valentines

Once again, select Barbershop Quartets from The Music Men – North County's Premier A Cappella Chorus – are ready to deliver in-person Singing Valentines beginning Thursday morning, February 14 at 8 am and running through 8 pm that evening.

"What a great way to remember that Special Someone – be it your sweetheart, your husband, your wife – a co-worker – your favorite clerk or waitress – a special group or gathering – anyone and everyone," said Don Dawson, this year's chairman for The Music Men's Singing Valentine Program. "It's fun – it's unique – it's romantic," he added.

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Fat Boy Robber Arrested?

27 year old Javier Ulloa was arrested at his home in the 300 block of Calle Mariposa in Oceanside recently on suspicion of robbery, said San Diego County sheriff's Sgt. Art Wager.

Ulloa was in custody Tuesday on suspicion of robbing seven North County banks and one video store at gunpoint in what has been dubbed the case of the Fat Boy Bandit.

Sheriff's detectives have been working with FBI agents to solve a string of robberies of North County banks/businesses

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All the drovers had to do was follow the deepset wagon tracks north along Chisholm's Trail. Abilene was the primary destination at first, drawing herds from 1867 through 1871 -- that community's peak years as a cattle town.

Wichita was active as a cattle town primarily from 1872 through 1876. Then the herds moved farther west. Down in Indian Territory, herds broke off from the well-traveled Chisholm Trail and marched northeast to Dodge City. The "Queen of the Cowntowns" reigned from 1877 through the cattle driving era, in 1885. Cattlemen began using the Great Western Trail, up through the western part of Indian Territory, in an almost direct route north to Dodge City.

By 1876, when Dodge City was the leading cowtown, activity along the Chisholm Trail had slowed to a trickle in favor of the Great Western Trail. And by 1889, the dust along the old Chisholm Trail lay for the most part undisturbed by longhorn hoof. But in that all too brief period in history, between 5 million and 10 million head of cattle (depending on sources) had moved up the trail.

When the cattle drives abandoned the Chisholm Trail, it fell into obscurity. There were the stories, of course, mostly references in movies and books about the Old West, but the trail itself was swallowed up by civilization.

Sources:

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In the various territories that eventually became the state of Oklahoma (in 1907), the cattle followed one main route between the Red River and the Kansas state line. The route split at the Silver City crossing on the South Canadian River. The west branch, primarily used by stagecoach and freight wagons, ran through Fort Reno. The east branch curved through the Unassigned Lands and the current city of Yukon. The two branches came back together after crossing the Cimarron River, at or near the present-day town of Dover. From that point the trail was again one route north.

In Texas, south of the Red River, numerous routes have become known as the Chisholm Trail. Texas was a huge funnel, gathering in widespread cattle at the southern end and bringing them together at Red River Station to cross over into Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma). These trails became known as parts of the Chisholm Trail by association with the route farther north. Each trail has its place in history, but claims that the Chisholm Trail "originated" in San Antonio or Brownsville or Laredo or any of perhaps a hundred or so other communities just won't work.

The Texas trails fed the Chisholm Trail, and later as the Western Cattle Trail developed between Doan's Crossing on the Red River (southeast of Altus) and Dodge City, the Texas trails shifted west to feed it as well.

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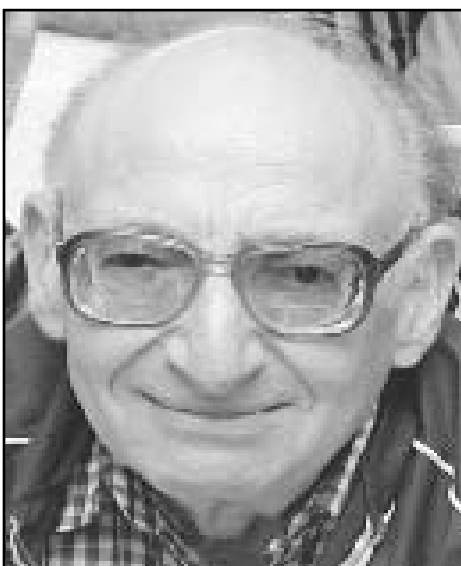
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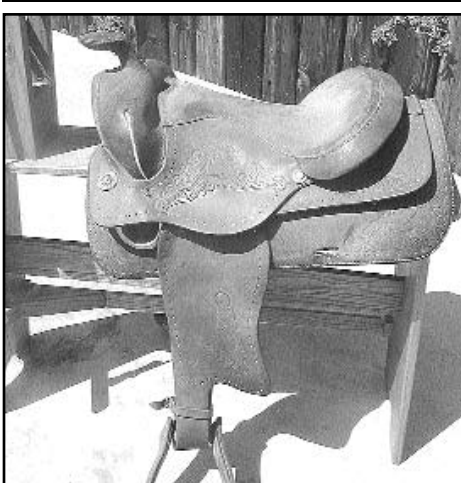
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