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LOW POWER RADIO



K-Y-A-K is functional; not perfect, but up, running and truly a work in progress. While influenced by atmospheric conditions, low power radio is a low-cost method to reach new audiences to teach them about our coastal environment. Next time you are close to the Powderhorn RV Park tune your radio to 1610 AM and give us a listen. Also visit our website: <http://kyakradio.tamu.edu>



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



TEXAS STATE SHELL

Texas designated the lightning whelk as the official state shell in 1987. Large and distinctive; the lovely Lightning Whelk is found only in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeast Atlantic coast of the USA. Most spiraling shells open to the right with a rare specimen opening to the left. The Lightning Whelk's Latin name (*Busycon contrarium*) indicates its contrary nature, as it normally opens left. Lightning Whelks grow to one foot in length, though 15 inches has been recorded. Strong summer storms often wash large shells ashore - if you should find a live Whelk, please put it back in the water where it belongs.

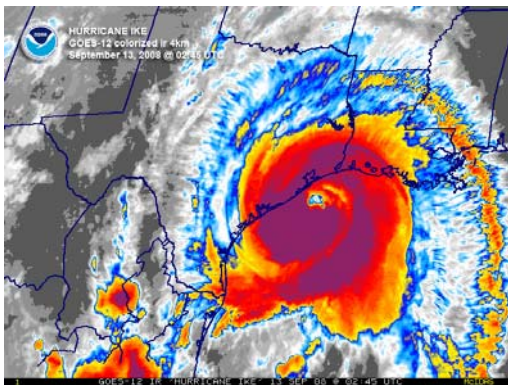
http://www.statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Lightning_Whelk_Shell.html

CEVICHE

1 lb. lean, white, skinless fish fillets
½ cup fresh lime juice
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup olive oil
¼ tspn oregano
2 tbls chopped, fresh parsley
1 cup chopped tomatoes
1 small chopped jalapeno pepper
salt & pepper to taste

Cut fish into dime-sized pieces and cover with lime juice. Mix with remaining ingredients and chilled covered in refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE: JUNE 1 – NOV. 30



While there is some discrepancy over what the 2009 hurricane season may bring, forecasters generally agree there will be

“average” hurricane activity from June 1 to Nov. 30.

“But an ‘average’ hurricane season will typically have about 10 named storms and six hurricanes,” said Dr. Andy Vestal, Texas AgriLife Extension Service liaison to the governor’s State Operations Center. “Besides that, Hurricane Ike and other seasonal activity last year have demonstrated to us Texans once again that there’s really nothing average about a hurricane, especially when it’s in your backyard.”

While seasonal hurricane forecasts are important guidelines, Texans need to be continually alert to the need for protecting themselves, their families and their property from a possible disaster. AgriLife Extension and the Texas Department of State Health Services have created the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network, known as Texas EDEN, to help inform people about disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The Texas EDEN Web site is <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>

RIP CURRENT AWARENESS

Break The Grip of The Rip! ®
Awareness Week: June 7-13, 2009

Rip currents are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore. They typically extend from the shoreline, through the surf zone, and past the line of breaking waves. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves, including the Great Lakes. Rip currents can be killers.

NOAA's National Weather Service and [National Sea Grant](#) Program, in partnership with the [United States Lifesaving Association](#), are working together to raise awareness about the dangers of rip currents. Research is also being conducted in order to develop and improve the ability to predict the occurrence and strength of rip currents. The goal of the awareness campaign and research is to reduce the number of rip current related fatalities. To learn more, visit <http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/>

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