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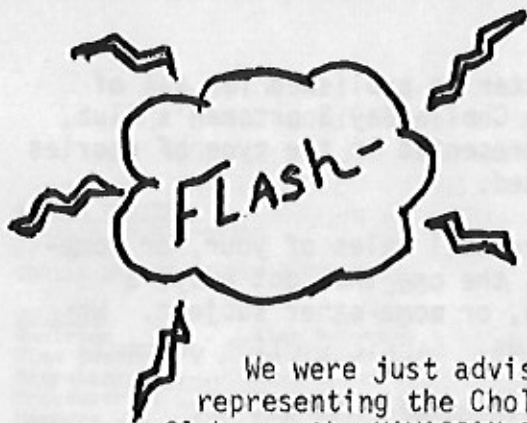
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We were just advised that the crew representing the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club won the HAWAIIAN INTERNATIONAL BILL FISH TOURNAMENT. Bill Valentine will have a story with all the particulars in the next issue of the "Chatter".

With Mary Brown taking so many trophies in the recent Guaymas tournament the CBSC is being well represented and building our reputation internationally.

Mary and her fish are smiling from the front cover.

The members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club extend their sympathy to the family of Leo Rossi, who passed away recently. Leo was a longtime member and supporter of the club.

If any of you ladies have the following discards laying around which could be used to help dress dolls for the annual Cholla Bay Christmas party, please contact Betty Woodward or bring to the next monthly meeting in Phoenix.

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DINNER DANCE

By: Marie MacGill

Wow! congratulations are in order to Jane and Jack Ebert and their helpers for the splendid job they did on the dinner dance. We all had a great time and danced our feet almost off to the fine music of Gene Diffie and his band; infact a lot of people danced in their stocking feet.

The stage was decorated in a sea front setting with sea gulls, white rope and plexi glass with the letters CBSC 79 in white rope fastened on it. That was placed on center front of the stage. We all owe this clever work to Jack Ebert. I never knew he was such an artist. Thank you so much Jack.

Teresa Conner was in charge of the flower arrangements and had the tables decorated beautifully with various potted plants. Thanks so much Teresa. Thanks to Jane for her splendid job as chairman.

We were very pleased to have the Tucson members with us that brought more joy to the whole affair. They were Pete and Carole Scott, Pete and Shriley Peterson, Mary Brown and Bernie and Evelyn Webber. Thanks much for sharing in our fun.

Our president, Dave Conner called several names for the door prizes. Bill Waggoner won a nice large flash light. Peggy Allison an air pump. Vicki Kowalewsky a nice fishing tackle box. Hal McKenzie won a nice two six pack cooler.

It would have been impossible to feel sad and lonely when you looked around at all of the happy smiling and laughing faces. One couple that we all enjoyed in particular was Pat and Jerry Hamler.

Jerry said he is vice president of piping for J.R. Rodgers Air Conditioning. Pat's smile was so outstanding that I tried just to catch her once not smiling, but it couldn't be done. It was a real joy to be with such people. This firm must be proud to have such fine people.

I hope that next year those of you that read This Chatter will remember what fun we had and join in on it with us next time.

Thanks to Jane and all of you that made all of this happiness possible. Keep smiling.

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In previous articles we have emphasized the contribution a radio transceiver can make to safe boating on the gulf. This article will cover some points on the use of the radio.

The Cholla Bay radio maintains three radios, citizens band, VHF Marine and AM Marine. The frequencies maintained by Cholla radio are printed each month on the inside front cover of the Cholla Chatter. The current frequencies are:

Citizens Band	Channel 3
VHF Marine	Channel 16
AM Marine	2182

These frequencies are intended for safety and communication with Cholla Radio. For this reason we ask when you are going to have any extended conversation with another boat or unit on shore, that you switch to another channel after making initial contact. This leaves the Cholla radio channels clear in the event of an emergency. Channels which you might use are:

Citizens Band	Channels 5, 11 or 22
VHF Marine	Channel 20, boat to boat
AM Marine	2638 Boat to Boat
	2555 Boat to Shore

Cholla radio is also maintaining channel 9 for emergency traffic only. Channel 9 should only be used to communicate with Cholla in the event of a definite emergency since Mexican public service units (eg Red Cross) are also using this channel for emergency services.

Some do's and don'ts which we should all consider in using our radios are as follows:

- DO: Use your radio to communicate changes in location to Cholla Radio.
- DO: Check your radio upon launching to make sure you can transmit and receive.
- DO: Monitor your radio when on the water so you will be aware of weather changes, requests for assistance etc.
- DO: Leave the Cholla Bay frequencies as free of traffic as possible when Cholla radio is involved in a search or emergency situation.
- DO: Request another boat to relay a message in the event you need to make contact but are unable to reach the unit you are calling.
- DO: Identify your boat when you call so the Cholla Bay Radio or other respondents will know who to reply to.

- DON'T: Tie up Cholla Bay radio frequencies with extended personal conversations, switch to another frequency after initial contact.
- DON'T: Call Cholla Bay radio and ask them to put your trailer in the water. The launchers will note your arrival when you enter the bay and pick you up in your turn. The exception to this is when you have an emergency or another boat in tow. In that case you should normally be given priority.
- DON'T: Use the 10codes. Many people are simply not familiar with them other than 10-4. One of our memorable experiences on the gulf was several years ago when someone asked for a 10-36. The reply was "What's a 10-36?" The conversation then went something like this. "Means what time is it?" "Then why don't you ask what time is it?" "Because I didn't think there was anyone so dumb they didn't know what a 10-36 was!" The conversation went downhill from there, until finally that paragon of patience known to some as Captain Nasty, finally said, "Why the bleep don't you bleeping guys get off the radio so someone else can use it!"

The list of Do's and Don'ts is not all inclusive and is in fact fairly basic. Before you become insulted because it is so very basic, listen the next time you are on the gulf. We all violate them frequently.

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GENERAL MEETING

By: Marie MacGill

I think we have all found out that we have a good time at our meetings if we have a large crowd of 40 or 50 people, such as the August 8th meeting.

First I want to say that we are all wishing the Chatter's printer, Ken Kasten and his wife a very speedy recovery, after having surgery. That's really ruff when both are down at the same time, so please Hurry and get well soon!

Also I want to say that we were all sorry to hear that Debbie Jarvis was on the sick list. We hope that by the time this news goes to press that she is well.

One of the most important things that I want to say is that I am sorry that Joan Vanover was called Betty Vanover in the story about the pu pu tray in the August issue of the Chatter. The name is really JOAN, and I'll try to get Betty out of my mind, or else I'll just call her Betty Joan. Please forgive.

Mary Parker filled in for secretary, Von Gottbreht, and did a good job as usual. We all thank you Mary. We didn't see any hands raised for guests or new members at this last meeting. Wimpv reported that as of August 1st there are 943 members. Seems that we lost a few along the way, so guess we'll have to work harder to get them back.

When people started telling their fish stories things really livened up. It was told that while George Rodgers was in Guaymas he hired a guide and went fishing near San Carlos. The only trouble was, it seemsthat the guide took him to a hole so deep

that George couldn't reach the bottom, so Cholla Bay isn't so bad after all. Doris and Glenn Davis reported that Doris caught a beautiful Dolphin at one of the reefs at Cholla a few days ago, and she had the picture to prove it.

Glenn Davis said he would appreciate it very much if some one would call him and tell him where he can buy a holder for the out rigger on the right side of his boat. His has broken off and it seems that everyone wants to sell him the entire thing -- so, PLEASE HELP! and THANKS.

Shirley Hemphill said that Desert Survival will be presented at the September meeting.

Doris Davis on the Wheel Bearing set certificate on the Christmas raffle that was donated by Paul and Joan Vanover of Bearing-Belt and Chain at 729 E. Buckeye Road, Phoenix.

John Camron won two tickets to the Dinner Dance and Lou Parker won a tee shirt. It was nice having Homer and Betty Green from Mesa at the meeting. They were leaving for several days vacation on the following monday. Also was real nice having Lou Fraizer with us at the meeting. Hope Rosella can attend next time. Was nice having Trudy Murphy that hadn't been there for awhile. I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Floyd bought the Frazier house at Cholla. We hope to meet them soon, and hope they will join us at the meetings each second wednesday of each month. Until next time hope to see all of you at the September 12th meeting and at the fish fry Labor Day weekend. Almost forgot to say the Clarence and Bea Allums are sorry they can't be there, as they are taking grand-son Brady back to Oregon and do some salmon fishing while there.

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HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT

IN CHOLLA BAY

By: Marie MacGill

The wind ran the show in Cholla Bay the last week of July and the first week of August, and played havoc with the fishermen. I don't think we all minded too much, since it kept the cool breezes coming; and of course we are used to shoveling sand.

Hal and Evelyn McKenzie with daughter Linda and their grand-daughters added a touch of fun to things, also Al Wilson and mother, Arlene were there for a couple of days. Roy and Shirley Haenfler stayed a week and some of the other regulars were in and out to help enjoy the white caps and just relax in between shoveling sand. Clarence and Bea Allums were there for several days of July and August with their grand-son Brady Allen from Oregon. Brady is quite a special boy. He has just had his first book published, which is titled The Life of Sam. Sam is a dog in this book.

Speaking of dogs, they are still nipping at people in Cholla Bay. Our grandson Jay was bitten on the hip while walking down a street by the bay, but luckily he was wearing heavy, long pants that took the blunt of the bite.

Don and Betty Hoffman went to the Bay when the wind was kicking up and they had to go home without any fishing. Don and Verlene Barber were on hand just in case old faithful Dondos was needed on Search and Rescue.

Betty Munro left for vacation around the first of August. Jane and Phil Hunziker are doing a great job filling in while she is away.

Was nice seeing Walt and Phebe Holstein at the Bay again. They were waiting for the wind to slow

down to put AMARILLO VIEJO in the water. Don't know if they made it not. Joe Blunk made it down in time for wind, also Wimpy and Jayne Jasowiak were at the bay. Don Barber is still trying to shake laryngitis, I think from laughing so and inhaling so much sand. Hurry and have a speedy recovery Don! You may need that voice for the C.B..

From what I have heard the bunch from Cholla Bay Sportsmens Club that went to Guaymas for the fishing Derby all had a great time.

Mary Brown put them all the shame with one Sail fish that won four trophies. Paul Schoonover said they had plenty of wind there also. Perhaps Betty Munro will write something on it next time.

Gene and Hilda Erkert took their beautiful 21 Jewels out of dry dock to go sailing to other ports in Mexico. The wind delayed them a couple days. The last we saw of them they were going around the point and was headed south. Will get the outcome of their trip later.

Ed and Marty Perlmutter stopped by for a visit. Their little grand-son Rocky Crane had gone back home. They plan on spending the rest of the summer at the Bay. Butch and Ethel Heldt have gone back to their summer home and will not return to the Bay until cooler weather.

I noticed the Police are still patrolling the Bay area. I wonder just how much the break-ins have decreased. I would appreciate if some one knows to please let me know.

I also noticed that the last time at the Bay, Old Tick wasn't running around chasing the dogs. I thought sure perhaps the dogs had deticked her, head, feathers and all, so I inquired as to her faith, and was told that she was very busy sitting on her nest awaiting the arrival of her brood.

continued...

As news is scarce during the summer, I'll just say so long for now, and hope we all see each other at the fish fry on Labor Day weekend.

IT TAKES SO LITTLE

It takes so little to make us sad. Just a slighting work or a doubting sneer,
Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear; And our foot steps lag, though the Goal seemed near,
And we loose the courage and hope we had--so little it takes to make us sad.

It takes so little to make us gald; Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
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2 cans oysters with juice

1 (16 oz) can Sweet peas and carrots with juice (Veg-all brand)

Savory salt, pepper, parsely, 1 teas. Fine herbs or Italian seasoning mix.

We fix this right on the boat in one pot - Happy eating - stuff yourself as we.

Serves 8 to 10

Jerry Nunn

THE OSPREY

The Osprey is one of the largest of the hawks. He also goes by the name of "The Fishing Hawk". His average length is 22" with a wing span of 54". He flies with a conspicuous crook in the long wings. This and the black wrist mark are good for identification at long distances. The young and immature birds have the same markings. The plumage is dark above and white below. His beak is curved and strong, his eye fierce and eagle-like.

To the newer visitors and residents of Cholla the Osprey can be seen regularly sitting on Nacho's cross or on one of the many antennas.

He is classed as an uncommon or rare bird. Our Osprey in Cholla do not migrate as they do in other areas. They nest on the rocky ledges of cliffs or at the top of strong old trees.

During the nesting season we seldom see more than one bird at a time. Both the male and female stay close to the nesting, sharing the hatching and raising of the fledglings. In the later part of June we again see them perched on the high points around the Bay. It is fun to watch the young birds learning to fish and to light on the antennas. They are as large as their parents but awkward in the beginning.

The Osprey fishes for his food by diving, talons first, into the water. He seldom misses. He comes surging up out of the water with strong wing beats--shaking himself to remove as much water from his

feathers as possible and never losing his grip on his fish. He lights on the rocks or on an antenna to eat his catch. Then he preens his feathers in preparation for the next dive. He also can be seen hunting and catching small rodents.

By: Mary Fran Taylor

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The Chatter

It was early in September 1939 that I and Claude Evans fo the Evans-Laird Cattle Co. took the gravel road south from Nagales, which then Paralelled the Railroad, through Magdalena, Benjamin Hill, Llano (the town of windmills and Adobe houses) and finally, Carbo where we took the trail west through the cacti to the headquarters ranch of Sykes & Waddell, which lay about half way to the Gulf of California.

It was beastly hot and humid, but the buildings were of thickwalled adobe, and being closed up during the day retained some of their coolness - compared to outside temperatures - into the night. Les Waddell was our host - his partner Gene Sykes being off on other business.

I don't know how many families lived there, but it was a true "Hacienda" - the owner was lord to them all, and never turned a hand to do anything. Just outaide my bedroom window, all night a blinded mule went round and round pumping water from a shallow well by means of a Rube Goldbergh contraption made up from a Model "A" rear axel and differnetial, a chain of buckets over a water wheel dumping into a trough. Every few hours a man would come with a fresh mule, and thus day after day, week after week, year in year out, there was ample water for Lord knows how many cattle and horses, gardens, and other uses not so apparent.

The months of July and August had blessed both Arizona and Sonora with abundant summer rains. Grass was knee-high and livestock water everywhere. All of which was the reason we were looking for cattle to harvest our Arizona grass corp. Waddell wanted to sell because the Mexican Government was bringing pressure on all U.S. operations to get out (Green Cattle Co. heirs hung on for another 8 years

but were eventually taken over with Mexico setting the selling price).

Sykes and Waddell had 10 years before bought a carload of purebred Brahman bull yearlings, from the Hudjins Ranch at Hungerfore, Texas, and turned them out on this range. Evans was wanting cross-bred cows for their 1200 square miles of desert that lay south of the Tonto Forest, and I was looking for 50 choice heifer yearlings to add to my Brahman herd running on the desert south of Cavecreek.

The result was that we contracted for a trail load of cows and my 50 heifers - to be delivered when the waterholes dried up, which turned out to be about 6 weeks later.

During our one weeks visit, bilingual Les took us around in his pickup where there was a track broken - and by horseback where there wasn't - to the various permanent watering places. At each there was from 1 to 3 families living; and their chief duty was to keep the water flowing, usually by means of a rawhide bucket, a rawhide rope over a pully with a mounted cowboy furnishing the power and another at the well dumping the bucket into a trough. At 2 locations there were windmills (long since gone "desacomppuesto") and at one, a pump jack and gasoline engine - also expired.

The income these families had was from cheese made from the milk the kids were able to extract from the cows - sometimes as many as 30, with their calves penned up for a week or more, when they would be returned to their mothers, and another 30 head penned. Periodically a huckster would come by and trade cloth, tobacco, etc., for thier cheese.

I was very impressed by the roping skill of some of these children. At one place a 14 year old, left handed, girl never missed laying the loop over

the horns of a cow 60 feet away at the end of raw-hide rietta.

She would snub her up to post, and order her helpers to bring her calf and tie it up just close enough that the cow would give her milk down - and the calf get none.

These kids were not only skillfull at their chores, but they knew cattle - and which cow was mother to which calf. If a critter came in to water - with scew-worms, or other injury, it would be cut in a pen and their dad called to doctor it.

The men had steady work during branding - twice a year for about 6 weeks - being paid the equivalent of about \$30.00 U.S. per month, or a total of \$90.00 a year. This and the cheese traded to the huckster supplies the barest of necessities of life.

Now, forty years later. I often wondered what life would be like on this Sonora ranch? Maybe yet I will pay it a visit for it is not too far from Penaco by the new coastal road which will be opened soon.

As of this writing, our Derby is still in progress, but I wanted to get this little note in September's Chatter so here goes.

On behalf of Verlene Barber and myself, I wish to express our many thanks to all of you who pitched in and made our 1979 Derby a great sucess.

All of you who helped out selling tickets, weighing fish, working at the fish fry or just promoting must share the feeling of a good job well done. Muchas Gracias mi anigos.

In October's Chatter we will have a complete report of the events and winners of theis years Derby so, til then, thanks again to all.

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and help with the fish fry. Ex-large and childrens size T-Shirts will be available. Donations of fish for the fish fry will be accepted. If you would like to add your name, cabin number, and CB name to a directory now being put together, please contact your chapter secretary. One of our new members John Howe, added his name to the list but ran into a snag. He wasn't sure how to spell "Pianist", hsi CB name (hope I spelled it right). After a brief conference the problem was apparently solved but you wouldn't believe the head scratching that went on by the rest of us when we tried to help him. In November ocky Point is having their annual Black and White Ball and we hope many of you will be able to attend. Our club will sponsor a young woman to represent us at the dance. We will be taking nominations at our September meeting. It was also suggested that the combined clubs sponsor a young woman from Cholla Bay to represent the bay area. ounds like a good idea. Joannie Dernberger, one of our stewart members, donated 3 plants for a raffle. They were won by Shirley Peterson, Carol Scott, and John Howe. Thank You Joannie. Door prizes were won by Terry Faulkenberry, Bob Courtwright, Joannie Derberger, Ken Kasten, Pete Peterson and Bobbi Howe.

"One of The Best Days of My Life"

My trip to Bird Island July 9th, full moon, aboard the Mona Lisa, with Hector at the helm. His brother Bill and I as passengers. Its a trip that must recorded.

The Almighty was kind to us and gave us a perfect day in every way!

We left Cholla Bay 8:30 am headed for the Island on a perfectly calm sea. The running was smooth, except for the fact we were running against an oncoming tide, our progress was fast.

The purpose of the trip was to take Bill (a professional photographer) to photograph the seals and other beauties of the sea and the Island.

Hector, being the most wonderful guide one can get, approached the Island from an angle that brought all eleven points into view. What a beautiful sight to behold. The picture taking began. Bill had a Movie and two still cameras and he kept them busy. We came slowly to the Island, in very close, to get a good view of the seals. What a delight to see the different sizes and colors, and the way they sprawl on the rocks. Watching them climb up one of the sheer rock ledges is quite an experience. They are so heavy and not one bit graceful, but they get there and the grunts, groans, yells that emit from them is laughable! There were many many babies, we saw some that didn't have their eyes open yet and were barely creeping about, learning to make their way in the water. One was Lazily nursing.

We circled the island slowly trying to take it all in. As we came around the end there were thousands of birds setting in the water. Bill handed me the movie camera and he was busy with the

other two. Hector scared the birds up with the boat as we took pictures of them flying towards the Island. Such beauty! The birds and seals live together in harmony. There were so many birds it looked like vegetation growing on the peaks and as you get closer you realize it is birds. The Caves back in the rocks filled with birds was a beautiful and interesting sight.

After surveying the Island for some time we were hot, tired, and hungry. Natural human weaknesses.

Hector said he would take us to a place where it would be cool (always nice breezes) and we could swim, hike and rest awhile. He took us to St. Georgs Bay. My what a gorgeous place. Bill and I both wanted to stay a week! Hector made it very interesting for us telling us about some of his experiences there. There are a couple old ruins that will be fun to explore more fully at a later date. The sand dunes are so white and clean and beautiful. We tied up and went ashore for awhile. Found the sand to be extremely hot. Enjoyed a nice cool swim some drinks and were on our way again so the tide wouldn't leave us stranded, (though Bill and I wouldn't of minded, Hector was afraid it would reflect on his ability and knowledge of the sea) We understood, so climbed aboard and was off to see the sights again, and we did! Even Hector had never seen our next sight. So much confusion in the water, we couldn't figure out what it was so came up very close and it was bunches of Manta Rays heads protruding above the water. Their mouths open like funnels, sucking in little fish - what a sight and what a sound. They looked so mean. They would get all the fish, then slowly sink a few feet below the surface, into the crystal clear blue water and float around. Their golden color made them look like autumn leaves floating around. Breath taking!

It is getting towards evening, time to think of

heading home but Hector told us this time of evening would be the most beautiful and more fish on the surface feeding.

Far in the distance we saw a lot of splashing, couldn't be sure from that distance so we went closer and such huge dolphins I have never seen. They were busy feeding, leaping high in the air and traveling so fast porpoising in and out. Bill got many pictures as Hector took the boat in among them (he knows just how to make them play) We went many miles with them, to all of our utter delight, then back to the Island for some evening shots, then we start towards home. It is about sun down in the distance we see sail fish jumping far out of the water. Flying fish on both sides of us. We stop for awhile as the sun sets on one side of us and the full moon rises on the other, and I have to just once go swimming way out there in the deep deep ocean. There's nothing more enjoyable than feeling that clear blue water, puts its arms around you and enfold you and let yourself get lost in the exticy of it! One nice swim around, while Bill and Hector looked for sharks - back on board and on towards home.

Hector did some fast maneuvering to get just the right spots and settings for Bills Moonlight pictures, silhouettes and the sunset sinking in just the perfect setting.

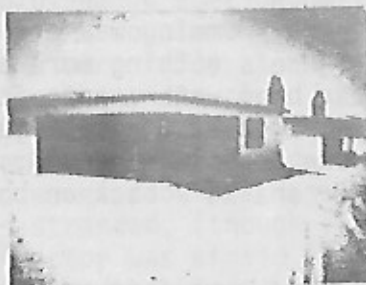
We came into the Bay at 9:30 pm.. While we were waiting to be picked up we had cocktails and a big burger.

Everything from beginning to end was a perfect day, one you would call - "One of the best days of my life".

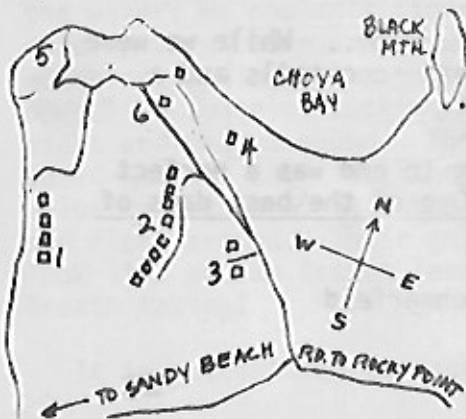
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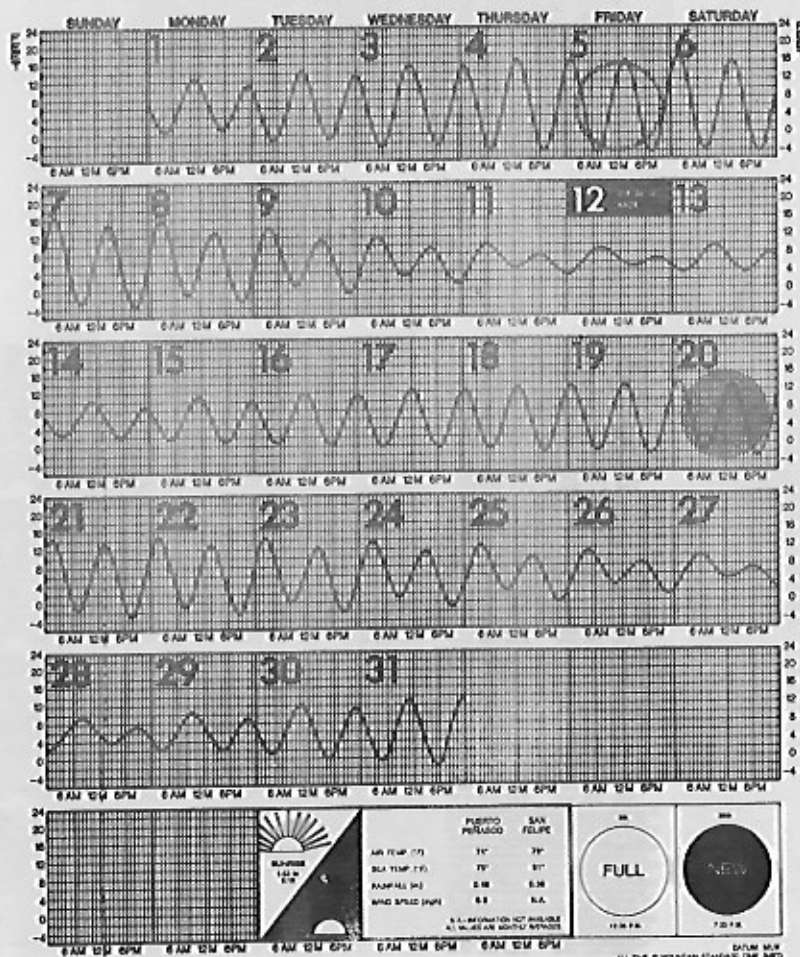


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