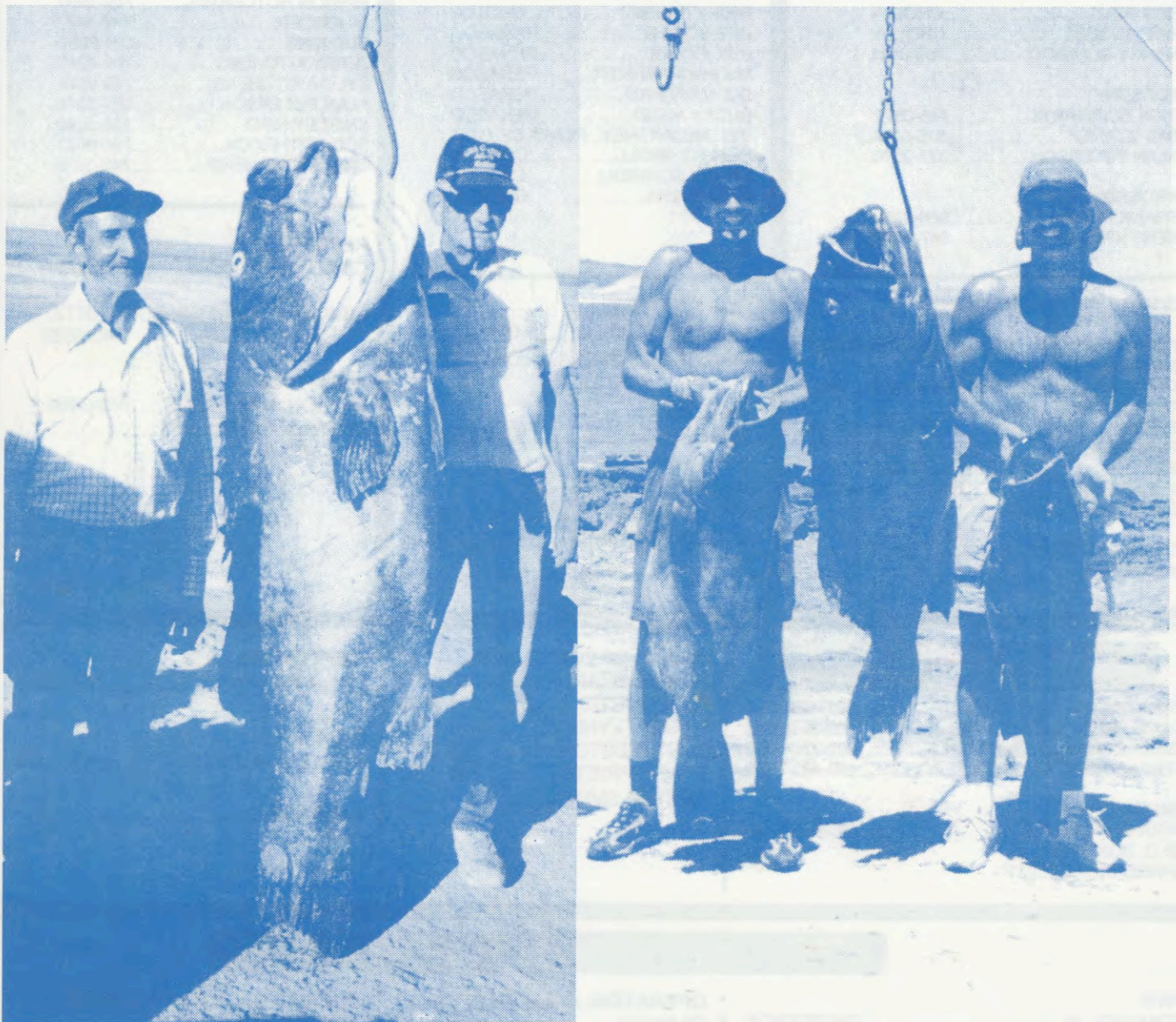


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DERBY UPDATE

see Mr. Branum.

The results of the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club derby weekends of April 28-30 and May 12-14, and the fish stories that produced them have all been compiled into this issues update. Both weekends had big tide fluctuations and windy conditions which eliminated some fishing time. However, the good days were really good and some big fish were produced.

The weekend of April 28-30 was preceded by a cold front that brought winds through the Southwest. These winds not only fanned the flames of various wild fires but also produced generally choppy water conditions in the See of Cortez. These windy conditions kept everyone in port on Saturday the 29. Friday and Sunday were better days and allowed some boats to take to the water.

Myself, being marooned at home in phoenix on crutches, left Captain Lonnie Branum burdened with the task of fishing (poor baby), the lone responsibility of derby chairman and taking notes so I could write this article! Fortunately, the well trained and highly proficient support staff that I described in the last article was on hand again. They allowed Captain Branum and first mate Salvador, at the helm of the "Leona B", to concentrate on catching the wily pescado, and catch him they did! As for the note taking, well...The only thing he seemed to remember was that on Sunday, he weighed in a 242 pound Black Sea Bass that won the weekend jackpot, placed first in the sea bass category and was the biggest fish of the derby so far! So, anyone with a different recollection, please

Wanting to witness the action first hand, I accompanied Lonnie down to Cholla Bay for the May 12-14 Derby. Once again, big tides and predictions of windy conditions were in the forecast. Friday was a blow out for the fisherman and women but sales at the Ships Store were booming. Caps and polo shirts with the club logo were the hot items. Saturday dawned clear and calm and the VHF began to squawk for the launchers. Lupe and Villa were in the hit it and get it mode all morning putting the fleet on the water. As I stood there on the balcony of the radio room, the early morning breeze drifted in off the water and hinted of a good day at hand. The roaring of the launchers and the boat wakes disappearing in the distance, headed to some secret reef no doubt, were a sight to behold.

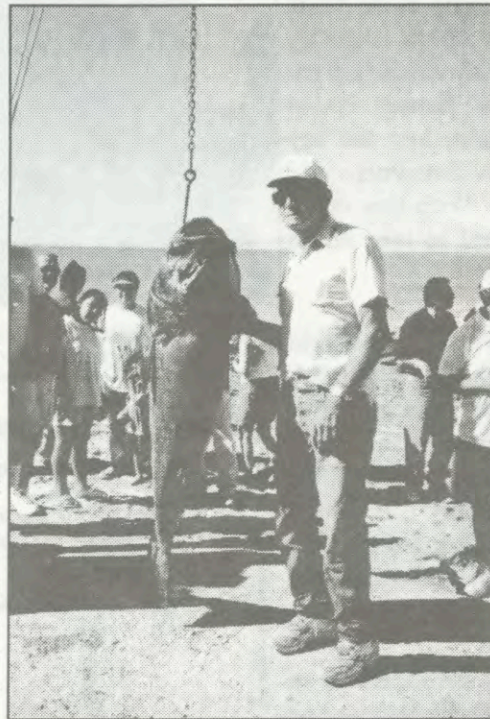
Kelly and Dave Adams were the first anglers to return to the scales. They had some nice sea trout caught off Pelican Point. Not too much later, Captain

Branum calls in to report that he has another black sea bass. It is bigger than the last one and they are headed in. A short while later, word comes in over the radio that Crazy Charlie has 20 or so flounders. What about Hector Munroe? He has

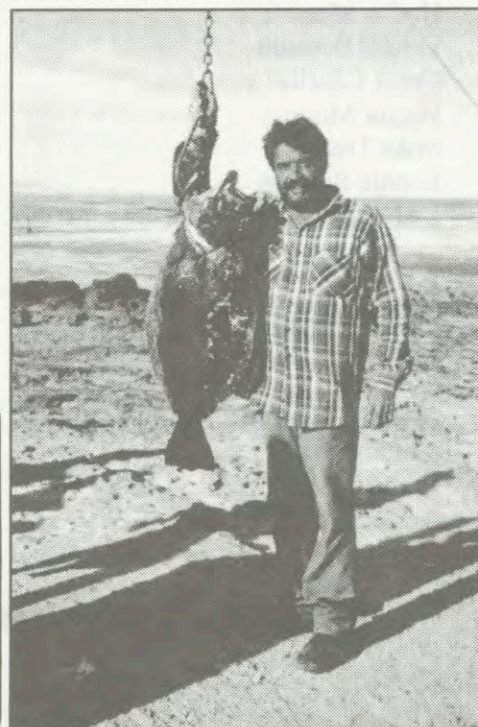
been out all day and no word from him. He is always a tough competitor. Surely he hasn't been skunked? No way, Hector's boat comes in with three big groupers and a couple of guys named Todd McDermott and Greg Baumgardner with smiles from ear to ear! The largest grouper weighed 85 pounds.

Then its Lonnie's turn in the "Leona B". Two blacks, the biggest one weighing in at a whopping

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Lonnie Branum w/Black Sea Bass!



Crazy Charlie w/21 lbs. flounder

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282 pounds. It took half of the bystanders just to lift them out of the boat. Just when things started to settle down, in comes Jimmy Lee and Ron Knight with three more black sea bass in the 150 to 200 pound range. Wow, the carcasses are beginning to pile up fast! The fish cleaners were probably wishing they had bid the job by the pound! It was almost six o'clock when Crazy Charlie came into the bay and pulled up to the scales with 24 nice flounders. He weighed in the largest one at 21 pounds. With this much action, I am thinking boy, tomorrow I need to take better notes.

'The Sea of Cortez was like a mirror' one boater later told me, describing the water Sunday. Huge schools of bait fish boiling on the surface were sighted with large numbers of dolphin chasing them. The anglers, however, were unable to repeat the action that was had the day before. The "Zorro" caught a few small pintos and Jimmy Lee pulled up a nice flounder. Nothing came in that exceeded the previous weights. Another derby done and enjoyed by all and certainly, a catch to remember.

Lonnie and I would like to again thank all the members of the club for their tremendous help and support. See you on May 26-28 for the finals and fish fry.

Results by category as of May 14, 2000.

Men's:

Black sea bass	Lonnie Branum
Grouper	Hector Munroe
Pinto bass	Lonnie Branum
Flounder	Crazy Charlie
Sea trout	Hector Munroe
Pompano	Mike Traverse
Red snapper	Lonnie Branum
Yellow tail	Lonnie Branum

Women's:

Cotchi	Maxine Hagger
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Juniors:

Cotchi	Brandon McIntire
Pinto bass	Randy Adams
Misc:	Brandon McIntire



Lonnie Branum & Don Schmidli w/282 lbs. Black Sea Bass!

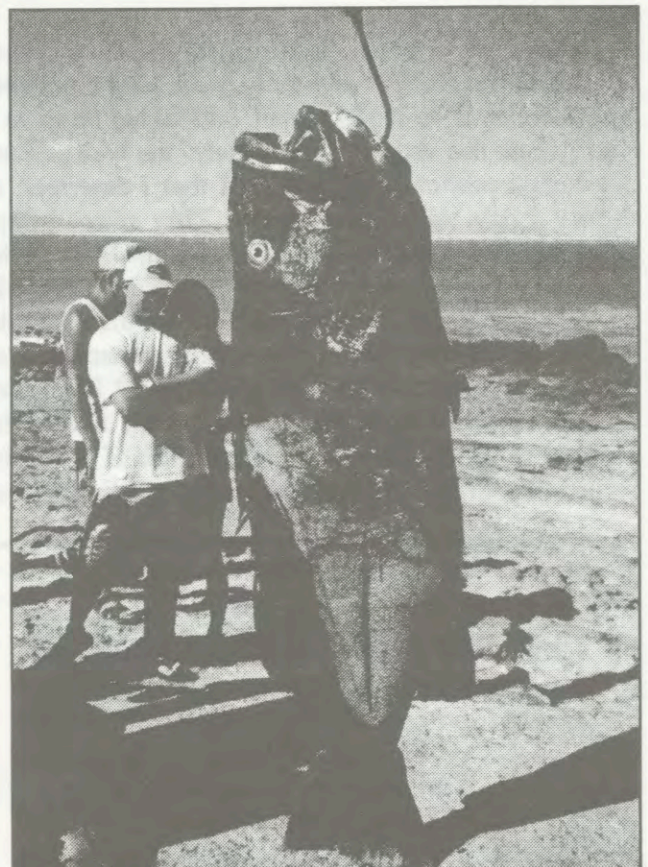
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Lonnie Branum's 282 lbs. Black Sea Bass

Another BIG 10 Card Completed

Doris Patterson filled her BIG 10 card after 23 years! The first fish dated on the card was the Sardinero she caught in April of 1976, and the last was her Sea Trout caught in October of last year.

Doris will receive her plaque and patch this years Fishing Derby Awards Ceremony.



Doris Patterson with the last fish she caught to complete her BIG 10 Card.

She caught this 8.5 lb. Sea Trout in October, 1999.

Congratulations!!!

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BIG 10			
TYPE FISH	SIZE REQ	SIZE CAUGHT	VERIFIED BY
★ SAILFISH	ANY	8 1/2	Betty Moore
★ GROUPE	30 LBS	45 lb	Betty Moore
★ DOLPHIN	15 LBS	20 lb	Betty Moore
★ PINTO	15 LBS	20 lb	Betty Moore
★ SEA TROUT	5 LBS	8 1/2	Betty Moore
★ MACKEREL	6 LBS	6 lb	Betty Moore
★ SHARK	50 LBS		
★ PARGO	15 LBS	19 lb	Betty Moore
★ COTCHI	5 LBS	4 1/2 lb	Betty Moore
★ SKIPJACK	6 LBS	11 1/2 lb	Betty Moore
★ LADYFISH	2 LBS		
★ BLACK BASS	50 LBS		
★ SARDINERO	10 LBS	15 lb	Betty Moore
NAME: <u>DORIS PATTERSON</u>			
ADDRESS: <u></u>			
★ REQUIRED FISH			
★ ALTERNATE			200

WHAT IS THE BIG 10?

Remember the Big Ten? Maybe not. It has been an ongoing contest for club anglers in which you must catch 10 different fish of required weights. Upon completion, a plaque and an embroidered patch is presented.

This list was set up for fishing 30 years ago and times and fishing have changed, so we are considering updating the list and the weights. Any input or suggestions on this will be taken into consideration.

Brad Moen (602-938-5798) has agreed to take on the BIG Ten and help get it going again.

If you'd like to sign up, or have recently completed your BIG 10 Card, please call Brad at (620) 938-5798.

Good Luck to all participants, old & new!

The first four of the following list are required, plus any six of the others:

1. Dolphin 15 lbs.
2. Sailfish any size
3. Pinto 15 lb.
4. Grouper 30 lbs.
5. Sea Trout 5 lbs.
6. Mackerel 6 lbs.
7. Pompano 2 lbs.
8. Red Snapper 15 lbs.
9. Shark 50 lbs.
10. Cochi 6 lbs.
11. Skipjack 6 lbs.
12. Ladyfish 2 lbs.
13. Black Sea Bass 50 lbs.
14. Sardinero 10 lbs.
15. Rock Bass 2 lbs.

COUNCIL NEWS

The May council meeting was held on May 13th at the Fry Shack in Cholla Bay. Coffee and cinnamon rolls were served. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. The chapter memberships as paid to council are:

Phoenix 45, Tucson 58, Cholla Chapter 141. Members who haven't paid will be due to have their names taken off of the Cholla Chatter list.

The purchase of new scales or repair of the old scales was discussed and it was decided that we would probably get new ones as it would be quite expensive to have ours repaired. One possibility is to go halves with the Cantina and share the scales. We also want to thank JJ's for the use of their scales during our derby as ours was out of commission.


It was decided to put an article in the Chatter regarding the objectives and functions of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. Bran Moen volunteered to write the article. Pete said he will write an article regarding progress being made at the Fry Shack.

be awarded, then put up permanently in the Fry Shack.

Reinstating the Al Scott Award was also discussed. This award honors someone who has done a lot for the club. It hasn't been awarded for several years. Details of the award will be researched. Al Scott was the founder of CBSC.

Brad Moen reported that someone has completed "BIG 10" card. They will receive an award or plaque also.

The next meeting has been changed from July to May 29th.



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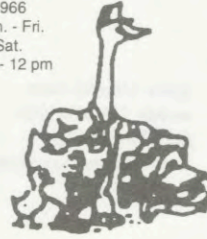
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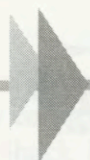
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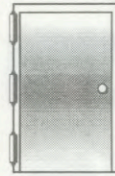
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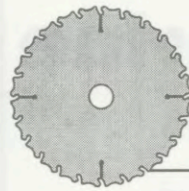
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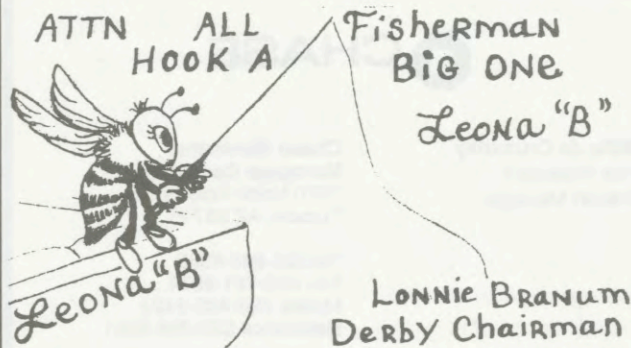
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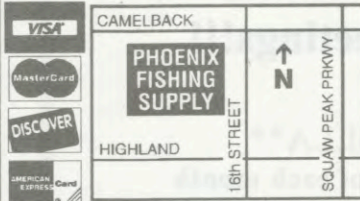
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Our May meeting was our annual Luau which was held in Cholla Bay at the Fry Shack for the very first time ever. It was a great success! We had 73 members and guests in attendance. I'm sorry I misplaced the list of guests and will miss some. However, Ken Goodin's daughter, Debbie and his son Bill and friend Rhonna were guests, also Pete and Janet Pisciotta from Phoenix Chapter, Chuck and Joannie Dernberger from Tucson chapter, and Ray and Ginny



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As members and guests arrived, many dressed in Hawaiian type clothing, each received a lei. We served barbeque pork, ham, fruit and vegetable salads, baked beans, plus a couple of other dishes. Then we topped it all off with Evelyn Fought's pecan pie and a Hawaiian dessert, coffee and iced tea for those who wanted it. Even after dinner some went back to the games. We dispensed with the regular meeting but president Bob Belk presided over the distribution of the raffle prizes.

Jackson who became new members. Some came early and played holey board (which is a game with big washers), horseshoes and / or shuffle board. The dining room was well decorated Hawaiian style.

It's so great to have this more usable building for our different meetings and good times "fiestas". We urge everyone to get by to see what has been done and is being done. Also we

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urge everyone to pay their dues so you won't be dropped from the Chatter list.

Although we didn't have a sick bay report at the meeting, I will report here that Jean Ostberg lost her son this spring. Our most sincere condolences to Jean and her family. Also Paul Storer (Pablo) is very ill. Our prayers are with him and hope he is doing better.

Our June meeting will be held at Poncho and Lefty's (formerly Bebida's) restaurant. Hope to see you all there!!!



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Equally exciting is watching the new lot owners. One of the rewards of being on this side of the desk is to see the proud look in the eyes of the new property owners. Words really can't do justice to their different reactions to this big step and rightfully so. This is a very big step to take and one that involves planning, building, meeting new neighbors—

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'00 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 13 Cholla Meeting
- 13 Tucson Meeting
- 14 Phoenix Meeting
- 18 Father's Day

GMC RECALL

I got a letter in the mail regarding a recall from GMC. I'm passing this information on to hopefully help any of our Cholla Chatter readers. This is what the letter said.:

1994 GMC C/K RECALL

Reason For This Recall: General Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in all 1994 GMC C/K model vehicles. These vehicles were built with the polarity of the wiring for the zero adjust brake switch reversed from what was specified on the switch drawing. With the reversed polarity, the contacts in the brake switch can wear out prematurely. The brake switch will perform normally until the brake switch contacts wear out. When worn out, the contacts fail to close when the brake pedal is pressed. This results in the loss of the brake lamps without any warning to the driver, which could fail to warn a following driver that the vehicle is braking and could lead to a vehicle accident.

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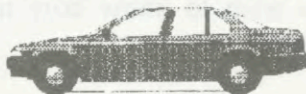
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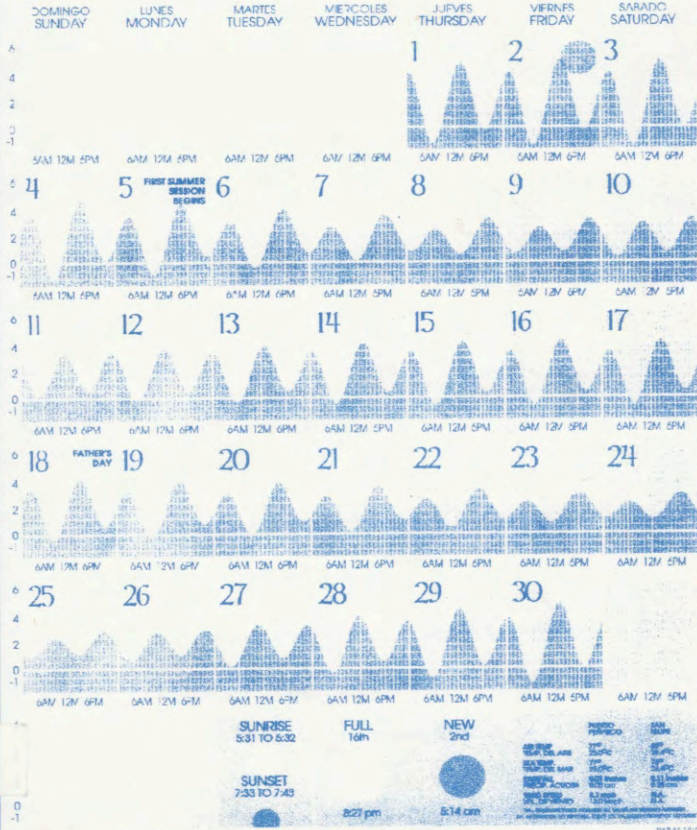
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