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Sometimes Unsubstantiated, But Often True

NEW MARINA AT I-75 In case you missed the news on Page 8, a new marina is slated for the parcel on Harborview just east of the I-75 southbound on ramp. A 461 boat marina that will lift boats over the berm to put them in the river. We're not sure how this is going to work, but somebody must have a plan. This is shallow water and allegedly a favorite spot for manatees... so this could get interesting.

ALL TACKLE RECORD 41-POUND 7-OZ BROWN TROUT CAUGHT IN WISCONSIN



BOAT HOUSE OPENING IN ENGLEWOOD

This has to be a good sign for the economy. The Boat House of Cape Coral which once had a dealership on US 41 just north of the Peace River bridge is coming back to Charlotte County with a second location on Placida Road near Stump Pass Marina in Englewood. They claim to be the largest Hurricane and Sweetwater boat dealer in the world. We wish them luck.

SPATTERDOCK, NAIAD & MUSKGRASS

The canal near Cape Coral's Hancock Bridge Parkway is virtually lifeless and packed with aquatic weeds. Boaters have taken their boats out of the water because the weeds clogged the motor. "We had ducks before, huge turtles, otters and an anhinga. They're all gone. We can't even fish here. It's ugly," a resident said. Many of Cape Coral's freshwater canals are in the same weedy situation, with massive infestations of such plants as cobamba, spatterdock, southern naiad, muskgrass and hydrilla. At the root of the problem are excess nutrients from fertilizers and septic tanks.

WHAMMO Officers responded to a boating accident that occurred involving a 23-foot Nautic Star. The boat had seven occupants on board and was towing a skier. The boat struck a dock causing the dock house to collapse on top of the boat. One of the female passengers was air lifted and transported to the hospital. The female passenger sustained several facial fractures and damaged teeth, but no life threatening injuries. It is possible alcohol was involved.

AW SHUCKS FWC officers conducted inspections of commercial shellfish harvesters at Cat Point oyster bar near Cedar Key. The officers boarded several vessels and conducted size tolerance inspections on the shellfish. Seven misdemeanor citations were issued to harvesters for possession of undersized oysters.

MORE SHUCKS On the evening of July 30, officers responded to a complaint of a com-

mercial shellfish vessel parked at a dwelling that appeared to be loaded with oysters. The officers located the vessel and harvester at his home and conducted an investigation. They found that the harvester had returned to the mainland late in the evening after his seafood dealer had closed. The harvester stated that he intended on selling the oysters the following morning when the dealer reopened. The officers explained the danger and associated health risks of selling shellfish that had not been properly cooled. The officers found that the bags of oysters had not been tagged. The harvester was issued a misdemeanor citation for possession of untagged bags of oysters and the seven bags of oysters were seized and returned to the water.

CHARGED WITH POSSESSION

When the sheriff's deputy arrived at the residence, he found the couple had a spotted fawn deer in the living room. The following day, Officer Troy Starling interviewed the suspects at the jail and both admitted to picking up the deer approximately two months ago. They were charged with possession of a spotted fawn.



CAMPER HAS ROOM FOR A MERCEDES

FLIPPER FOOD An officer observed an individual feeding cigar minnows to dolphins near the east jetties of the Panama City pass. The officer observed the dolphins swim directly to the individual's personal watercraft (PWC) while other personal watercraft were in the area. The individual noticed the officer and entered the water as he approached. When the subject entered the water, the dolphins immediately swam around him. The officer picked the subject up from the water and transported him back to his PWC. The officer located cigar minnows in the vessel's front hatch. Further investigation revealed the subject was a commercial tour guide. He admitted to entering the water with bait in his pockets to feed the dolphins because he said he got better tips from the people on the tour. The officer issued a citation to the subject.

PAY FWC FOR INVESTIGATION The father and son commercial fishermen, convicted of felony trap molestation, were sentenced to four years probation, eight hours of community service, their fishing licenses revoked and they are banned from the waters of the state in Monroe County. In addition, the father, a former Key Largo elected official, was sentenced to four months in jail. Bail was set at \$50,000 each. The judge ordered each subject to pay FWC \$5,000 for the cost of the investigation and \$8,392 to the judicial system for the cost of prosecution.