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To our members who are ill, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you real soon at meetings and at the Bay.

WENT TO A PARTY THE OTHER NIGHT AND SOME OF THE NECKLINES WERE SO LOW THE BABIES STARTED CRYING.

Our August meeting was more of a success than most of the other meetings had been. A lightning storm came up and all the lights went out for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Ha. Ha. Sorry I could not attend. However, for the

benefit of others who could not attend here is a brief of what happened.

SIX YEAR OLD JOHNNIE HAD PICKED UP A LOT OF SWEAR WORDS AND HIS MOTHER COULD NOT BREAK HIM OF THE HABIT. ONE DAY SHE PACKED HIS CLOTHES AND PUT HIM OUT AND TOLD HIM NOT TO RETURN UNTIL HE STOPPED SWEARING. SHE WATCHED HIM IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE HE WAS NOT MOVING. SHE OPENED THE DOOR AND TOLD HIM TO BEAT IT. HE ANSWERED-"I WOULD IF I KNEW WHERE THE HELL TO GO."

Revisions to the Constitution and By-laws were discussed. Members present were asked to make suggestions. This also applies to everyone reading this. Conditions have changed since they were first written over 10 years ago. It needs bringing up to date.

FATHER WAS SHOPPING WITH HIS LITTLE GIRL IN A STORE. SHE SAID "I HAVE TO GO, AND I HAVE TO GO NOW." THE SALESLADY SAID "I WILL TAKE HER." WHEN THEY RETURNED FATHER SAID "DID YOU THANK THE LADY?" LITTLE GIRL ANSWERED "WHY SHOULD I,

SHE HAD TO GO TOO!"

President Morris and Frank Zimmerman have located a school bus which the Club can present to the people of Cholla Bay for transferring their children to the Rocky Point school. The one hitch is that it is a Government Bus. Every effort is being made to have it released by school starting time.

Betty Capen's letter to me was read to those present. We need articles for the Chatter and members are asked to PLEASE write a small article of some experience you have had on the way to the Bay, at the Bay, or on your way home. It doesn't have to be a hair-raising episode. Just a quiet little story of something interesting. Did you get into trouble during the recent rains. If it happened in Tucson it is still interesting.

THERE WAS A BEATNIC CANNIBAL WHO ATE 3 SQUARES A DAY.....

The road to the Bay was discussed. There is a scraper at Cholla and possibly if we offered to work with Mr. Brown something could be accomplished.

Phoenix Chapter suggested that a large bulletin board be put up at the Radio Shack. Tucson supports this.

MARRIAGE IS A WAY OF FINDING OUT WHAT KIND OF A GUY YOUR WIFE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED..... President Morris is looking for a good electric frige to present to the Mexican Marines at Rocky Point. Do any of you members have a frige you are not using? If so, please contact Bob Morris (622-6081) and he will convey it to its destination. Lately Bob has brought much hospital equipment from St. Marys in Tucson to the Rocky Point and Sonoyta hospitals....

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The Scorpion Fauna of Cholla Bay

By Neil F. Hadley

Assistant Professor of Zoology
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Scorpions are among the more common arthropods found in desert habitats in the Southwest, although they are by no means restricted to a desert environment. Taxonomically, scorpions are placed in the class Arachnida, a group to which spiders, mites, ticks, and daddy-longlegs also belong. One can easily recognize a scorpion from these close relatives and other animals by its distinct body form, for it is unique in having its tail-like abdomen modified to end in a sting. The sting is attached to the end of the last segment (telson) which contains a pair of venom glands. While the venom produced is toxic enough to be lethal to many organisms upon which scorpions feed, only a few species have been shown to produce a venom which can be fatal to man.

Preliminary investigations show that five different species, belonging to two families, occur in the Cholla Bay area. In the family Buthidae, the only representative is Centruroides sculpturatus. This scorpion is best identified by its reddish-orange color and long slender tail, which in the male is approximately twice the length of the body. Unlike the other scorpions here, Centruroides is primarily a non-burrowing species. It seeks out shelter beneath rocks, vegetational debris, trash, boards, and the like during the day. At night it actively hunts for small insects and other invertebrates on the surface. Caution should be taken when this species is encountered, for the venom in some populations of C. sculpturatus has been shown to be quite poisonous. To my knowledge, the Cholla Bay population has never been investigated in this respect.

The remaining four species of scorpions all belong to the family Vejovidae. The largest of these is the "sand" or "hairy" scorpion, Hadrurus hirsutus. Adults of this species commonly measure 3 1/2 - 4 inches in length, and may attain 5 inches. Other means of identification in addition to its size are the presence of large, reddish bristles arising from the telson and a dark, interocular crescent on the carapace. Active only at night, Hadrurus spend the hot days in burrows of their own construction or those of lizards or small mammals. In spite of its large size, it is believed that this species is comparatively harmless in terms of its venomous properties.

Perhaps the most abundant scorpion is Vejovis mesaensis. Adults of this species also attain fairly good size and can be confused with juveniles of Hadrurus; however, V. mesaensis lacks the dark ocular crescent present in Hadrurus. Vejovis Mesaensis can be found at night in any of the sand lots within the community or along the coastal dunes. Along with V. mesaensis one also usually finds V. confusus, the latter species being characterized by its slender claws and long, slender pedipalp fingers. Both V. mesaensis and V. confusus are burrowing species often found at night sitting nearby or at the entrances to their respective burrows.

The fourth species of the family Vejovidae is Vejovis baergi. This is a new species which has been recently described in a paper published by the California Academy of Sciences. This species is the least common of the five species; little is known about its ecology. V. baergi appears to be a burrower like V. confusus and V. mesaensis. Specimens have been taken from the sand lots in back of the Oceanographic Station and in dune communities on either side of the granitic hills between Cholla Bay and Sandy Beach.

Scorpions are collected by several different methods. During the day, turning rocks, trash, or the like will usually locate a few individuals. Buried "pit-fall" traps have also been successful. These consist simply of large food cans sunken into the ground and each then covered with a flat piece of rock or board. A small opening is left to provide an apparent

burrow entrance for the unsuspecting scorpion. However, to collect scorpions in numbers, one must be active at night when they are. During this time, scorpions can easily be detected by ultraviolet light under which they fluoresce brightly. Portable mineralights are excellent for this purpose. Unlike their reaction to visible light, scorpions do not appear to be sensitive to ultraviolet light, and this permits close observation of their behavior while on the surface.

The studies currently being conducted at Cholla Bay are designed to provide additional information on the biology and ecology of these scorpions. With the use of ultraviolet light and fluorescent dyes, a detailed account of the scorpions' nocturnal activities, population size, and community structure will be possible. Questions to be answered include: "when do the scorpions first appear at night; how long do they remain on the surface; do they move around on the surface; do temperature, relative humidity, wind, moonlight affect their activity?" At the termination of the field study, some scorpions will be collected and returned to the laboratory at Arizona State University. Here the physiological relationships and tolerances of these organisms to their respective environments will be investigated.

little is known about the lethal temperature thresholds of these scorpions or about their mechanisms for maintaining a positive water balance.

You can help the study by turning in any scorpions you find to the Choya Bay Oceanographic Station. Such contributions will tell us more about

the seasonal activity patterns of the various species. Be sure to include with the specimen information on when and where the scorpion was collected. Chances are excellent that there are more than five species living in the Cholla Bay area--maybe your specimen will be a new one!

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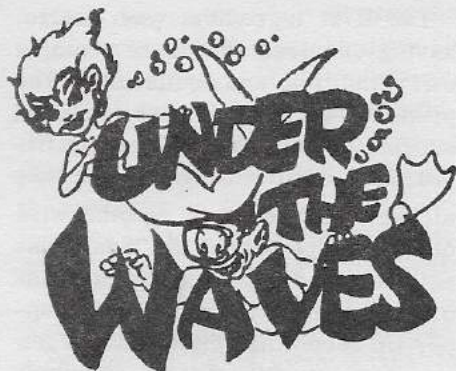
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care. They ask questions like "I wonder why they aren't biting?", or "I wonder if I'm in the right spot?" or a dozen similar questions. Now, of the people who do care, we have the doers and non-doers. For the latter, there is no hope, they are really no better off than the people who don't care. But, if you are a doer who cares, the solution is simple, you merely don mask, fins, and snorkel and you go see for yourself. When you do, you will discover a whole new world. A busy world of countless living organisms, each going about performing its function in this new and friendly place. You will see species of fish undreamed of by our friend on the surface. Shells, fan coral and dense growth of algae all add to making the scene one of unforgettable beauty.

You say you're hooked and you want to know how to get started? Well maybe I can help you.

The first ingredient was desire, having acquired this there remains only the time and equipment. The proper selection of mask, fins and snorkel is important. A poorly fitted mask or ill-fitting fins can take all the pleasures from an otherwise pleasant experience. If a mask does not fit properly, it can either leak or exert undue pressure on the upper lip becoming painful after a few minutes. Ill-fitting fins or poorly designed fins will cramp your legs or cause blisters on your feet. There are dozens upon dozens of mask and fins on the market but only a few worthwhile. When you are ready to buy, get good professional equipment. The difference between the top quality and the mass market sales equipment is only a dollar or two.

To determine if a mask fits you is a simple task. Without using the straps, gently place the mask over your eyes and nose and inhale through your nose. The mask should stick to your face like a suction cup. If you have to press the mask to your face to get it to stick, it is not a good fit.

Fins should fit snug so they will not come off in water but not so tight as to hurt. Any slight discomfort at time of purchase will become worse as you use them for prolonged periods of time. The blade shape of the fin is important if you wish to avoid leg cramps and get maximum thrust for the least amount of work. A good fin should float thus assuring you that it is made of pure gum rubber, and not mixtures of clay and rubber. This latter type besides being short-lived does not have the snap a good fin needs. A snorkel should be J shaped (no ping pong ball), made of rubber, comfortable in the mouth and easy to clean.

Having purchased your equipment you are now ready to try your hand at using it. The best place to learn is in a swimming pool.

First attach your snorkel to your mask strap by means of the small figure 8 holder that comes with your snorkel. In attaching the snorkel to the strap the snorkel should go between the strap and the side of the head. Place the mask on the face and slide the snorkel around until it positions comfortably in your mouth without distorting the mask from your face. Put your fins on your feet and step into the water.

The first thing to notice is that your vision underwater is now sharp and clear (thanks to the mask). The next

thing to notice is that in snorkeling the body floats just below the surface (very few exceptions) and since the snorkel sticks up out of water, it is very effortless to float and breathe. In this manner many effortless hours may be spent floating and looking.

Next you concentrate on developing a proper kick with your fins. The "proper" kick to use will depend largely on the type of fin you have. If your fins are of the wedge type, a flutter kick is used with the thighs and hips doing all the work and knees and ankles held loose. If the curved bladed fin is used a bicycling action (with a slight push) is used.

One of the most common problems in snorkeling is that of not relaxing in the water. It is essential that you convince yourself that you won't sink. Then you can relax.

As you swim along the surface exploring the bottom there is a tendency to look at interesting objects without stopping so that as you swim over the object your head tilts downward continuing to look at the object in question. This causes the snorkel to tip forward and into the water disrupting your breathing. In the beginning concentrate on keeping your stare fixed at a point on the bottom ahead of you. This will keep your snorkel in the upright position. As you gain experience, this will no longer be necessary as you will have an instinctive feeling for the location of the end of your snorkel. After a little practice you will be ready to advance to making surface dives.

Most individuals should be able to dive to 10, 15, or 20 feet with little effort. In most cases this is adequate to explore the shallow water off the Pelican Point area at Cholla Bay.

When you dive with a snorkel you start by taking a large breath and holding it for the duration of the dive. Do not exhale underwater. Wait until your snorkel breaks the surface and exhale, this will also clear the water from your snorkel permitting you to inhale. Upon surfacing avoid lifting your body out of water, this requires work. In order to execute the surface dive let your arms hang downward in the water and let your legs float near the surface. Gradually lower your head below the surface and at the same time raise your fins out of water and above you. The weight of your fins and legs will force you underwater. The moment the fins are in the water start kicking and down you go.

If you have to fight too hard to get to the bottom you will probably need a weight belt with a few pounds of lead. To fight the need for lead will only exhaust you and takes all the pleasure from diving.

Upon descending you will note the mask will tend to squeeze down on your face. To correct this merely exhale slightly through your nose until the mask returns to its normal position. If your ears hurt, equalize the pressure by swallowing or moving your jaws. If this does not work, and if you are not plugged up with mucous from a head cold or sinus problems, get out of water and practice the Val Salva method, that is, hold your nostrils closed with your fingers and gently blow until your ears pop. Repeat this until your ears clear readily then continue diving. If you have a mucous problem you might try one of the many preparations on the market for clearing up your upper respiratory region.

Never use ear plugs as they are a hazard in diving. Now you are ready to have fun, just remember to always dive with a buddy and use a float or inflatable life vest or belt or dive from a boat.

From June until the end of October the aforementioned equipment is all you will need. If, however, you wish to dive all year long the purchase or rental of a wet suit will permit it. Winter diving has the advantage that the water seems to contain much more life. A well fitted wet suit will keep you warm for several hours at a time.

If you are having so much fun underwater and you hate to come up for air, then you are ready for SCUBA diving. If this is the case, it is strongly urged that you take a certified SCUBA course from a certified instructor. SCUBA diving is a safe sport when practiced by a trained diver, it is not a do-it-yourself project.

So, if you like to know how the other half lives don't be surprised if you become one of them or if not, at least you will find out where the fish are hiding.

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Search and Rescue is trying to work out some type of lighting system so it will be easier to get your bearings when trying to get in after dark. We have the lights, where to put them and operating them still has to be worked out.

I'm sure everyone is familiar with the beacon light at Rocky Point, it can be very useful in telling you where you are if you know how to use it. We will try to explain this to everyone at our regular meetings and in coming Search and Rescue reports.

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Finale

Now that the party has come to a successful end - I would like to give credit to all those, who gave so much of their time and effort toward making the Shipwreck Party a possibility. It takes the good help of so many people to accomplish this - and I certainly do appreciate it. The Party Committee took part in all the planning, making decorations, making the sand

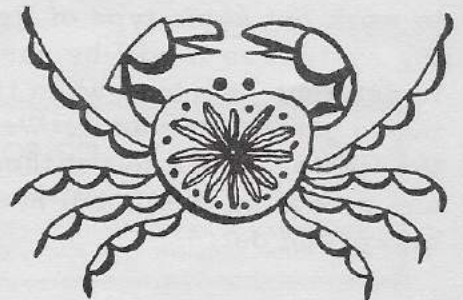
candles and the decorating - also greeting guests at the door and selling tickets. Thanks again to the following:(and their husband or wife), Debbie Jarvis and Marlana, Mary Taylor and Belle, Peg Allison, Teresa Conner, Verline Barber, Cy Curtis, Helen Reed, Adeline Sanderson, Barbara Waren, Bonnie Lahr, Betty Capen and Dick Allyn, Ticket Chairman.

It was the largest and financially most successful party ever held by the Phoenix Club -with no expense to the Club. The biggest change made this year was selling the tickets in advance, which proved highly successful - as this helped the planning committee in making the arrangements, well ahead of time.

The best part of a good party is a big congenial and fun crowd, which we obviously had - all 226 of us.

My "Thanks" again and hope to see you at the next Phoenix Chapter party.....

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On August 13th, Jack was presented with the trophies for the 1st Dolphin and the 1st Sailfish caught out of Cholla Bay. Harry Capen gave the Dolphin Trophy for the Phoenix Chapter and Bill Valentine gave the Sailfish Trophy for the Arizona Republic. A set of pictures taken of the Sailfish, by the Frank Zimmermans of Tucson, were also given to Jack. Congratulations again!!

Please remember you must be a current member of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club to qualify for these trophies.

During the August general meeting of the Phoenix Chapter, a new life membership card was given to Al Scott. It was a replica of the one presented to him by the Council in 1966. A plaque was also presented to Al by Dick Allyn, from the Phoenix Chapter.

On August 13th, at the annual Phoenix Party, a life membership card and plaque were presented to Bill Valentine, by Harry Capen of the Phoenix Chapter.

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August finds millions of Americans once more pitting meager experience, blunted instincts for survival and accumulated superstitions against nature.

Nowhere is urban man tested more severely than in the

new group of national seashore parks being developed around the coasts of the United States. In contrast to inland parks, these seashore recreation areas encourage visitors to spice up their vacations by sampling fish, crabs and other shellfish that thrive in protected ocean and tidal waters. Inland you don't even scare the animals.

Naturalists at Assateague National Seashore near Washington, D. C., for example, conduct daily classes in clamming. Often, a hundred men, women and children show up for the demonstrations. At other parks visitors are encouraged to use a line, net and fish heads or chicken necks to tease crabs out of a tidal marsh. It is only one more step to make a meal of your catch.

At this point, urban man flirts with poisoning and even death. He long ago lost the powerful stomach contents that enabled his ancestors to coexist with the hordes of bacteria and toxic one-celled organisms flourishing in the sun-warmed, salty coastal waters. Crabs, oysters, clams, lobsters, shrimp and other shellfish haven't. They have

even adapted to living in waters polluted by sewage, pesticides and agricultural industrial wastes, DDT, other chemicals. Bacteria ingested by these animals include deadly botulin, which recently caused the death of a New Jersey man and a nationwide recall of one company's canned food products. Also a threat is salmonella, cause of severe nausea, cramps, diarrhea and fever. Vibrios germs, implicated in Cholera, and staphylococcus bacteria, whose poisons produce digestive upsets, also live in many shellfish.

Pollution poses few problems in the new seashore parks. Most are located far from industrial and agricultural effluent, and most are on water that changes rapidly with each tide. Where pollution may exist, government sanitarians keep a close watch on the water and post signs conspicuously. Outside park areas, the vacationer seeking fresh shellfish should check with local authorities or buy from licensed markets.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tips for commercial shellfish processors apply equally well for the family that wants to savor the taste

of food fresh from the sea. The FDA advises steaming shellfish for at least 10 minutes or dropping them in boiling water for 20-30 minutes. Crabs turn brilliant orange-red when they are done - as do lobsters. Other shellfish have no such indicator.

Oysters and clams clean themselves of their own wastes and the sand that makes for a gritty, unappetizing meal. Assateague naturalists advise putting clams in a bucket of fresh water with one-third cup of salt per gallon. Clams, essentially living pumps, will circulate this water through themselves disposing of wastes.

The FDA advises eating crabs as soon after cooking as possible. If stored for even a few hours after cooking, pack the meat in a closed, clean container and put in the ice chest or a refrigerator.

Since food taste is closely linked to individual psychology, home economists advise cleaning crabs out of the sight of squeamish guests and children. Because crab wastes accumulate in the shells, opening one is not an appetizing sight.

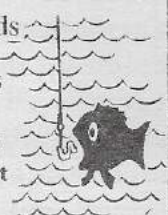


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By Bill Valentine

Any fisherman who is blessed with a family that enjoys tagging along with Poppa on his outings, just has to take a crack at chartering one of the off season shrimp boats for a voyage down south to the mid-riff section of the gulf. Just watching momma and the kids hang a hook into either some unseen monster cruising the depths, or seeing the excitement generated when a big dolphin whaps a trolled bait or the beautiful sight of a sailfish fin slipping up behind your offering, makes the whole deal worthwhile.

The fishing is absolutely fantastic among the Midriff Islands, where I seriously doubt the danger of over fishing will ever take place. (No Gillnetters!)

When five families of us recently took such a journey, we (parents) were a trifle apprehensive as to how the kids, ranging in age from nine year olds thru eighteen year olds, would stand up under the rigors of life aboard the 65 footer for seven full days and nights. Our fears were absolutely groundless -- those little rascals took to life aboard like they were all born on a rolling deck.

The natural good nature and gentleness of our wonderful Mexican crew had one helluva lot to do with the success of the venture. When it comes to kids, there seems to be no language barrier between them and the good humored crewmen.

There are several shrimpers who are attempting to get into the charter service during the "no shrimp" season, and the procedure they use is beautiful.

Toward the tail end of the shrimp season, they deactivate the craft, and completely refurbish and repaint the boat from stem to stern, and watch-

ing Alberto Lizarraga's crew at work during the trip, I'm quite sure that the "cleanliness is next to godliness" theory is uppermost in their minds at all times.

The deal we made with Alberto, was so much per head for the adults, and no charge for the kids. He furnished a spic and span shrimper, fuel for same, five tons of crushed ice to keep our catch and perishables, a huge canvas awning to cover the rear deck, an excellent cook and four of the best damn crewmen in the business. We, in turn, furnished three auxilliary boats to fish out of, all the food(including chow for the crew)buze, beer, pop, our own fuel for the small boats, our bedding(everyone slept on deck, altho there was ample "inside room" in case of bad weather), fishing tackle (take plenty), deck chairs and tables, and a set of dominoes to while away the time between moves.

There is no way to set a dollar value on the terrific fishing we got into, but if we had been in the commercial fishing business, I'm quite sure that we could have sold the fish we returned with and made a tidy profit above our expenses. The bonus'es, besides the tremendous fishing,

are the sights you see enroute --like a pod of he and she whales blowing steam high in the air--tremendous schools of friendly porpoise grinning up at you as they gracefully glide thru the crystal clear water almost - but never - colliding with the bow and sides of the stately shrimper as it knives thru the placid gulf.

Believe me, just the memories of the strength of some of the fish you fought -- the sights you've seen, and above all, the companionship of the passengers and crew, as everyone pitched in to see that every task was completed without anyone getting the worst of it, was well worth the price of admission.....

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Has any member ever wondered about the Chatter costs and etc? Thought this report might be of some interest to you. The costs have been cut considerably, in the last 8 months.

| <u>Receipts Monthly (sure)</u> | |
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| Phoenix ads | \$141.00 |
| Tucson ads | 24.00 |
| Ajo ads | 24.00 |
| | \$189.00 |
| <u>Disbursements Monthly</u> | |
| Printing | \$200.00 |
| Mailing | 31.56 |
| Address labels | 6.00 |
| | \$237.56 |

Approximate cost to the Council monthly is \$48.72.

For the first time in many years, there are no individuals receiving any percentages of the monies taken in. Everything done is strictly volunteer work.

Will take this opportunity to "THANK" all the members who have helped me get the Chatter out every month.

B. C. - Ed



By . . . MEL JARVIS

For years we had to overcome the problems of the outboard, and we still are. With each new year it would bring with it the new problems of the new engine, and eventually we would overcome them. Then came the outdrives, or I/O's as they are called. This engine having been designed and proven for many years (after all its only an old car engine converted for marine use) has given very little trouble.

The outdrive has had some problems but most of this has been engineered out. After all the I/O is still very young and has only in the past ten years or so, operated really successfully, but now that the I/O's are really on their own, they have a real problem and its not the machinery. It's the element it spends its life in, Water. The I/O's that are 2 or 3 years old are in the group that is due to have plumb-

ing problems. It comes on very slowly and it starts the first hour you put your rig in the water. Because of the high volume pump (and believe me the pump in an outdrive can really put out the water), high RPM's such as rapidly changing RPM's with skiing and high temperature, the exhaust manifolds, thermostat housing and other parts of the engine cooling system slowly start plugging up with mineral deposits (kind of like a tea kettle) slowing down the water circulation. One of the first signs is the hot light coming on at high RPM's. If the water pump is found to be O.K. then the next step is to check the complete cooling system, and I hope the fresh water sailor doesn't think he is excluded. Fresh water has about all the minerals that salt has, except its a lot less salty. So if your I/O is 2 years or older, it may be time to check your engines cooling system.

See you at the Bay,

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-The Wayne Woods have sold their cabin in Cholla to the Scholls of Tempe. We'll miss them.

-Ray Sanderson is recuperating from surgery and doing fine.

-More news about the Wood family. Their son, Jerry, came home on leave from the U. S. A. F. on August 19th and got married on the 21st. Congratulations!!

-Nice to have Lyle and Mary Rogers down from Kingman for our party.

-Speaking of the party, if you missed it, you missed seeing the Club's very own "Tarzan".

-Betty Monro and her Mother, Ruth, attended the party, and we sure missed her better-half, Hector.

-Hawaii bound - Bob and Alice Taylor - How lucky can you get ?

-Forest and Joy Cooley left for a 3 to 4 week vacation thru-out the northwest. While in Phoenix, he got a refrigerator donated for the Rocky Point Marines barracks.

-The HOT WEATHER doesn't stop a lot of members from going to the Bay, such as the Valentines, Bob and Jo Morris, Jack Gill, Cy and Ray Curtis, Barbers, Coffingers and Dena's.

-The Phil Lahr's are just back from their vacation. Bonnie went along to make sure their car was running perfectly, She is a mechanic, you know....

-Belle Taylor celebrated her birthday on August 13th, by helping at the party. Mom and Dad had her a surprise birthday cake, candles and all.....

-From what I hear, quite a group of the Bay people are going to Lake Powell for the Labor Day week-end. Our "Bird" is also going to try some of that fresh water.

-The Allison's have had very special guests. Their daughter, her daughter and a new baby granddaughter, visiting them from Michigan.

-Glad to have Doris Muench back in the Valley. Missed her and George at the party...

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You Wouldn't Enjoy a Vacation in a Mexican Jail

Reprinted from article in the Arizona Republic by Marie Mattson 7/18/71

You may think Mexicans are easy going, but they're not when it comes to automobile accidents. Even a little fender-bender is considered a criminal offense in Mexico.

When you're involved in an accident, instead of getting a ticket, you're taken to the nearest jail for authorities to determine who is responsible. Automobiles go to a garage for repair estimates.

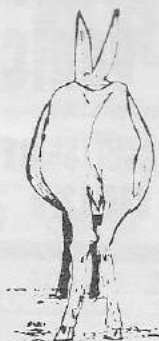
The responsible party must pay damages on the spot; once this is done, he's released. Authorities will accept only cash or a local insurance policy - a personal check won't do. Mexicans feel once you're released they'll never see or

hear from you again, and they have no legal means to collect after you've left the country.

If any blood is spilled, the responsible driver automatically is jailed for 72 hours. He must pay damages within this time or his vehicle will be impounded and sold. If the amount recovered does not satisfy all damages, the guilty driver will continue to languish in jail.

Amount of liability differs throughout Mexico-it's based on the average daily wage of the state where the accident occurred. The responsible driver must pay medical expenses for the injured plus daily average wage until they return to work.

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Your embassy can do nothing except see that you have access to a phone to try to raise money and secure full rights for you under Mexican law. All this trouble could have been avoided with Mexican insurance - and you would have had the assistance of the local adjuster, who speaks English and is on call 24 hours a day.

You can purchase Mexican insurance and it is recommended for even a one day trip. If the driver is intoxicated, however, Mexican insurance is not valid. - - - - -

The above article verifies the urgent need for Mexican insurance, as has been pointed out by many articles in newspapers and magazines over the past years.

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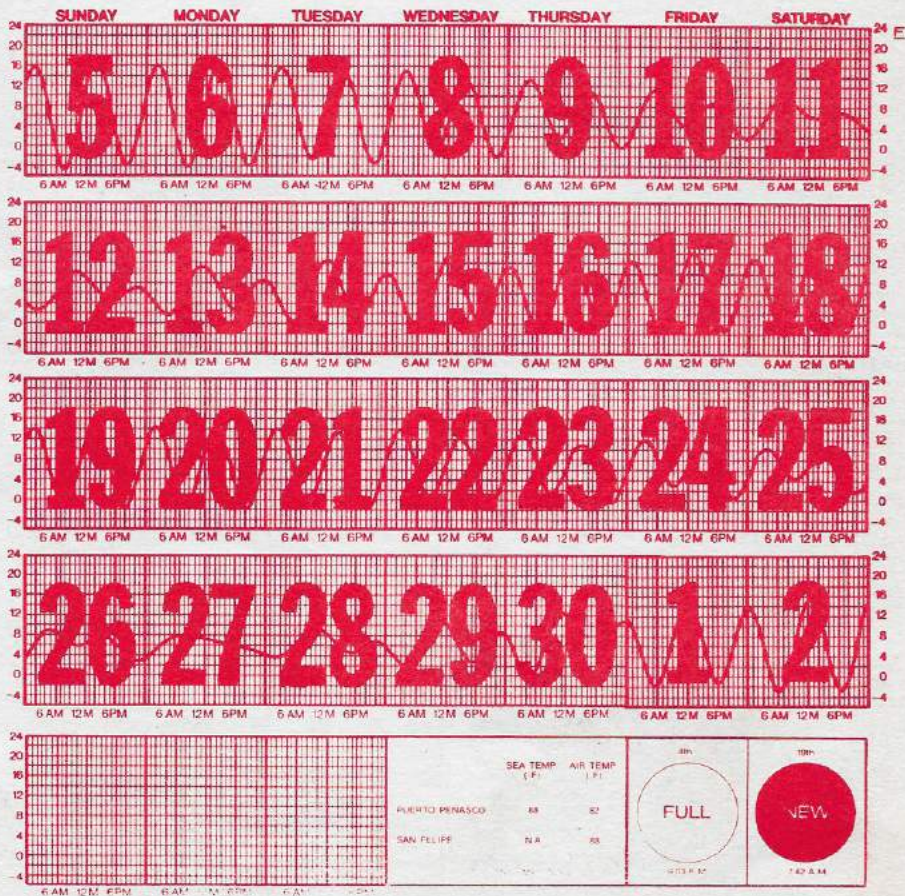
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