Express News Tasks

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* Yellow St Augustine grass is due to a temporary shortage of iron and nitrogen because the grass is growing fast with a limited root system in cool soil where iron is hard to extract. A quick way to address the chlorosis symptom is to apply a spray of chelated iron through your hose end sprayer to the yellow lawn. Application of a fertilizer such as Iron Plus may also address the shortage and green-up the lawn. Ironite has not worked in local tests.
* Seeds of bluebonnets, larkspur, sweet peas, Crawford lettuce, poppies and other cool weather flowers are maturing now. Collect the seeds for replanting next fall. Cut off the Crawford lettuce tops and store them in a paper bag. The rest of the plants with pod-like structures can be cut off when they reach full size and begin to brown. Place them in a paper bag where the pods will dry and discharge the seeds. The seeds will be available on the bottom of the sack.
* It is time to re- fertilize roses, warm weather vegetables, and summer flowers. Slow release lawn fertilizer works well. Use one cup of 19-5-9 spread along 8ft of row or split between 2 tomato or pepper plants. A large rose plant can utilize a cup of the fertilizer.
* If you applied a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent sand burs on or about March 1, it is time to apply the second dose. Amaze, XL, Crabgrass Preventer, Halt and Dimension work well.