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LICENSES & PERMITS FROM HELL

Here's a ditty from our good friends at NMFS. The permit moratorium for charter/headboats in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico goes into effect September 15, 2003 and there ain't no exceptions on this one. All existing permits not issued under the moratorium will void November 13, 2003 and after that you're SOL for at least the next three years. The l'il jewel was



All caught on top water lures, Jaquin Cappabona and Captain Gilberto Vela fished South Bay, they released eight other snook.

dreamed up by the east of the Mississippi faction of the Gulf Council to stifle competition from weekenders entering the business. If you have an open access charter permit for Gulf coastal migratory pelagics and you want to charter fish the South Atlantic after November 13, 2003 you must apply for and receive a separate open access charter permit for the South Atlantic. If you want to chat with these guys call the NOAA Fisheries Permits Team at 727-570-5326, good luck.

And a l'il reminder from the CCA, the 14th Annual STAR tournament continues this weekend and ends on Monday. There are still plenty of prizes and scholarships left to be claimed so you can still enter and get lucky.

An ol buddy of mine by the name of Jim Brandenburg that appears to have too much time on his hands sent in this ditty. Thought ya'll might have fun with it.

The Thermodynamics of Hell

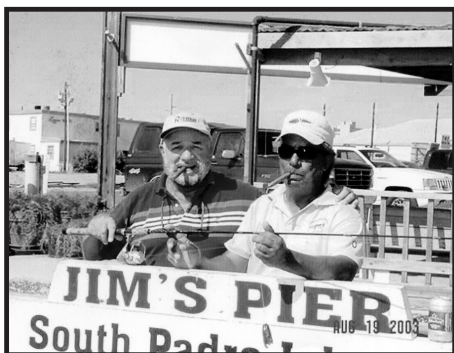
The following is an actual question given on the University of Washington chemistry mid-term. The answer by one student was so profound that the professor shared it with colleagues via the Internet which is why we have the pleasure of enjoying it as well. Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools off when it expands and heats up when compressed) or some variant. One student however wrote the following: First we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate that souls are moving into Hell and the rate that they are leaving.

I think we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore,

no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, lets look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there are more than one of these religions and people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionally as souls are added. This gives two possibilities: 1) If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose. 2) If Hell is expanding at a rate faster



Another Vela special, would you believe jalapenos for bait? Well so proclaims Island Vending Mogul Chris Kobel.

than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it? If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my freshmen year, that, "It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you," and to take into account that I still have not succeeded in having an affair with her, then #2 above cannot be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and will not freeze over.

The student received the only "A".

DOCK TALES

Not much to tell 'cept the bay fishin's been extreme with lots of oversized reds and some good snook caught on top-waters in South Bay. Herds of reds are all over the place and some pretty good trout are being caught. This weekend it's time to buy a new fishin' license since your old one expires at midnight Sunday.

The South Texas Big Game Fishing Club will hold their Labor Day weekend tournament this Saturday and Sunday. Weigh-in is over by Dirty Al's at the Sea Ranch Marina from 6-7:30 both days.

We welcome your fishin' photos. Drop them by 2600 Padre Boulevard on the Island, or mail them to I.B. Hooked, c/o Coastal Current Weekly, P.O.Box 2429, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Be sure to include the name of the angler, weight and type of fish, where caught, and name of boat if applicable. Photos with SASE will be returned.