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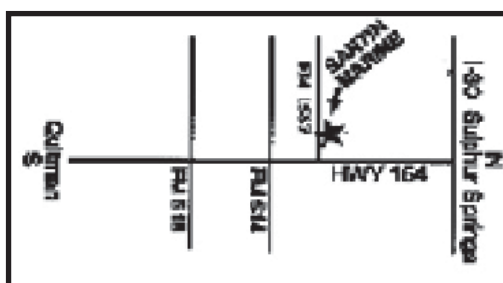
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Hitchhiker Stopped at Local Gas Station

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries biologist Robert J. Mauk of Wichita Falls tells how a routine refueling stop at a gas station turned into something quite out of the ordinary.

"Recently, I had a new experience that I had hoped never to have and hope I never have again. I've discussed and written articles about the importance of cleaning, draining and drying your watercraft when removing it from the water, especially when taking it to a different water body, to insure that you are not spreading invasive species. In my 16 years as a TPWD biologist for the Wichita Falls area, I have come in contact with invasive species that are illegal to possess, such as applesnails and giant salvinia. Both were in private waters, and the owners had to eradicate them.

"This leads me to a recent event. The staff and I were heading to a lake to collect largemouth bass to stock into the new Maplewood Pond. We stopped at a local gas station to fill up, and I noticed a large boat parked in the lot missing most of its identification such as up-to-date plates, boat registration and numbers. The stern was a mess, obviously having not been cleaned since being in the water. The technicians and I discussed that if there was ever a boat that could be transporting invasives, this was the one. The owner was nowhere to be seen, so I went over to the stern of the boat to have a look. The first thing I saw was small triangular shells indicative of zebra mussels covering the back of the boat. I immediately contacted the game wardens so they could handle the situation.

"Upon arrival, the game warden obtained pertinent information from the driver, who was transporting the boat to Pueblo, Colorado, for the boat's owner. While the game warden discussed the situation with the driver, we tried to positively identify the mussel species. We had to return to our office with samples of the shells to examine them under a dissecting scope. It took a long time and many phone calls and text messages to experts in mussel identification before the mussel was identified as a dark false mussel. This is a brackish water mussel originally

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By Dean Stroman

Now is the deepwater bass fisherman's springtime. It is also the best topwater month. With both shallow and deep patterns producing, you can load the boat with bass. Start the day early. The topwater bite will be best at first light with pop baits, spooks, and buzz baits producing on main lake points and secondary points. The best areas to look for are points that have wood off the points' breakline. When the topwater bite slows, switch to deepwater hangouts. This is when deepwater crankbaits and swimbaits are at their best. Fish humps, ridges and roadbeds in around 20-25 feet of water. Most days the fishing is unbeliev-

able and can pay off with some of Fork's biggest catches of the years.

On windy days, fish the windiest point you can find. Wind pushing plankton and other micro-organisms over these points draw baitfish from around the area to feed. Every bass in the vicinity will be feeding on these points during the day. Shallow running cranks in shad patterns are hard to beat when fishing these wind-blown points. One thing you can count on during May is feeding times. If you start catching bass at certain times during the day, you can count on that spot producing the same time the next day.

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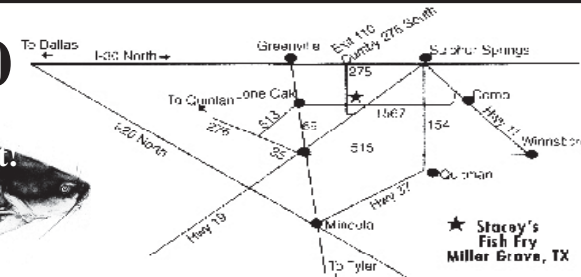
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craws and big spinners being all you need to catch nighttime bass. Points, bridges and marina areas will all produce nighttime action. The moon phase does play a role in how bass relate to cover and feeding times during the night. Some night fishermen will argue whether a full moon or a dark moon is the best time to night fish. Personally, I like the full moon. I have found that three to four days before and after a full moon are normally the best night fishing times.

If you are uneasy about venturing out on a night trip for the first time, you can book a trip with me and I will help you navigate your way around and show you some really good night spots. I still have openings in May and summer for both day and night trips. Give me a call at cell: 903-850-5083 or land line: 903-383-7124 or email me at dstroman@peoplescom.net. I'll be happy to help.

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State Game Wardens Seize Nearly \$4 Million Worth of Marijuana on Lower Border

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens have seized more than two tons of marijuana worth nearly \$4 million.

"This is one of if not the largest drug seizure by Texas game wardens in the history of our agency," said TPWD Law Enforcement Director Craig Hunter. "Obviously, we are very proud of the wardens involved in this case. Beyond that, we are tremendously pleased to have played a part in preventing such a large cache of marijuana from reaching our streets."

The drug seizure occurred recently in Starr County near the U.S.-Mexican border in South Texas. Retail value of the marijuana was estimated at \$3,775,440.

"A game warden received information that marijuana was being stashed at a residence in the Salineno area. Game wardens then requested assistance from the U.S. Border Patrol," said TPWD Maj. Alan Teague.

When the warden and Border Patrol agents approached the residence, the federal officers saw three men running from the rear of the structure. The officers shouted for the men to stop, but they kept running. After a foot pursuit, two of the three men were apprehended.

While escorting the two individuals back to the residence, the officers observed a large pile of bundles which appeared to be packaged marijuana. A closer inspection along with a Border Patrol canine confirmed the bundles were in fact

marijuana. Officers also discovered an underground bunker located near the pile of marijuana bundles which contained more marijuana.

A total of 409 bundles of marijuana weighing 4,719 pounds were recovered from the back yard area. It took six trucks to carry the marijuana to a federal storage facility.

"Texas game wardens routinely come across illegal drug smuggling operations, especially in rural areas and along the border region," said Chief of Special Operations Grahame Jones, "but this seizure was particularly significant."

The two suspects were released to the Border Patrol, along with the seized marijuana.

"We certainly appreciate the assistance of the Border Patrol in this case," said Lt. Col. Danny Shaw. "TPWD has a close working relationship with the Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies along the border, and this is a perfect example of how that pays off for the citizens of Texas."

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found along the Gulf coast that is nearly identical in appearance to the zebra mussel. The only way to tell it apart is by opening the mussel and looking at the beak of the shell.

"Even though it was not a zebra mussel, it is a species that could cause significant problems if it became established in brackish waters such as the Brazos and Red River basins. While the dark false mussel is native to the Texas Gulf coast, it is considered an exotic species in Colorado where the boat was being towed, so officials there were very interested in knowing it was coming to their state. They required the driver to meet them for a boat inspection as soon as he arrived in Colorado. We required the driver to clean the boat before resuming his trip.

"The situation could have easily been avoided had the boat owner followed a few basic rules that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been recommending:

1. Inspect the boat and trailer and remove any mussels, vegetation or foreign objects.
2. Drain all water from the boat including such things as the engine, bilge, ballast, livewells and bait buckets before leaving the lake.
3. Open all compartments and livewells and allow the boat and trailer to dry before entering another water body. To determine how long to allow the boat to dry before using it at a new lake, go to <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp> and click your location on the map and the month. The length of drying time depends on the temperature and humidity.
4. If you can't dry your boat and leave it out of the water for a week or more, you should wash it at a commercial carwash using high pressure and hot (>140°F) soapy water. The hot water will kill zebra mussels, and when the water from the carwash goes through a wastewater treatment plant, the process should kill any remaining mussels. Also, flush the motor for five minutes with the motor running and be sure to pay special attention to small crevices and other hidden areas."

Zebra mussels have been found in Lakes Texoma and Ray Roberts. It is extremely important that boat-

ers be vigilant and take the necessary precautions to insure they are not responsible for their spread. The possession or transportation of invasive species in the state of Texas is illegal. Trailers, boats, motors and anything else that has been in contact with Texoma or Ray Roberts water should be thoroughly cleaned and inspected.

Boats that have been stored or kept at a marina on infested waters for an extended period of time should be professionally cleaned before launching in another

body of water. Because invasive species are so detrimental, it is a good idea for all boaters to thoroughly wash and dry their vessels any time they go from one lake to another, regardless if that lake is known to be infested or not.

If you have any questions, please call the Wichita Falls Inland Fisheries Office at (940) 766-2383 or e-mail robert.mauk@tpwd.state.tx.us. Boaters and anglers can also help by reporting sightings of suspected zebra mussels to the Operation Game Thief toll-free hotline at (800) 792-4263.

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Make Your Celebration 'Saucy'

By Sue Hampton

Though ketchup and mustard are considered to be mainstream topping staples, salsa steadily has gained popularity to earn the title of most popular condiment. While it is not likely that your familiar dressings will be cast out of the refrigerator, salsa adds a tangy zip to many recipes -- turning ordinary dishes into ethnic cuisine.

When the term salsa is used, most people think of the tomato variety that seems to perfectly accompany tortilla-dipping chips. However, salsa translated from



At first glance, you may mistake this fruit "salsa" for the traditional variety -- the tomato red provided by strawberries, the onion white by peach or pear, the cilantro green by fresh mint leaves.

Spanish means sauce, and can include many variations. In Mexican cuisine, salsa is a condiment added to a simple preparation immediately before it is eaten. The specific role of salsa is to enhance the flavor of the most basic foods.

Celebrate National Salsa Month by incorporating salsa into your everyday meals. Fruit Salsa is a sweet filling which complements any variety of desserts featured at a graduation party, a birthday bash or a festive Cinco de Mayo celebration. Enjoy the following recipe at your next celebration!

Cinnamon Chips With Fruit 'Salsa'

(Serves 6)

Cinnamon Chips

6 (8-inch) flour tortillas
1-1/2 tablespoons melted

butter

1/3 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon anise seeds

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Fruit "Salsa" (recipe follows)

6 sprigs mint, for garnish

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly brush the tortillas on both sides with melted butter and arrange them in a single layer on baking sheets. Combine the sugar, cinnamon, anise and cloves in a bowl and whisk to mix. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the spiced sugar over each tortilla. Cut each tortilla into six wedges.

2. Bake the tortillas until they're lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Re-

move the tortillas from the oven and let cool; the "chips" will crisp as they cool.

3. Spoon the salsa into six ramekins, garnish each with a mint sprig and place in the center of dessert plates. Arrange the chips around the salsa and serve at once.

Salsa

1 pint fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
1 large ripe white peach or pear, cut into 1/2-inch dice

1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, thinly slivered, plus 6 whole sprigs for garnish
1 jalapeno chili, seeded and minced (for a spicier salsa, leave the seeds in)
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

2 to 3 tablespoons light brown sugar

Cut the strawberries into

1/2-inch dice and place them in a bowl. Add the peach, mint leaves, chili, lime juice and brown sugar and gently toss to mix. Correct the seasoning, adding lime juice or sugar to taste; the "salsa" should be a little sweet and a little sour.

Note: You can prepare the ingredients ahead of time, but the salsa tastes best served within 10 minutes of mixing.



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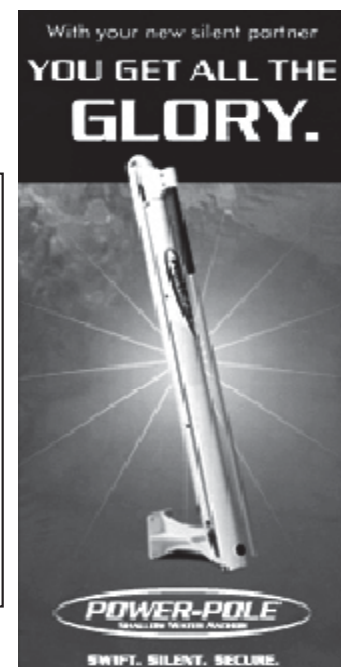
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Texas Game Wardens Seize Illegally Hunted Wildlife Mounts and Drugs in Williamson County

Texas Game Wardens and Williamson County sheriff's deputies serving a search warrant at a Williamson County residence recently seized a collection of illegally taken wildlife mounts, a quantity of marijuana and \$4,000 in cash.

A 55-year-old man was taken into custody.

During the search, game wardens recovered 52 mounts of wildlife believed to have been illegally taken in several states, more than 2 pounds of marijuana, and the cash. The taxidermy

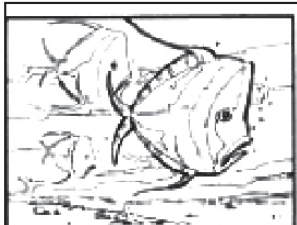
items are believed to have been hunted illegally in multiple states and Canada. Species include fish, white-tailed deer,

Aoudad, assorted sheep, bear, boar, fox, bobcat, and many other exotics. The search and subsequent arrest was the cul-

mination of a six-month investigation that began after a hunting outfitter in Iowa became suspicious of a man driving a

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LOTS & ACREAGE

10.6 ACRES IN PRIME LOCATION Over 1000ft of frontage on SH 154. No zoning or restrictions. Utilities are at the road and Lake Fork boat ramp is just minutes away. **\$149,000**

4 LOTS IN DOWNTOWN YANTIS - All city utilities and no restrictions. Could be used as residential or commercial property. **\$8,500 - \$32,500**

11.5 ACRES JUST NORTH OF QUITMAN CITY LIMITS Lots of wildlife, good hunting area. Property is unrestricted & no zoning. Electric & water at road. **REDUCED \$39,000**

18 ACRES IN ALBA-PRODUCES GOOD HAY EVERY YEAR Mostly fenced w/gates, 700ft road frontage on Hwy 17 & Lake Fork boat ramp less than 2 mi away. **\$54,900 PENDING**

23 ACRES IN YANTIS CLOSE TO LAKE FORK.
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NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION - Phase 1 is 5.489 Acres **\$25,000** & Phase 2 is 5.09 Acres **\$36,000** & Phase 3 is 8.67 Acres **\$59,000** or Phase 2 & 3 is 14.023 acres **\$95,900**

7.97 ACRE LEVEL TRACT, great highway exposure on SH 154 in Yantis w/approx 800' of hwy frontage. Easy access for public, trucks & trailers. No zoning/restrictions! **\$129,900**


23.9 ACRES IN ALBA - Lots of frontage on Highway 69 for commercial or residential development. All utilities are available to develop this great piece of land. **\$164,930**

ALEXA ESTATES - Unrestricted level lots ready for your new home, mobile home or your RV is welcome. Lake Fork boat ramp just 2 miles away. Utilities at road. **\$14,900 each**

LAKE FORK GOLF COURSE - Level lot on golf course & ready for your new home to build. Upscale neighborhood with HOA & community boat ramp access. **\$27,500**

LAKE FORK RANCHES Wooded off-water 2.9 ac lot has unbelievable view of lake. Elevated bldg site will give your custom home views of the lake in all directions. **\$49,900**

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LAKE FORK WATER FRONT LOTS

ROYAL OAK ESTATES - A Lake Fork subdivision is a gated community with a waterfall entry, community pond and a private boat ramp for property owners. **\$24,500 - \$125,000**

NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION - 5 waterfront lots with Lake Fork leaseback **\$25,000 each** and 5 off water lots **\$7,500 each.**

LAKE FORK WATERFRONT LOTS - No HOA, deed restricted. 4 Waterfront lots **\$25,000 each** OR **\$80,000 for all 4 lots.** PLUS 1 waterfront lot **\$35,000**

2 LAKE FORK WATERFRONT LOTS - No restrictions. Build your custom home, bring your RV or your mobile home is welcome here too. **\$29,500 & \$39,900**

FIDDLERS GREEN - A restricted and gated community. Two waterfront lots with gorgeous views of Lake Fork. No minimum building square footage. **\$33,500**

HOLIDAY VILLAGE - A Lake Fork waterfront resort with gated entrance has a waterfront lot available. Access to boat ramp, fishing pier, pool and clubhouse. **\$39,999**

LOST CREEK ESTATES - Beautiful area of Lake Fork is heavily wooded & secluded. No HOA, sqft restrictions only. Waterfront Lots from **\$45,000 to \$135,000**

HICKORY RIDGE ESTATES - 2.4 Acre lot in gated subdivision with beautiful homes & close to Quitman. Several trees on the property & a good building site. **\$85,000**

HILLSIDE BAY - Minimum size home 1800 sqft, no mobile homes allowed and no time limit to build, sits high on hill with killer lake view. Lot 1 **\$99,900**

GORGEOUS, WIDE OPEN LAKE VIEWS! Waterfront lot w/fishing pier & private boat ramp, plus water & electricity in place. Seller has also started a rock sea wall. **\$103,000**

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