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THE BELIZE ZOO



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Dear Melissa and Joanie:

I must say, your note was a strange one. I was sitting in my pick up truck and showed the message to a friend of mine saying, "life can really lean to the bizarre, no?" But she didn't answer right away, her gaze was transfixed to the goat sitting on the front seat next to me.

Back to your note. Look, you know I try to run The Belize Zoo with an air of integrity. I would never do anything to detract from an animal's dignity. So, to answer your question - of course I can provide iguanas for Jimmy's newest record album cover. As long as the T-shirts they're wearing aren't wet ones.

I had a great time today. (So did Angel).

Love,

Have goat will travel



2/24/86

cc: Jimmy Buffett

(p.s. Angel is the two-year-old leopard who loves shoes).

Harrison Ford

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JIMMY'S MERMAIDS

*Sometimes I see me
as an old manatee . . .*

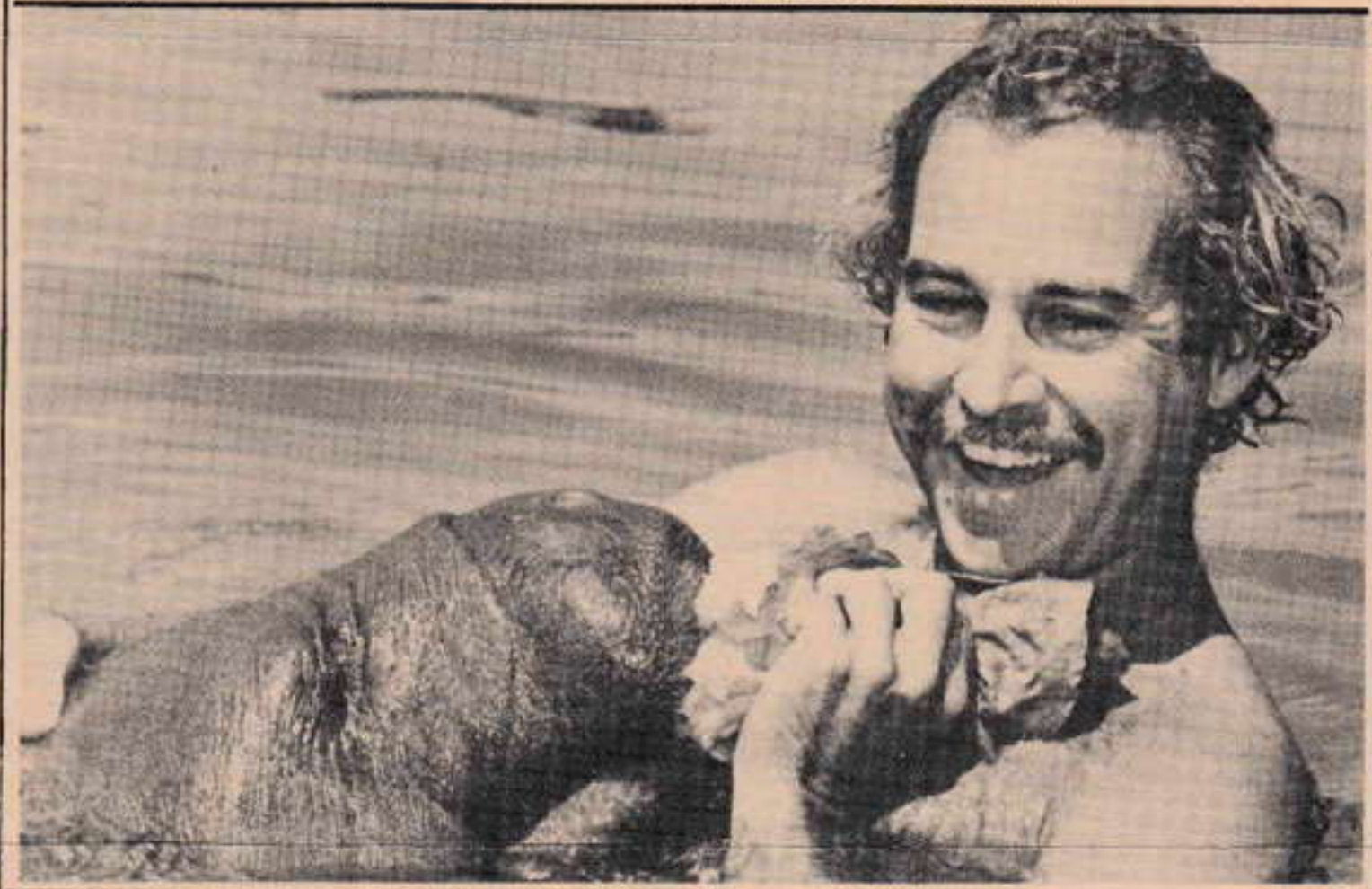
In the late fifteenth century, Christopher Columbus believed that manatees spotted from afar were actually mermaids. In fact, their biological name, Sirenia, is derived from the beautiful sirens—enticing maidens who lured sailors to their destruction on the ocean's rocks. But just as modern knowledge has debunked the myths of mermaid and siren, so modern man is pushing the manatee ever closer to extinction.

Close up, they don't look much like mermaids. Manatees grow to anywhere between eight and fourteen feet long, and can weigh as much as a ton. These placid vegetarians inhabit Florida's estuaries, rivers, and saltwater bays—living on hyacinths and water weeds; peacefully sleeping, eating, and playing. Lately, however, the manatees' pleasant lives are becoming much more hazardous—in 1985, there were 120 known manatee deaths in Florida. Over one quarter of these deaths were caused by man, as manatees were involved in collisions with boats and barges.

Manatees have no natural enemies except man. Careless handling of powerboats, or boating at excessive speeds, can result in a manatee's hide being cut to ribbons by propellers—and a dead or seriously injured animal.

It was five years ago that a manatee, injured probably by a boat propeller, drifted by Jimmy Buffett as he cleaned the side of his sailboat. For Jimmy as well as the manatee, it was a fateful

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service suggests that, while diving with manatees, you do not touch them unless they approach and touch you first. This friendly manatee just couldn't refuse Jimmy's offer of a lettuce lunch.



meeting.

Jimmy's music had long reflected his pleasure at *living his life like a song*: a mellow tropical lifestyle. He saw the threat to the manatees as symbolic of a hurry-up world where these marine mammals—and indeed, much of Florida's wildlife and easygoing existence—had no place. Jimmy Buffett wanted no part of a world like that.

The result? Jimmy is now Chairman of the Save the Manatee Committee, which is sponsored by the Florida Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Audubon Society. The Committee is spearheading the fight for the manatees' survival by raising funds for continued study of the animals, as well as increasing awareness of the manatees' needs through educational programs. Jimmy Buffett can be seen in public service announcements warning

boaters to slow in manatee areas and respect no-wake zones.

Not long ago the Save the Manatee Committee began an Adopt-a-Manatee program. Adoptive "parents" sponsor an individual manatee and receive photos and periodic updates of their "child's" activities. Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Store is proud to announce its sponsorship of Margarito

and Luther, a pair of young manatee brothers.

We strongly urge every Parrot Head to help Jimmy in his attempt to protect the manatees—and the lifestyle they represent. To find out how you can help, please write the Save the Manatee Committee at 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, Florida 32751.

COCONUT CHATTER

by Margaritaville's Own
Rona Ferret

We've had quite a month here in Margaritaville, my dears—we've all been on the go showing the Spring Breakers how to party just like Bubba does . . . me and Snake are having a wicked great time . . .

Take note of the unusual communication from the Belize Zoo that we recently received—it came by carrier monkey (I know, it seemed strange to Rona too, but apparently Belize has nothing so plebeian as a carrier pigeon!). Our JIMMY'S been in Belize shooting the cover for his new album and partying with his great friend Harrison Ford, who's down there making the flick *Mosquito Coast* . . .

Speaking of the new album, a little bird, who was present for much of the taping at an undisclosed location in

Fort Lauderdale, tells me that it's another winner. The album title has been changed from You'll Never Work in This Business Again to Creola . . . well, we all knew JIMMY'd be gracing the business for a long time to come—didn't we?

We've got more than just a new album to look forward to, friends—JIMMY appears in the April issue of Andy Warhol's *Interview Magazine*, and will soon be writing an article for *Wooden Boat* about those fabulous wooden ocean racing boats . . . your little Rona would like to Kid around with the Captain of one of those beauties . . . JIMMY'S own boat, the "Savannah Jane", was photographed along with his daughter, the original Savannah Jane, and her famous dad for an upcoming issue of *Sail Magazine*. Keep an eye out for that one.

Meantime, my Children of the Parrot, little Rona has to go keep an eye on Snake—you all know what happens if you leave a Gypsy alone in the Palace too long . . .

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Our unidentified Employee of the Month drifted in on a tropical breeze and has created a heat wave in Margaritaville ever since. Even after giving, in the words of one critic, ". . . an incredibly moving, sensitive portrayal of a couch potato . . ." at Jimmy's recent Fort Lauderdale concert, she still rejects the limelight to work at Margaritaville. Her reasons? "I've been listening to Jimmy's music for years, and feel fortunate to be a part of the Margaritaville Family."



Who Is This Blonde Stranger?