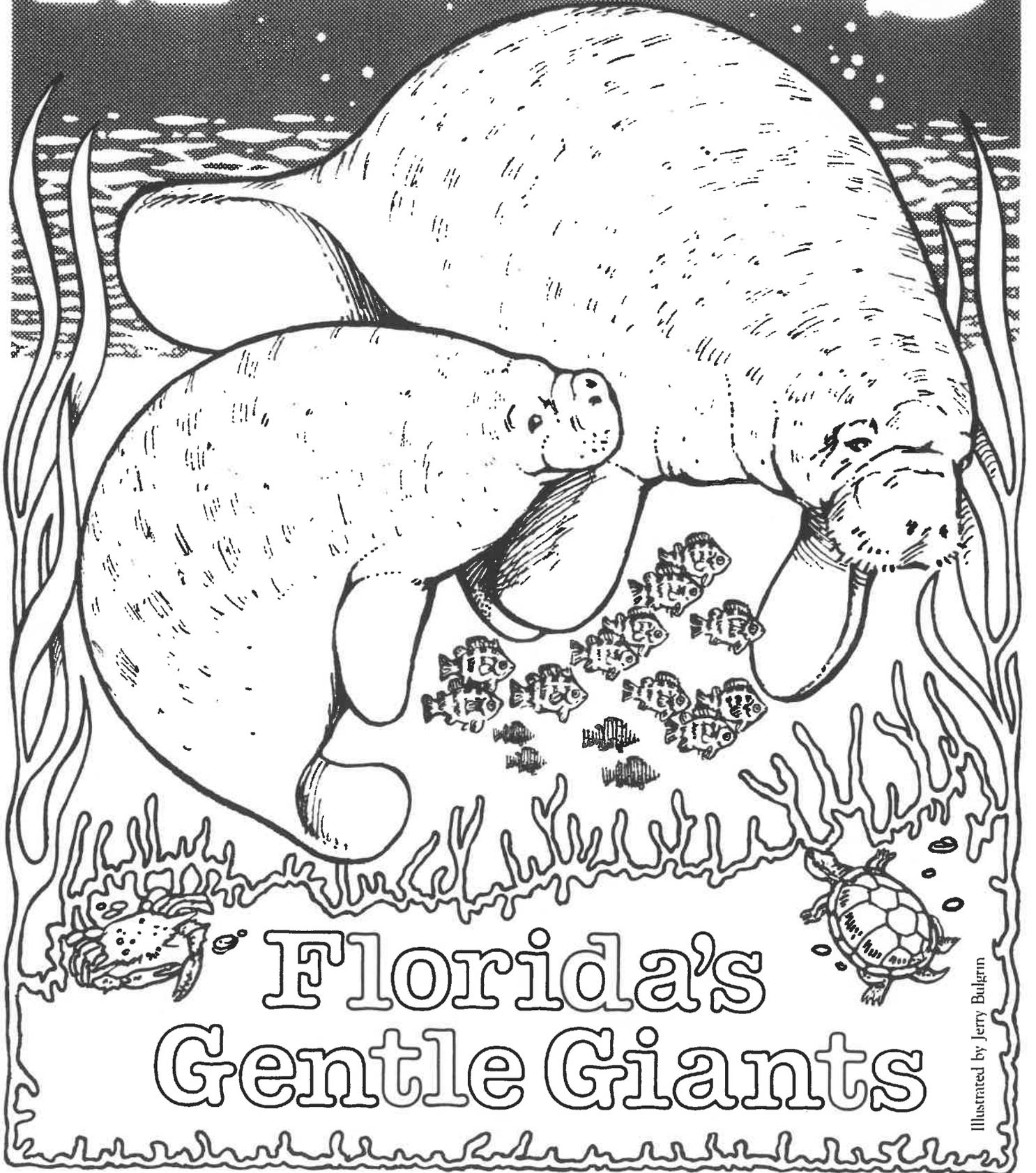


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# MANATEES



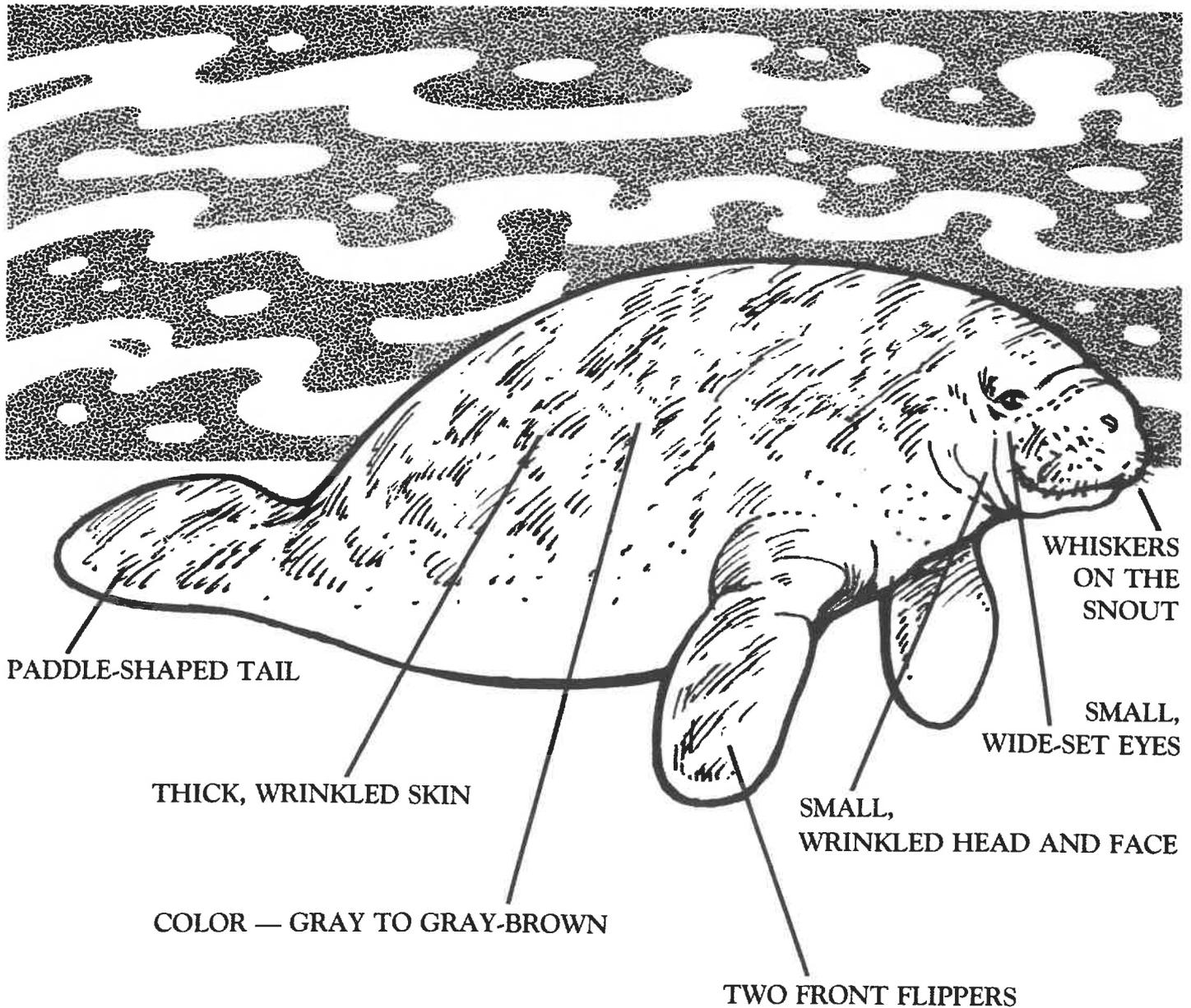
## Florida's Gentle Giants

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# What does a Manatee look like?

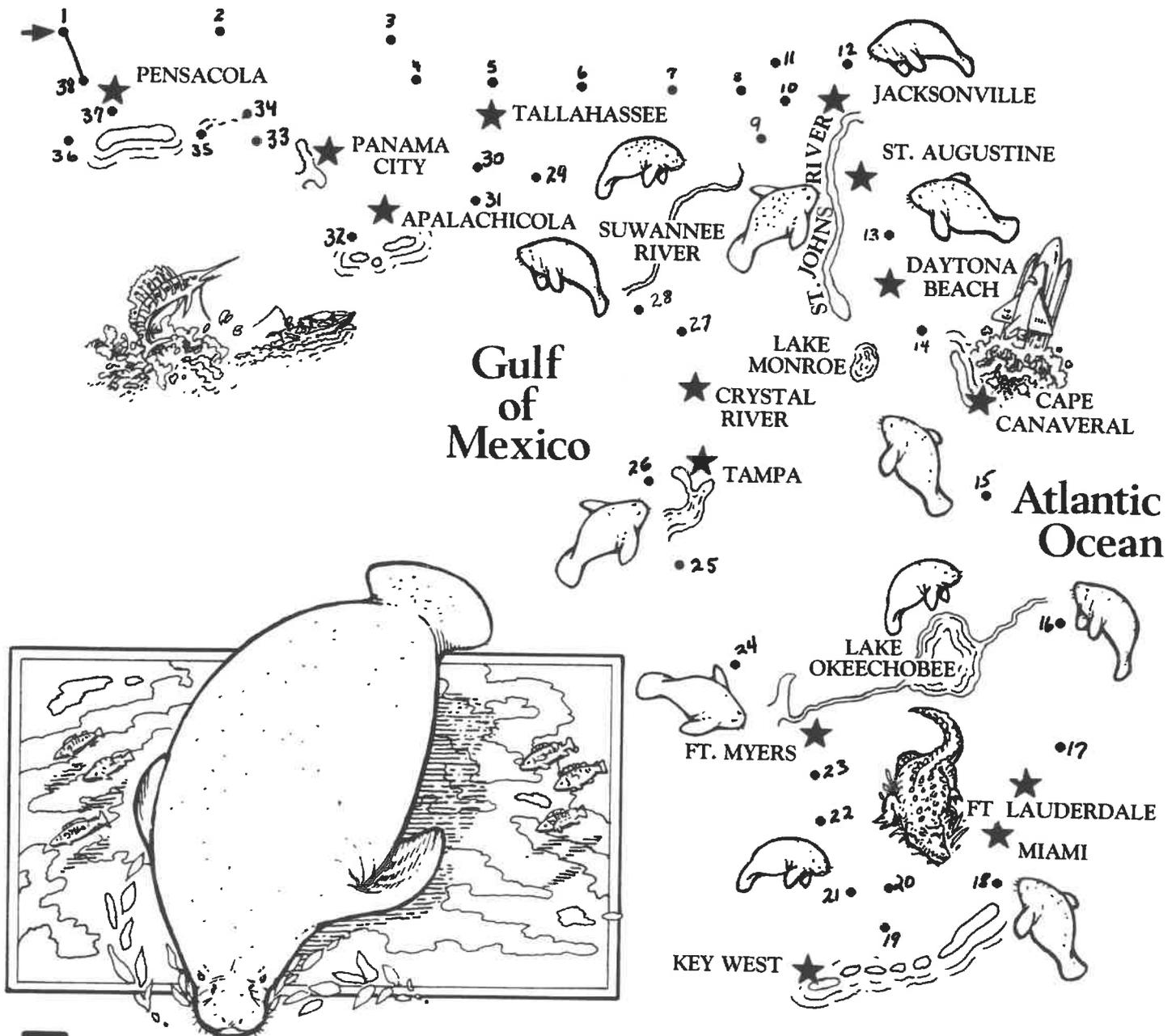


**M**anatees can grow to 13 feet long and weigh 3,500 pounds.

Newborn calves are about 3 feet long and weigh 60 to 70 pounds.

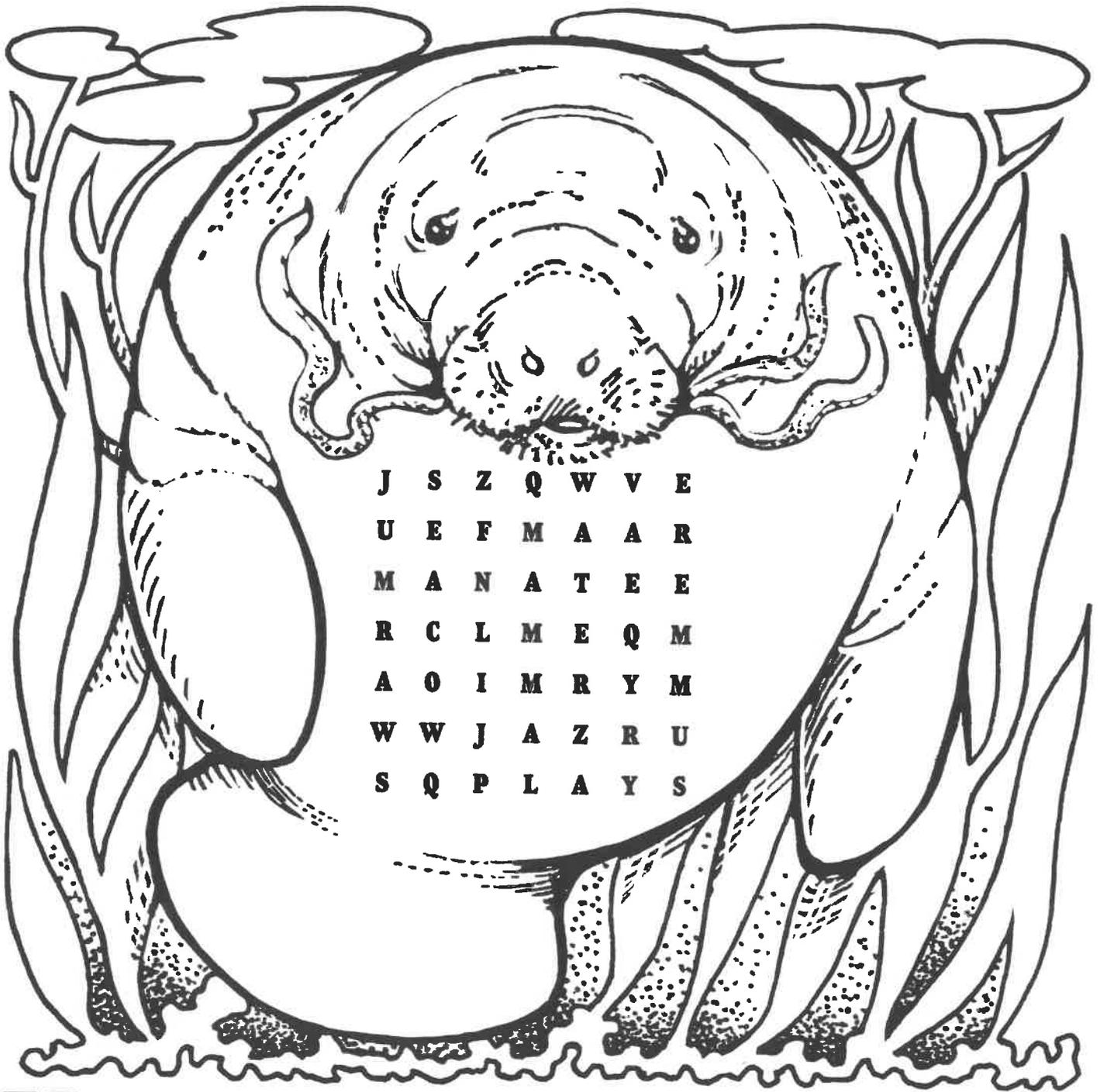


# Connect the dots to see where Manatees live!



**A**ll Manatees can live in slow moving rivers, salt water bays and canals, and the ocean. They are found ...in Florida's coastal waters from Miami to Jacksonville. ...in the St. Johns River from Jacksonville to Lake Monroe. ...in the Gulf of Mexico from Florida Bay to the Suwannee River. ...sometimes in the Florida Keys. ...sometimes in the summer as far west as New Orleans, Louisiana, and as far north as Virginia.





**N**ow, find these words hidden in the Manatee.

Words can read frontward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Answers on back, page 8.

**EAT MAMMAL MANATEE PLAY SEACOW SUMMER SWIM WARM WATER**

**What do Manatees eat in one day?**

Manatees eat up to 100 pounds of water plants like Manatee grass, Turtle grass, Widgeon grass, Shoal grass, Water hyacinth, Water lettuce, Coontail, Tapegrass, or Eelgrass a day.

**How long do Manatees live?**

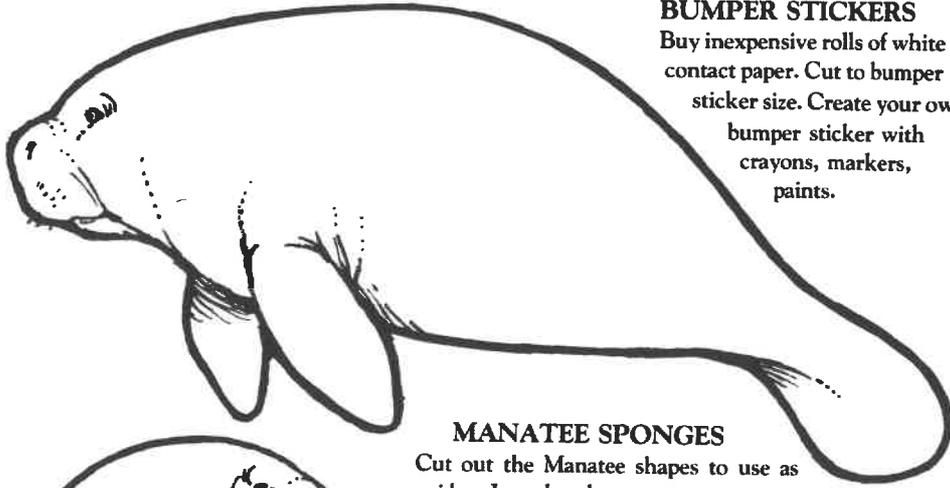
No one knows. One has lived over 40 years in captivity!



# ACTIVITIES

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

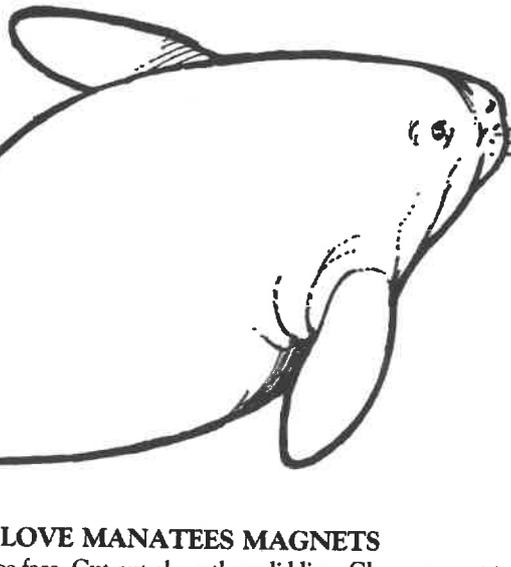
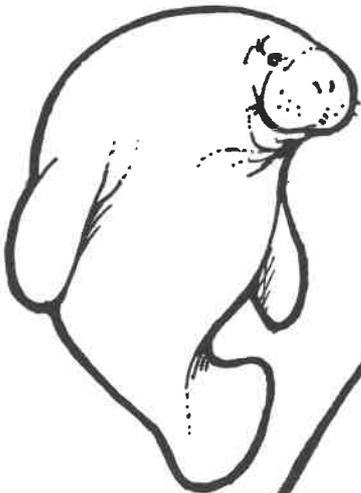
Cut out the Manatee shapes to use as guides. Lay the shapes onto the construction paper and draw a line around each shape. Cut out the Manatees. Tape an ornament hanger to the Manatee shapes and hang on your Christmas tree.



**BUMPER STICKERS**  
Buy inexpensive rolls of white contact paper. Cut to bumper sticker size. Create your own bumper sticker with crayons, markers, paints.

## MANATEE SPONGES

Cut out the Manatee shapes to use as guides. Lay the shapes onto a sponge. Cut out the Manatees. Use as a bathtub toy or in the kitchen.

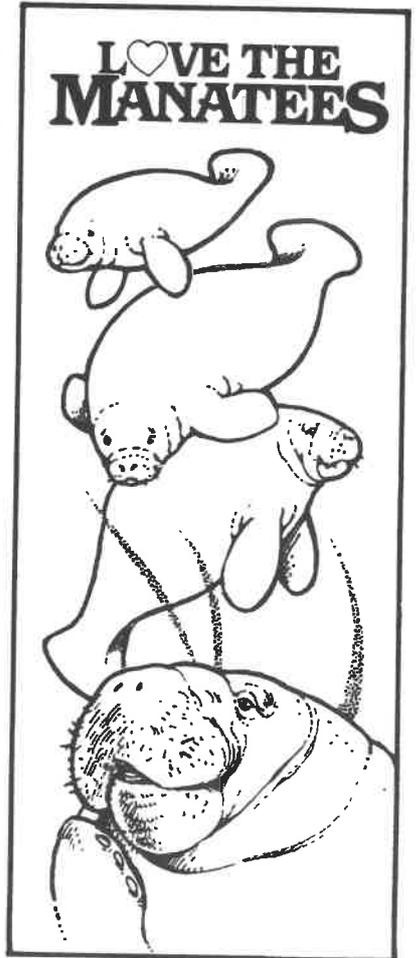
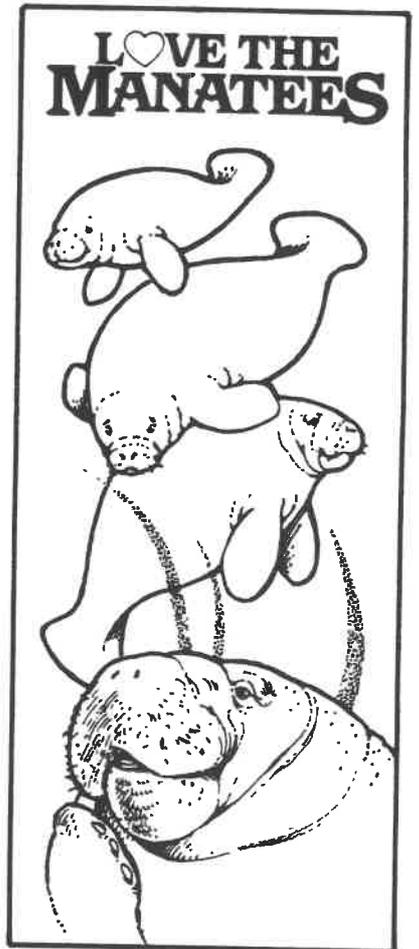


## I LOVE MANATEES MAGNETS

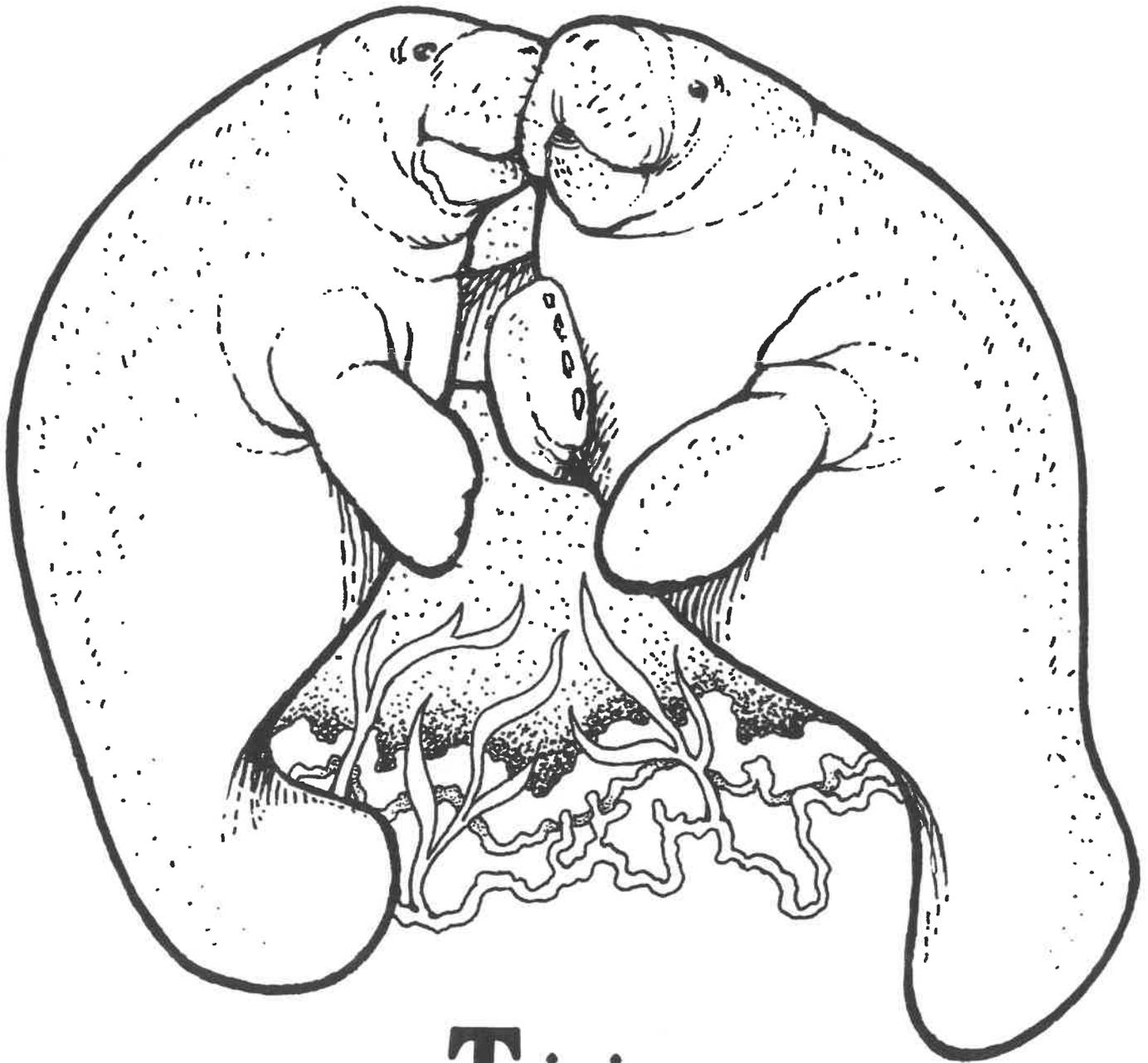
Color Manatee face. Cut out along the solid line. Glue a magnet to the back. Use on the refrigerator for notes.



**BOOKMARKS** — Color and cut out the bookmarks on this page. To make the bookmarks stronger, glue each to a piece of construction paper that is the same size as the bookmarks. Give one to a friend!







## Trivia

**A Manatee's heart beats at a rate of 50 to 60 times per minute.  
A Manatee's teeth are constantly being replaced as the worn down teeth fall out.**

**Manatees like to swim in single file.**

**There are at least 1,850 Manatees in Florida.**

**"Kissing" may be a form of communication between Manatees.**

**Manatees do not have eyelashes.**

**Manatees sometimes groan when they stretch.**

**A Manatee chews two times per second.**

**A Manatee cannot turn its head sideways, so it must turn its whole body around.**

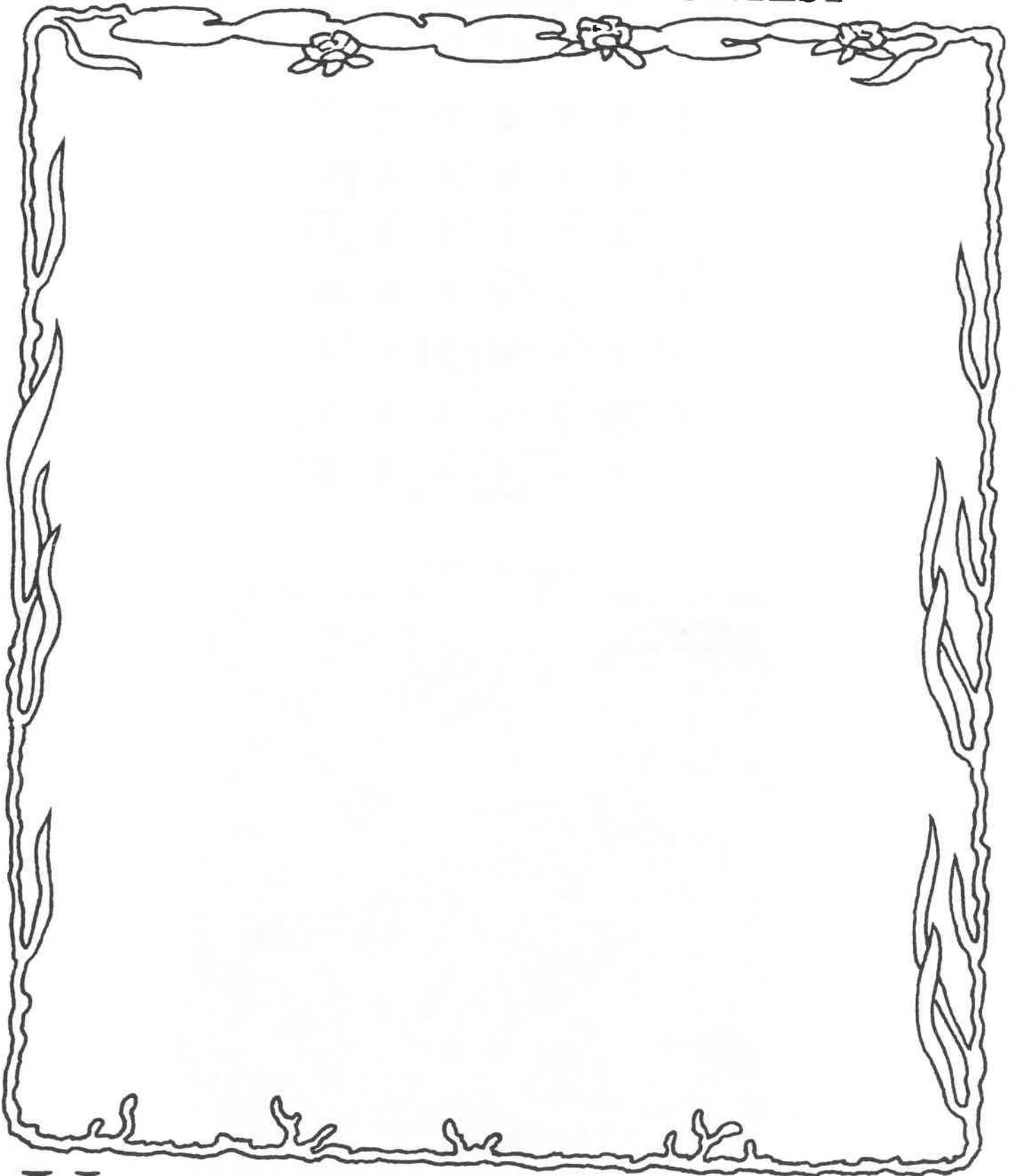
**Manatees are related to the elephant.**







# MANATEE DRAWING CONTEST



**U**se the space above to draw a manatee. You may use crayons, markers, or pencils. Be creative!

