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## Correction

Last months cover photo showed Lou Sheridan with a Black Sea Bass. My mistake, it was really Lou Sherman and his son Travis with a 218lb. Black Sea Bass caught December 28th 1995. My apologies Lou.

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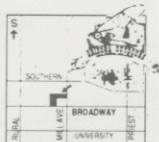
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- 2 CBSC Rummage Sale - Cholla
- 9 OBSC Kite Flying Contest - Cholla
- 12 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 13 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 15-17 CBSC Fishing Derby Begins
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors

### APRIL

- 12 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 12 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 13 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors
- 26-28 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues
- 27 JJ's Chili Cookoff
- 27 JJ's Sailboat & Jet Ski Races

### MAY

- 4 JJ's Golf Tournament
- 8 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 8 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles Due To Editors
- 24-27 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi Dave:

I received my issue of the Cholla Chatter with my son and I on the front cover, the one with the 218lb. black sea bass, Feb. issue of course. One little misprint, my last name is SHERMAN not Sheridan. My sons name is Travis. Really appreciated being on the cover, THANKS.

I was reading your editors note about not having enough material or people writing in about their times in Cholla or Rocky Point. Can't imagine! It's too bad that more people don't write in, for the simple reason that there are sooo many TRUE stories to be told. Just look at my son and I, we made it to the cover of the Cholla Chatter. How many people can say they have! Eat your hearts out. I have also made JJ's Cantina's wall I believe 4 times. Every time I have come to Rocky Point and Cholla Bay we have an absolute BLAST. It also helps having a house to go to.

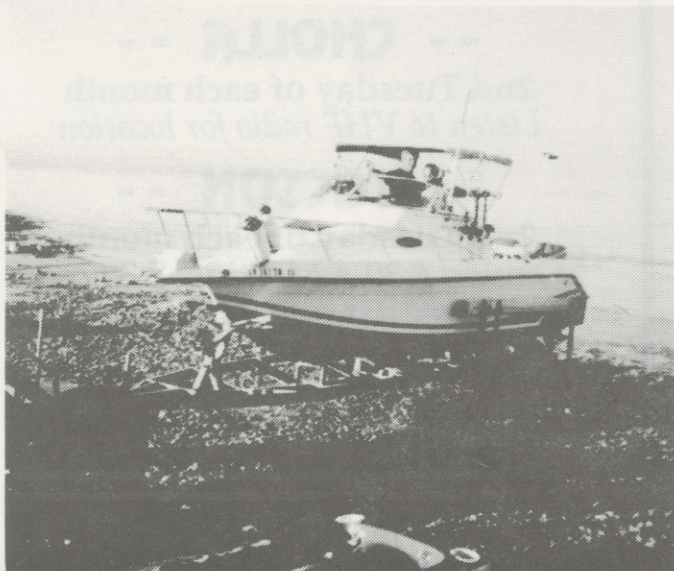
I've been coming to Cholla Bay since 1983 which I was part of a crew that took 1st place in a fishing derby. That's when I was hooked. I have always loved Mexico. I have traveled extensively throughout out the Caribbean, Hawaii, Belize, and Mexico. Funny thing is that I kept going back to Mexico, mainly Rocky Point. The people, Mexicans and Americans have always been so nice to be with, to chat or just have a good time. The Mexican people are always willing to give a helping hand, and are always so friendly, Rocky Point is just a great place to be. My family and I have met some great people in Rocky Point and have become good friends over the past years. We come down to Cholla Bay about 6 to 8 times a year, spending 4-5 days or a week or so at a time. Too young to retire yet, but hopefully someday.

Getting back to fishing, I would like to mention and my hat is off to Jose Cuervo, oops I mean Jose Anacleto. He's mi #1 amigo. It was his fault that I caught that 218 lb. Black Sea Bass. It was Thursday, Dec. 28th 1995. Jose ask me if I would like to go fishing (his boat boy). Of course I accepted, it was a beautiful morning. Now I can truly appreciate waking up before the sunrise and coming back to Cholla Bay from a full day of fishing, as the sun is going down across the Sea of Cortez. Jose is the true fisherman that I look up to. Matter of fact I'm surprised he doesn't have gills by now. All kidding aside, he's really a wonderful person and not to leave out his beautiful wife Glenda. Thanks Jose and Glenda for all the great times, and wishing for many more years of fun in the sun.

Enclosed are two pictures, one with Jose and I returning from that great fishing day and the other from the porch of our house in Cholla. Her name is Lucieta. Just hangs around all day long.

Well Dave, here's one true story that might take up some room in the Cholla Chatter.

*Signing off for now,  
See you all in March.  
Lou Sherman*



# Tucson Chatter

by Irene Drake

On one of our few rainy nights this winter, the Feb. meeting was one of our best with 40 in attendance, was called to order by President Jerry Kitchens.

Minutes of last meetings were read by Sandi Maeser, treasurer report by Marion Hotchkiss, (great job for first time). Good news from sick bay that Gene Reid is much improved this month. Hope to see him at the March meeting and wish all others good health.

Shirley Peterson was announced as head of this years Fish Fry. She needs 12 hardy volunteers to fry fish. Anyone wishing to lend a hand frying fish or with any of the numerous chores required for the derby contact Shirley

Clarito and Tere Wilson are enjoying their cruise to the Mexican Riveria and some time in California. Perhaps this is a trial run, for a second honeymoon, for their 50th anniversary next year.

Our faithful monthly members were glad to welcome many new faces at our February meeting. New faces in attendance were, Ray, Sandi, Kiersten & Brian Hayes, Mike & Billie Carnes, John Bynum, Albert & Sue Kinder, Carl & Kaye Bozeman, Lou & Bev Spencer, Bob & Alice Vorholzer, Bud & Dolores King. Hope to see you all and many more new faces again next month.

Prizes were donated by Marion Hotchkiss, Sandi Maeser, Mary Wood, Sylvia Kitchens and Irene Drake. We greatly appreciate any and all prizes donated for our raffles.

**Saying of the month or perhaps all year.**

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# Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

by Pat Goodin

What a good turn out we had at our monthly meeting in February, 89 members and guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican food dinner at La Curva Restaurant on Feb. 13th. Thanks again to the friendly and courteous staff of La Curva.

The meeting opened with the crowning of our "Volunteer Queen of the night". Dawn Hulett was selected by a random drawing. She was crowned by our last year's queen, Evelyn Fought, and presented with a "flower" and a box of candy. Congratulations, Queen Dawn!

President Nancy Warren awarded a plaque to Don Schmidli for his dedicated service as President of Cholla Chapter for 1993, 1994 and 1995. Good work, Don!

Sick Bay reported that Clay Hulett passed away. Our sympathy to his wife, Dawn, from all of us. Vi Schmerfeld is doing a bit better. Also Mickey Ryan and Marilyn Childers. We're thinking of all of you. Also, it was reported that Bob Frank (Yosemite Sam) was injured, but now doing OK, in an auto accident. He was wearing a seat belt, which helped a great deal. We should probably all be wearing our seat belts around Rocky Point. They do save lives.

We were happy to have some visitors from Phoenix and Tucson Chapters - Gene & Carol Court, Ralph & Marion Barlow, Chuck & Joan Dernberger, Randy & Maxine Hager and Robert Hurlbert. We also had some guest of other members, but I'm sorry to say my list disappeared. So I apologize if I've left any Phoenix or Tucson members, and for not having the names of the other visitors. We were glad to see all of you.

After a short business meeting Bob Fleetwood and Don Schmidli awarded door prizes and raffle prizes to lots of lucky winners.

Some members still haven't paid dues and reminders are being mailed out. Remember - no dues, no Chatter, so pay up or your Chatter will be stopped in March or April.

Our March meeting will be held at Mr. Amigo's restaurant on March 12th. Happy Hour about 5:00-5:30 meeting and dinner about 6:00. See you there!

Here are a few Pennsylvania Dutch Proverbs I want to share with you.

- To be without friends is a serious form of poverty.
- The man who deals in sunshine, is the man who wins the crowds. He does a lot more business, than the man who peddles clouds.
- If your wife doesn't treat you as you deserve.....be thankful.
- He who says he understands women, has a misunderstanding right there.

## Cholla Support

A group of 10 people went to Hermosillo in January to show support of the Mexican government after an article in the Arizona Republic which contained half-truths regarding Mexico and Cholla Bay.

The group stood outside the tourism office during a meeting of the technical committee, with signs containing positive statements supporting the bank trusts and indicating that many people in Cholla Bay are happy and feel secure in receiving these trusts. The Mexican officials were very appreciative of the support.



## American Sportfishing Association to expand tackle loan program

**PHOENIX**---Designed to put rods, reels and terminal tackle into the hands of those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go fishing, an innovative Sportfishing Loaner Program will expand to key western cities over the next two years.

Through the efforts of its Sportfishing Promotion Council, the American Sportfishing Association is hoping to have its loaner program operational in 374 locations nationwide by mid-1997. Primarily intended to be based out of public libraries, other potential distribution sites for loaner tackle include state parks, recreation centers and retail stores. Local fishing clubs maintain the equipment in good working order, ASA officials point out.

Phoenix is one of two large cities that the council is studying for immediate expansion of the rod and reel loaner program. Also being targeted are San Francisco, San Diego, Denver and Seattle.

For more information on the program or if the club would like to get involved, call Steve Gottshall at (703) 684-5856.

## HOW THE FIGHT STARTED

After a long trying day of fishing out of Cholla Bay, the husband was enjoying a cold cerveza and reading the Cholla Chatter. His wife, who was working on a cross-word puzzle, called out, "John, what is a female sheep?" "Ewe," replied her husband..... and that's how the fight began.

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## CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

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After the meeting the group was rewarded - they discovered Hermosillo has a Price Club, Walmart and various other shopping areas. They said the best part of that shopping trip was they didn't have to worry about paying duty on their goodies.

February weather in Cholla Bay certainly has been enjoyable. A ride over to the "Reef" on Sandy Beach will verify this - the bikini crowd was out in full force Presidents Day weekend. JJ's had ideal conditions for the 1st phase of their "Angler of the Year" fishing derby. Due to the extreme tides, fish catches were not the best but, that didn't stop the diehards. They started calling for their launchers before the sun was up. A good time for young and old. The only one who might not be too happy is the man who caught a 55lb. Grouper - biggest fish of the 1st phase but, he hadn't entered the derby. Such is the luck.

Posters are up announcing the 41st CBSC Fishing Derby - 1st weekend is March 15-17th. After running these derby's for forty years the leaders are well organized and really put on a professional fishing derby. It has become the highlight event of the year for the Mexican workers who have anything to do with fishing - guides, launchers, fish cleaners, bait men, everyone. When they have their annual fish fry at the end of the derby is when the term "everyone" takes on full meaning. They really feed the masses.

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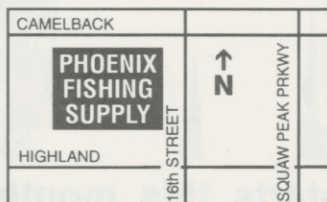
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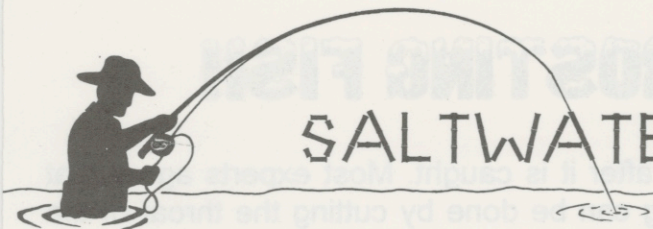


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The tackle used for fly fishing on freshwater lakes and streams should be adequate, if there is ample backing on the reel. However, a medium to slow-action fiberglass rod about 9 feet long would handle the greatest variety of saltwater species. This rod should take a size 9 or 10 line with a forward taper. If the reel has an extra spool, two lines are better than one - a floating line for fishing poppers and a sinking line for deep work. Deep meaning 6 feet or more.

The reel need not be expensive, as long as it has a smooth drag to handle long, fast runs. For this reason at least 150 yards of backing, testing about 20 pounds, should be included. There are many saltwater fish that can easily take all of this line and still keep going.

Leaders are less of a problem in salt water than fresh, although in slack water they should roll out properly when presenting the fly. A leader no longer than the rod is excellent for surface and near-surface fishing, and a shorter one adequate when going deeper. Fine tapers are undesirable because few species of saltwater fish are leader shy, and tapers to about 10-12 pounds are more suitable to the relatively large hooks on which most saltwater flies are dressed. Short shock leaders or wire traces are used when sharp-teethed fish or those having cutting gill covers might be hooked.

Bucktail flies simulate baitfish and are useful for many saltwater species. Some, such as bonefish, may prefer shrimp imitations. In general, saltwater flies are simple unnamed bucktails or streamers of a size and general coloration simulating the bait on which the fish seem to be feeding on at the time. Stainless steel or plated hooks are better than freshwater hooks made of carbon steel; the carbon hooks will rust or weaken quickly. Hooks vary in size or weight depending on the speed of sinking desired as well as the size of the fish being sought. All white streamers or bucktails are very popular, and it helps to add a little glitter, such as thin strips of mylar. Red, blue, or yellow often are laid over the white, and a combination of red and yellow is also good.

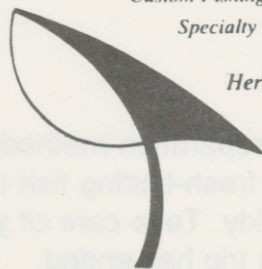
Anglers used to inland freshwater fishing (matching the hatch, delicate presentation, and all that) will find most saltwater situations easier. As just noted saltwater flies are simple ones compared to the complicated choices used in freshwater. They can be slapped down on the surface and often attract more strikes that way.

Next time you head to your favorite seaside destination pack along your fly rod. Once there, wade out a ways and start casting, you just might be surprised at the size and strength of saltwater fish on a fly rod.

If we can get enough reader response on saltwater fly fishing it's possible that it could become a category in the annual Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby. Send any responses to the return address on the back of the Chatter.

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# FREEZING AND DEFROSTING FISH

1. Depending on the species, bleed or gut the fish soon after it is caught. Most experts agree that leaving the head on the fish improves the flavor. Bleeding can be done by cutting the throat of the fish to the backbone, then making a second slice at the base of the tail.
2. Immediately place the fish on a bed of crushed ice after bleeding or gutting. Do not pack the fish under a layer of heavy ice, it could damage the flesh.
3. After returning to the dock, or after the fish has stiffened, fillet or steak-out the fish. Leaving the skin on the fish will better protect it during the freezing process.
4. Package the fish so as to minimize exposure of flesh to air. This can be done with a vacuum-sealer or by dunking the bagged fish in a bucket of water, which forces the air to the top of the bag so it can be sealed with the least amount of air possible. Another way to protect the fish is to freeze it in a heavy plastic bag or small container filled with water.
5. Freeze quickly by placing the fish directly on the freezing surface of your freezer. Store the fillets or steaks at a constant temperature of zero degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Bypassing some of these rules won't ruin the fish, but it will shorten its shelf life.

## Defrosting:

Frozen fish deteriorates as it ages, but there are ways to improve the flavor. Always remove the skin and trim off any dry or off-color meat. Some of the strong flavor can be removed by soaking the trimmed meat in salt water, diluted vinegar water, marinade or milk. Smoking the fish using a dry or wet process also improves its flavor. Fish that's smoked even after spending several months in the freezer will taste almost as good as fresh smoked fish.

Fish should be thawed slowly and placed in a refrigerator before it is completely thawed. If it has been frozen in ice, it should be left on a counter at room temperature until most of the ice has thawed, then put in the refrigerator. Thawing in water will rob some flavor, while thawing it in a microwave may slightly cook the surface. Use a microwave as a last resort if you need to thaw the fish quickly.

Here is an example of how to prepare a frozen fish meal. First place the fillet on a cutting board skin side down. Using a sharp knife, carefully trim off any dry or discolored flesh. Next carefully cut the skin away, then trim off all the dark meat that was under the skin.

It is best to marinate any fish that has been frozen for a long time. Marinades can be used before cooking or prior to smoking, and restores moisture to the surface while adding flavor. Marinate the fish in the refrigerator for 30 minutes, turning once in the middle of the process. Now the fish is ready to be grilled or baked. As the fish is cooking brush on the extra marinade. Remember that bacteria from raw fish are transferred to the used marinade and may make the fish unsafe to eat if used late in the cooking process.

### **A simple, delicious marinade can be made by combining the following ingredients:**

- 3 Tbs. lemon juice
- 1 Tbs. soy sauce
- ½ Tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbs. olive oil (or cooking oil)
- 1 clove garlic smashed once to release flavor
- 1 tsp. dill
- Ground black pepper

As your frozen fish approaches the end of its shelf life, you can alter your preparation methods to produce a very appealing meal. However, the best way to always have good, fresh-tasting fish is to bleed and cool it soon after it is caught, package it properly and freeze it quickly. Take care of your fish from the start and you'll have great-tasting fish dinners long after the fishing trip has ended.

## Que Pasa

If you see Estelle Maud, ask her about her "new" drink stirrer.

It seems that Tom Cat has trouble identifying which end of the turkey contains the neck. So, if you have a stiff neck, it may not be a good idea to ask him for a massage.

If you want a lemon pie in a hurry, check with Tia Wanda. Apparently she can whip them up in no time at all. Fastest lemon pie maker in Cholla Bay!

Wow! Have you been to Cholla Bay recently? There are poles - electric poles, and holes for poles. It looks like electricity may actually get here some day in the not-too-distant future!

It rained in Cholla Bay! Yes, February 12th, and a good rain, too. It was much needed and a good way to find out where your roof leaks!

The OBSC held their annual Mardi Gras parade on February 17th with a parade and dinner.



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## I'll Drink To That

Johnson, new to the Cholla area, started visiting the local cantina every night. He would always order 3 beers every round. After a few days the bartender couldn't stand it anymore and asked, "Johnson, why tres cervezas every round?"

"Well," says Johnson, "Back in Arizona, me and my brothers always drank beer together every night. Now we live in different parts and can't get together every night, so I always have one beer for me and for each of my brothers."

A few days later, Johnson comes into the cantina and orders 2 beers. After the 3rd round the bartender's curiosity gets the better of him.

"Johnson," he says, "I'm so sorry, did one of your brothers pass away?"

"Why no," says Johnson, "Why do you ask?"

"Well, you only ordered 2 beers each round," answered the bartender.

"Oh, that," says Johnson, "No, it's just that I quit drinking."

# Fun Fishing

At our February Phoenix chapter meeting we had a guest speaker. Joe Janisch, also known as "Mr. Carp" from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, came and gave a great slide show and presentation on Carp. Joe also brought along with him a mounted Carp which I think he said was the state record of 65lbs. He explained how to catch them, cook them and all that stuff. He explained that all the lakes on the Salt River chain contained carp, and that they get very big, are easy to catch and are a great way to get kids hooked on fishing because of the size and the amount you can catch in an afternoon. The best way to fish for carp he said, was to find a spot on the lake with a shallow drop off. Then take a can of corn and chum the water with the kernels, then put some corn on your hook and wait for the fun to start.



A couple of weeks after the meeting I planned a fishing trip to Bartlett lake with my family to try out some carp fishing. All I can say is that it was one of the most fun fishing trips we have had in a long time. After chumming the water with corn we waited about a half hour before the first fish and from then on it was constant action. We caught and released a lot of carp that day all averaging about 8-10lbs. and lost a lot of bigger fish due to the light tackle we were using.

So next time you're tired of going to the lakes and not catching anything, try fishing for carp it's a lot of fun, especially on light tackle. Once again, thanks Joe for the great presentation on carp.

## DUTCH OVEN COOKING

Dutch Oven cooking is the topic of the Phoenix Chapters April meeting. Bring your Dutch oven and come to eat. Learn how to cook on the beach in a Dutch oven. Meal will be pot roast and potatoes, mixed vegetables and cherry pie. Ron Engle-Wilson will teach us how to cook and share his recipes. Please bring \$2.00 per person if you would like to eat.

*Come On Phoenix Members...  
Attend Your Meetings!!!*

## SYMPATHY

We received word that longtime Club Member Clayton "Clay" Hulett had passed away on January 27th. He had been sick with cancer for the last 8 months, he was 82 years old. He leaves behind his wife Dawne, daughter Cathy Hill and son James Hulett. We send our sympathy to his family.

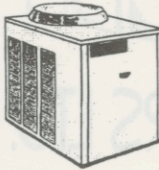
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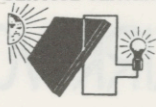
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This year the derby will start March 15th-17th and continue April 26th-28th, May 24th-27th and conclude June 7th & 8th with the fish fry and awards ceremony on June 8th at the Fry Shack "Gus Brown Plaza" in Cholla.

Derby entry tickets are available from Augustin at the Radio Room in Cholla. There are adult full derby tickets, junior full derby tickets and weekend tickets available.

If you can help in any way with the derby please call Dave or Kelley Adams at (602) 345-0623 or volunteer at your next meeting.

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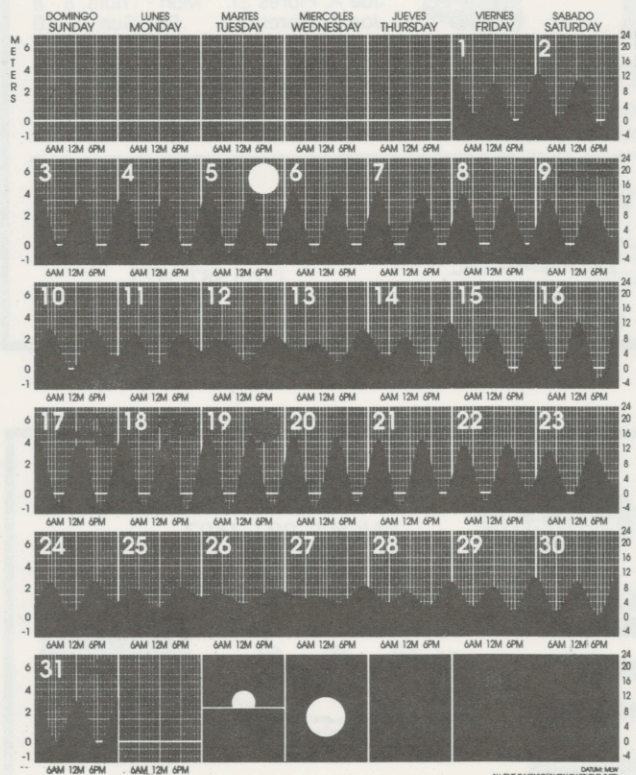
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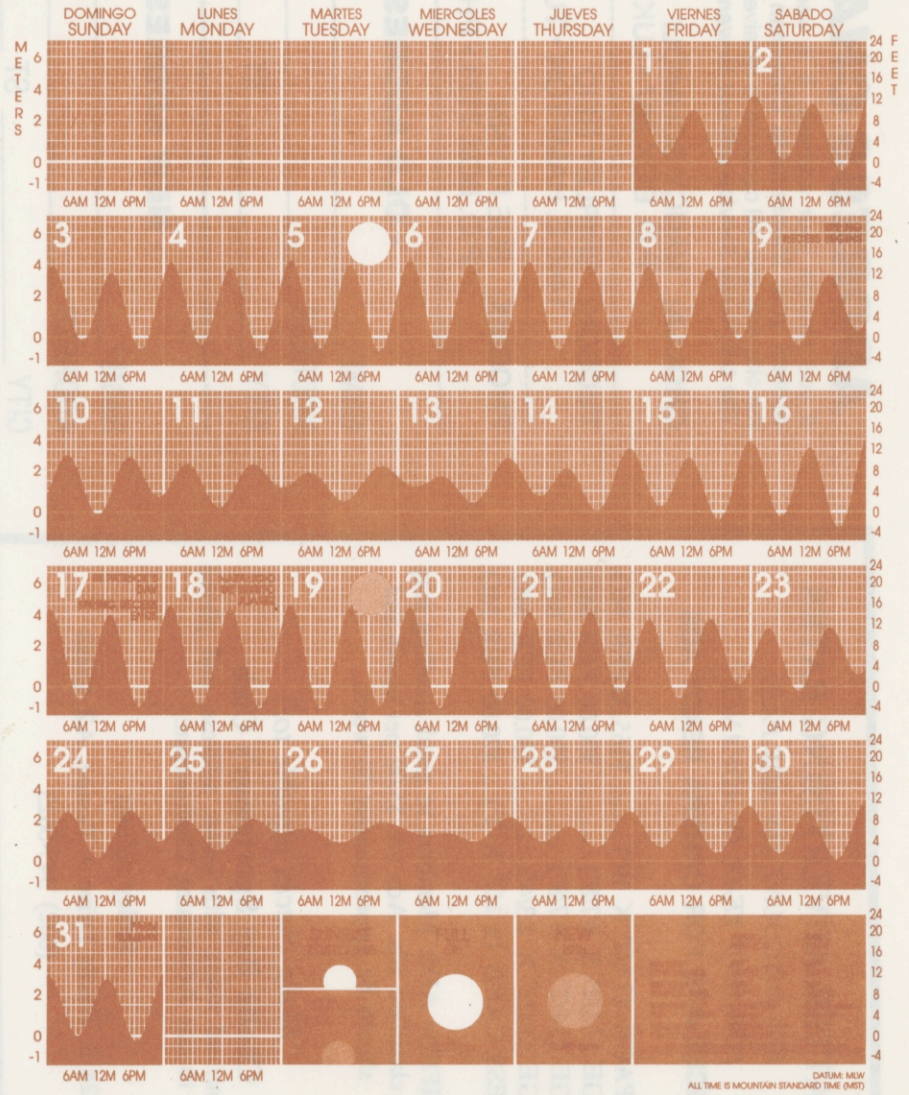
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