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From The Editor's Desk

After twenty-five years with the U.S. Public Health Service I have decided to retire and since I am still a young man (only 21 years past 30) I have decided to go West. I went to Hawaii last month and for better or for worse applied for a position with the Hawaiian Health Department.

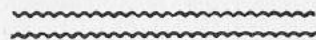
I may or may not get the job but, if I do, I'll have to sell out my holdings etc. both in Phoenix and Cholla Bay. The latter is the tough part. It's too bad I can't take Cholla Bay with me but guess I'll have to make out with Kaneohoe Bay.

Even though I wouldn't actually sell until I'm positive that I'm going, I'd be interested in hearing from anyone interested in buying my Cholla Cabin, Airstream trailer,

Coot, dory, or house in Phoenix. I plan to take the Boston Whaler, Glasshopper, and carry all with me, but could be talked out of them.

Incidentally, I've had several members volunteer help out with the Chatter. I sure do appreciate the offers and will be contacting the volunteers but if I go, we'll need someone to do more than help. Anyone interested in becoming editor should get in touch with me. It's a lot of work but I've sure enjoyed it.

It's Derby Time!!!



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ARTHUR SCHWARZ

PUPPY LOVE IS OFTEN THE BEGINNING OF A DOG'S LIFE.

Much time of the May meeting was devoted to the coming Derby. The following Chairmen are available if you desire any information: TICKETS-Dean Fisher; FISH JUDGING AND WEIGHING-Ray Mason; PRIZES-Roy Drake; SECURING WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM MEXICO-Bob Morris & Hector Guglielmo; FOOD PURCHASE AND PREPARATION-Jo Morris; PREPARATION OF COOKING FACILITIES AND TABLES-Chris Tatum and Bob Morris. Of course, Phoenix has their chairmen for each of the above committees and there will be a get-together at the Bay before the Derby starts. Please remember, this is your club and we need your help. Each of the above Chairmen will greatly appreciate you offering your services. The time required is very small, the help you give helps a lot. Please call.

SHE WORE HER SWEATER SO TIGHT I COULD HARDLY BREATHE.

Mike and Jo. Jungen of Sahuarita, we are glad to report, are recovering nicely from their serious accident.

THIS YEAR, WHY NOT CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY BY BUYING A FIFTH ON THE THIRD.

Leo and Mrs. Leo of Leo's Auto Supply, 2823 N. Stone Ave. attended this meeting. Thanks for the door prizes Leo. A butane torch for first prize and a plastic rain bonnet for each woman present and a plastic raincoat for each man. See what you miss by not attending meetings.

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By Mel Jarvis

Notice to all Search and rescue personnel, Phoenix and Tucson there will be a short search and rescue meeting at the Jarvis Boathouse (cabin 228) in Cholla 7:30 A.M. Friday, June 12th. Derby Day. try and be there.

If the weather is good and fishing is good this years Derby should be a real "whing Ding".

Search and Rescue wishes every one the best of luck and hope to see you ALL back on the beach in time to weigh that big one for the prize and money.

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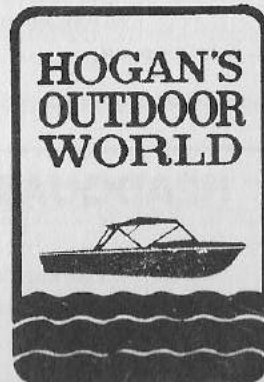
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It's A Shark

Charles I. Gause

Last month I mentioned the first organized sharking expedition based out of Puerto Penasco and Cholla Bay. Participants were representatives from the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Stanford University, and the University of Arizona.

Also, I mentioned discovery of the Scalloped Hammerhead (*Shyrna lewini*) in the northern Gulf of California heretofore unknown north of Guaymas. For some mysterious reason, this pelagic species usually found far out at sea was not found in the northern Gulf but right in Cholla Bay.

There are nine species of hammerheads which inhabit the seven seas. Probably six different species roam the Gulf of California. At the present time, positive identification of the other types of hammerheads in Cholla Bay waters remains to be determined.

Based on my tagging records and other information, the common species in the Puerto Penasco/Cholla Bay area is the Pacific Sharpnose shark (*Rhizoprionodon longurio*). Of the Reguim family, adults of this small species probably never grow beyond 3.6 feet in length.

Often, but not always, these are the pests that rob our cut bait and, on occasion, hook themselves onto our lines much to our displeasure.

Another small species that probably falls into this category are Smoothhounds, family Triakidae. This was the species taken on our long line (mentioned in my article last month) and was the first species

kept alive by Phil Miles for observation at the U of A biological laboratory at Puerto Penasco.

The larger species in the area are represented by, of course, the hammerheads and possibly the mako as indicated in the article "Broadside" by Toska Fieck in the March 1968 issue of the Chatter. On February 10 of that year, a 660 pound shark, tentatively identified as a mako, performed an amazing feat. Excited by the savory flavors of a fisherman's bait, this large shark streaked after the tantalizing tidbit as it was pulled from the water onto the deck. So fast was its strike it followed the bait through the air right into the midst of the five fishermen (two of them women) aboard their small outboard motorboat. Amazingly, this highly excited crew, totally unprepared for the situation, subdued the fish with only minor personal injuries to report, however, not without suffering considerable damage to their boat and their nerves.

Had this fish been successfully taken on a rod and reel, these fishermen would have had an equally thrilling experience to recount. "Anglers agree that few game fish can equal the spectacular leap and swift runs of the mako," report authors of the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, *Anglers' Guide to Sharks*. "Although other species seldom leap, and opinions on their fighting qualities may be varied, one thing is for certain: Any large shark, caught on suitable tackle, will test the fisherman's patience and endurance." Imagine the experience of bringing to gaff a 660 pound mako after hours of fighting power-turn to next pg.

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ful runs and spectacular leaps.

It is interesting to note that the International Game Fish Association recognizes the mako, blue, porbeagle, white, thresher, tiger, and sawfish among the 50 species of game fish on which worldwide records are kept. That is, of the 50 species of game fish throughout the world, seven are sharks.

"There is every reason to believe that waters of the Northern Gulf of California are just right for the great white shark, particularly in areas inhabited by large numbers of California sea lions," commented Leonard J. Compagno, member of our expedition and doctoral candidate at Stanford University. In my opinion, Cholla Bay fishermen who learned the ABC's of sport fishing for sharks (to distinguish the men from the boys), have an excellent chance of returning from Isla San, Jorge (Bird Island) with a record catch that would astound the sporting community throughout the Gulf of California.

Another of the large sharks that should inhabit waters of the Gulf of California is the sand shark, family Odontaspidae. According to the experts, analysis of fossilized remains suggest that this interesting species roamed the Gulf over 100,000 years ago and mysteriously disappeared from the area for some unknown reason. Conditions now seem just right for its return. Catch a sand shark of any size and you cannot make a record with the International Game & Fish Association, but you could make scientific history! What are the chances of taking a sand shark in the Gulf of California? Probably greater than a million to one. But the event

could happen any day.

Lest the integrity of some of our fishing companions be infringed upon, mention of the sand shark respectfully deserves a special note. It's the popular notion of the average fisherman in any locality the world over that the common small shark taken from the waters in which he is fishing is the sand shark. Those who have returned to Cholla Bay after a hard day's fishing only to comment that all they caught were "just a bunch of sand sharks" are obviously supporting popular opinion but are justifiably most incorrect.

As a matter of fact, correct identification of shark species takes a little practice.

to be concluded next month

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OFFICIAL DERBY RULES

The Phoenix and Tucson Chapters collaborated on drawing up a basic set of rules to be used in future fish derbies. The only changes that need to be made from year to year will be the date and time. These rules were presented to the Council at its September 1967 meeting and after some discussion and a few minor changes were ratified. 1970 Council made some changes in classes of fish.

Classes of fish--Eighteen classes of fish will be eligible for prizes for hook and line fishermen. These are:

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| 1. Grouper | 10. Dolphin |
| 2. Pinto | 11. Red Snapper |
| 3. Sea Bass | 12. Pargo |
| 4. White Sea Bass | 13. Skipjack |
| 5. Rock Bass | 14. Flounder |
| 6. Sea Trout | 15. Sailfish |
| 7. Pompano | 16. Cochi |
| 8. Mackerel | 17. Sardinero |
| 9. Yellow Fin | 18. Lady Fish |

Types of Prizes--There will be prizes for first and second place in each class for each day of the derby. **Grand prize** will be for the largest fish caught. Also a **Grand Prize** for the largest fish caught by a lady fisherman. Additional prizes will be first, second and third place for "odd ball" fish. A prize will be given the oldest fisherman with a valid Derby ticket. Prizes for shell fish will be in two categories--Skin Divers and Beach.

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Judging--Judging of fish for prizes shall be done by judges appointed by the Council with an equal number from each Chapter. The Derby Chairman is not to be appointed as a judge. Judging of the largest fish will be by weight. Fish will be weighed on a set of P Cotton scales. No one fish can take two prizes except that fish that have trophies donated for the first caught of the season, such as Sailfish and Dolphin.

Tickets--Each contestant official times will be established by the Council. The official closing time will be posted at the scales. All fish must be weighed in before closing time. There are to be no exceptions. Two (2) men will be responsible for closing the scales each day of the Derby.

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Awards--Presentation of awards will be made the evening of the last day of the Derby. Winners do not have to be present to receive their prizes.

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Man but it's been a long time since this dirty old man has waltzed off with a Derby prize of any kind -- in fact the last one I gathered in was a drawing prize and the last trophy to grace the Valentine mantle was put there by my upstart of a young son -- very humiliating to a very high class type fisherman like myself.

There are enough categories to win prizes in, that even a half sassed fisherman with a small degree of skill and any luck at all, should be able to win something.

For instance -- trolling a no. 15 Tony Accetta pet spoon at a pretty fast clip will almost guarantee you Sierra Mackerel hookups along the shoreline anywhere from Pelican Point all the way south to the other side of Rocky Point. It's quite a bit tougher to hang into a Sea Trout, (thanks to our buddies the Gillnetters) but by working the beaches hard enough, spincasting Mr. Champs, Kastmasters, Dixie Jets or Stingsilda lures, you just might luck into a school that the Gillnetters have missed. Believe me, anyone who lucks into a Sea Trout or Pompano of any size should be sure and check it in at the Derby scales.

I'm not about to tell anyone how you go about nailing Pinto or Grouper -- this just isn't my cup of tea --

other than to mouth off as to the fact that just about anywhere you can locate a pile of rocks on the bottom, you're pretty liable to hang into a mean tempered Pinto, and the bigger the rocks the more chance of socking it to a Grouper. Almost any group of rocks is pretty apt to harbour a small clan of Pintos, but in order to locate a Grouper nest, you have to locate either boulder-type rocks, or a canyon with caves in the walls. To successfully land these brutes, you have to use extremely heavy tackle to snake them loose from their rocky sanctuary. The three methods used to get these babies into your goodie sack, are trolling, bait fishing or jigging. It is advisable to use a short stiff boat rod with roller guides and a heavy duty reel loaded with steel line, when trolling for these bottom dwellers.

Any large deep running lure, such as a Creek Chub plug, Salty Boogie, Martin or no. 19 or no. 21 Accetta pet spoon will get the job done.

The same type rod and reel but with heavy monofilament (from 60 to 100 pound test), a 6/0, 7/0 or 8/0 hook, and a sinker from 8 to 16 ounces, is the proper rig to bait fish with. Man, when one of those brutes inhale your bait, you just about have to snub up that first run or kiss him and your terminal tackle bye-bye. The best baits are Mackerel, Squid, Skipjack, Rock Bass, Croaker or Mullet.

Jigging is my cup of tea. But, don't plan on winning any trophies fishing this way. This is the fun type method of catching these bottom dwellers, but the tackle you use is much too light to handle the big bruisers. You simply can't stop a

big (twenty pounds or over) Grouper or Pinto from over-powering twenty pound mono --- unless you happen to be one damn lucky angler. If you want to take a chance, and be a real sporty type, use a heavy duty fresh water bass rod, a small salt-water reel with at least 150 yards of 20 or 25 pound mono, and tie directly to the mono, either a feather jig, diamond jig, hammer-head hootchy jig, or any other large (2 to 3 ounce) fish fooler. Just bounce your offering along the bottom in a sexy manner, any you're liable to hang a hook into all sorts of surprises -- like exotic seaweed, fine specimens of rockhood and even occasionally a surprised fish.

Like I said earlier at the start of this taking breath story, anyone with a small degree of skill and a helluva lot of luck should win something -- even I'm going to try.

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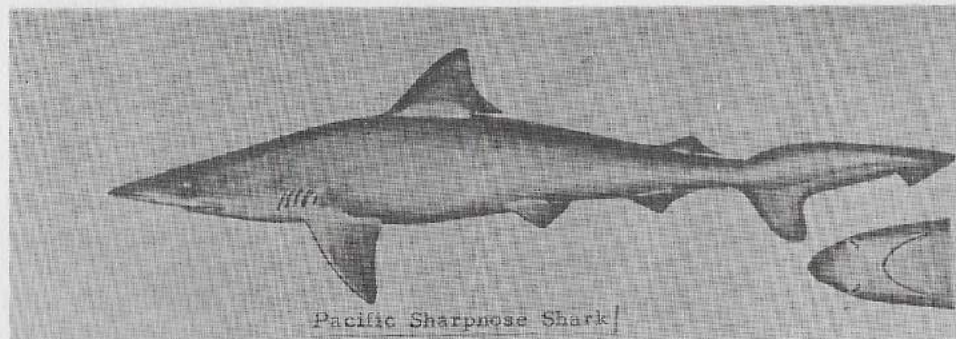
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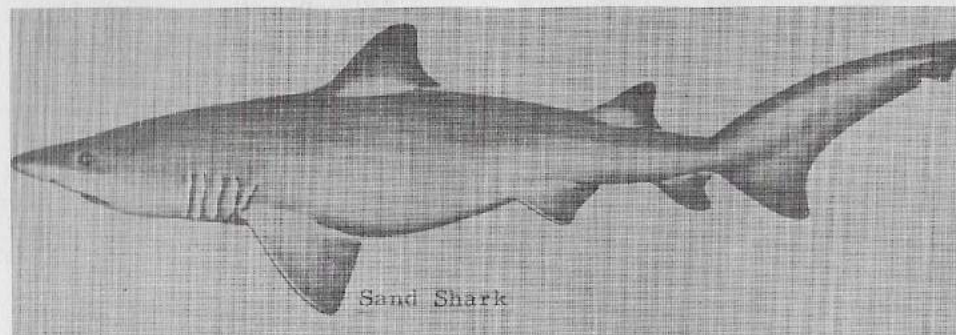
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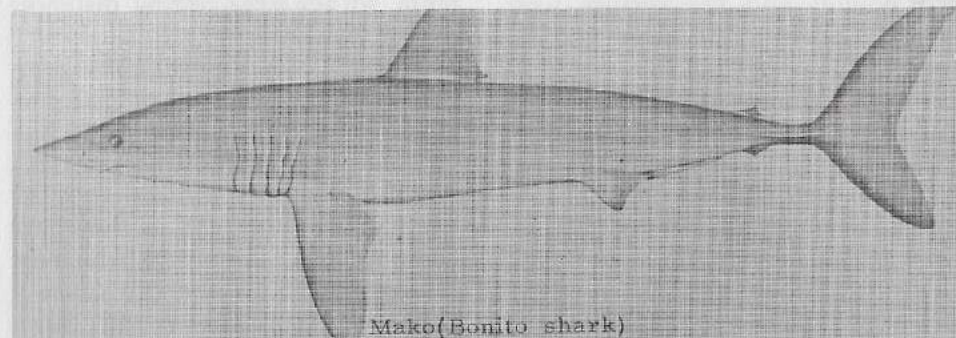
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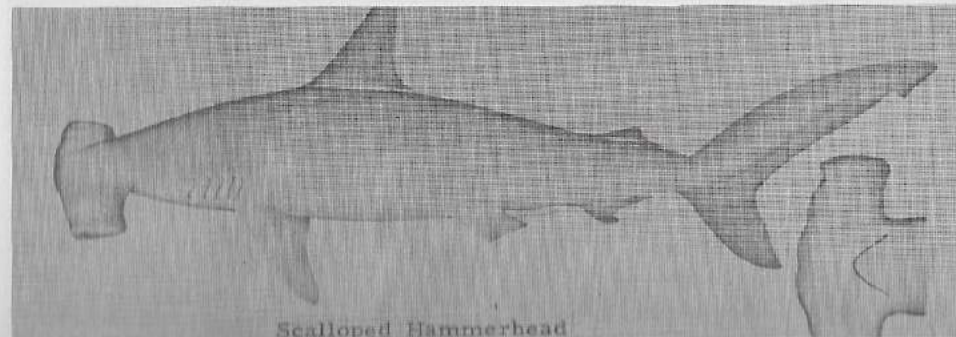
Pacific Sharpnose Shark



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Mako (Bonito) shark



Scalloped Hammerhead



By Gene Henry

Next to seatrout, pompano furnish the most fishing action for Rocky Point surfcasters. This slab-sided gamefish is to surf fishing what bluegill and crappie are to fresh-water fishing. Like the bluegill and crappie, pompano seldom exceed two pounds and the average size caught is probably no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ pound.

What the pompano lacks in size is made up for by its fighting ability. When it turns that flat side toward you and takes off parallel to the beach, you would swear a fish twice its size was on the end of the line.

The pompano is also a jumper of note: It's not unusual for them to take a series of gyrating leaps before boring for the bottom. The lighter the lure the more jumps you are likely to get.

To get the most sport fishing for pompano, it is best to use light tackle. I personally prefer a light fresh-water spinning outfit. While they will hit heavier $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 ounce lures, I've had the best success using various types of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce wobbler spoons and jigs tied directly

on to 6 pound test monofilament line.

Pompano also furnish great sport for fly fishing enthusiasts. They take flies readily, especially buck-tail streamers. The most popular patterns with gulf fishermen are the integration and platinum blonde streamers. A good supply of these flies are available in Phoenix at Al Ellis' Anglers Roost.

This makes for great family fishing, especially when they are moving in and out of the estuaries with the incoming and outgoing tides. At these times Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma and all the kids can get into the action as pompano do not spook easily like trout.

Pompano are found along all the sandy beaches and move up into the estuaries in large numbers at high tide periods. They generally work in closer to shore than trout which puts them within easy casting distance.

For those who like to eat as well as catch fish, pompano are a gourmet's delight. There are many recipes for frying, baking and broiling these tasty little critters. A word of caution though! They are nasty rascals to clean as they have sharp spines in the top fin which are mildly poisonous and can cause a mighty sore puncture wound. Some fishermen cut off the top fin with shears before gutting them.

Be sure to check your pompano regardless of size at the Derby. The first prize has been taken many times by a pompano under one pound and usually only a few ounces separate the top and second prizes. This isn't meant to belittle these game little fighters as a one-pound pompano puts on as good a show on light matching tackle as a much larger fish caught on heavier tackle.



By Mel Jarvis

It's fun time again, "Yep" the Cholla Derby is close at hand. Every one is busy doing his or her thing to make it the big success it always is.

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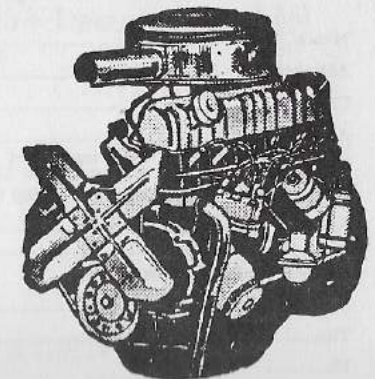
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Kind of fish
Number caught
weight or length
where caught
Anything else you think of interest.

The following turned in either blue or pink slips: F. Abram, Ed Ritzer, F. W. Zimmerman (twice), Robert Thomas, C. G. Coker, and J. B. Burgett. Between them they caught 35 rock bass, 3 sea bass, 53 pinto and 4 sea trout. In addition both Mrs. Don Barber and Hector Monro put a "jaw fish" in the barrel fo formalin on the Oceanographic station patio. Thanks.

Membership Application and Beneficiary Designation

Cholla Bay Sportsmans Club

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ YEARS _____

I hereby designate the following named beneficiary under CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY Policy No. SR 168504 for the Loss of Life Indemnity, subject to the conditions named in said policy: Fifty per cent (50%) to the Cholla Bay Sportsmans Club Search and Rescue Fund.

Fifty per cent (50%) to: _____

if living, otherwise to my estate.

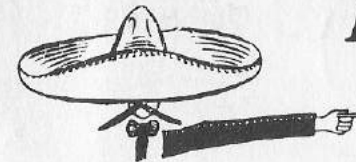
Signed at _____ State of _____

This _____ day of _____

19 _____

Witness

Applicant



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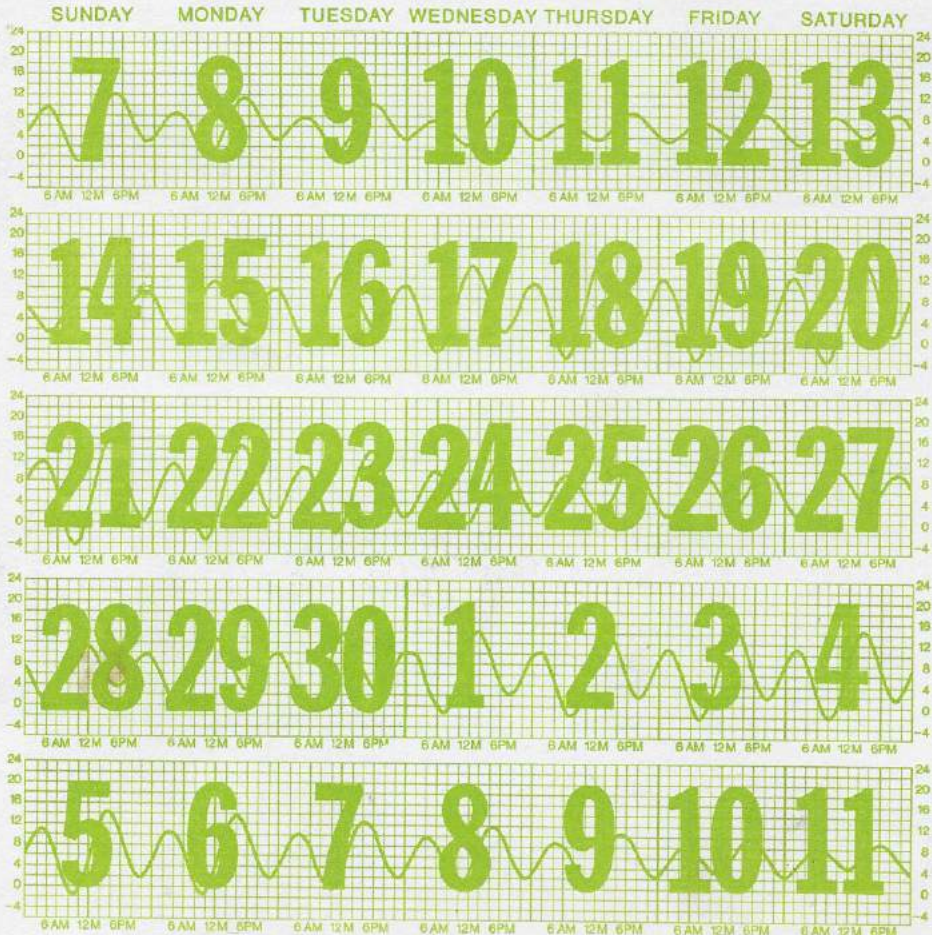


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