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Clarence Allums 1915 - 1997

Charter Club member, Clarence passed away November 5th. He was one of the original "Cholla" men. Clarence began going to Mexico in the 40's, and built the 3rd cabin in Cholla. He was quite the fisherman, his boat was the "Honey Bea" and then the "Honey Bea 2." His wife Beulah and he enjoyed being in Cholla and he especially loved fishing. He spent a lot of time in Cholla until he recently became ill. He scheduled a trip to Rocky Point this past October, but canceled his plans when he didn't feel up to making the trip. He loved Mexico and really missed not being there. He was a true fisherman, and fished til the end. We send our sympathy to his wife Beulah and family.

Dearest CBSC of

Cholla and Friends,

Thank you all for the comfort, love and support shown to us during this time. The memorial dinner and money were greatly appreciated. Bette wouldn't want any of you to grieve but, to be full of life and love as she was. Remember her in the sunrise and sunset and in the beauty of Cholla. She loved being in Cholla and being around her many friends.

May God Bless You All, Susie Pryor, Walt Horton & Family

Derby Chairman Needed

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club is currently in search of a fishing derby chairman for the 43rd annual fishing derby. This is not a hard job but, it will take time and dedication. The derby usually starts in early spring and ends in early June. If you think you are the one for this rewarding job please contact anyone who's name appears on page two of the Chatter, and they will pass the word on to whoever needs to know.

'98 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 13 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 13 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles due

FEBRUARY

- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Chatter Articles due

MARCH

- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles due

Meeting Days & Locations !!

- CHOLLA -

2nd Tuesday of each month Listen to VHF radio for location

- TUCSON -

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- PHOENIX -

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CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

Santa Claus and his crew arrived at the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club building for their annual Christmas distribution of food and gifts with their umbrellas up and their sleigh a little muddy from the rain soaked roads. However, on the very day of the party the rains quit and the sunshine smiled down on the fiesta. Santa's ho..ho..ho's were still echoing throughout the Bay when he made his return trip with a fresh sleigh full of more toys and goodies for the Cholla Bay Mexican families. This time his landing pad was on JJ's porch for John and Joe's annual Christmas party. All in all it was a very Merry Christmas for both the givers and the receivers. All of us who stand in the background extend a big THANK YOU to the givers who make many sacrifices of their time and money to make so many families happy.

As you can tell from the above paragraph we ended 1997 with a little more than our share of the annual rainfall. This has caused the desert to bloom out with wildflowers (and weeds) almost overnight. Cholla is covered with pretty purple wildflowers. Some homeowners have even been

digging them up, planting the roots in their own gardens. Hope the transplants take hold.

1997 is history and we now turn to the brand new year 1998 and also to new resolutions. Most of us have made resolutions to attack the habits such as diet, drink and ciggerettas. Hope we can all stick to our good intentions. We hope you have noticed the Company's resolution for Cholla Bay... CLEAN UP!!! We have been busy removing old rusted out trailers and debris. We are asking you to cooperate and do your share around your property. We can help you by offering our services to pick up any bulky materials that do not fit in the normal trash pick up. If you have any excess throw aways please notify Betty at the Cholla Office and she will arrange for the removal of such items. Lets clean up, paint up and fix up Cholla for 1998.

The Company and its employees wishes you and yours the very best for 1998 and the years to

follow.



A New Year

As the new year brings in 1998 it also commemorates the 41st year of the Cholla Chatter Newsletter. This is a long time for any publication, and it would not have been possible if not for the help and contributions of the club members over the past 40 years. Thank You.

As we look towards the next 40 years. Oh... forget that. Lets just look at the next year. The Chatter need articles, stories and pictures (which will be returned if requested). With out articles, photos, stories, etc. sent in by members the chatter will blaa... blaa...

Anyway, this would be a great time to make a new years resolution to send in at least one picture or article this year. Remember it's always fun to see an article you wrote in print or to see pictures of you or your family in the Chatter. Please help keep the Chatter interesting and exciting by contributing some of your experiences and knowledge of the area.

Thank you

BRACE Halibut Fishing

by John Slubowski Jr.
the following article was originally run in the Chatter about 9yrs. ago

If you're not the best at finding reefs or just don't know Cholla Bay, then you should try halibut fishing. Unlike grouper fishing you don't need to go 12 to 26 miles out. All you need to do is go outside the bay 1/4 to 1/2 mile, which makes this kind of fishing perfect for car-top style boats. Of

course that doesn't mean that big boats can't fish for halibut.

The tackle you will need for halibut fishing is fairly basic. For a reel I like a Penn 500 Jigmaster filled with 30 pound line. Almost any rod rated 15 to 50 pounds will work fine. I prefer the Sabre 670C 7 foot, 20 to 50 pound rod. I like this rod because its progressive action enables it to handle the extra weight added by the sinker. Your best choice for hooks would be Mustad 94150 bait hooks in 5/0 size and a half dozen torpedo sinkers in 6 to 8 oz. sizes. You will also need a couple of Lucky Jo bait rigs for catching the bass you will use as bait. Rig your 5/0 hook on a 12 inch dropper loop 2 feet above your weight.

Now that you are rigged you will need to fillet some of the rock bass you caught with your bait rigs. Pin the fillet to your 5/0 hook and send it to the bottom. When the bait hits the bottom you will start to feel small taps. Those taps are the bass picking your bait clean. It is when the tapping stops that a halibut is approaching your bait, get ready. You will know when the halibut grabs your bait, set the hook and start reeling. It won't be long before he floats to the top like a large doormat. Gaff the fish carefully and bring it into the boat. Remember, halibut do most of their fighting once they hit the deck of your boat. Be careful, halibut have been known to break a person's wrist or ankle.

When fishing for halibut it is best not to anchor. You should try to drift and keep the boat in about

forty feet of water and over sand. Your best bet for halibut is from Pelican Point north.

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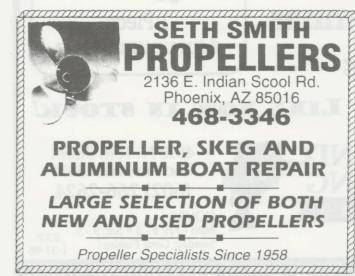
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What About Fishing

A Fisherman's New Years Resolutions:

- 1. Figure out how to talk the wife into a newer, bigger boat.
- 2. Justify buying a new Lowrance LMS-350.
- 3. Figure out how to budget in my weekly tackle allowance.
- 4. Don't read the new 98' Penn catalog.
- 5. Throw away all Bayliner Trophy catalogs.
- 6. Don't go to the January boat show at the Civic Plaza.
- **7**. Stop telling everyone I meet about Cholla Bay and the great fishing.
- 8. Stop wishing I was waking up in Cholla, every morning that I wake up in Phoenix.
- 9. Stop drooling every time I think about hotoff-the grill fish tacos.
- 10. Increase my prayers to God, so the wind will quit blowing every time I want to hit the water.
- 11. Say something different to my launcher besides "Where have the fish been caught?" and "What reef do you suggest?"
- **12**. Take top prize in the derby by catching 'Moby Grouper' this year.
- **13**. Lift my cervezas with my left arm, so it becomes equal in size to my right arm.
- **14**. Last, but not least, improve my horrible Spanish.

Good Luck Fishing From 2nd Chance



THE RESULTS ARE IN

Here are some of the results of a survey of boat owners conducted by *Boating Magazine*:

- 71 percent of boat owners are more likely to remember the day they purchased their boat than the day they met their spouse (42 percent).
- More boat owners carry pictures of their boats in their wallet (89 percent) than pictures of their spouse or children (65 percent).
- If they had to choose, 65 percent of the boat owners who responded to the survey would rather have their boat than their hair.
- 56 percent would rather have their boat than a car; and 50 percent would rather have their boat than their house.
- 60 percent believe it's a good idea to have a prenuptial agreement to protect his or her boat.
- Boat owners take more time to name their boats than to name their children. Forty-eight percent took a week or more to come up with a name for their vessel, compared to 45 percent who took that much time to name their child.



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The Secret of the Sand Dollar

A sea creature doesn't seem to be part of Christmas - unless you know a legend that tells its secret.

Many Christmas legends have to do with nature in winter. We have tales of Jack Frost, of evergreen pines and how they became Christmas trees and of Santa's reindeer.

But things called "Sand Dollars"? Flat, white disk that look like big silver dollars and are found in the sand? What do they have to do with snow, pine trees, reindeer and Christmas?

The legend of the sand dollar probably came from South American countries. South of the equator, the seasons are the reverse of ours. December 25th comes in midsummer. And midsummer is the time when South Americans most often find the white shell-like sand dollars lying on their beaches.

Actually the sand dollar animals live in the sheltered waters of many oceans. They are found in the Atlantic as far north as the Arctic. And they live in parts of the Pacific all the way from Canada to Japan.

Live sand dollars are reddish brown or light green or even slightly purple. Though most of the creatures are round, they are closely related to starfish.

Many short tube feet and velvet-soft spines cover both sides of the sand dollars bodies. The tubes and spines move. With them, the animal slowly glides, crawl and dig. Mouthside down, they search in the sand for the algae that they eat.

On their upper sides, larger tube feet stick out from double rows of tiny holes. With these tubes sand dollars breath.

Live sand dollars are hard to see in the water. They are shy and usually burrow in the sand at the water's edge.

The white, flat sand dollars found on the beaches are not alive. These disk are the animal's skeleton.

On the underside of a sand dollar disk is the hole that was the creature's mouth. It looks like the center of a flower. Shake the sand dollar, and its five teeth fall out. On top of the sand dollar is a star-shaped design. The five marks of the star show where the animal's large tube feet once were.

You do not learn the sand dollar's story by holding it up to your ear and listening for ocean whispers, as you might with some seashells. Instead, hold the sand dollar in the palm of your hand and look at it carefully.

This is the legend the sand dollar might tell:

On the night that Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were stars to guide the Wise Men to the manger. There were angels to sing to the shepherds. And so the news was spread.

But in faraway places these signs were not seen. So it was up to the oceans to tell of Jesus' birth. Wherever waves washed the sands that night they left many thin, white wafers with strange markings.

On one side of the wafer was a perfect "star" - the Star of Bethlehem, so the legend says. On the other side were lines forming a design that looked like the Christmas poinsettia. Between the petals were dots-"bells" to ring out the glad tidings of Christmas. If a wafer broke, out tumbled five little teeth - the "angels."

That is the legend that tells the way the sand dollar's secret. That is the way the sand dollar's markings are said to have told the story of the baby Jesus.

Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

Dear Readers.

By the time you get this letter Christmas and New Year will have passed. So I hope you had a

Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Cholla Chapter held our December 9th meeting in the restaurant at Senorial Hotel. 92 members and guests were present. There were lots of happy winners of door and raffle prizes. Some of the prizes were bought by the club. The rest were donated by these businesses in Rocky Point; Villa Las Palmas, The Pink Cadillac, Gloria's Beauty Salon, Old Port Deli, Willies Mobil Service, Adventures in Rocky Point and The Rocky Point Times. Thank You!!

Visitors at this meeting were; Jack & Helen Walter, Bill Clemmens, Art & Edna Specht, Mike & Dara Duly, Robert & Barb Dammann, Nancy Moody and the Blair's grandchildren Danielle & Joshua

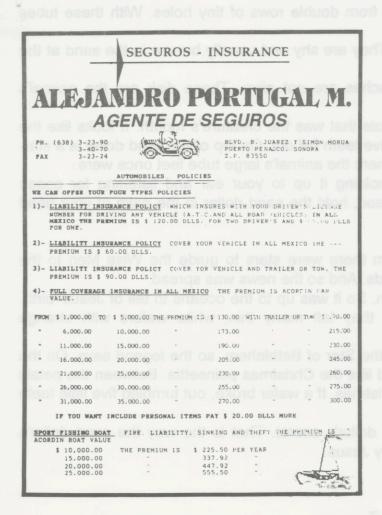
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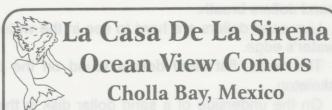
I have some sad news to report. Our dear friend and long time member Bette Horton passed away. We also lost Nancy Shand a new member this past year. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the families.

Sick Bay reports that Doug Jones is laid up again.

Ballots were passed out but as no one was running against anyone, the new officers were elected by acclamation and they are as follows; President - Pat Foss, Vice President - Don Schmidli, Secretary - Louis Smith, Treasurer - Donna Blair.

Our next meeting will be January 13th. Happy Hour starts at 5.00. Listen to the marine radio for the location. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.





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Reprinted from the Pacific Pearl, Mazatlán

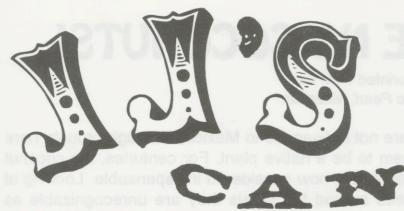
Surprising to many, but coconut palms are not indigenous to Mexico, although brought here so long ago that most people consider them to be a native plant. For centuries, the coconut palm has enhanced the Mexican way of life and is now considered indispensable. Looking at the green fruit hanging from the palm trees around the hotels they are unrecognizable as coconuts. But take off the green outer hull and you will find the hard shelled, hairy coconuts seen in your local supermarket back home. There is more to this multi-use palm than the meat. Virtually every part of the tree can be used.

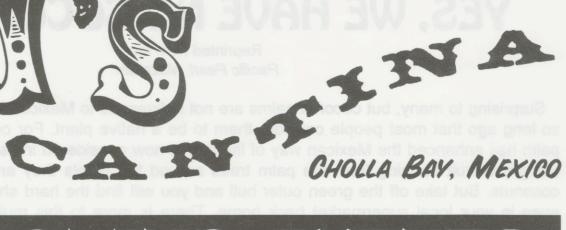
The coconut itself is a seed; the largest in the world. Many times after a hurricane or other tropical storm, the ocean claims many. Buoyant, they can float for hundreds of miles until washed ashore on some distant tropical shore where they germinate and in seven short years begin bearing fruit. By ten years of age, when they are fully mature, the average tree will produce between 300 and 500 coconuts each year. Baring disease, this level of production will continue for more than 100 years. Coconut trees are cut down and replaced when they become too dangerous to climb. You see, the only way to harvest coconuts is by climbing the tree; the branches bearing fruit are cut, secured with a rope and gently lowered to the ground. If dropped, they crack and loose their valuable coconut oil. The Coconuts are shipped to Culiacán, a city two hours north of Mazatlán (on the mainland), to be pressed for their oil. At the same time, fibrous material contained in the green outer hull, called copra, is separated for use in the making of a rough hemp-like rope.

The local growing area near Mazatlán is a 6,000 acre peninsula known as Stone Island. Along it's twelve-mile beach there are a reported million and a half coconut trees. On the plantation both coconuts and trees are put to a variety of uses. Picked when green, the coconut water (or milk) is more than a thirst quencher. Full of electrolytes, it is a natural rehydrant and combats amoebas and other parasites.

The coconut water congeals to make the meat, and coconuts are then harvested for baking or to make the wonderful coconut candy sold in and around Mazatlán. The hulls of the fruit are used as an expensive replacement for charcoal, lending a delicate flavor to bar-b-que meals. Green, the palm fronds are used as a "lid" to cover cooking fish for a dish called Pescado Ahumando, or steamed fish. In many rural areas, like Stone Island, semi-dry palm leaves are made into crude but efficient brooms. Completely dried, the leaves make strong, water resistant thatching for entire buildings or for roofs of the palapas which dot the shoreline outside the hotels. Coconut wood will not burn, even if struck by lightning, are impervious to termites and therefor are excellent building materials. Cut sanded and varnished, the trunks make attractive and sturdy tables and benches.

So now you know, coconuts are a lot more than Coco-Locos and funny hats. We owe much to this versatile tree and a big thank you to whomever brought it to the shores those long years ago.





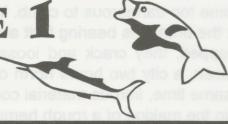
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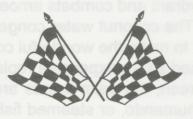


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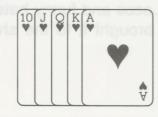


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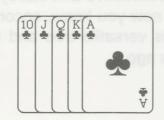


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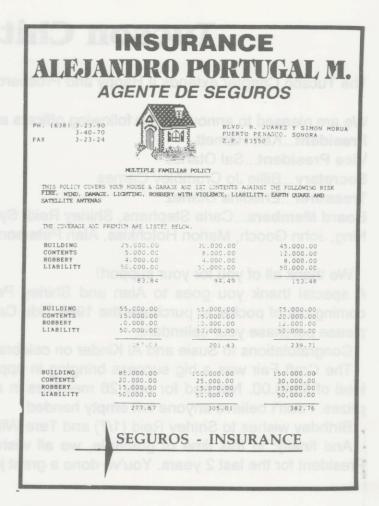




My First Fish in Mexico

by Nick T.

Some years back I was camping at Sandy Beach when the spring break was on. That is when I went into the water for the first time with mask and snorkel. I was having a jolly old time near the place where they cleared the big rocks for a boat launch and I was in amazement at the beautiful Panama sergeant majors which populate the shallow depths. But soon curiosity sent me into the deeper water to look for new species, and I found one at a depth of over three meters. The fish was just staying in place. Since it was so deep, I took the best chestful of air I could manage and went down to get a better look at the anatomy. The fish did not swim away even as I reached it, so this made me swim closer to investigate, and then I saw it. The fish I wanted to see was hooked on an old fishing line. I still had some air so I made a quick decision to see if I could free the line. With a couple of tugs the line came free and I took the fish in my bare hand. Least you doubt that I could hold onto a fish in one hand underwater. I can testify that the reason I could do it was due to the fact that the fish did not struggle. It was still alive and had all the oxygen it needed but, it was weak from the time it was hooked in that spot. I fully expected to lose the fish on the way up but, I made it back to the surface and onto the shore with the fish. Later I found out that it was what we call a sand bass from some diagrams and descriptions I found in a CEDO book. I cleaned it and roasted it like the Mexicans do over open fire with liberal applications of pepper and some salt. You never know how you are going to catch a fish. The last time this happened was when I found a floating fish in Lake Texoma while snorkeling and since the eyes looked clear I had that one over a fire also. Proving you can catch fish with your bare hands if conditions are good.



Dear Chatter,

I seem to be confused, misinformed and can not get a straight answer concerning the Cholla police staff. I understand that during the October elections in Mexico, Augustin and the rest of the Cholla Police staff were not reassigned to Cholla due to their political party. OK fine. So we get a new crew of police to patrol and protect our community. And as I understand the new police staff did not have any radios and lacked patrol cars. If the new police do not have radios how am I as a homeowner suppose to contact them if there is a problem or emergency?

Last weekend I was in Cholla and found out that the new chief of police in Cholla is gone and that Augustin is back. What happened? Did the political party change again in two months? Was Augustin on vacation? I also understand that the radios and patrol cars are back, why were they gone in the first place? If you get a new crew at the fire department you don't take away the fire trucks, do you?

All I'm looking for is a straight answer to this situation, as a homeowner in Cholla I think I have the right to know what is happening in my community.

concerned homeowner

Tucson Chitter Chatter

The Tucson Chapter extends a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

We are pleased to announce the following officers and Board members for 1998.

President...Ken Harnett

Vice President...Sal Otanez

Secretary...Billie Jo Crumbley Carnes

Treasurer...Enedina Otanez

Board Members...Carla Stephens, Shirley Reid, Sylvia Kitchens, Jerry Kitchens, Al Kinder, Bud King, John Gooch, Marion Hotchkiss, Alan Peterson, Bob Rothrock and Phil McAfate.

We thank all of you for your support!

A special thank you goes to Alan and Shirley Peterson for their continued support and also for coming out of pocket to purchase the 1998 Tide Calendars. Thank You! Thank You! And remember, please purchase your calendars.

Congratulations to Susie and Al Kinder on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary!

The Craft Fair was a big success bringing in approximately \$1,700. The December raffle raised a total of \$145.00. Not bad for only 26 members in attendance. We had 17 door prizes and 21 raffle prizes. I don't believe anyone left empty handed.

Birthday wishes to Shirley Reid (1/7) and Tere Wilson (1/21).

And finally, in this time of gratitude, we all wish to thank Jerry Kitchens for being such a great President for the last 2 years. You've done a great job! Thank you Sylvia!

Happy New Year! Carla Stephens

This & That

- The new 1998 tide calanders are now available at your monthly meetings.
- It was only time before a fast food chain settled down in Rocky Point. On the road leading to the Plaza Las Glorias is the new "Subway" Sandwich shop.
- This seasons shrimp are looking good. The last time I was there we got some blues that averaged 10 to a pound for about \$7.00 a pound.
- The water has cooled down and the fishing should begin to pick up. I've seen quite a few pintos and red snappers come in lately and the halibut should not be far behind.
- The CBSC needs a 98' Fishing Derby Chairman.
- Many of the side streets in Rocky Point are still being paved. Try to avoid them if possible.
- There is a new Pemex station under construction across from the airport. It looks like it is almost finished.

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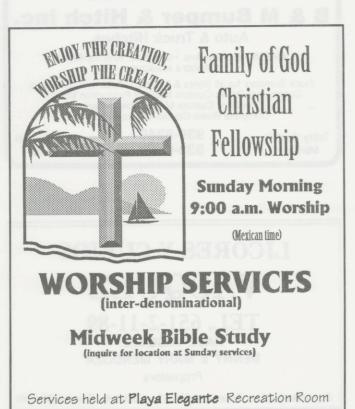
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WHITE WATER

The club is considering putting together a white water rafting trip on the upper Salt River sometime in March of 98'. It would be a one day trip on the river with a possible camp-over one night. Anyone interested in this is asked to call Brad at (602) 938-5798. The only way this trip will happen is that if there is enough interest in it. So if you have any questions or would like to participate in this please call so we can get an idea of how many reservations we will need to make. Please remember, we need to make reservations early, so call ASAP.





Don't Forget, Dues Are Due

Don't forget that January 1st. membership dues are due if you are a member of the Cholla Chapter or the Tucson Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club.

Membership dues should be mailed to your chapters address found in the back of the chatter on the membership application.

Please pay your dues early to help make it easier on the membership people, and to avoid being deleted from the chatter mailing list.

Remember your membership dues help support the VHF radio network and other club functions.

THANK 90U

My family and I wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors for all of their loving thoughts, gifts and prayers on behalf of Bette passing away on November 15, 1997. We will miss her charming and unusual ways.

Sincerely, Walt & Family

JOKE TIME

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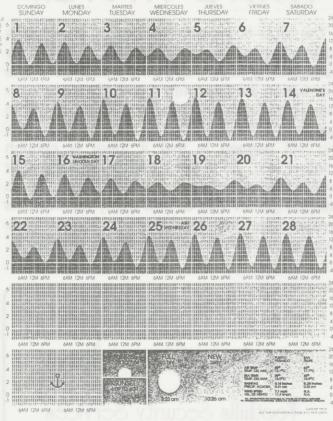
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