

Warm weather and procrastination. . .

Good fishing beats finals blues

With the semester winding down and final exams looming ever so ominously, new ways to procrastinate are always in high demand. If you've never tried fishing during finals, give it a shot.

The spawn has been over in most area lakes for some time now, and the fish are starting to fall into a summer/warm weather pattern. This means that fish are going to be found feeding in deep water as the temperature warms and the days become hot.

A good bet for deep water fishing in this warmer weather is a Texas-rigged worm fished using a medium-speed retrieve. Start by using a small four-inch worm before you try something larger, and use a small bullet weight no heavier than a quarter of an ounce.

When choosing a color, I like to try several different colors and decide after I have landed several fish. Firecracker (clear with red and blue fleck and a blue tail) seems to be a better than average color this time of year, and tequila sunrise may also draw more strikes.

The metabolism of the fish has sped up since the spawn, and if they're hungry, they are going to eat.

Also, look for schooling fish feeding on the surface, and take full advantage of the situation. On a trip to Bryan Utilities Lake last weekend, a Zara puppy landed a healthy three pounder, which is a trophy by that lake's standards. The trip also yielded several smaller fish caught on anything



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from worms to topwaters to jig 'n' pigs.

So, if you're looking to find a way to get out of studying besides cleaning the entire apartment or washing and waxing your car, grab your rod and reel and do battle with one of nature's finest, a largemouth bass.

On the saltwater scene, many students will get the opportunity to fish Texas bays and even offshore in the Gulf of Mexico this summer.

For saltwater, the summer means tournament time, and most people automatically picture elaborate billfish tournaments like the Poco Bueno in Port O Connor or the Deep Sea Roundup in Port Aransas. Fortunately, these high-dollar affairs are not the only tournaments around.

The Gulf Coast Conservation Association (GCCA) is holding the summer-long State of Texas Angler's Rodeo (S.T.A.R.). The tournament is designed not only to offer a tournament setting where huge fish will be weighed and entire boats, motors and trailers will be given away, but also the chance to become a member of the GCCA.

The entry fee allows the fisherman in the tournament, which lasts from Memorial Day weekend, May 23, until Labor Day, Sept. 7, and provides the entrant with a membership in the GCCA.

A boat, motor and trailer will be awarded for the largest fish in the following divisions: speckled trout for the upper, middle and lower coasts, flounder, gafftop, sheepshead, dorado (dolphin but not the mammal) and king mackerel (kingfish).

In addition to the largest fish in each division, 60 tagged redfish will be released along the coast from Port Arthur to Port Isabel and the first ten caught will be worth a boat, motor and trailer.

Since the tournament runs the entire length of the summer, there is little pressure to fish under the stress of a typical tournament setting. But with the number of anglers who will take part, the chances of winning are not as good as they could be.

However, you never know when you may have a little luck and hook up with one of those tagged redfish worth a 22-foot Redfin and 115 horsepower Mariner.

It happened twice during last year's tournament to anglers who had failed to enter.

Even if the S.T.A.R. does add stress to your day of fishing, just remember that your worst day fishing is still better than your best day of work (or school as is our case).

Have a good time fishing, and good luck!

Phoenix eliminates San Antonio, 101-92

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jeff Hornacek and Kevin Johnson each scored 22 points, including 11 apiece in the fourth quarter, as the Phoenix Suns defeated the San Antonio Spurs 101-92 Wednesday night to sweep their first-round playoff series.

The Suns meet the winner of the Portland-Los Angeles Lakers series. Portland, which leads the series 2-0, tried to clinch it

Wednesday night at Los Angeles. San Antonio pulled to five points with 4:40 remaining on consecutive 3-pointers by Sean Elliott and Trent Tucker. The Spurs got to within four points on a 3-pointer by Vinnie Johnson with 35 seconds remaining, but never scored again.

Tom Chambers added 17 for the Suns, and Steve Burt scored 14.

Antoine Carr, who started center in place of injured D. Robinson, led the Spurs with 17 points. Terry Cummings and Elliott each had 17.

The Spurs, down 72-61 at the third quarter, closed the game with a 7-0 run before the end of the period with a 77-76 lead. Phoenix stretched its lead to 87-76 in the fourth before San Antonio briefly rallied back.

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dare he take out his checkbook and instantly buy nearly three decades of tradition. He rides into town in a black hat on a black horse, beats the good guy in the white hat and takes over the place.

It was heresy. Jerry Jones, the heathen.

And early on, he had the public relations of a swamp sow. The press loved every faux pas that he served them. His Arkansas accent could not correctly enunciate the name of his team. They were the "Ca-boys," to him. He played the fool to perfection.

His reputation did not improve in the New Cowboys' first season. With Landry, they at least competed. But Johnson's first year brought only one win and many discontented fans. It reflected poorly on the status of the new regime.

The Cowboy faithful that sold out games religiously did not show up on Sundays. Games were blacked out in Dallas. The

Oilers suddenly became popular. Things that never happened before.

The New Cowboys were at the bottom.

Well, now that has changed . . . somewhat. Dallas is winning again, Jimmy Johnson is the greatest coach since Knute Rockne, and season tickets are going like mad.

The best decision they have made, though, was Sunday. Lacking in the secondary, the Cowboys took a hungry and confident Kevin Smith in the first round of the draft. Not only is he the SWC's all-time rusher, but he's an Aggie.

And, yes, they still have a truckload of draft picks held over from the Steal of the Century, otherwise known as the Herschel Walker trade. But I refuse to give any credit to Jones and Johnson for that deal. Any moron would have taken that and run.

Yet Jones stands high in the saddle. He has newfound supporters and a winning team.

But what will happen when the Cowboys start getting better, and players' egos start getting

larger? They're going to want money, lots of it. Will Jones be America's Owner, then? He's already given a hint to the fans by losing Ken Willis, Danny Brownlow, and Jack Del Rio to Plan B.

What happens if Emmitt Smith decides to renegotiate? What about Michael Irvin and Tony Casillas?

The Cowboys ranked toward the bottom in total salaries during 1991, yet they had one of the best teams. It's just a matter of time before Jones gets a knowledge of the door from all the players who want the exorbitant salaries the NFL players make nowadays.

And if he doesn't shell out his players will walk. So will fans.

Sure, Jones now tastes success. But this is still the same guy who was the epitome of Dallas' dislike in 1989. Just because he has fair-weather followers now does not mean they'll still be there when a chill falls over the valley Ranch.

I don't see Jerry Jones as the leader of a dynasty. I still see him as the man in the black hat

NOW THAT EASTER IS OVER...

...Hey, wait a second! The holiday is past, but the significance of Easter touches our lives throughout the year. Some 2000 years ago Jesus Christ was executed and buried. Easter is the celebration of His rising from the dead three days later...and He is alive today! This fact has given great meaning to our lives. Jesus is here to meet our deepest needs and provide spiritually and intellectually satisfying answers to life's most important questions.

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