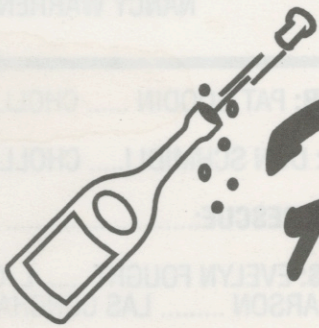




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- 1 New Year's Day
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- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

FEBRUARY

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- 13 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 16-19 JJ's Angler of the Year Phase #1
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

MARCH

- 12 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 13 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

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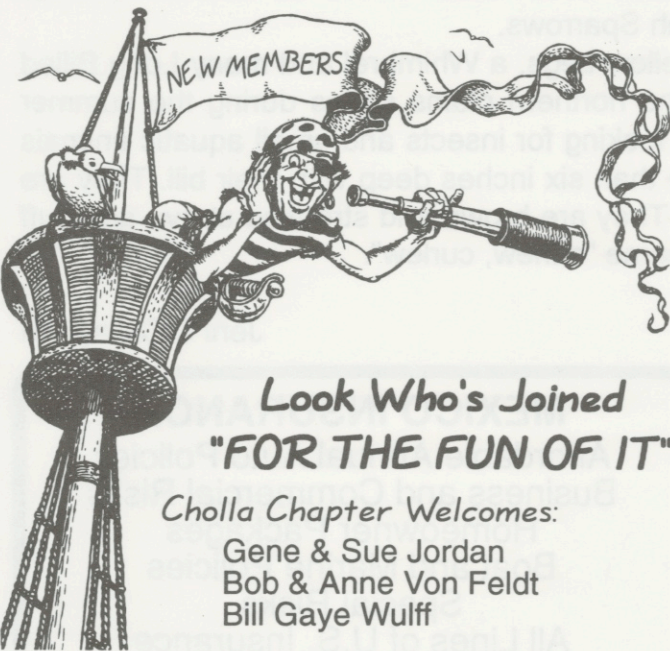
Once again our December meeting was a gift exchange and party. We had thirty people in attendance, some were faces that we hadn't seen in awhile, others were new faces. We enjoyed having all of you with us. How is it that Phoenix has the largest membership, yet the fewest amount of members at our meetings, *come on guys - attend the meetings in '96.*

Well, back to the meeting ... we didn't have a formal business meeting, we dismissed all reports so we could enjoy each others company. The gift exchange once again proved to be a success, you've never seen grown adults act like such kids. It was a lot of fun. We once again had our door prizes, and the winners were:

- 1st: Mrs. Wimpy (aka Jane) - Car Cleaning Kit.
- 2nd: Lylia Hagerty - Nuts in a Canister.
- 3rd: Pat Scalberg - Kaluha & Cups.

The Christmas Party Raffle (a bottle of tequila) was won by Carl Schwendler. Carl was a guest of Dave & Kelley's, it seems the new people always win!

Costa Rica will be the topic of the January meeting. Vice President Ron Engle-Wilson & wife Carolyn will give a presentation on their recent trip. *Don't miss this one!*



Look Who's Joined "FOR THE FUN OF IT"

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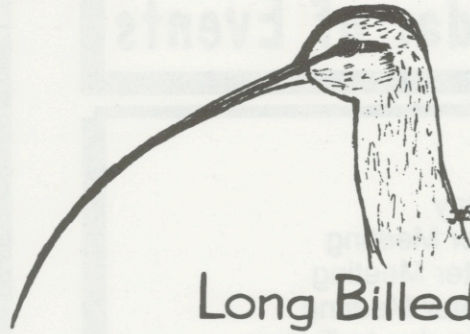
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BIRDING AT OUR CHOLLA

One of the things one first notices on a visit to Cholla Bay is the wildlife. The most obvious of the wildlife is birds. They are not bound by gravity to stay in one place, thus it is common to see Brown Pelicans fly past Pelican Point each day, listen to gulls fight over fish cleanings or watch a Sandpiper dance along the shoreline looking for crustaceans to eat.



Long Billed Curlew

Over this past Thanksgiving weekend, my friends, Noel Jordan, Karen Peitsmeyer and I birded pelican point and the salt marsh in the back bay of our Cholla. At Pelican Point we saw Brown Pelicans, Herring Gulls, Ringed Billed Gulls, Western Gulls, Yellow Footed Gulls. We also observed Willits (a kind of sandpiper), Sanderlings (kind of like a sandpiper) and Ruddy Turnstones.

Ruddy Turnstones spend their summers in the Arctic. As their name indicates they turn over stones to look for small marine animals which they eat. They are the same color as the low tide stones on Pelican Point, about the same size too. To see one, a sharp eye will first notice moving stones, then with closer inspection (binoculars are helpful) a 7 to 9 inch bird is revealed with a gray beak, orange legs and black breast.

High overhead on Pelican Point Magnificent Frigate Birds, numerous ducks in a "V" formation and the Sea Eagle or Osprey were sighted. Closer to the ground at Pelican Point, there were a pair of Western Meadowlarks, Great Tailed Grackles and Rock Wrens and at the feeder at the Jordan's home both a Magnificent Hummingbird and a Blue Chinned Hummingbird.

We traveled to the salt marsh at low tide. There we found Common Mergansers (a kind of Duck), Common Loons and Western Grebes. We saw numerous Great Blue Herons as well as beautiful white Great Egrets. In the scrub brush we saw Savannah Sparrows.

Out on the flats we saw American Avocets, Lesser Yellow Legs, a Whimbrel and many Long Billed Curlew. Long Billed Curlews live in the grassland of the northern plains states during the summer months. Here at Cholla Bay, they live in the salt marsh looking for insects and small aquatic animals with their long bill. They can seek out prey buried more than six inches deep with their bill. They are 21 to 26 inches long, with a very long down curved bill. They are brown and streaked above and buff colored underparts. As they fly they often call out their name "curlew, curlew".

During your next visit, enjoy the wildlife, I know I will.

Jeni O'Callaghan

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The new year, 1996, is here. New years wishes, parties and resolutions are over and no doubt many of the well intended resolutions already broken. A special thanks to all the homeowners who took time to decorate their homes and yards for the holidays. The decorations were inspiring and enjoyed by all who saw them. Especially at night with all the lights etc. Knowing the extra effort and expense of decorating when we have no electricity makes us appreciate your displays all the more. Thanks for adding to the beauty of the holidays.

The year 1996 will be a very significant year in the history of Cholla Bay and extra special for all homeowners. By mid year everyone should have their Bank Trust papers in hand, or papers showing they have applied. What a privilege to have ownership to land in a foreign country especially property adjacent to the waters of the Sea of Cortez. In order to have reached this goal it has taken lots of work on the part of The Company, Promotora Turistica Playa Escondia, S.A. De C.V. homeowner officials, bankers, lawyers, many employees in official offices and many untitled, dedicated persons. 1996 is indeed destined to be a significant year in the annuals of Cholla Bay.

According to the OBSC newsletter it is time to start planning for the Mardi Gras Parade in February. The theme: The good, the bad and the ugly, gives lots of ideas to work with. The kids...big and small really have fun preparing the floats and costumes and anticipating the rewards. Hopefully this year's parade will be the best ever.

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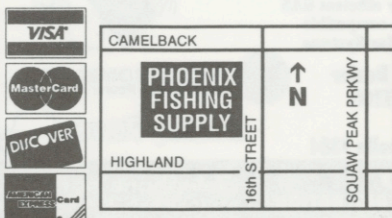
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Tucson Chitter Chatter

The CBSC of Tucson wish each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are now several weeks into the New Year and most of us have broken those resolutions we made on the first. Yes, I speak for myself, they are broken and long forgotten.

The December meeting became a reality of the year gone by. Poinsettia plants decorated the tables and later were given out for door prizes, and as they were claimed by the winning members those who won two forgot the Xmas spirit and would not share. The other prizes were just as nice but, those poinsettias are really a popular gift. We do have fun with our door prizes and raffle. I have to say this group has the biggest hearts for giving and sharing when it comes to money raising functions. Give yourselves a halo for the year of 1995 and keep up the good work.

The meeting was brought to order by the outgoing president Billy Drake, and after the introductions of attending members and guest the usual business reports were given. Bill introduced the incoming officers which the nominating committee offered and accepted by the members. The official list will be printed in the Feb. Chatter. Jerry Kitchens, incoming president, gave a introduction speech and hoped we would all support his endeavors as we have done before. Welcome Jerry, and of course we will support you and all your committee members, won't we, gang?

Tide calendars are in. Bob Rothrock had some, but Betty Horton can supply you with one from the Ship's Store in Cholla.

We have some serious ill persons and we wish them a speedy recovery and want them to know our thoughts are with them and hope they will be up and going to Cholla soon.

Donations were given for the Christmas Party and we want to thank one and all. It is really appreciated. The Mexican families and children show it in their smiling faces and laughter.

I want to thank you for putting up with all my boo-boos in writing this artical and I am withholding names because I want to start out the year right and of course, with all the Christmas rush my notes are a mess, my deadline is late, so in closing, we the members of Tucson CBSC who were in attendance at December meeting of 1995 wish you a happy New Year. Names are in order as signed in: Shirley Reid, Bill & Niki Hohmann, Truman Nussbaum, Jim Root, Bob Rothrock, Roy & Irene Drake, Jean & Richard Hunzinker, Clarence & Teresa Wilson, Marion Hotchkiss, Joan Nichols, Sammie Rothrock, Dean & Hilda Tozzi, Sandi Maeser, Bill Drake, Joe & Mary Wood, Jerry & Sylvia Kitchen and son Brandon, Libby Roh, Arthur Valley. Frequent attending members. Allan and Shirley Peterson, Chuck & Joann Dernberger, Gene Reid, Glenn Hotchkiss, Kay Peterson, Betty & Walt Horton, Truman Nussbauam, J. Deane Fisher, Randy & Maxine Hager, Rodger & Miki Harmon, Pete Blaman, Ted & Lisa Takessian. Haven't seen: Jeff & Dale Allen, Carla Stephens, Mike and Jeni O'Callaghan, Karen Peitsmeyer, Pete B., Rodger Harmon, Jim Root, John C. B., Dick & Nancy Bryant, Walt & Lois Osborn, J. & Shirley Scott, Wally Fairfield, Greg Skwiat, Monika Ammon, Alice and all the Christian family. Come on back in 1996.

1995 was great, a few kinks here and there. We all have many things to be grateful for. The first thing is to be "Gringos" who can have and enjoy this great life with our Mexican friends and neighbors. The next thing is enjoy all the hard work our volunteers do so we can enjoy the great festivities in Cholla. Let's join them in 1996. Great job Dave & Kelley Adams, keep up the good work. Happy New Year from the Tucson CBSC.

Respectfully, Tere

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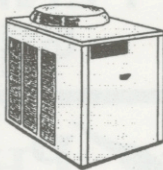
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BUILDING FELLOWSHIP ... AND HOUSES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN PENASCO

By Doug Jones and Chip Mills

If you were driving into Rocky Point on the weekend of November 10 thru 12, you may well have seen a campground filled with tents, campers, motorhomes, off to the west about five miles north and just beyond that nude (semi) lady that adorns the Curva Restaurant sign.

No, it was not a new trailer park. What you saw was a temporary home to many of the 260 Phoenix and Tucson area Church members that were here to build in one weekend, FIFTEEN homes for our most needy families...and they did it, with the help of local volunteers from Las Conchas and Cholla, all under the guidance of the local ministers council, and with the approval of Mexican Immigration.

The remarkable effort was an extension of similar programs being conducted in Tijuana and Juarez by Amor Ministries, based in San Diego. These people are a nondenominational, nonprofit group absolutely dedicated to helping the poor here in Mexico, by providing them with no cost homes, where in many cases they had been living in shacks, even abandoned old cars.

Amor channels the resources (labor, money, Christian fellowship) of Churches north of the border and provides on site direction and coordination during the building effort.

The local Ministers choose the families to receive these homes based on need, on going financial situation, while verifying that the family owns a small lot in our community.

The local volunteers pitch in and help where needed in building the Casa de Amor homes; and more importantly provide family support after the building effort --- making curtains, finishing doors, windows, even some furniture.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect is the participation of the families themselves with the Church members. All hauling cement, framing, stuccoing together despite two different languages. The families also finish the interior walls on their own to further their own pride in ownership.

With these fifteen, we now have 33 homes completed over the past year and a half. The next building effort is probably the most ambitious one yet -- maybe 22 more with younger, less experienced Church members on next February 16 thru 18. Your participation is welcomed - contact the writers in Las Conchas or Don Schmidli in Cholla, or call Amor Ministries at 619-662-1200 in San Diego.

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Cholla Chapter Chitter Chitter

by Elaine Rimsza

Well, this was a great ending for 1995! Our meeting at La Curva on December 12 had 76 happy people in attendance. The holiday spirit was in the air, and the other spirits, generally, were in the hand.

Everyone seems to appreciate the very competent service staff at La Curva gives our group. Perhaps because we have been away for awhile, it seemed that the Mexican food was especially good this night! Thanks, Jaime, Lupe and everyone at La Curva!

Thanksgiving weekend was warm and wonderful, with SO MANY people down to enjoy. Families and friends shared this special holiday basking in the sunshine and nearly 80 degree temperatures. Fishermen had smooth waters and everyone commented about the perfect weather. It was good to see lots of old friends, a very nice Thanksgiving!

On Saturday, Nov. 25th, the good crowds and the "good stuff" (meaning the Arts and Crafts and White Elephant Sale) resulting in a most successful fund-raising event. Nancy Schmidli reported that sales were about \$1300, with proceeds going to the Cholla Bay Mexican Christmas Party. So many gals and guys contributed to this effort, and the club applauds your talents and hard work.

Our donations to Esperanza Para Los Ninos have been directed there through Pat Foss, helping to buy food, school supplies, helping to pay utilities, etc. Pat and Les Foss and friends have given these children a special prominence in their lives, including planning a Christmas party for them on Dec. 17th. Our club member's donations have helped considerably and are much appreciated.

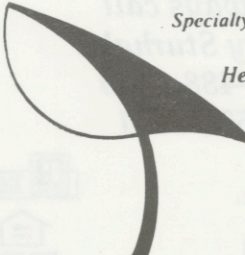
Annie Sotelo of St. Vincent de Paul spoke briefly about the work and needs of this organization. They feed and cloth many, many needy people each year, and any donations we can make will be put to good use.

Since 1996 is about to ring in, our club is fortunate to have a great new slate of officers and directors willing to serve. The nominating committee recommended and the membership accepted by unanimous consent the following: President, Linda Bleeker; Vice-President, Doug Jones; Secretary, Judy Jones; Treasurer, Pat Foss. Directors should be shown on inside front cover. Let's give the officers and club our support and regular attendance in 1996. Membership dues should be paid now, if you haven't already done so. Thanks to the new, and Muchas Gracias to the old officers, directors, and all the regular hard workers for service given to the club.

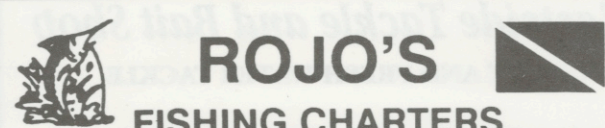
We had a wonderful assortment of prizes for the raffle drawing! There were turkeys, hams, Margarita mixings, Christmas goodies, and all kinds of good things from Ship's Store. Talk about LUCKY! Joan and Chuck Dernberger won a turkey, a jacket, Tequila and margarita mix. One of Joan's lovely shell candles was a much admired prize won by Marian and Will Flinders. Many thanks to Sue and Armand Klinger for donating tequila and margarita mix; to Glenda Maud for donating a turkey; to Elaine and Tony Rimsza for Danish cookies; and to La Curva for donating dinners for two.

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By Pat Goodin

Last month we promised to compile our list of thank you's. We're sorry we didn't have it when that issue went to press, but we wanted to try to get all the names. If we have, however failed in some way to list a name, we are sincerely sorry and we thank you very much. Following is a list of businesses and individuals who helped or donated prizes or supplies.

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Again, thanks to all! We appreciate all of you!!

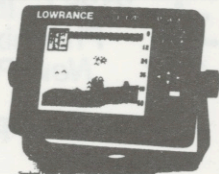
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On the trip down, we caught Dorado, Sailfish, Marlin and Wahoo. The weather was excellent and I managed to keep the M&M's semi-sober. What a job!

After we arrived in Cabo, our other fishermen started showing up with their wives. There was Rick "Poco Loco" and Pam. Tom "Super Tom" and Marianne, Clive, Conejo, Danny and Shawn, and last but not least Captain Dave. There seemed to be a divorce between Ramon and Mikey when Cindy (Mike's better half) arrived.

During the Gold Cup, we only had one catch and release. When the Marlin is caught and then released alive. Our luck wasn't very good, for on the last day of the tournament, we broke a shaft on the boat. It was a good thing that there was one day between the tournaments, because we had to take the boat out of the water to have it repaired. The "About Time" was ready to go that evening.

The first day of the Bisbee we were amazed at the 150 entrants in vessels large and small lining up for the 7:00 a.m. shotgun start. The VHF radios were silent as the countdown began. The gun fired and we were off in a cloud of black diesel smoke. All of the boats were running at full speed to reach their fishing spots eager to catch the big one for the money.

When we reached our destination, on the VHF the calls could be heard of the Marlin that were being caught around us. With all eyes faithfully on the poles, and over the water...nothing was seen all day. About 5:00 we headed back to port to get ready for the second day.

The second day started much like the first. Again, we reached our destination where the water was turquoise blue. About 10:00 a.m., Ramon spotted a Marlin about a quarter mile away. Headed in that direction the fish was spotted again. We waited a few minutes and the Marlin found our lures. Fisherman Super Tom got the hookup. With some effort and thirty minutes the whopping 484 pound Blue Marlin was in. We failed to catch another Marlin over the 300 pound minimum the remainder of the tournament.


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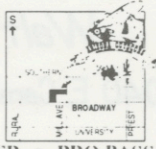
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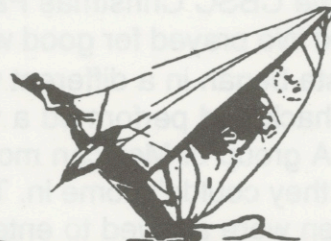
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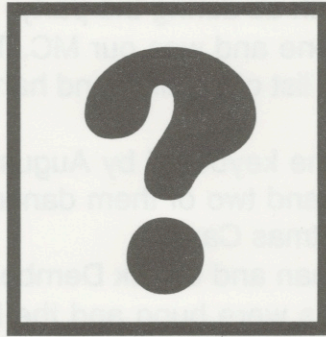
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WOW! WHAT A PARTY!

Again, the CBSC Christmas Party was a roaring success in the newly painted and pigeon proofed Fry Shack! We prayed for good weather and again our prayers were answered. The day was perfect.

The fiesta began in a different way this year. Directed by Rosario León, the children lined up below the Fry Shack and performed a version of "La Posada." They sang, in Spanish of course, asking to be let in. A group of Mexican mothers at the doorway answered in song that there was no room and therefore they couldn't come in. The verses alternated between the children and mothers and, at last, the children were allowed to enter to see Santa which they did in a joyous rush! It was great to have so many Mexican women involved.

I wish all of you could have been there to see Santa, John Warren, and Mrs. Santa, Terry Wilson. They were terrific! As Mrs. Santa guided the children to Santa and encouraged them to smile, Dell Moore took Polaroid pictures to give to them, to the delight of the children and especially of the parents. Nancy Warren was a darling elf at Santa's side giving each of the children a candy cane and a little prize. Dell was assisted by Walt Osborn, who handed him the cameras as I filled them. Great job, team! Santa's Land was again magically decorated by Lois Osborn with a beautiful tree and decorations all along the bar.

As the children left Santa, or while they waited to see him, they participated in the "Taller de Los Angeles," a workshop for making paper plates and tinsel angels set up by Sandy Moore and myself. There were some CBSC angels there assisting the children. Pat Goodin, Judy Jones, Ila Ketelhut, Miki Harmon and a couple of Mexican mothers did a simply angelic job. This craft activity was well received so we're already thinking about what we will do next year. It is so gratifying to have the Mexican mothers working right along with us during the party. They had fun, too!

Augustin again manned the microphone and was our MC. Thanks, Augustin, for taking time out to do this, plus helping provide us with the list of families and handing out the Invitations. We couldn't do it without you!

We were entertained by a piece on the keyboard by Augustin's son. Individual children, under the direction of Rosario León, sang songs and two of them danced for us. The Mexican moms joined in to lead all of our guests in singing Christmas Carols.

Cookies and sodas were served by Joan and Chuck Dernberger along with Cruz Rocha.

After all had visited Santa, the piñatas were hung and the kids, by age groups, swung at them to beat the band! Lots of squealing and screams of laughter filled the Cholla air. Roberto Gutierrez controlled the lifting and lowering of the piñatas from the roof of the fry shack and Linda, our new Cholla Chapter president, as well as Chely, Chauy and Patti Felix were on hand to make sure that the children were safe while they were having fun. Betty Horton and Doug Jones threw out extra candy to assure that all children received their share of treats.

One hundred fourteen families then lined up to receive their food and toy boxes. They showed their delight through their smiles and cries of "Gracias" and "¡Feliz Navidad!" Through Shirley Peterson's expert leadership all was accomplished without a hitch. Joan and Berry Hall, Betty Horton, Joan and Chuck Dernberger, Pat and Ken Goodin, Lots and Walt Osborn, Nancy and Don Schmidli, Dell and Sandy Moore, Randy Yates, Ila and Jerry Ketelhut, Bob and Alpha Fleetwood, Judy and Doug Jones, Miki and Roger Harmon, and Shirley and Pete Peterson were the crew who either packaged, boxed or distributed food. ¡Muchisimas gracias!

A number of CBSC members stopped by to give their support and enjoy the festivities. Al and Wanda Lee brought their granddaughter to see Santa. Lois Chastain came with them. Tim and Linda Boettcher and Jerry Kitchens also joined in the festivities.

The following generous folks either contributed food and related supplies, toys or money, which, of course, made this wonderful event possible.

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The students of Brophy Prep High School in Phoenix, Christmas shopped and sent down a van full of new toys and school supplies for the children.

We know that so many more of you would be here for the Christmas Party if you could. We appreciate your behind the scene support and pass along to you warm thanks from the Mexican families who live in or work in Cholla Bay who were the recipients of your kindness.

We're beginning to plan for next year. Do remember that we can't do it without your support. Donations are accepted anytime of the year.

Have a very Happy New Year!
 Nancy Schmidli and Sandy Moore

Chatter Chits

by Pat Goodin

On Dec. 16th a group of about 26 celebrated birthdays for Lois Osborn and Walt Horton and at the same time celebrated the success of another Christmas Party completed for our Mexican families in Cholla Bay. Good work Peterson's, Schmidli's and Moore's, and all of the helpers of course.

OBSC held a clamless chili-clam bake in November. In place of clams we had hamburgers. However, Ken Goodin and Bogie Jordan did a wonderful job. Yum, it was good, and the clams were happy too!

Christmas caroling again this year! December 23rd. hoping for good weather.

The rest of the Fry Shack has been painted. All we need now is the trim. Any donations for paint anyone? It's looking great.

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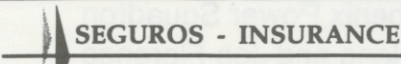
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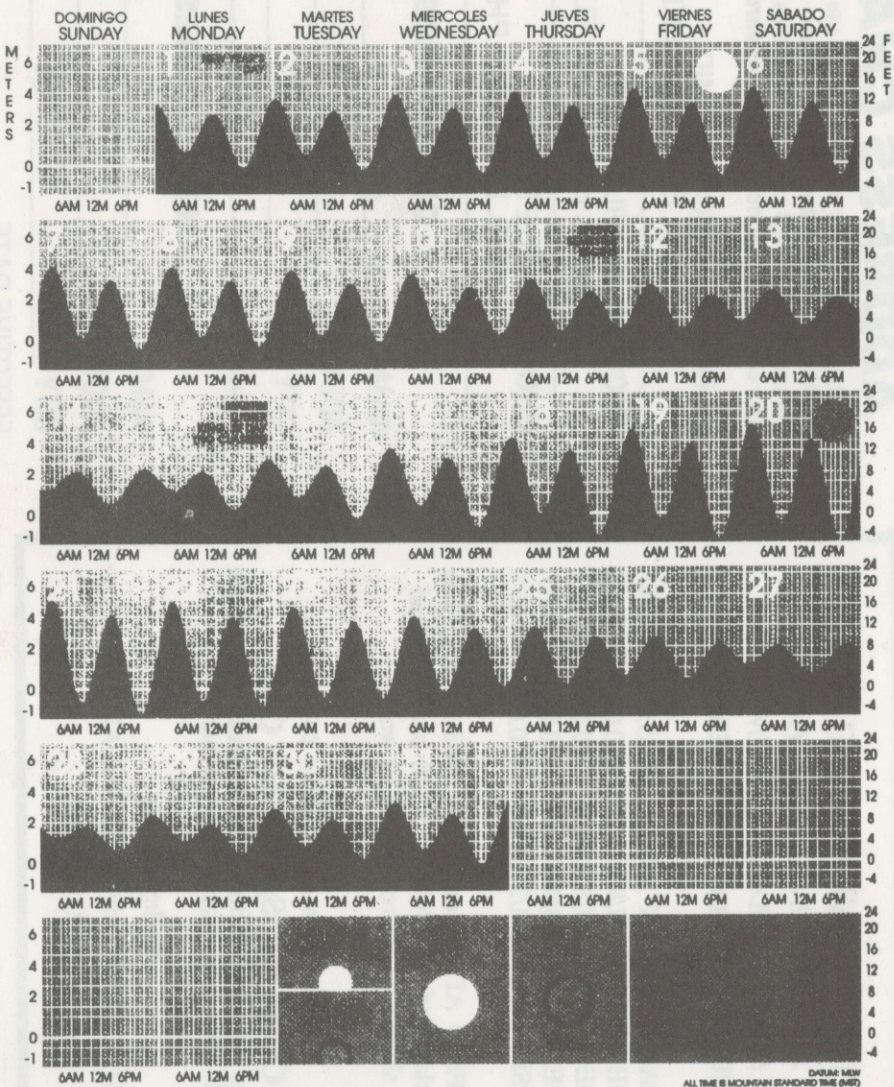
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