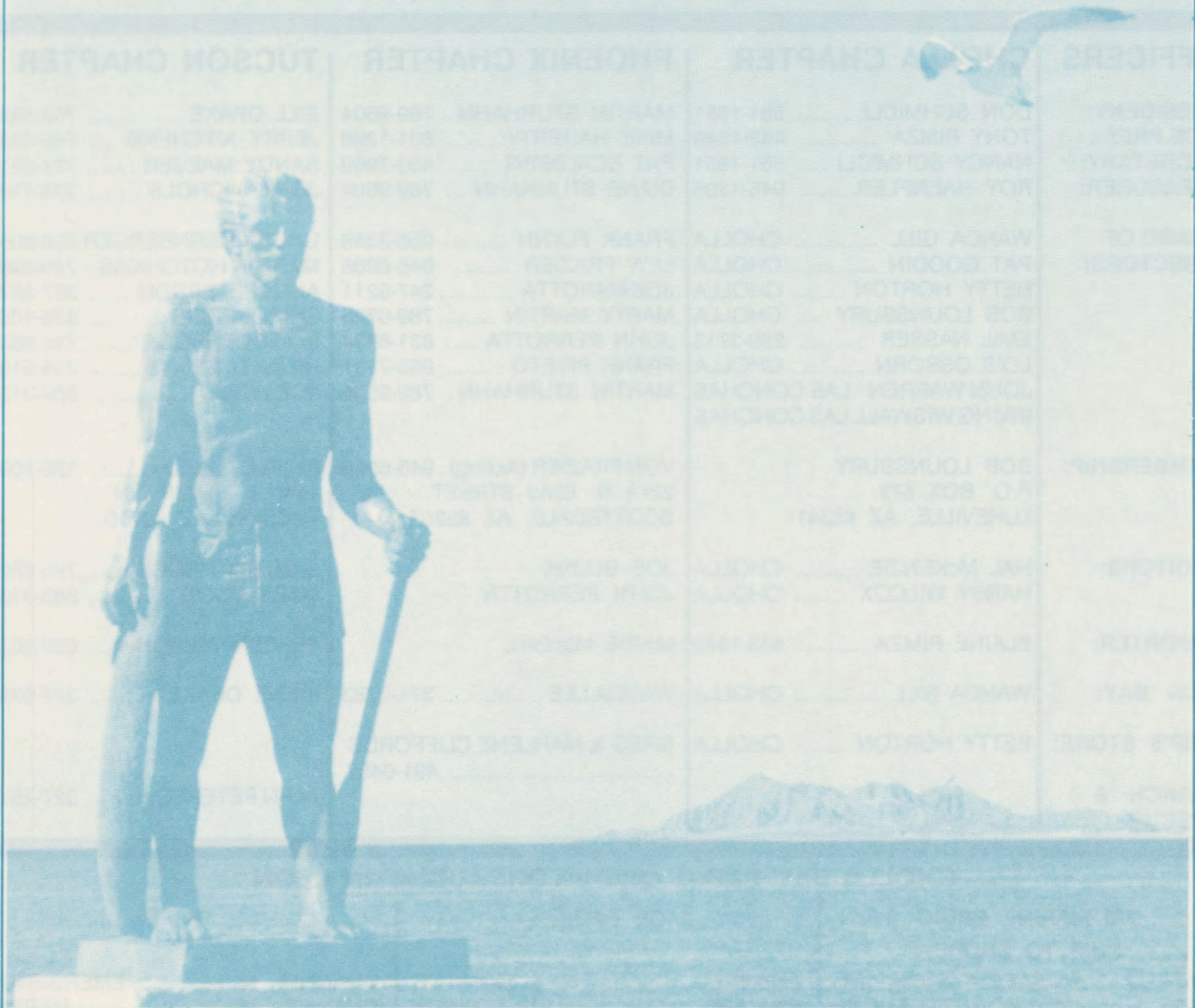


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MARCH

- 8 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 8 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 10 Council Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editor

APRIL

- 3 Easter Sunday
- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 13 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editor
- 29,30 Derby (1st Phase)

MAY

- 1 Derby (Cont.)
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editor
- 27-30 Derby (2nd Phase)
- 29 Steak Fry

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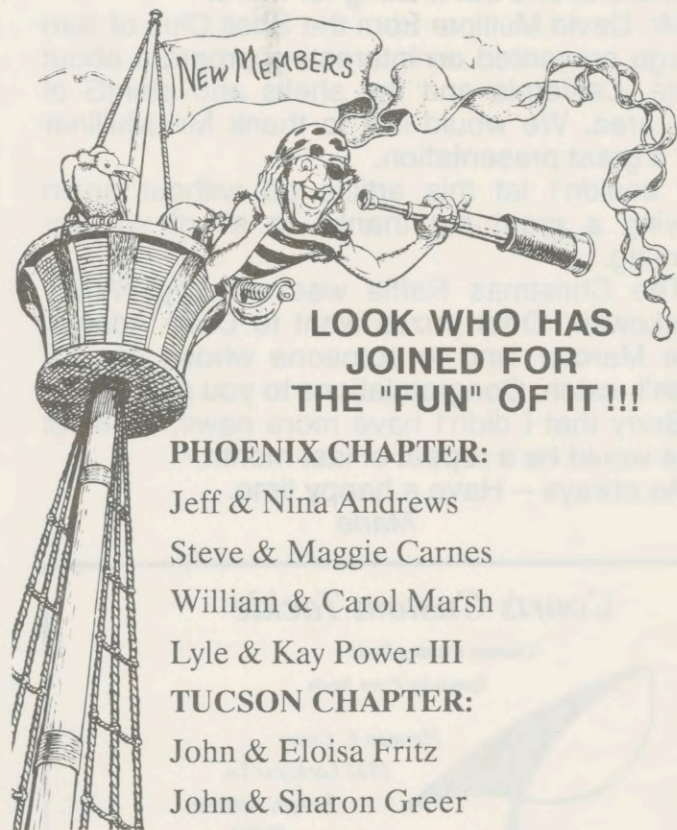
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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

By: Marie MacGill

President Martin Sturhahn opened the February 9th meeting at 8:05 p.m. to a nice size crowd of about ninety people. As usual we all enjoyed the introductions. We saw several faces that we hadn't seen for some time. One of the couples was Lowell & Frankie McCully, who have been members for some time now. We thought Bill & Betty Waggoner had forgotten us, but they were there, as well as several other couples. We hope all of you come back soon, as we miss you. Dave & Kelley Adams brought their son Randy, and he is quite a young man -- Please bring him back.

It was reported that Ship's Store did real well last year, Thanks to the Westfall's. If you need some goodies, please see Greg & Marlene Cliffords, who have taken over Ship's Store this year -- Thank You!!! Pat Scalberg, our Secretary gave a great report on last months meeting, thanks Pat.

The Chatter reported that they will have a special page dedicated to our *Club Members and their fish*. Please send photos, names, dates, etc. to the Chatter.

Our Phoenix Chapter is now at 483 members, and still looking for more!

Mr. David Mulliner from the Shell Club of San Diego presented an interesting program about Baja, California and the shells and plants of the area. We would like to thank Mr. Mulliner for a great presentation.

I couldn't let this article go without again saying a great big thanks to all of you for coming.

The Christmas Raffle was won by Wimpy Jaskowiak. Door prizes went to Dave Adams, Joe Marotta, and to someone whose name I didn't catch. Congratulations to you all.

Sorry that I didn't have more news, as most of it would be a repeat of last month.

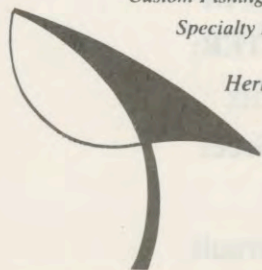
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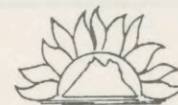
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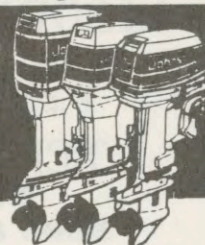


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TUCSON CHITTER CHATTER

I'm not in the mood, I'm not in the mood to write. Do you remember how beautiful the weather was around Valentine's day? The Bay must have been gorgeous which we had some reports, cool but, Great. I really want to be on the go right now, but duty calls, so here it goes.....

Did you remember your Valentine or are you in the dog house? Well, Tucson CBSC February meeting was remembered with many new faces and we hope it continues with better attendance.

Billy Drake, President, called the meeting to order after we all had indulged in Mexican Food, favorite beverage, along with camaraderie at Las Margaritas on Grant Road. The membership was introduced and we continued to hear reports from Secretary Sandi Maeser, Treasurer Joan Nichols, Membership Shirley Reid, Sick Bay Irene Drake, Search & Rescue Pete Peterson, Ship's Store (Mary hand some input in the absence of Betty Horton), Council report Pete Peterson.

The meeting was informal, it covered many subjects of coming events. Tucson Chapter will be in charge of the Steak Fry Memorial Weekend, as it was a good fund raiser for the Christmas Party. Shirley Peterson wanted to remind everyone to turn in old Christmas cards, and used Levi's. Rescue boats have been quiet with no spectacular events.

One of the items of old business pertained to speakers for the monthly meetings. The membership agreed to have speakers occasionally and to use the other time to catch up on news from the Bay, social activities, and any other news of member activities. Pete Peterson started on the new agenda by reporting on their trip to San Felipe. Sounded like a fun trip, but they would rather stay in Cholla with all its trials and tribulations.

Vice President Jerry Kitchens kept busy by passing out door prize tickets and raffle tickets during the evening. The prizes were appropriate for Valentine's Day.

We want to thank all who donated prizes. Some of the gifts are very useful and the flowers were soooooo pretty, and some of the winners are soooooo lucky. Now I must make a correction for a January winner - I don't lose any sleep about my errors, but it does tarnish my crown of glory. Hotchkiss was winner of ? prize instead of Hohmann. I still think Hohmann ought to play "La Loteria".

The new business was covered briefly letting us know the Cholla Chatter is self supporting. Speakers will be left to Vice Pres Jerry Kitchens discretion. Ship Store has lots of things to sell, but you have to stop in and see Betty Horton to see what there is. We now have 180 paid members. The dues are due now, Past Due!!! So the evening went as we took a break to return for the door prize and raffle prizes. Flower arrangements: Sylvia Kitchens, Jackie Winters, Jean Hunziker, Teresa Wilson, Helen Sandoval. Pink basket w/note pad & pencil: Hilda Tozzi, Clarence Wilson. Thermos bottle: Bill Hohmann. Western necklace (Made by Irene Drake): Nikki Hohmann. Circle of ceramic ducks: Judy Scott. Fire alert: Judy Scott. Fire Ext.: Hilda Tozzi.

It is fun to get together and exchange stories and tidbits about Cholla Bay and even if we have problems, getting together and comparing notes, we can laugh and joke which makes things more bearable. Take care and see you in Mexico, if not see you at the March meeting.

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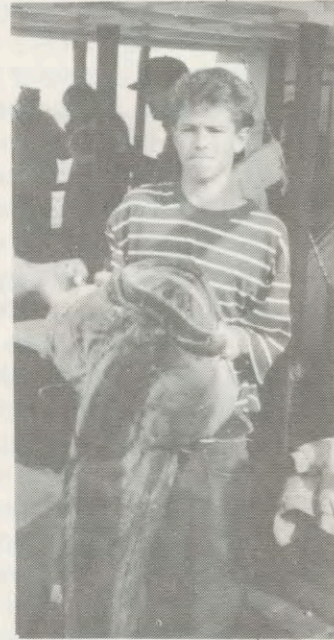
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Frank Prieto with a respectable Sea Trout



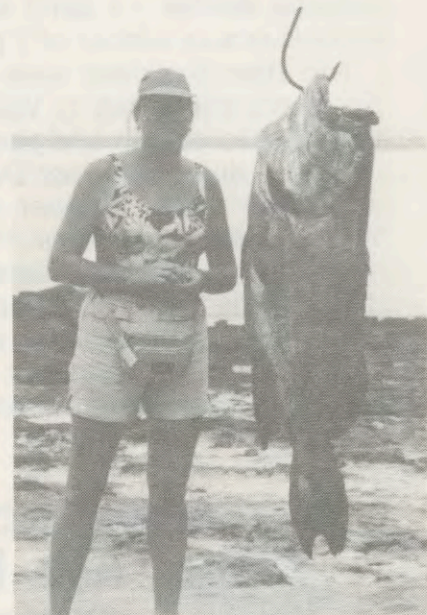
Randy Adams after a great day Trigger fishing



Wally Greening's first Grouper



Baxter Shields shows off his nice Grouper & Pargo



Kelley Adams and a big Grouper



Wally Schmerfeld & a giant Black Sea Bass



Greg & Marlene Cliffords with their first Trigger Fish of the day

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Fishingitis sufferers frequently visit tackle shops. They converse secretly with friends, and can be seen moving their arms in simulated casting motions. They are often seen reading fishing & outdoor magazines. They also keep close track of weather reports with strong attention paid to the barometric pressure.

CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

By: Elaine Rimza

The flu bug has been roaming around Cholla and Las Conchas, so take care! A speedy recovery to all who have been bitten.

There were 63 members and guests at the February 8th meeting. Jeff Petit, of Chandler, Arizona, was the guest speaker, giving us information about the children's orphanage recently opened here. The establishment is about 10 miles north of Penasco and is called "Esperanza Para Los Ninos" (Hope for the Children). They have 3 boys and 1 girl at present, but are expecting additional children in the near future. Donations can be left with Jerry and Ilah Kettlehut or someone in the bay who can forward it to these people.

Quite a few people have been visiting in Cholla. Bob Lounsbury's guest, Virginia Collins, came all the way from Florida. Don and Nancy Schmidli entertained Ken and Sally Troutt of Pinetop and Bill and Porkie Saunders from Ahwatukee.

Mardi Gras Celebration on February 12 was fun and colorful. This is an OBSC function that John Upchurch has made a special attraction for a number of years. Good food!

Don't forget, 1994 dues were due in January. If these months have slipped away and you haven't renewed, NOW is the time to do so.

Welcome to our new members:

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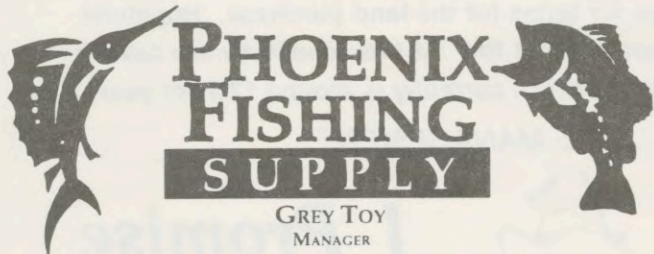
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As far as Cholla Bay and the regularization process is concerned, there are several situations that will be defined this month. The survey has taken longer then the engineering firm had anticipated, but should be ready by the 4th of March. It must then be presented to the state government for approval. We anticipate that as soon as the survey is turned in, the technical committee will have a meeting and will extend the March 14th deadline by a reasonable amount of time.

Recently we have had conversations with officials from the State of Sonora concerning the situation of those people who are on company property that are not current with their lease obligations. As set forth in the Cholla Bay Land Trust, every person who wishes to receive a Deed of Trust must be current on the lease, pay for the land, and cover the closing costs as well. In an effort to facilitate this process for those who are not current at this time, the company is offering the following: We will reduce the interest portion of the balance due by 50% for any account that is paid by the 31st of March of 1994. Those who are unable to manage this, can arrange for terms for the total balance due. If you would like to take advantage of either of these offers, please contact Betty Munro at our Cholla Bay office.

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Anyone who knows Lamar knows that he can't resist the lure of the open road - within him is a great compulsion to explore. We have driven down roads that were hardly worth the name and as often as not, when the road stopped, we didn't. This resulted in automotive damage and minor emergencies as well as threat to life and limb. It is of such an occasion that we are talking about here.

In approximately the summer of 1978, we were vacationing in Rocky Point and while casting about for "something to do" he tho't it would be interesting to take a road that paralleled the railroad tracks going south and east of town. The ultimate destination of this roadway was to be Caborca, but even after several years of construction, it hadn't been completed (in the Mexican fashion) and may not be completed to this day.

Sure enough, after the pavement ended, we continued to bounce over a primitive trail along the sand dunes until, of course, we were hopelessly stuck in a bottomless drift of sand.

In taking stock of our meager resources, we found ourselves pitifully lacking. Having no digging tools and only one can of tomato juice as our soul source of food and drink. We were so poorly prepared, in fact, that we wore only our bathing suits, a light shirt and thong sandals on our feet. This was hardly fitting attire for being stranded in the hot sonoran sun.

When it appeared that we would be unable to dislodge this vehicle (said vehicle being a Chevrolet Suburban, was only slightly smaller than a Mack truck) we took stock of our location. We were very near the rail road track somewhere between the first and second estuary... we reasoned that we were probably not too far from the water and set out to reach it. Wrong! Having failed to do that we returned to the car. Now being back at "square one" you might say, we remembered having seen a railroad "section house" about five miles out of Rocky Point, but that was too far to walk back to as well.

A section house is a spartan structure built for the purpose of housing a "section crew" whose job is to ride an assigned section on a track mounted vehicle known as a "hand car", inspecting and repairing track. This vehicle is approximately the size of a Volkswagen bug and has a small utility trailer in tow containing tools and workers.

As it happened, we had seen this merry group headed east shortly after we became stuck. As desperation set in, we realized that they, on their trip, were probably our only hope of becoming mobile again. In fact, our very survival hung in the balance!

Presently they came along and we hailed them (there were eight or ten workers). We communicated our problem mostly by show and tell since our Spanish wasn't any better than their English.

Most Mexican people by virtue of the fact that they drive old, undependable cars are quick to throw themselves into any such problem at hand and these were no exception.

They enthusiastically shouldered their shovels and attacked the offending sand pit with a vengeance.

Now you must remember, we are still facing an easterly direction and as a result, when they were able to free the suburban, Lamar took flight in search of ground solid enough to support a U-turn. The problem was that he left me there with the companeros!

Ahhh, but I wasn't worried because this was the only way back to town "He had to come back by here" (didn't he??).

After what seemed like a long time, we saw him coming back, goosing that old Suburban across the sand dunes, appearing to touch only the tops. The Mexicans cheered mightily when he reached the offending sand trap, left the ground in a magnificent arch and sailed right over it to the top of the next dune and kept right on going in a plume of dust! Now I was worried!!!

The foreman indicated that I should come over to the hand car and ride back with them. Having run out of options, I headed that way. It seemed to me that if I rode in the open utility trailer, there was at least the possibility that I could jump if necessary - BUT NO!!!

The foreman quickly dusted off the seat next to him (a totally unnecessary move in view of my state of grooming at that point) and with a gesture that I can only describe as 'courtly', indicated that I should sit in front. The thought occurred to me this was where I would find out if they were honorable men. Fortunately they were and after a few miles we spotted the Suburban sitting high and secure on solid ground. They stopped and delivered me in a gallant procession to my awaiting chariot.

The bad news was that we didn't have any money to compensate them for their assistance. The good news was that they didn't expect any compensation. After many "gracias" and "de nadas", we went back to town.

There we bought three cases of cold cerveza and started back to the section house to properly express our gratitude. As we neared the section house, we started seeing our friends walking along the road. It was a Friday after all and they were going to town to catch the train home to Carborca for the weekend. They happily piled into the Suburban and broke open the beer "con gusto!". Camaraderie prevailed and there was the distinct feeling that we all had a better understanding of the bond of humankind that day.

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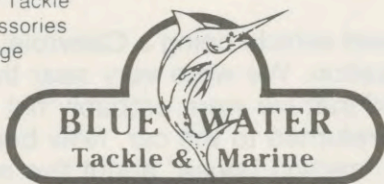
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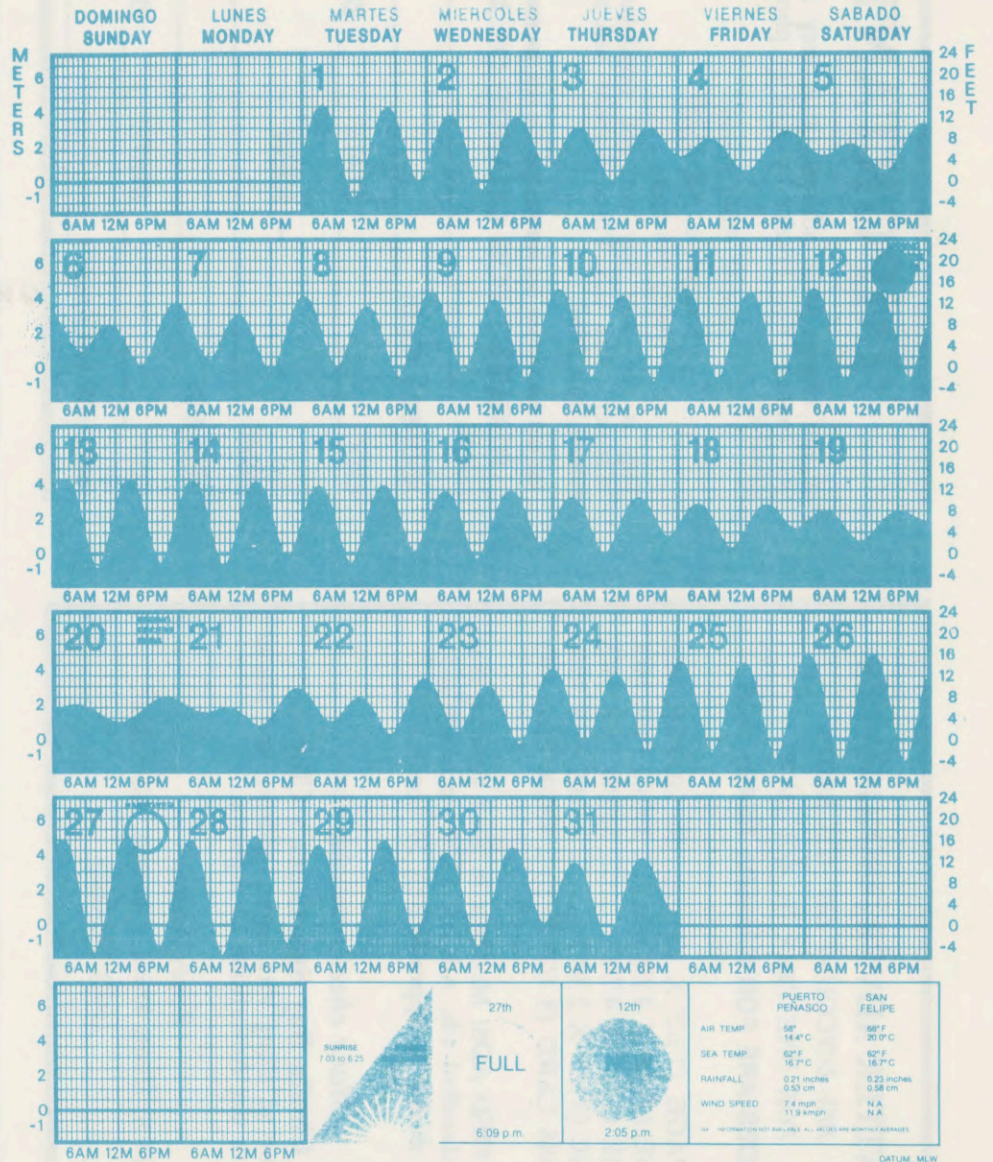
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