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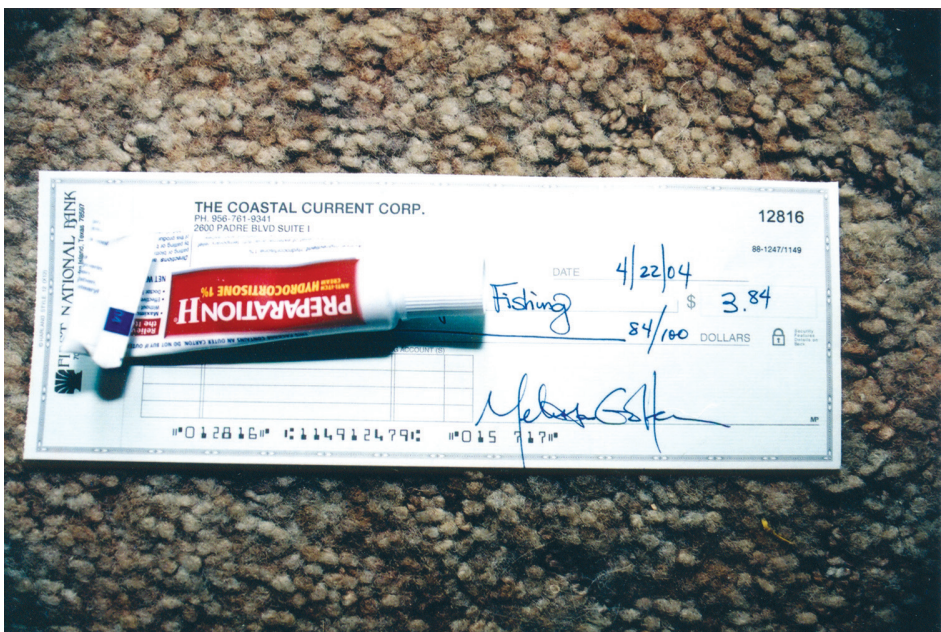
Dear Peerless Leader,

We, members of Team Gitana, wish to thank you for your support in our quest at the ROLEX/IGFA Offshore Championship in Cabo San Lucas this week.

Unfortunately, the Coastal Current's donation in the sum of \$ 3.84 {three dollars and eighty-four cents} has become problematic. Our banker informs us that she'll charge us \$10.00 bucks if we

Parlor we stopped at a roadside Flea Market thinking that there might be something there that we could use to show your support of our quest. Lo' and behold the only thing we could find in the price range was a well-used tube of topical ointment. We have taken the liberty of enclosing a photo of the tube with this thank you note.

Thanks for your generosity. Team Gitana.



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deposit the check in our sponsorship clearing account. She suggested that we do with your check what others do with your publication. We then consulted a plumber and were informed that unlike your rag, it would definitely clog the commode. The plumber did offer a discount to Roto-Root the line; instead of the usual \$ 65.00 bucks, she'd do it for \$ 19.95 provided that we would film her and her snake in action. This became problematic too because Wally World charges \$ 3.95 for a blank tape.

We've consulted the outfit that's providing our team shirts. They informed us that the cheapest they could go for placing your logo on our shirts was \$5.00 bucks for a microdot ad since their nano technology is running behind. We then had a long consult with a Tattoo artist about the cost of Henna tattoos. After she got off her work bench she suggested that we take turns drawing your logo on each others butts with a blue marker. We told her that we weren't that way but that she could since she was an artist but she flat refused the job.

On the way back from the Tattoo

## DOCK TALES

Not a lot to tell 'cept the snapper are snappin' and the bay is full of redfish, most of which are oversized. Trout fishin's been good but it's that time of year and we're comin' up on the second anniversary of Bud Rowland's monster catch. If ya'll remember, ol' Bud caught, photographed, had witnesses eventually sign affidavits and released a trout the International Game Fish Association certified as a Fly Class world record. They pegged the weight at 15-1/2 pounds. Had he killed the fish she would've beat the state record by about a pound but she was in good shape and had a couple of large males by her side so he released her so she could spawn.

Lastly, this weekend the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla #72 will host "SEABIRD 2004" in Port Mirabelle with air, land and sea exercises involving the security and defense of the Port of Brownsville. Should be fun, go by the Volunteer Fire Station and chew the fat with 'em.

**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.**