



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Safe housing tip numero uno: When fryin' a mound of bacon on a regular stove, if the stack gets lit, douse

it with either flower or salt or sand or baby powder or corn meal or anything but water or better yet, throw the damn skillet in the back yard or commode. This is a public service message sponsored by DAMM (Drunks Against Mad Mothers) founded by John Bloom aka Joe Bob Briggs the outdoor movie fanatic. Ya can also use redfish skins or a soiled blanket or better yet, a polar bear rug.



If you're lookin' for some real speed this weekend, run by Jim's Pier and hop a ride on the Sea Rocket. Just be sure to leave your toupee at the condo.

Some good news may be headin' down the pike to mark the beginnin' of storm season and offshore tournament season. Hopefully this will cut diesel prices big time. The Mars rig is back online after getting' nailed by Katrina, the Thunder Horse rig should be back online in the next few weeks after getting' nailed by Dennis. The Cognac rig that took a double hit from Ivan and Rita is still down and the 250 million dollar Typhoon rig is in the process of being donated to the rigs of reef program after getting' rolled by Rita. I call it the superior skill and cunning of free market capitalism along with some audacious engineering that got the sub

sea pipelines repaired after they were turned into spaghetti by the storms. These platforms represent about thirty percent of the oil and gas production in the northern Gulf of Mexico and word is that the refineries are starvin' for the product since they've been repaired too.

Speakin' of tournaments, the Alphabet Soup Gang better known as the South Texas Big Game Fishing Club or STBGFC for short will hold a two day marlin hunt this weekend if it's Memorial weekend when you read this crap. The tournament is named the Blake Bunk Memorial after a great kid that lost the battle with the Big C over a dozen years ago and is once again a qualifier for the 2007 ROLEX/IGFA Offshore Championship held in Cabo San Lucas. The Bunk family will hold a burger party on Dirty Dave's Deck at the Sea Ranch Restaurant this Friday evening. The weigh-in will be over by Dirty Al's Alamo Saturday and Sunday from six to seven-thirty. Come one come all; should be a blast if mama nature don't rear her ugly head. And here's a word to the wise. Don't even think of fishin' Mexico unless ya got all, and I mean all the right permits cuz Uncle Sugar's minions have been on a tear round these parts and a Lacy Act violation is both expensive and a pain in the tail to get rid of.

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.