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Working at Fishing

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Many years ago, a photographer for the Houston Post, where I worked, happened upon a fisherman catching flounder off the Galveston jetties. Never mind that it was a work day - the fall flounder run was at its peak and the angler wasn't going to let his job keep him from enjoying the action.

He gladly posed with his stringer of fish, and made the front page of the sports section the next morning, the fisherman was quickly out of a job.

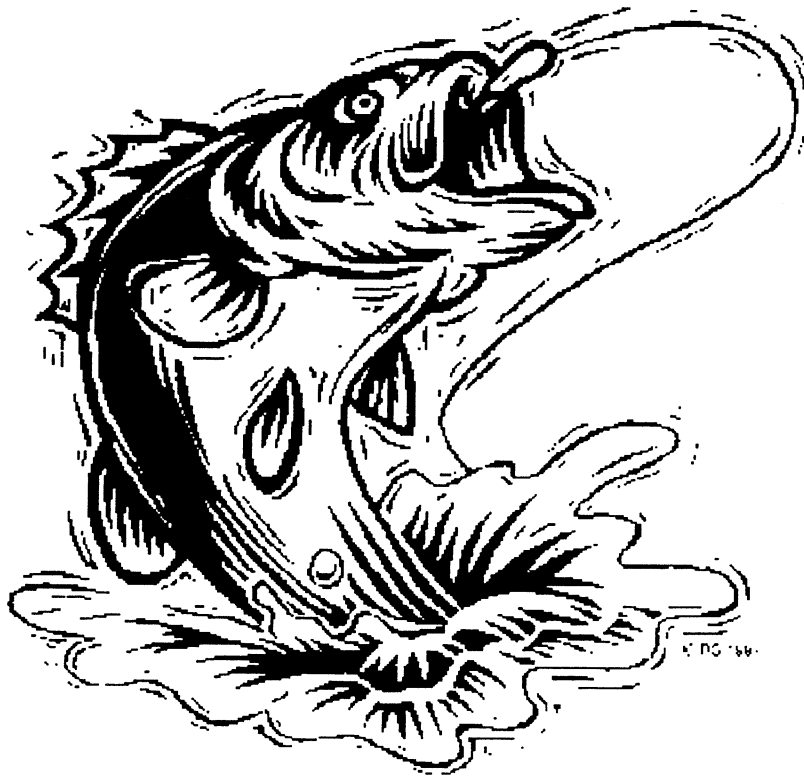
Although I question his wisdom in allowing the photo to be published in a newspaper, I can sympathize with that fellow. Prime fishing times do not often coincide with weekends. All the fish need are a few

days of warm weather. But where I live, cold fronts always roar through on Friday.

Since weekdays always are

better for fishing, the savvy angler volunteers for the night shift, or takes a job that has him working on weekends and a couple of days during the week. In some professions, however, that's not possible.

I have a solution. President Clinton is big on "Family leaves" - that is facing employers to give workers more time off to spend with their families during times of illness or after the birth of a child. This is a good plan, at least in the view of the employees. I find it odd, however, that so many of the president's cabinet members resigned after his first term so they could spend more time with their families. I



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Club Calendar

July 22nd
July 23rd

Fishing with PRO kids - 5:00 p.m. - Riverside Park
Tree Planting - 5:30 p.m. - Minnesota River site behind the Waste Water Treatment Plant

July 31st
Aug. 28th

Meeting - 6:30 p.m.- Clear Lake County Park
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Schell's Tap Room



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Clear Lake Update

The fishing pier has been temporarily repaired, pending replacement later this year or next spring. Let's hope they do a better job on the next one. The lake has been choked with weeds most of the year, making it almost impossible to go anywhere on the lake without becoming fouled with weeds. The only upside to this problem is that it will give the fish that have been stocked a chance to make it through this first year. The aeration system will be needing some work yet this summer. One of the air lines has been detached from the helixar, and needs to be reconnected. This will take some fishing as the end of the line and the helixar may be some distance apart. This problem will be discussed further at the next meeting. We may also set a work date. Our next meeting will be at the lake.

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recommend that a Fishing Leave Act be passed and signed into law.

I am not a fan of government intrusiveness, but this would be extremely beneficial to us fishermen. And it would keep us from having to lie by calling in sick.

Under this new law, a licensed, lifelong angler would be excused from work and allowed to go fishing whenever the fish are biting. Of course, it would be too costly to require time. Only N.U.A.S.F. members would be able to take time off with pay.

Finally, lifelong fishermen should be given early retirement. By the time we reach 65, we may only have enough energy to go fishing once in awhile. Therefore anglers should be able to retire - with full benefits - at 50. Others can work until they are 65.

After all, the bumper sticker says: "Work Is For People Who Can't Fish".

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Fishing with PRO Kids
July 22 - 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Park

Membership Update

At our last meeting we had 112 members with 11 due. Four members paid their dues at thr meeting. There were no new members signed at the meeting.

The membership drive so far this year has only yielded ten new members. It seems to me that we could do better than this. There are six more meetings until the drive ends in December. Let's see if we can double the new members in the second half of the year.

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