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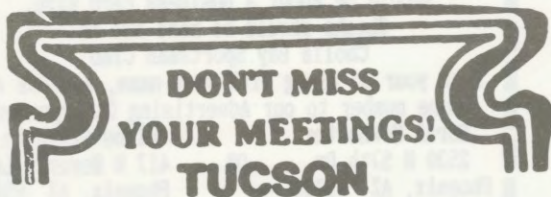
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- 06.....FISH FRY
- 09.....CHOLLA Chapter Meeting
- 09.....TUCSON Chapter Meeting
- 10.....PHOENIX Chapter Meeting
- 18.....CHATTER Articles Due
- 21.....Father's Day

JULY

- 04.....Independence Day
- 08.....PHOENIX Chapter Meeting
- 09.....CBSC Council Meeting
- 14.....CHOLLA Chapter Meeting
- 14.....TUCSON Chapter Meeting
- 18.....CHATTER Articles Due

AUGUST

- 06-09...CBSC Campout
- 18.....CHATTER Articles Due

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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

By: Marie MacGill

President Marty Martin called the meeting to order at 7:50 on the 13th day of May. Newt Grefenson led with the Pledge to the Flag.

After introductions Von Frazier reported for membership saying that we had 816 members as of the last of

The secretary's report was dispensed with. Our Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Sick Bay reported that Joan Vanover had her last radiation treatment, and now Joan tells me that she has radiation pneumonia, but wasn't hospitalized as of the 14th. Paul Vanover hasn't been doing too well. He is undergoing tests to see why he has a swollen Spleen. Joan said that in all of their 44 years of marriage this is the first time that she has seen him sick. I am sure we all wish them a speedy recovery, and please don't forget your prayers for them.

Dr. Tom Johnson is slowly recovering from the burns he received when their cabin at Cholla Bay burned to the ground the last of last month. When he walked in the garage it blew up, and left Fran with nothing but the gown and robe that she was wearing. she had to borrow some clothes until she could get home. Fran said they were doing a skin graft on his left arm yesterday which was the 14th. She said they thank every one for their prayers and for all of the beautiful cards that have been received. Thank God that God spared their lives. He expects to go home from hospital in a week or ten days.

Arlene Martin of Ship's Store had some nice \$5.00 Koozie Kups on special for \$4.00. They are for hot or cold and hold 16 Oz. and won't spill. She had the usual nice shirts and caps, so I hope you took a peek and saw what I mean.

Search and Rescue said there were about 400 boats out in April and with only 3 or 4 towins and nothing serious.

It was reported that the summer campout will be August 7th, 8th and 9th at the Blue Ridge Park which is on five acres, and has covered Band Stand and covered privies. It is about ten miles from where it was held last year. Marty Martin will make the Red Chili and Lew Frazier will put the beans on to cook, so please do go if you want to have some fun, and LEW don't forget to put the ginger in the beans.

I met Ed Waldrep known as little Eddie in Dr Tom Johnson's office before the accident of the doctor and he said he had been going to the Bay for many years, and that Nynett Hatcher and Gail Lawson donated the cross that was put on the plot of ground where the new church will be built in Cholla Bay. He said a priest from Rocky Point came and blessed, it, and that they worked very hard getting it cleaned and polished. If you have time you might stop by and see it on your way in. It is on your right as you go in to Cholla, I guess that will be a blessing for many people this was done on Palm Sunday

Frank Flynn assisted Belle Taylor when she gave her presentation on Snorkeling. It narrated very well and very interesting. Belle said they will meet at Gus Brown Plaza June 7th at about 9:00am and leave at 10:00. for their snorkeling trip. She said if you can't get your gear here, that Rojo has it at the Bay.

Sue Kudis will be in charge of the fish fry and will need all of the help that she can get on getting supplies down to the Bay and for helping her there. Please call her at 277-4572 if you can take something down and can lend a hand. THANKS.

President Marty Martin is looking for a replacement for Secretary, Shirley and Dough Conklin are moving to Pine, or have already moved, and Editor Diane Sturhahn will give up the Editor's job, as with her schooling and work load she can no longer do the editing. Please call Marty or any of the officers if you can take one of these jobs. Thank you.

The raffle was won by Wimpy Jaskowiak
Pat Scalberg won a Pelican Statue
Wanda Lee won a Mexican Cactus statue
Jim Westfall won a 3 tiered wire hanging basket

Until next time, Keep Cool and
GOD BLESS!

"We do not stop playing
because we are old:

We grow old
because
we stop
playing."



**Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club
Council Chairman's Report for June, 1992**

Detailed information regarding many of the below events is contained elsewhere in the chatter. The purpose of this is to demonstrate that with the participation of a few volunteers we CBSC members can make things happen!

- **Derby:** The Derby is underway. Sue Kudos has agreed to be in charge of the Fish Fry. Help is still needed.
- **Snorkel:** Belle Taylor will be leading a snorkeling/skin diving "float" on June 7
- **Boat Party - Tucson Beach:** Following the snorkeling; BYO food and beverage. Boat not necessary. Frank Flynn for details.
- **July 4th Weekend:** Nothing special happening, but come and enjoy the fireworks
- **Mid-Summer Outing:** In the high pines near Happy Jack. Lew and Von Frazier for details.
- **Camino del Diablo 4X4:** On the U.S. side of the border, Lukeville to Welton. Mike Haggerty for details
- **Fall Party/Dinner/Dance:** In Cholla Bay. Needed: A Chairperson!
- **Christmas Party:** Wanda Lee and Nancy Warren making plans.
- **Treasurer:** Over the years, the method of tracking the income and expenses of the CBSC has changed. While no funds are missing and all expenditures have been approved by your Board of Directors, the presentation has "strayed" away from good accounting standards. Chuck Woodward who was Treasurer in 1970's and is an accountant has volunteered to work with Treasurer Glen McWhorter to bring the presentation back into line.
- **Council Minutes:** Your Chapter President will have the minutes of the last Council meeting available at regular meetings of the Chapters for review by any interested member.
- **Membership:** Wanted: People with interest in Cholla Bay and the Puerto Penasco area to become active members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club.

Clive N. Jordan - "Sun Worshiper"
Council Chairman

A non-CBSC event of interest to many CBSC members:

- **Vecinos Election:** The ASOCIACION DE REGULARIZACION DE VECINOS DE LA CHOLLA Election of Officers and Directors will be on June 6. All homeowner members of this group are encouraged to take part in person or by Proxy and to cast your vote for those you believe best suited to serve as your representatives.

Joan Derenberger sent this poem to Stan Bracan after the heart attack in late December. Its great for anyone, who is ill.

I said a prayer for you today,
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart,
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I know you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasure,
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He would be near you,
At the start of each new day.
To grant you health and blessings,
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you,
In all things great and small.
But it was for his loving care,
I prayed for most of all.

Joan has carried this poem for years.

Easter week end guests and family were every where. I had family - Stan, Debbie and Bill and Deb's sister Tracy. Deb brought a beautiful Easter Lily plant. They walked to the beaches, did the town and the Mall and all got sun burns. Lots of red people around. Good Friday Morning, Pat Gooden, Lavona Ewing, Jean Beidler, Shirley Peterson, Vi Schmerfeld and Thelma Brown filled 100 Easter eggs (Leggs Eggs) with candy. Saturday nite Augustin came and got them and he gave them out to the Mexican children Sunday morning. They look forward to this.

So glad to see people at Jane Hunziker's cabin. Son Richard, wife Jean and 2 children. Dawn and Dicky fished, rode three wheelers. Jane (Mimi) Shirley and Thelma got in some Yahtzee and Spite and Malice games like old times.

Bob and Barb Damon came after Easter with Bob's sister and husband Neil. Evelyn's daughter Diane and husband Bill and baby Patrick one year old. The young couple and Patrick are from Minnesota - their first trip to Cholla Bay.

The OBSC held their annual bash at the club house April 25th. It always is a huge success with half the proceeds going to the Lions Club in Puerto Penasco. Entertainment included men of importance and some women were dunked in the water tank. The chicken drop. Raffle tickets and the sky divers, beautiful colorful parachutes coming down from so high up. Cholla Bay's own Bogie Jordon jumped with another jumper. Came down right on target. We're proud of you, Bogie - Hannah says he won't do that again.

One of the jumpers landed off target - ended up with a leg broken in 2 places also a broken nose and bruised shoulder. Another landed in the road with no injuries. There were some strange wind currents just above the Club House. The barbeque dinner was fantastic, beef, beans, cole slaw and bread. It was a great afternoon.

Sunday at 6:00 April 26 at OBSC Gus Brown, Jr., Danny Brown and Ramon Perez put on a Special fish fry. Art and Betty Moore help make everyone welcome. It's a Pot Luck - Fish Fry - donation affair. Art Moore donated the fish he caught. Lots of good food, good friends present, so nice to have it at OBSC. Congratulations to Shawn and Danny Brown on their darling baby Jennifer.

April 27, Joanie Derenberger celebrated her birthday with Chuck, Walt and Betty Horton, Pete and Shirley Peterson, Vi Schmerfeld at Thelma Brown's. In spite of Joanie's sciatica, she enjoyed the evening. The heat was pretty hard to take. Later it cooled off. Glad to have Virgie Burrows stop by. She and friends are at Reidhead's for a few days.

The heat come to the Bay with a vengeance 64 to 96 degrees the last week of April. Some nights, it doesn't go below 70. A breeze is heaven sent. Early mornings are lovely and cool so get things done early. Only one heavy fog in early am. Only came in as far as our fence. It lifted rapidly. Finally on April 30th we has some clouds and breezes, temperature at noon was 90. I can't keep the bird bath full.. All the feathered friends are hot and dry.

Doctors often have stories told of them. One was trying to reassure an old lady. He said "My dear, after all you are not getting any younger." "That doesn't concern me," she said. "I just want to know that I'll be getting older".

The Palo Verde trees are a mass of color - bright yellow. The bees are busy.

May 1st came in with excitement and sadness. Dr Tom Johnson's house burned to the ground. He got burned badly. Arms, chest, knees and feet. Vi Schmerfeld and Beverly Glasnap gave him emergency treatment. Lucky for him Vi had special medicine from burn unit in Phoenix. He was taken to Emergency Clinic in Puerto Penasco, then Fran drove him to Phoenix. At the time Dr. Fred Dodsworter a gentleman on Pinto Point had a heart attack and died in spite of CPR. Our sympathies go to his wife.

The firemen from Puerto Penasco and the water trucks and men did a remarkable job preventing the fire from spreading to other buildings. We're sorry to report that Dr Tom isn't healing as rapidly as we hoped. He'll be in the burn unit two weeks longer.

Weather hasn't been cooperative for the first weekend of the Fishing Derby. Big winds.

The OBSC had a dinner for club members and invited guests Sat nite of first week end of Fishing Derby. The food and company were as always good.

Ethel Heldt had bought a place near her son in California - North west of Barstow (Mojave Desert). She'll be making the move soon. Cholla Bay will miss her.

Vi Schmerfeld is considering her move to Payson. We wish them well. We'll miss her but she'll come and visit.

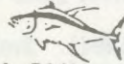
The girls ar busy at the Radio shack helping make the Fishing Derby a success. Betty Horton, Arlene Martin, Pat Goonden are a few of the workers. The demand for T-Shirts has been pretty good. Other things from the Ships Store are for sale.

Nole Hace had company from Las Cruces and Truth or Consequenses, New Mexico. Lots of shopping and sight seeing, pot lucks, shelling and Spanish Bingo.

Shirley Peterson's gone to Connecticut to a class reunion. Browns at #225 are showing off a new big bird bath, a Mother's Day gift from Bill & Debbie. Sharon and Skip are showing off a new grand daughter, Nikki - a little doll. Hope you ladies had a Happy Mother's Day.

Adios, love and prayers. I'll see you in the Fall. Have a good Summer.

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Tucson Chapter Meeting
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Dinner: 6:30 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.

The April meeting was brought to order by President Bob Rothrock. We had a small group in attendance. Our speaker John Sargeant, tour guide of Mex. was not able to attend. So we had a gab fest. First of all we had reports from Jonni Ahrens, Shirley Reid, Irene Drake. The raffle numbers were read off. A certificate from Las Margaritas was won by Bob Rothrock---HMMMM! Lucky! Other winners were Ross, Drake Babbitt, Reid. So we continued to have an informal meeting. A few stories were told and a few serious reports were made. We adjourned.

We have 189 members. We need your input and attendance.

June 6, 1992 Is an important date for the election of the Association of Regularization of Neighbors of Cholla, A.C. Pete Peterson needs your support and deserves it since he has been working with the State of Sonora officials from the beginning and is knowledgeable with all the problems facing us.

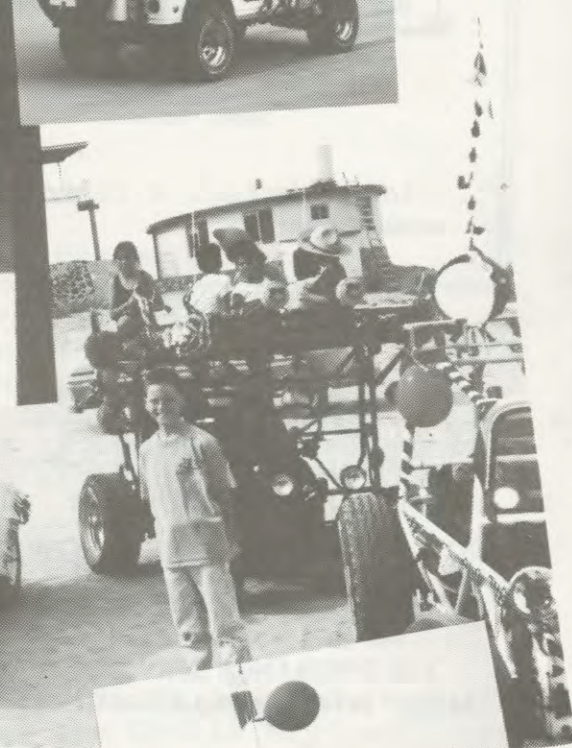
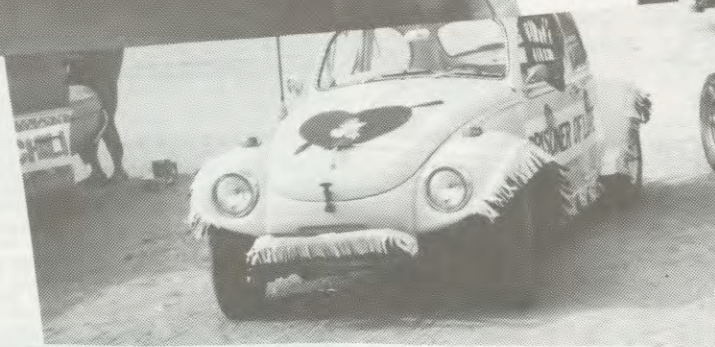
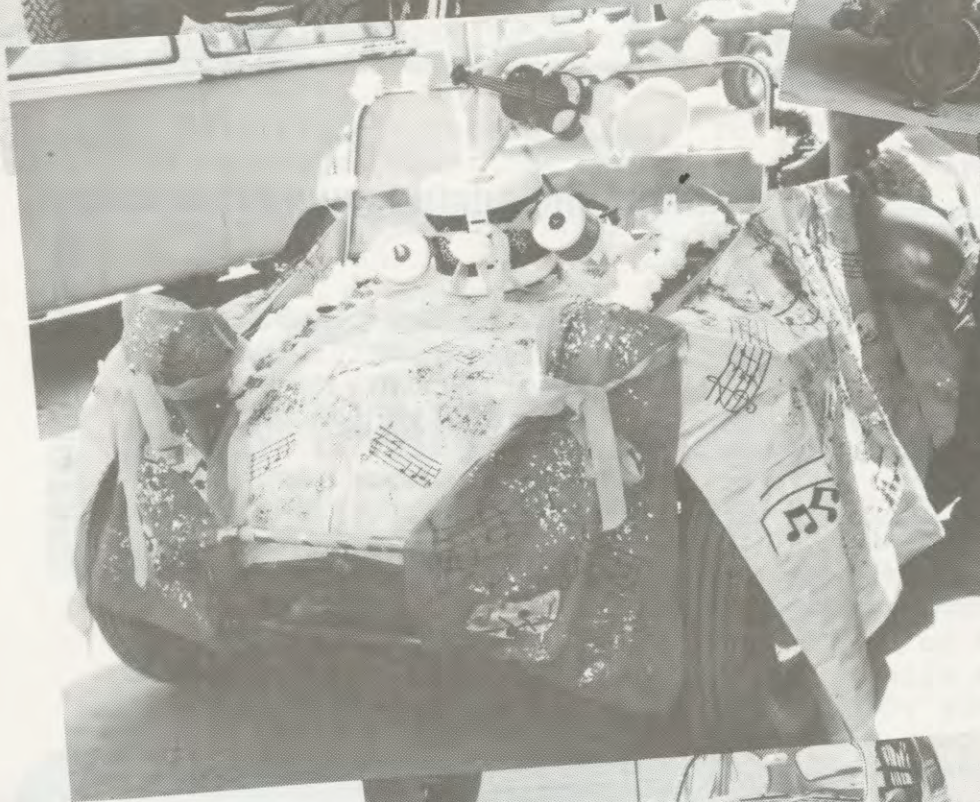
Wanna tell you of a strange little incident that Clarito and I had. Our guest also. On Thurs. 14th we were sitting on our porch overlooking the Bay and enjoying the cool breeze and scenery. The tide was in and off in the distance we spotted a seal. It was having a ball catching its supper. It was out there for a long time. We lost sight of it as it rounded the curb down by the rocks. Next night I was sitting on porch, this time its pitch black out toward the Bay. I heard a loud belling from the seal. I thought, "That's strange, someone must be feeding it from shore." Just about five minutes later Clarito and guest joined me. We then heard a louder beller, another strange noise, couple minutes more and we heard the most pitiful loud bellers, big gushing and swishing of water and then a silence. We then became quite excited that it must have been a shark that got the seal, and kind of put the idea in back of our mind since we had no proof. Saturday we are watching the boats being towed in by the launchers and since they go by our cabin and we sit up high on the little hill we can see in the boats and spot the catch of the day. Or we can enjoy the pretty ladies in their bikinis. Well, a small Toyota truck passed and in the back was a "shark" that took up the whole bed and its tail overhung about three ft. more. Well, before I was able to regain my senses I let a good story go by. I went looking for them, it was some of the local Mexican boys but, I could not find them. They must have headed to town to put that dude on ice. Believe me, that must be a whale of a fish story! I just hope that shark doesn't have any more cousins in that Bay area! Ha!

Well folks, I don't have a joke today. Just a moral to the above story. "Watch out! There is always a bigger fish out there to get you!"

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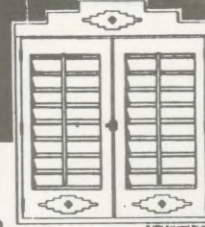
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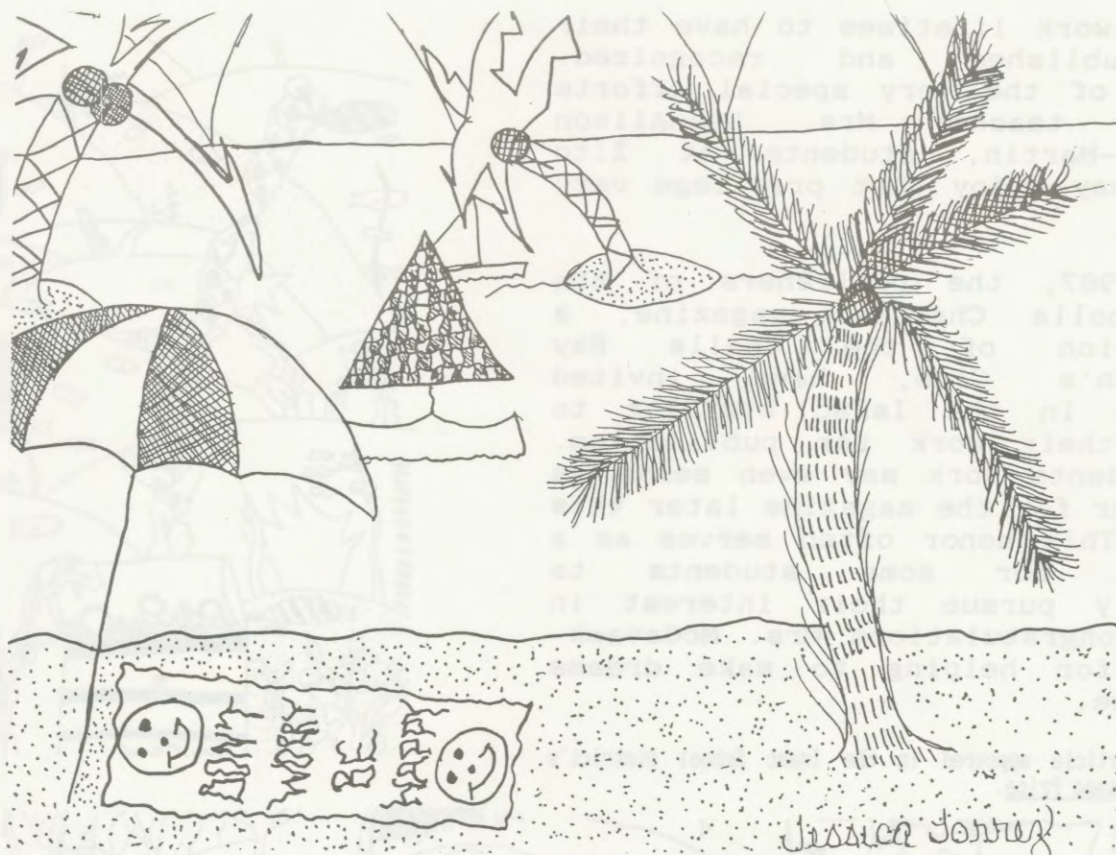


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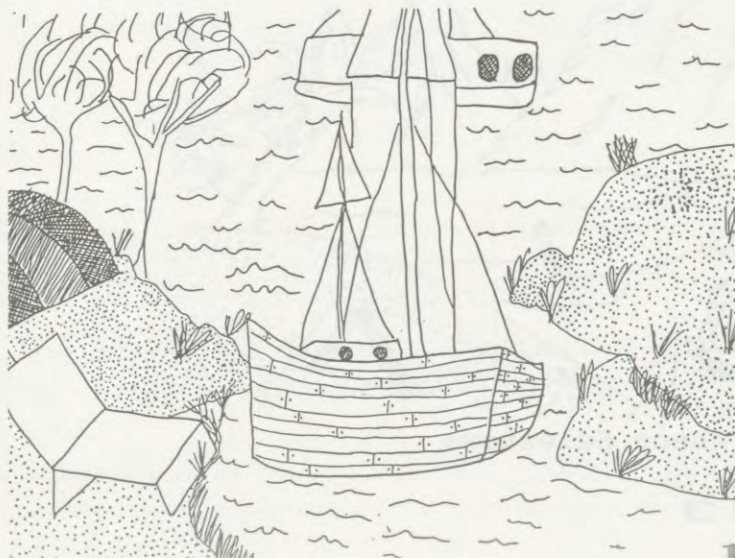
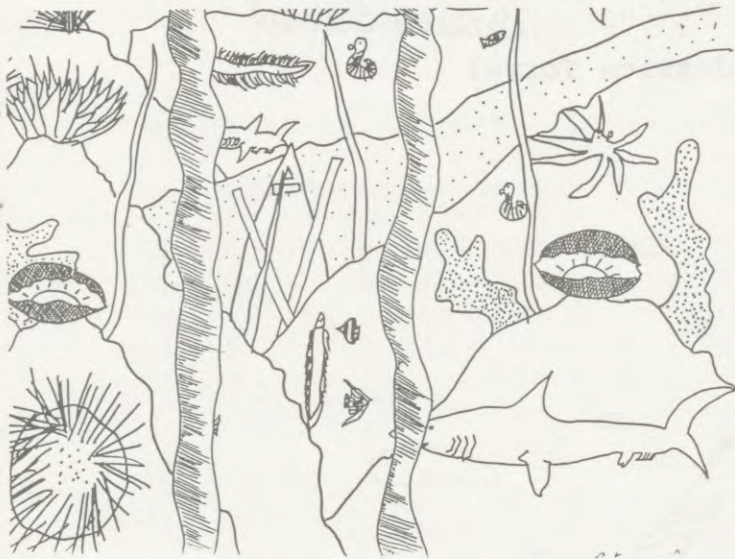


THIRD PLACE: Anson Selestewa

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Since 1987, the publishers of the "The Cholla Chatter" magazine, a publication of the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club, have invited Students in the Isaac District to submit their work for publication. One students work may even serve as the cover for the magazine later this year. This honor often serves as a catalyst for some students to seriously pursue their interest in art. Congratulations Mrs. McGavack-Martin for helping to make dreams come true.

The above article appeared in the Isaac School District's publication Isaac Price.



TOP OF THE HILL VIEWPOINTS

by Thelma Brown

Happy springtime! April third, Bill and Debbie brought me to the Bay through a thunderstorm and some rain in Sonoita. I couldn't believe the weeds and flowers all over the Bay. Our yard was knee deep in color. With all the white flowers, it looked as if someone had T-P'ed the hills and dales.

Coming at night, Sue couldn't see all the blooms in the desert which people said were beautiful. The rain, the previous Thursday, here in Cholla and Rocky Point left many grooves in yards roads and driveways. I've heard people say the past spring was the wettest in twenty years. It's wonderful for plants, animals and people.

A group went to the Fish Fry at the Reef the nite of the 5th. Nine Moriaches produced terrific music - good cooks produced a terrific dinner. It was fun seeing so many, I hadn't seen since last fall. Art and Betty Moore are a perfect host and hostess - Ramon Perez is a terrific cook.

Lots of people in the Bay - Bob and Barb Dammmon entertained Barb's mother Frances. They and several friends went to Mr. Amego's for dinner.

Virgie Burrows sold her cabin. She entertained guests. Had a fine time watching seals cavort in the Bay. When Virgie comes to the Bay again, she'll be at Reidheads where she and Cliff started out many years ago.

Shirley and Val Reidhead were there this week. Virgie, Vi Schmerfeld and I went to the new Senorial for lunch. The Senorial's new dining room's decor is spectacular - design and colors. The food was good.

Vi Schmerfeld was bitten badly by a police dog. She's glad Dr. Wilcox was in the Bay. She got a deep puncture wound in her right thigh and a bite on her left calf. After ten days, the dog was destroyed before it could bite anyone else. This incident should prove to dog owners, the necessity of not letting tempermental dogs run free.

The Bay was beautiful Palm Sunday weekend with the colorful sail boats.

I felt sorry for the racers when the wind died Saturday afternoon and the boats just barely moved back from Rocky Point to Pelican Point. They were gliding real good Sunday and in front of the Cantina.

Chuck and Betty Horn had their children, friends and grand children, a house full over Palm Sunday.

Bill and Julene Wallace and guests were busy at their cabin. Bogie and Hannah are back. People were at "Bald Eagles" and Berrys and Busfields making the Hill well attended. Also Charlie and Joan Tulley were down.

Pat Gooden and Lavona came in on the 12th to spend the week. More people will arrive during the week. Lots of remodeling going on at their casa.

Jean Golden and daughter Belinda from Winslow visited Iva Barker and daughter Patsy from Phoenix who are at their sons home on the Pinto Point. Most of spare time, they were at Schmerfeld's casa. Iva celebrated a birthday while here. Larry Rimsza and Elaine are back in their casa. They have been in Phoenix awhile, where Tony had cancer surgery on his nose and ear. On Palm Sunday, they were all out with friends on the "Lucky Polack", fishing.

Since I was here in the fall, Wally Schmerfeld "Supper Grouper" has had several surgeries for skin cancer and many trips to Phoenix for 2nd and 3rd degree burns on his hand. All are healing well.

It's time for a reminder to all the people who go out in the sun, even on a patio use a good sun screen and a straw hat. Those visor caps don't protect the ears. Skin cancer seems more and more prevalent. Really, it's because more and more people are educated and aware of changes in the skin.

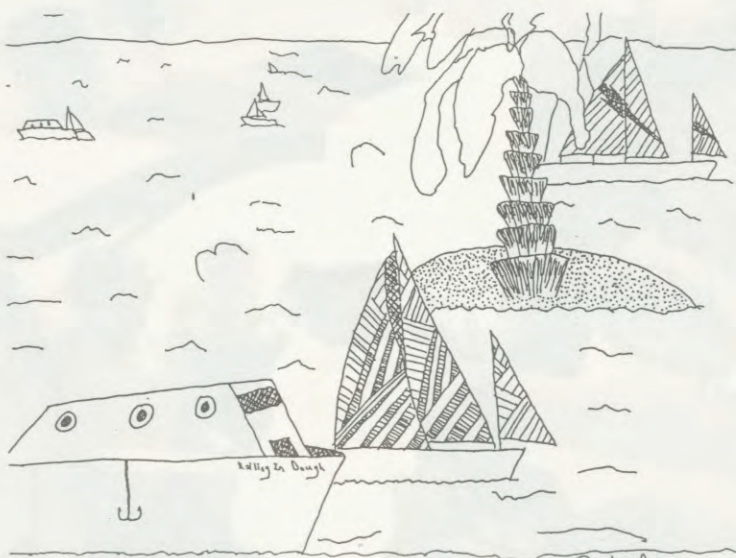
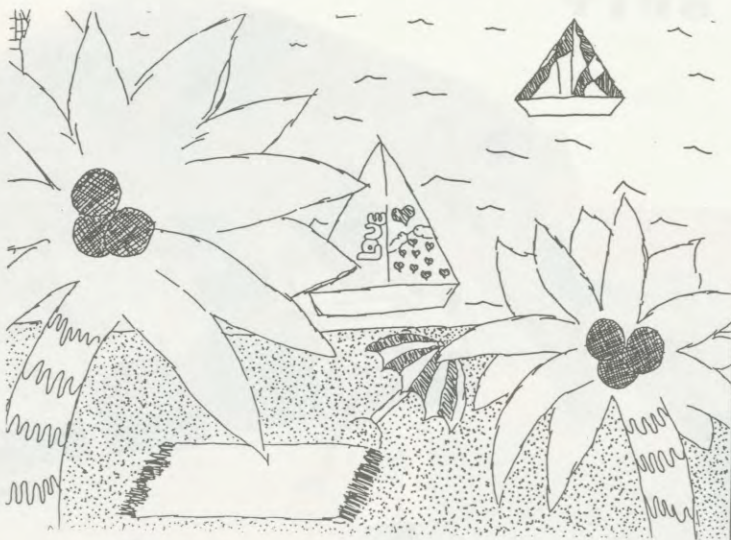
Another Fish Fry was held at the Reef Palm Sunday. I didn't attend but know it was good. Huge black sea bass are being caught. So far, I guess, Art Moore has the record catch - 289#! Where do they find room in the boat for such big ones?!

The Grackles are back! What fun birds to watch. Four were bathing in the bird bath. One found a crust of bread so she took it and dunked it in the water. They have young ones so she fed some to the young one. Smart birds.

Dews are so heavy that there are puddles on all the roofs that have a slight hollow in early am. The moisture is keeping everything green.

Ivy Barker, daughters Patsy and Vi took me to Cholla Bay Club meeting at Villa Granada the 14th. Dinner was excellent. I didn't win any prizes but they were all nice. It was a fun time. Pat Lavana, Carl and Charlotte are always good for laughs.

Good to see Sally and Oscar Newman, Tony Rimsza and the Beidlers and so many others all seemed healthy and happy. Charlotte & Carl joined the club then Charlotte won the pink Easter bunny making her evening complete. Yesterday to the neighborhood children's enjoyment she found an octopus in a shell.



THANKS TO ALL OF
THE YOUNG ARTISTS

Rudy Aragon
Maria Davirro
Monique DeLeon
Cindy Holguin
Jenni Kleckner
Sherie Manuel
Jacque Orr
Mihaela Pop
Mario Cruz Soto
Peter Wong

THE SPIT



LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THOSE FISH

A FISH IS A FISH...IS A FISH..NOT SO. SOME FISHER-PEOPLE MAKE LOTS OF CLAIMS ABOUT THE BIG ONE THAT GOT AWAY..ALMOST HAD HIM ABOARD BUT, AT THE LAST MINUTE HE GOT AWAY..ETC.YOU NAME IT WE'VE HEARD IT. ONE CHOLLA LADY, MARION BARLOW HOWEVER, HAS HER OWN PICTURE PROOF STORY AND SHE REALLY DID BRING IN THE BIG ONE.

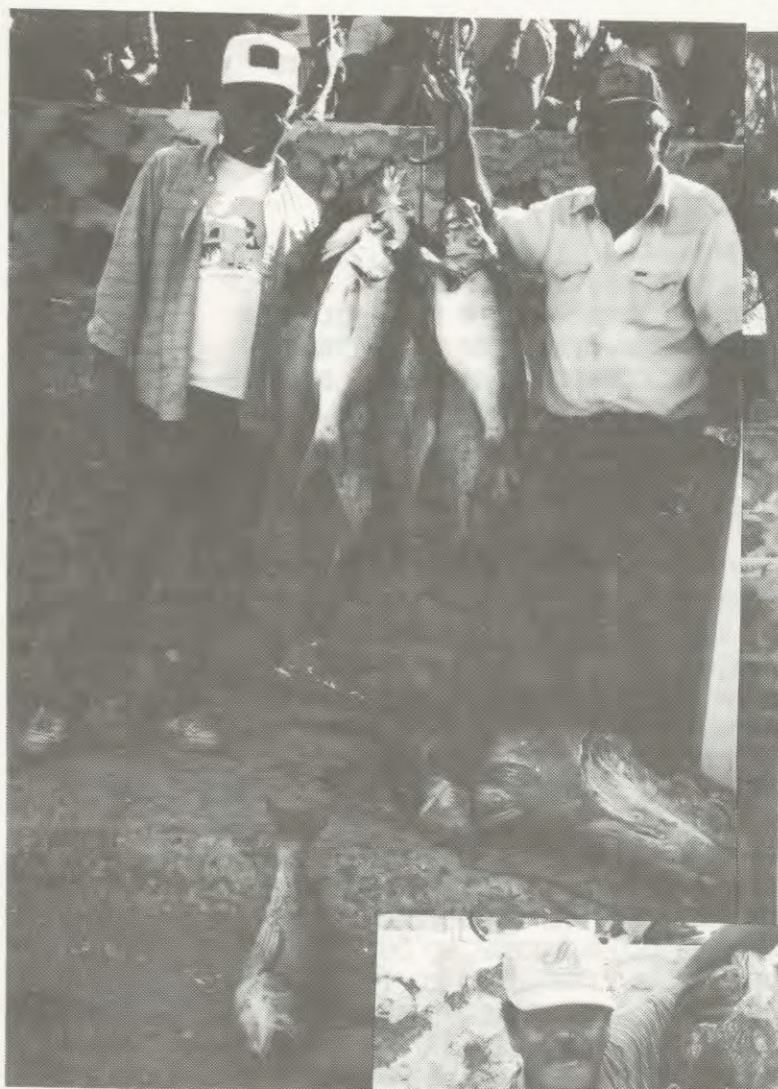
THIS PAST APRIL RALPH AND MARION BARLOW LOADED UP THEIR BOAT, THE RAMBLER AND HEADED OUT TO THE 'HOT ROCK' WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCING LOTS OF BIG BLACK SEA BASS THESE PAST FEW MONTHS. THEIR GUESTS FROM MICHIGAN JOHN AND PAM GERMAN & LEE RUDOLPH WERE ABOARD WITH THEM AND LIKE ALL GOOD CHOLLA BOATERS THEY HAD A BUDDY BOAT, COURTSHIP, SKIPPED BY GENE COURT AND HIS FIRST MATE, CAROL. THESE TWO COUPLES ARE SERIOUS FISHER-PEOPLE AND HAVE LOTS OF KNOW HOW WHEN IT COMES TO SEARCHING AND FINDING THE REEFS. UP TO THIS DAY MARION'S LARGEST FISH WAS A 76 LB GROUPE WHICH IS QUITE A RECORD FISH FOR MAN OR WOMAN.

THERE THEY WERE ON THE TRANQUIL SEA OF CORTEZ ENJOYING ITS BEAUTY WHEN IT HAPPENED IT BEING MARION'S BIG STRIKE. WHEN IT HIT MARION JUST KNEW SHE HAD HOOKED ON TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY MINUTES PLUS HER HEART WAS POUNDING WITH THE ADRENALIN OF PURE EXCITEMENT. EVERYONE ABOARD WATCHED IN AWE AS SHE CONTINUED HER BATTLE GAINING LITTLE BY LITTLE. AFTER WHAT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY SHE FOUND HERSELF LOOKING EYEBALL TO EYEBALL WITH ONE OF THE BIGGEST FISH SHE HAD EVER SEEN LET ALONG BE ON HER OWN LINE. HER MICHIGAN FRIENDS HAD HEARD OF SUCH FISH BUT NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE ABOARD WHEN ONE WAS CAUGHT. ONCE THEY WERE SURE IT WAS HOOKED THE NEXT PROBLEM WAS TO GET IT ABOARD. THE RAMBLER HAS AN EXTRA HIGH RAIL AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO PULL IT UP AND OVER. AS STATED BEFORE THE ONLY WAY TO GO BOATING IS CHOLLA STYLE..BUDDY BOAT. COURTSHIP HAD EASIER ACCESS TO PULL THE FISH ABOARD SO THEY DID JUST THAT AND BROUGHT THE FISH ON IN TO THE SCALES. NEEDLESS TO SAY MARION KEPT A WATCHFUL EYE ON HER BUDDY BOAT. THAT'S NOT A WONDER CONSIDERING THE FISH TIPPED THE SCALES AT 237 LBS. AND RALPH WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT WAS WITH THE TAIL STILL ON THE GROUND.

MARION CONFESSED IT TOOK HER TWO DAYS TO COME BACK OUT OF THE CLOUDS AND GET HER FEET ON TERRA FIRMA AGAIN. CONGRATULATIONS, MARION BARLOW, FOR A JOB WELL DONE..ALL OF CHOLLA IS PROUD OF YOU. ESPECIALLY MAXINE 'SWAMP FROG'HAGER, WHO IS HERSELF A CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TROPHY WINNER. SHE IS THE ONE WHO CALLED MY ATTENTION TO YOUR CATCH AND ASKED IT BE WRITTEN UP IN THE CHATTER. THIS CERTAINLY POINTS OUT WHAT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS ALL ABOUT.

LAST MONTH'S CHATTER MENTIONED A 289 LB BLACK SEA BASS WAS CAUGHT..THAT FISH WAS CAUGHT BY ART 'MUDDOBBER' MOORE WHILE FISHING WITH OWNER CHUCK MCDONALD. ON THAT SAME TRIP GUS BROWN CAUGHT A SHARK WEIGHING 550 TO 600 LBS. THEY HAD SO MUCH WEIGHT ON BOARD THEY HAD TO DO A LITTLE OPERATING TO GET SOME WEIGHT OFF TO GET THE BOAT TO PLANE. MID-WIFE, RAMON 'MONGO' PEREZ JR. PERFORMED A MINOR OPERATION ON THE SHARK AND DELIVERED TEN BABY SHARKS EACH ABOUT ONE FOOT LONG. NAMING EACH ONE AS HE DROPPED THEM BACK INTO THEIR OWN ELEMENT WATCHING THEM SWIM OFF. WHO KNOWS ..YOU MAY HAVE A NAMESAKE SWIMMING AROUND..JUST HOPE THEY STAY CLEAR OF THE BAY.

LOOK AT THE SIZE TO THOSE FISH



Frank Rohden
and
Paul Cooper



Gus Brown
with 550 to 600#
shark caught on
Reel Hooker



Art "Muddobber"
Moore
with 289#
Black Sea Bass

Walt "Walt's Whim"
Horton
with 220#
Black Sea Bass

WALT' WALT'S WHIM' HORTON IS EQUALLY PROUD OF HIS 220 LB BLACK BASS CAUGHT WHILE FISHING ON RICK MILLAN'S POCO LOCO. ANOTHER TRIP SAME BOAT JACK 'PARTY TIME' MACHMER CAUGHT A 136 LB BLACK.

CHARLIE TULLY AND HIS FIRST MATE JOAN ARE STILL ENJOYING SOME OF THE FILETS FROM THEIR 72 LB GROUPER CAUGHT WHILE FISHING ON THEIR LA PINATA.

BACK ABOARD THE REEL HOOKER CHUCKS GUESTS PAUL COOPER AND DON ADOLPH GUESTS OF THE PLAYA DE ORO R.V. PARK AND FRANK ROHDEN GUEST OF PLAYA ELEGANTE LOADED UP WITH A BEAUTIFUL CATCH OF RED SNAPPER (THE REAL THING) AND SARDINERO. HAPPY, HAPPY FISHER PEOPLE.

FIRST WEEKEND OF THE 37TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY SPONSERED BY THE CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMENS CLUB WAS NOT THE BEST DUE TO THE WIND GODS. HOWEVER SOME OF THE DIEHARDS GOT OUT FOR A LITTLE FISHING AND ACCORDING TO THE BOARD AT THE RADIO ROOM THESE FISH WERE RECORDED:

C MCDONALD JR 76 LB GROUPER (HE IS ENTERED IN THE SUPER JACKPOT)
JIM PLEMONS 7 LB 8 OZ COCHI AND A 10 LB PARGO
NUB MOORE 2 LB 10 OZ FLOUNDER
WALLY SCHNERFELD 1 LB 2 OZ MACKERAL
BILL HADEN 30 LB PINTO
RANDY PETERSON 12 LB 1 OZ SARDINERO

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THIS IS JUST THE START OF THE CONTEST SO GO FOR IT..YOU COULD BE A WINNER.



Marion Barlow
237# Black Sea Bass

Gringo Scuttlebutt
Betty Munro



Chuck McDonald
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THE WEATHER IN MAY HAS BEEN MUCH COOLER THAN IT WAS IN APRIL. HOWEVER, THAT WASN'T TOO MUCH CONSOLATION FOR THE DERBY CONTESTANTS ON THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE DERBY. THEY HAD ONE GOOD DAY FOR BOAT FISHING AND THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE MOSTLY SHORE FISHING. FOR SURE BETTER WEEKENDS ARE AHEAD.

IT IS REALLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SOME PEOPLE RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST FOR A PICK UP - PACK UP AND PAINT UP CAMPAIGN. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PICKED UP THE RAKE AND PAINT BRUSHES TO BEGIN BEAUTIFYING ARE TO BE COMMENDED. EACH AND EVERY CABIN IS A BEGINNING BUT AS YOU LOOK AROUND YOU CAN SEE WE STILL HAVE A VERY LONG WAY TO GO.

THE SUNDAY EVENING FISH FRYS PUT ON BY THE COMPANY CONTINUE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL AND POPULAR EVENT. IT IS GOOD TO SEE PEOPLE PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND JUST ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ADD TO IT BY BRINGING THE TASTY SIDE DISHES. ALL OF THESE INGREDIENTS MAKE FOR ONE VERY PLEASANT GET TOGETHER.

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THE NIGHT OF THE BIG CHOLLA BAY BLOW

Sunday, May 4, 1969 is a day many of our good members will long remember as the day the real estate at Cholla Bay was rearranged.

The day started out with what we would normally call one of those blasted days that the wind kept every one earthbound. Clouds built up and the wind grew worse as the day progressed. The only fishermen out were the dirty dozen with Mush Manley, Bill Valentine and others that had chartered large shrimp boats the previous Thursday. Most of us at the Bay either loafed around or made sandbuggy excursions to pass the time. The majority left for home as it became evident that there would be no fishing that day. This was fortunate for if the Bay had been full of people Sunday night we probably would have had some serious injuries and even possibly some deaths.

About five o'clock a front came through with hurricane force winds accompanied by extremely heavy rain. This was just a warning of what we had coming.

Apparently the storm split up in passing and then returned from two directions about eight o'clock and managed to bump heads right over us. The first warning came out of the dark with gusty winds of hurricane force and rain approaching cloudburst proportions. It did not take long for the storm to turn into a full-blown tornado with winds between 80 and 125 miles per hour. The rain changed to a cloudburst of no mean proportions.

When the full force hit we lowered our bamboo shades inside each window to dissipate any glass that might be flying should any window give way. The corrugated aluminum roof loosened up at each joint and the water came in as if we did not have one. Even with what had been a tight roof we had over two inches of water on the floor. My south wall is supported by 4 x 4s buried in two feet of concrete at four foot intervals with the roof strapped on with steel strapping; this wall gave as much as three to four inches when the gusts hit. In spite of this we were lucky. The tornado did not touch down on us.

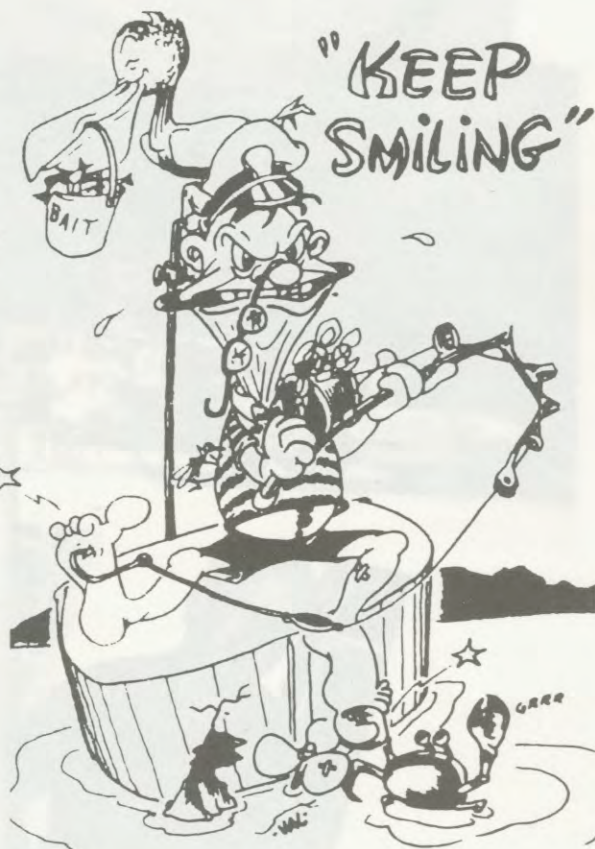
The funnel capriciously touched down hither and yon and everything it touched was demolished. Fifty foot house trailers were picked up, toyed around with just like feathers. Concrete block houses were completely disintegrated and roofs ended up flying through the air damaging anything in their paths. Some just broke up and fell in the Bay in small pieces.

I found one 4 x 4 with a splinter driven right through it. Another place a 16 x 32 room lifted off the foundations to disappear, leaving the furnishings untouched, not even a feather pillow moved. Howard Coffinger had his boat setting on its trailer in front of his place. The force moved it across the road and into the cabin of Oscar Newman.

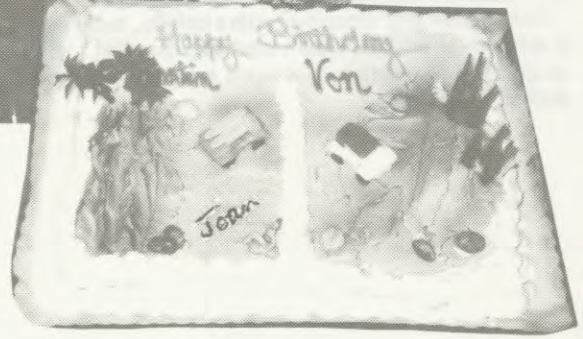
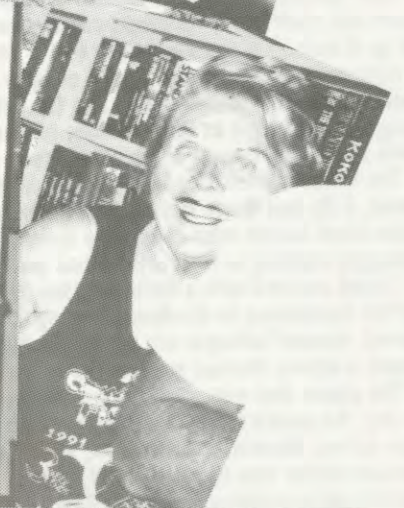
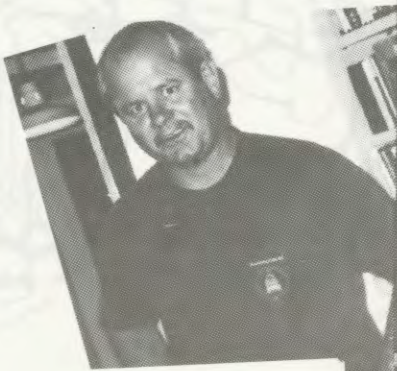
The places that were damaged are too numerous to mention. On Monday morning in the light of day, the people left at the Bay were able to assess some of the damage done. Every available person, Mexican and American, started going around closing up the damaged places to prevent further loss by either water, wind or pilfering. All our Mexican friends left their jobs and closed and repaired any place that needed it.

This was my first experience with a tornado, being an old desert rat, but believe me I hope it will also be my last. I don't mind admitting that I was literally scared out of my wits. I am glad that I am here to once again enjoy the peace and tranquility that we all enjoy so much at Cholla Bay.

Wes Douglas in Chatter, June 1969



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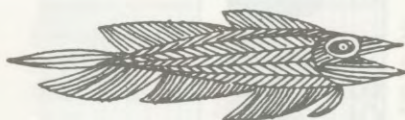
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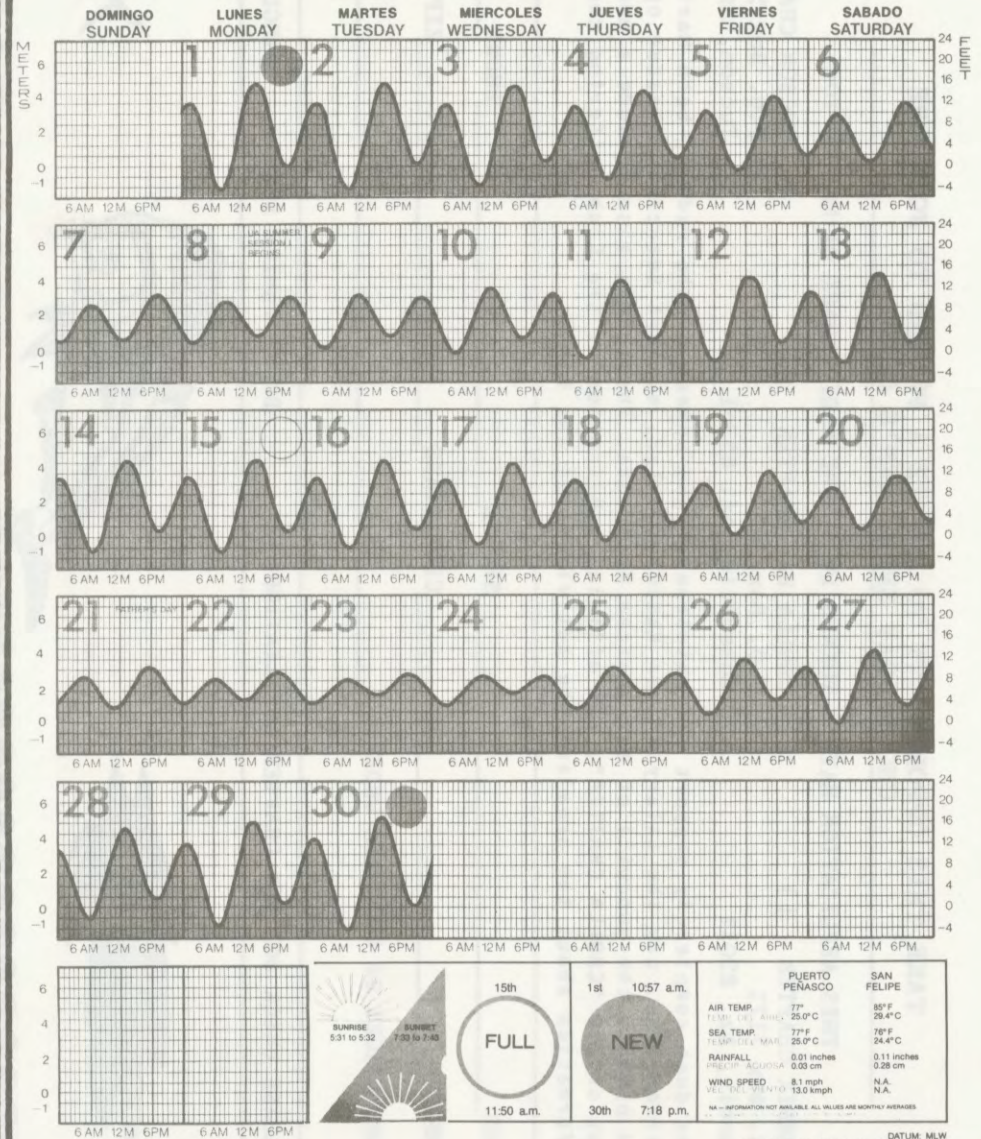
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