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from shore in Cholla*

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Radio Handle Book Update

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or call Kelley @ 602-345-0623

If you know of anyone who is in the old book and their handle is no longer active, then please let us know.

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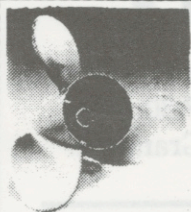
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Cholla Chatter

collection almost complete

We would like to thank all the members who have graciously donated their old Cholla Chatters, so that we could fill in the gaps in our files. As of now we are very close to having at least one copy of each chatter. There are only seven issues of the chatter that we still don't have, and they are:

May 1958
June 1958
Oct. 1959
Dec. 1959
Jan. 1960
June 1960
Oct. 1960

If anyone has these chatters in their files and would like to donate them to the club it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Frank Flynn in Phoenix at: Days 602-956-9608 or evenings at 602-956-3386

Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers are still needed for the Fish Fry and Fishing Derby Awards on June 6th in Cholla. As most of you know this is a major event and usually the fish fry feeds 1000 plus people. There are lots of things that need to be done, even before the day of the Fish Fry. If you have some free time and would like to help with this event please give Sal Otanez a call at (520) 575-0044. It doesn't matter if you have a half hour or a half day to help... we can find something for you to do, and your help will be greatly appreciated, and besides that it is a lot of fun.

COUNCIL NEWS

by Nancy Schmidli & Pat Goodin

Our Fry Shack Needs Help

Due to several break-ins at the Fry Shack, something needs to be done to better secure the building. After the two break-ins this year, it was discovered that some cooking utensils and large cooking pots were gone, and the building had been vandalized. Also, Hurricane Nora damaged the roofs of both bathrooms. These need to be replaced.

Bars need to be installed on the windows and door openings to secure the building. Then later, windows and doors could be installed to make our building more secure and functional. Council does not have the funds to do this. Therefore, we are appealing to our members for help.

A Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Memorial Fund, which has not been active for some time, will be re-activated as a Memorial Building Fund. Chapter and individuals are encouraged to contribute to this fund in memory of a CBSC member or other loved one who has passed away.

We will also establish another general building fund for those who wish to donate just to help our Fry Shack. If each member would donate \$20 or more, we could begin to realize our goal for securing and finishing this building as it was originally designed. During the steak fry and fish fry, the architectural drawing will be on display at the fry shack for your viewing, and a donation containers will be available.

We are still trying to find a way for the Memorial names, plus donor names to be displayed.

Also at Council:

Dave and Kelley will no longer be able to be the editors of the Chatter. Boo hoo!! They have been great and we will surly miss them.

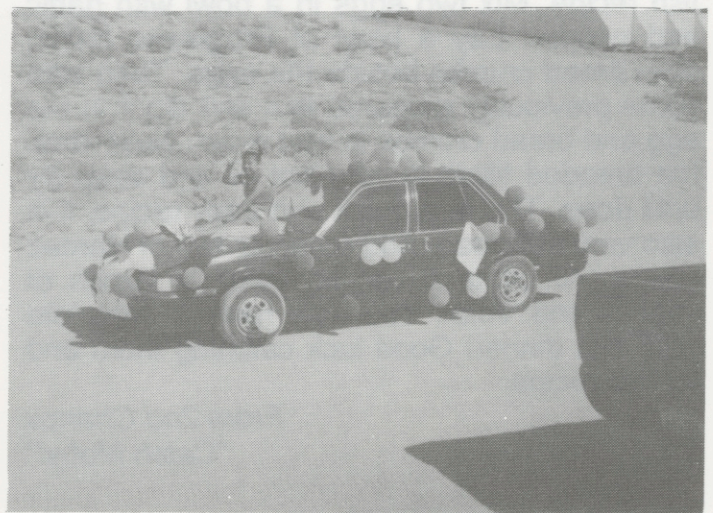
Mickey Babbitt also resigned as Ship's Store manager. These two positions really need to be filled as soon as possible.

OK this is the chance you have been waiting for. Just notify one of the officers of your Chapter or write to the Chatter (Dave). He also has an article in this issue.

Hope to see you all in the Bay.

Note: Just before press time we learned that Dell Moore is going to take over Ship's Store starting in October. Until then Shirley Peterson will have the Ship's Store at her home in Cholla.

A parade through Cholla on May 2nd celebrating childrens day



What About Fishin'

The 2nd phase of the CBSC Fishing Derby was May 1-3. We arrived the night of the first. Unfortunately the wind was blowing up some pretty good sized white caps by Saturday morning, so we didn't get out. Sunday morning was another story though, it was a beautiful, just made to order fishing day. Wouldn't you know it, the carburetor on the boat decided it wasn't in the mood for fishing, so back on the trailer we went. Owning a boat is a sadistic, self punishment. Just like they say; BOAT = Bet On Another Thousand.

Enough whining, back to fishing. Brad Moen managed to catch a 21.45 lb. Corvina (Seatrout) from shore. He was fishing with some friends and he was the only one to manage a bite. Right now his 'friends' want to wring his neck, but that's another story. Good job Brad!

So far, Augustin doesn't have any fishing permits. You would be best advised to contact Hunters and Anglers Travel in Mesa. You can get your fishing license and boat permits in one shot.

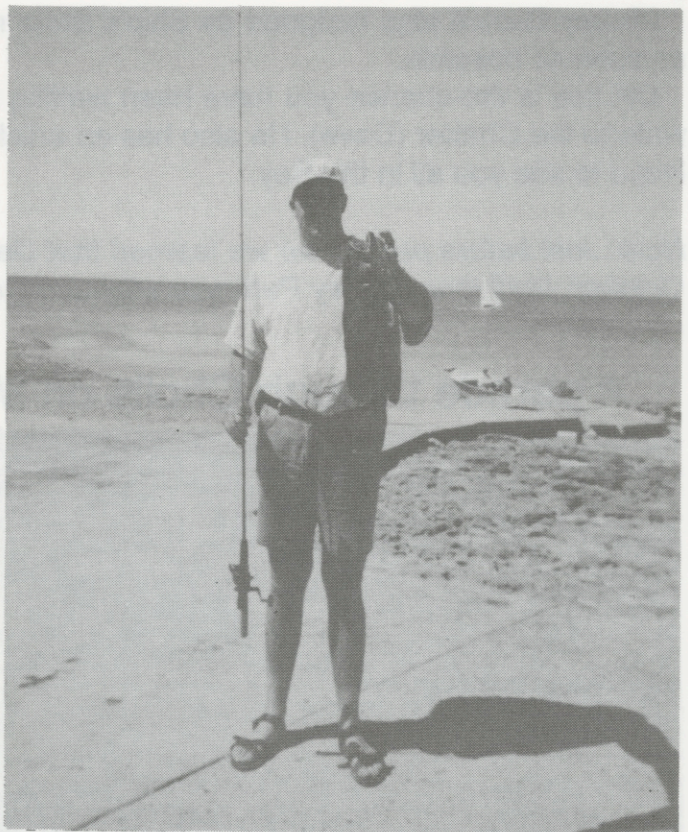
As I said last month, more Pinto are showing up so that means so are the Sardinero and White Sea Bass. The 18, 20 and 22 mile reefs are probably the best bet for scoring on all of these Bass. The Sand Dunes (if you have a boat to get you out that far) are also excellent for Bass and Halibut. (Note: If you are going out this far, please make sure your radio is working properly and if at all possible, take a buddy boat).

I thought now might be the time for this, MY fish recipe. Mix two eggs in a bowl with garlic and pepper. Lay a bowl of Progresso Italian style bread crumbs beside the eggs. Then take some previously prepared fish and dip it in the egg and bread crumbs in that order. Next drop the breaded fillets in very hot oil and deep fry until done. This is a quick and easy recipe, it is also very delicioso. Add a can or two of Herdez sauce (40 cents a can in town), a bunch of tortillas and Voila! You now have a complete killer fish dinner! Good luck catching them and try this recipe.

*From 2nd Chance
"Catch Moby!"*



Stephanie Zenz poses with Mike Thortons 43lb Mako Shark



Shane Talak with a 6.35lb Grouper caught from shore

DERBY STANDINGS

Here are the standings as of the end of the 2nd weekend. Some of the information below is not correct. The official standings will be posted at the Radio Shack next derby weekend.

COTCHI (Trigger)

MEN

- | | |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Rudy Guzman | 4.75 lb. |
| 2. Shane Talak | 4.70 lb. |
| 3. Roger Demoui | 3.35 lb. |

WOMEN

- | | |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Maxine Hager | 4.25 lb. |
| 2. Kathy Warring | 3.05 lb. |

JUNIOR

- | | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Alicia Warring | 2.95 lb. |
| 2. Carolyn Warring | 2.80 lb. |
| 3. Randy Adams | 2.05 lb. |

FLOUNDER

MEN

- | | |
|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Darrell Ostrander | 9.10 lb. |
|----------------------|----------|

WOMEN

- | | |
|-----------------|----------|
| 2. Wendy Larson | 9.60 lb. |
|-----------------|----------|

MACKEREL

MEN

- | | |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Ghala | 2.30 lb. |
| 2. Rudy Guzman | 1.00 lb. |
| 3. Roger Demoui | 1.00 lb. |

PINTO

MEN

- | | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mike Thornton | 37.25 lb. |
| 2. Bob Fleetwood | 17.35 lb. |
| 3. Tom Rezo | 14.20 lb. |

POMPANO

MEN

- | | |
|------------------|----------|
| 1. Brad Moen | 1.85 lb. |
| 2. Guy Jean | 1.20 lb. |
| 3. Kent Kristoff | 1.05 lb. |
| 3. Frank Prieto | 1.05 lb. |

WOMEN

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. Dee Moen | 1.35 lb. |
|-------------|----------|

JUNIOR

- | | |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Krystal Moen | 1.85 lb. |
| 2. Randy Adams | 0.85 lb. |

RED SNAPPER

MEN

- | | |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. James Smith | 8.55 lb. |
| 2. Rudy Guzman | 4.10 lb. |
| 3. Chevello | 2.25 lb. |

SEA TROUT

MEN

- | | |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. Mike Orcutt | 4.45 lb. |
|----------------|----------|

SHARK

MEN

- | | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mike Thornton | 42.35 lb. |
|------------------|-----------|

YELLOW TAIL

MEN

- | | |
|----------------|----------|
| 1. Babe Monger | 6.80 lb. |
|----------------|----------|

SURF CASTING

MEN

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Brad Moen | 21.05 lb. Trout |
| 2. Shane Talak | 6.25 lb. Grouper |
| 3. Dave Adams | 5.60 lb. Trout |

WOMEN

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Dee Moen | 5.30 lb. Trout |
| 2. Kelley Adams | 2.95 lb. Trout |

JUNIOR

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Krystal Moen | 4.80 lb. Trout |
| 2. Randy Adams | 3.10 lb. Trout |

FLY FISHING

MEN

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Brad Moen | 0.75 lb. Pompano |
|--------------|------------------|

JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS

- | | |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. Alicia Warring | 1.35 |
| 2. Carolyn Warring | 1.35 |



Rodger Demoui with a 4.65lb. Cotchi

MY FIFTY YEAR AFFAIR WITH CHOLLA BAY

Paul Schoonover

I grew up in Florida and Virginia and was always around the water. In fact in my last summer before entering the Air Corps in 1943, a friend and I spent the summer circumnavigating Chesapeake Bay in an eighteen foot sailboat. So, when I left the service in Phoenix in 1945, where I had met Grace while she was working at Luke Field and we were married, everything was perfect, except where was the water.

Then, in 1948 a friend invited me to go fishing at Rocky Point. We went out about two miles and loaded up with large Pinto Bass. This was the answer to my wishes and started my association with Cholla Bay. I came home and immediately started building a fishing boat. Luckily, Grace enjoys fishing and boating also because, from then on Cholla Bay has been our second home. We have spent many happy times there along with our daughters and now, grandchildren.

In 1953 I asked Nacho Quires if he would rent me a spot to build a house. Nacho said he could not do this as I was an alien but, I could build if I wanted to and he would charge me \$5.00 a month to watch it. We picked a spot on the beach and built.

When Al Scott called a meeting of Cholla Bayer's, Grace and I attended and became two of the thirty-three charter members of The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. I was the first sect/tres and Grace helped Bill Hammer and Bill Valentine start the Cholla Chatter.

The first project for the Club was improving the launching ramp, There was only a very narrow area to get a vehicle through the rocks. Someone donated an old dump truck, we rented a large air compressor, bought a case of dynamite, and a crew of volunteers widened and smoothed the area to the way it is today. We hired Mexican men to use the rocks we moved to build the wall along the road to the landing. (Border crossing and other activities were much more informal than they are today). We had our first fishing derby with fifty, or more boats. Bill Blair was master of ceremonies and Oakley Jordan and Seth Smith cooked fish for a very large crowd. Al Scott kept the Club busy the next few years with many worthwhile projects.

I was Club president in 1958 and Sr. Portugal was president of the Rocky Point Lions Club. The Club cooperated with the Lions to put on a Labor Day Sailfish Derby. We were very successful and raised enough money to give all of the children of Rocky Point their first Polio shots.

Also that year I was approached by a radio distributor with a proposition that he would give us a marine radio base station at less than factory cost if we would consider him when we bought our boat radios. I found ten people to donate \$20.00 each and we had a radio. Nacho gave us space in the rear of his store and let us charge batteries from his generator.

We needed more room and to be closer to the landing, so I negotiated to rent Art Cox's house at the landing and located the radio there. We hired Jesus Martinez as radio operator and his family lived in the house as part of his pay. Jesus also graded the road from Peñasco every Friday morning using our dump truck to pull a grader that Al Scott and I built out of auto parts donated by Blair and Claver. We also initiated the check out slip procedure, at that time Don Barber, Mel Jarvis and many others organized the Search and Rescue team. Boating was more fun knowing you had this crew to call on if needed.

Fishing was fantastic at this time, especially sail fishing which is our favorite. Our families would go to Cholla as soon as school was out, and we men would go for the weekend. Imagine my chagrin one Friday evening when I drove in, to see my boat sitting there with three sailfish flags flying. Grace, Betty Hammer, and Ella Tweed had gone out that day and had a ball.

I decided I wanted a larger boat so we could take longer trips. I sold my beloved Smithcraft and built a 28ft. sportsfisherman with a flybridge, cabin and all the goodies. To christen this boat properly, I wanted to make a trip with the best fishermen in Cholla. I went out with Bill Hammer, Bill Valentine, and Al Scott. We set a record that day that still stands. We landed five sailfish and five dolphin fish, and missed other strikes. My favorite memory of Cholla is coming into the landing that evening with ten flags flying.

As a member of the U. S. Power Squadron I taught seamanship and celestial navigation for several years to fellows who then participated in Trans Atlantic, Trans Pac, Tahiti, and other sailboat races. This gave me the bug to do the same, so in 1968 I sold my business and took two years to build a 36ft. sailboat to sail around the world. Our youngest daughter went off to college in 1970 so we sold our home and moved aboard our boat in San Diego. We spent several years sailing up and down the Pacific coast, but we decided we did not like the confinement of long range sailing. We came back and built our home in Cave Creek. I bought our present Sea Ray and we returned to Cholla Bay.

I became active in the CBSC again and served on the Board and as president of the Phoenix chapter. I was derby chairman and member of the Council. While I was Council Chairman, Betty Munro retired after many years as our radio operator. I interviewed several applicants for the job and was very fortunate to hire Augustin Leon.

Also while Council Chairman, I had the opportunity to work with some of my Power Squadron friends who are Ham Radio operators to develop our channel 26 VHF radio repeater station. These fellows obtained surplus equipment from the sheriffs department, and with the help and cooperation of the Rocky Point ham radio club, we installed our repeater station on the mountain in Rocky Point. The Mexican radio club let us use there facilities, including electricity, at no cost. This complete facility was built and installed at no cost to the club.

The Cholla Chatter had been a major expense to the club for several years. I volunteered as publisher of the Chatter and with the help of many other members helping with advertising sales and printing and mailing, we put the Chatter on a self sustaining budget. After three years, Betty Woodward took over as Editor and did a wonderful job with the Chatter.

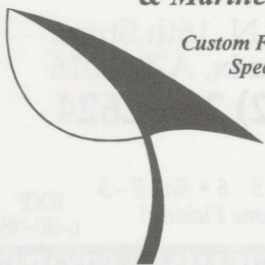
Later the Club voted me a Lifetime membership. Also I was honored to receive the Al Scott Award. Both of these I appreciate greatly.

I retired for the second time in 1988. Since then Grace and I have spent a lot of time traveling, but Cholla is still our favorite spot.

While playing on the beach recently with my 20 month old great grandson, I was wondering what Cholla will be like for him in the next fifty years.

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CHOLLA BAY HOMEOWNERS

June is another busy month in Cholla Bay. Fishermen are busy scheming on how to catch the 'Big one, the rare one, etc.' in order to be one of the winners at the distribution of awards on June 6th. Sailfish have already been sighted jumping out of the waters enticing the fishermen to mount their outriggers and be ready. Catching the first sail of the season always brings special ooh's and aha's as the proud winner either shows off his catch at the scales or if the fisherman is a real sport shows off his pictures as a reliable witness on the boat verifies he brought the fish along side the boat, touched the leader, then released the beauty back into the depths of the sea. Everyone can listen to the stories and watch the awards as they enjoy their fish dinner prepared by the many faithful volunteers who work so hard... behind the scenes... to make these programs and fish fries the success they have been for the past 42 years. This one, June 6th 1998 will be the 43rd to the credit of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club. Congratulations to the club for it's longevity and the good work it has accomplished towards good fellowship with all its members and especially their Mexican friends and neighbors.

Regarding the paving of the road into Cholla Bay. Answers have been coming into the office via phone, letters and people just dropping in to get more information. As stated in the May issue of the Chatter this plan is in the very beginning stages and in no way commits you to anything. We are just trying to get you, the homeowner's, input, so keep your comments and questions coming.

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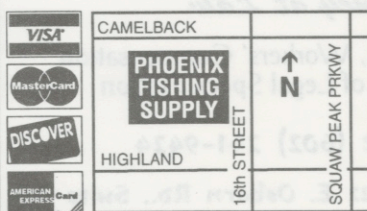
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Gene and Shirley Reid have been long time residents of Cholla Bay. Gene first visited Puerto Peñasco in 1936 and Shirley in 1951. In 1954 they moved a trailer down to Cholla Bay then they bought the house they now have in 1973.

Gene remembers when going to Puerto Peñasco was a full days endeavor. The road was not paved and they would get stuck several times. In those days there was no road to Cholla Bay and you went by boat. Shirley remembers when you could buy half a bucket of shrimp for only 50 cents. They both shared the love of the ocean and enjoy the general atmosphere of Cholla Bay. Also they have made many friends over the years.

Gene is retired Director of Pima County Parks and Recreation where he was employed for 30 years. He retired in July of 1978 and the former Randolph Park was renamed Gene Reid Park in his honor. Now that's quite an accomplishment! Shirley retired from Tucson Unified School District where she was a teacher for 24 years.

Between the two of them they have two daughters, one son and two grandchildren who all share the same love for Cholla Bay.

As of this writing, Gene is in the hospital with pneumonia. We all wish you a speedy recovery!

A great big thank you to Ken Hartnett, Jerry Kitchens and Chuck and Joanni Dernberger for the fabulous job they did for the Kickoff Breakfast. Looks like we'll be doing it again next year.

Currently we have 82 members. Remember, next meeting is June 9th at 6:30 pm at Las Margaritas on Grant Road. Hope to see you all there!

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PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETING

The Phoenix Chapter held their May 13th meeting at Papago Park in Phoenix. Despite the rain earlier in the day we still had close to forty people show up. Most of them wearing jackets and long sleeve shirts, can you imagine jackets in Phoenix in the middle of May. I guess we might as well blame it on El Niño. Anyway those who did show up were treated to braut's and hot dogs that were cooked up to perfection by Ed Mueller and his son. There was also plenty of sodas and cold beer. Everyone brought a side dish to pass including a birthday cake for Frank Prieto who's birthday just happen to be on the same day.

After everyone was done eating, we raffled off a hand held GPS. The lucky winner was Frank Flynn but, Frank stated that he already has one, so he auctioned it off to the highest bidder with all proceeds going back to the club. Thanks Frank. Also thanks to Ed Mueller for his high bid on his new GPS.

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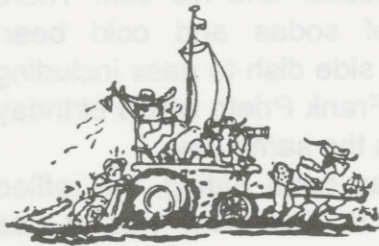


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October 10th

Cholla Chapter Chitter Chatter

Dear Readers,

Hope this finds you all well & happy. The weather has been ideal. Warm days and cool nights.

Cholla Chapter had their May 12th meeting in Las Conchas at the home of Evelyn Fought. This was our annual Luau and was planned for the beach. Because of the erosion caused by the crazy weather this year, we moved to the other side of the house. We decided it was an El Niño party with a Hawaiian theme. There were at least 130 members and guests at this happening. The food was great as usual! The weather cooperated to an extent. (It was a little windy).

We have so many people to thank for this party. First and foremost THANK YOU to Evelyn Fought. She worked long and hard putting this thing together, so that we could have such a wonderful time.

Thank you to all the people who helped with food preparation, setup and cleanup. You are the greatest! Also like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and other donations. Sorry there isn't room this month to list all your names but, you know who you are and we thank you.

Going into this meeting we had a total of 190 paid, voting members.

Sick Bay (Bev 3-6469) reported that most of us are well or mending. There was some sad news though. Vi Schmerfeld, a longtime resident of Cholla Bay passed away in April. Joan Dernberger, Tucson Chapter will be having surgery. Joan helps our chapter at so many functions that we feel she belongs to Cholla Chapter. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of the families of these two ladies.

This is a social and service organization. As such, we do have to do some business each month. President Pat Foss made announcements and introduced guests and speakers for the evening.

Carol Conant talked about the highway through Organ Pipe National Monument. They are still messing with us! A group of concerned people attended a meeting on the subject May 16th. Nothing was resolved. We should have more info next month.

Bill McCartney reported on the Committee that has been studying the Bi-Laws & Constitution. The club has grown so much since they were written. It is a different world and maybe we need some changes.

The club voted to donate \$25 a month to Esperanza Children's Home, La Montana School for the Handicapped and Casa Hogar (old folks home) for each of the three months that we are not meeting. This will help them get through the summer when not as many people are around to help out.

The Cholla Chapter meets next month on the patio at Best Western Playa Inn and Old Port Deli will be catering the meal. We are invited to bring bathing suits and enjoy the pool. Looks like it will be another fun night. Happy Hour starts at 5:00. Hope to see you there.

Take care of you and yours and we will see you in the Fall.

L.D.

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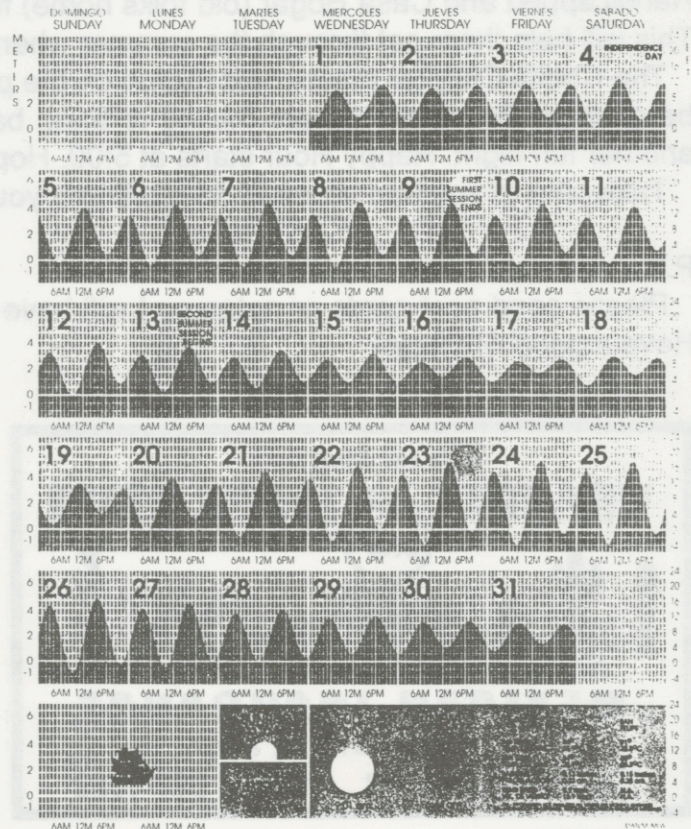
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