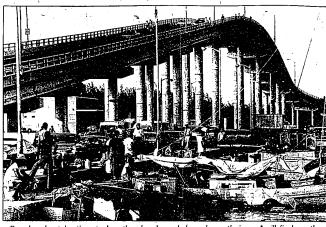
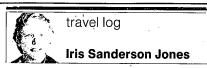
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People who take time to breathe deeply and slow down their cars will find another world, a genuine travel adventure, under the bridge. This is the real Bahamian world of fishing boats, fresh conch with lime juice out of the shell, vegetable markets, and the sea. (Photos by Micky Jones)



Learning to fish nets storytelling license

The tiniest hint of spring makes me think about fishing. No, I'm not a fisherman, but one warm wet day and I get romantic about it

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- The Shrine Circus keeps the best of P.T. Barnum's three rings alive and well at the State Fairgrounds Colise-um, March 14-30.
- The 1980 National Indoors Speed Skating Championships bring ice skating thrills March 21-23 to Yack Arena in Wyandotte.
- NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships pro-vide fast-paced competition March 14 and 15 at the Joe Louis Arena, Detroit.
- This year, Central Michigan University will host the nation's ranking women's basketball teams. The AIAW National Basketball Championships are scheduled for March 21 and 23 at Rose Arena, Mt. Pleasant. The two best teams battle for the championship title on Sunday.
- Antiques and collectibles from plain to fancy, serviceable to frivolous will be at several antique shows coming up. The World Antique Show will be at Lansing's Civic Center March 1-2; the Spring Antique Show and Sale follows March 12-16 at Detroit's Light Guard Armory; and the Michigan Antiques Show and Sale, March 28-30, at Crister Arena, Ann Arbor.
- Maple Sugaring Weekend) March 15-16, at Kalamazoo's Nature Center. Maple syrup tours are Sundays during March at the Chippewa Nature Center, Midland. The Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, will hold its Maple Sryrup Festival March 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30.
- Michigan stages are bright with talent and entertaining productions this month. "The Play's the Thing," a comedy romance written by Ferenc Molnar and adapted by P.G. Wodehouse at Meadowbrook Theatre at Oakland University, Rochester, beginning March 27.

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Two one-act plays, "Johnny and Wilma" and "Shock of Recognition" will be offered by the Players Gulla of Dearborn, March 78, and 9 at the Guild Theatt.

• For music lovers, the Bach Festival March 12, and 8, Steson Chapel, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, the Juliard String Quartet, March 4 at Fairchild Theatre, MSU, East Lansing, familiar classics with the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra at Saginaw's Civic Center, March 9; piantis Gary Garffama with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, March 18 at Kalamazoo's Miller Auditorium.

It's not spring yet. What started me thinking early this year was a package of materials from the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association which was full of news about how to make your own artificial fishing hole.

The fishing holes I remember were made by a higher authority, but there is a tread adoot to build artificial fish attractors in lakes and streams and to teach kids how to fish.

Fishing is an important part of the travel experience, although nobody ever actually taught me how to fish. I have several pictures in my head of fish I have known, and cooked, most of which nobody would eat.

This first pitcure is of the only big fish I ever hooked, while floating on Lake Taupo, a bottomies volcanic lake in New Zealand, My suband spent the first hour of that fishing trip felling and My suband spent the first hour of that fishing trip felling that the caught a fish and he didn't.

I cooked it in a woodsy cottage beside the lake, but he wasn't very hungry.

YEARS LATER, MY 8-year-old son came home from a fishing expedition with a bucket full of live smelt. My husband found me with my nose wrinkled up, trying to kill them one by one by whacking them over the head.

In disgust, he dumped the pail full of live smelt into sink, where they kicked and screamed until dead. I cleaned them, breaded them and fried the little ovells. When it came time to

breaded them and treet the fittle devils. When it came time to eat them, nobody was bungry.

There are several pictures in my mind, collected over the years while vacationing in northern Ontairo, of canoes pushing out from the dock at twilight. Usually there was a three-part silhoutte: a fisherman's hat, a fishing pole and a dog's head, ears alort

Often, the hat and the dog came back and the fishing rod was Often, the nat and the ong came back and the issuing food was susually empty. Sooner or later I got the message. My family likes to fish but no one likes to eat fish, even when man and dog-fail into the lake to together refuling them in.

I like to eat fish, so at that point I decided I would take the mext opportunity to catch one myself. And I would eat it all

My first chance came during a trip to Egypt last year when I was invited to fish in the Red Sea. Simon Cardew, who works at the Sheraton Hotel in Hurghada, assured me I need only toss a line over the side and fish wuld bite every three minutes.

Somebody caught a fish every three minutes, but it wasn't me or any of the other travelers aboard. It was a young Egyptian crewmember who literally hauled them in as fast as he could throw out his line. Somebody probably taught him how to fish.

IF YOU WOULD like to teach your kid how to fish, the AFT-MA would like to help you. The support a Sport Fishing Educational Foundation, a non-profit service organization that will help community groups to work with local fish and wildlife officials in constructing artificial attractor sites.

Free step-by-step information on how to build, a fishing hole is available from Fishing Holes, 2625 Clearbrook Dr. Arlington Heights, Ill. 60005. They'll also send you information on how to start a youth fishing club, and teach your kids how to fish.

Take a Kid Fishing will be the theme of National Fishing Week May 12-18.

Paradise at one end, treasure buried below

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES

We live in a fast-moving world, so most travelers see only a bridge, its toll booth where cars or taxis pay \$2 for the round-trip toll, and the high-rise skyline of an island.

For most people who visit the Bahamas, this is just another bridge. On the map, it makes a short line from Nassau to Paradise Island, with a small stretch of land called Potter's Cay in the water between.

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Tourists cross Paradise Island Bridge all the time, because it takes them to the casinos, restaurants and resort hotels of Paradise Island. This island relates to Nassau in much the same way that the latest the respect to the properties of t conch out or the sea.

conch out of the shell with lime juice, vegetable markets, and the sea.

LIFE IN THE Bahamas has always been designed by the sea. The early explorers and the interest made themselves at home among these 700 islands and 2,000 eays spread across the blue-green water of the South Aldantic. The islands share the life of the Carribean although technically they are still in the South Aldantic.

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POTTER'S CAY is where the housewives of Nassau shop for fresh fruit, vegetables, and fish. If you have ever bought a single polished conch. If you have ever bought a single polished conch. Shell in these warm-water seas, you will be amazed to see a mountain of them rising out of the sea near the fishing docks.

Conch is one of the food staples of the island, and conch lovers eat it raw. It's called Scorch Conch. The fisherman loosens the conch from its shell, scratches the surface of the meat tenderize it in the same way one would cube beef tenderize it in the same way one would cube beef tenderize it in the same way one would cube beef tenderize it in the same way one would cube beef tenderize it in the same way one would cube beef tenderize to the conch with lime juice and the shell. You cat the conch with lime juice and the shell you have been a concentration of the same way to be the concentration of the concentration of the concentration of the same way one would cube beef tenderize to the deck. Most of the fish are grouper, another the deck. Most of the fish a water hole at the center of the deck. Most of the fish are grouper, another mainstay of islanders' menus.

This is only a shallow stretch of water between the city an Paradise Island but it is not unusual to the activity and the same way only the same way on the same way on

THE FOOT OF the bridge is also an ideal location for travelers who want to try local Bahamian food. The Bridge Inn has a happy hour that at-

tracts knowing travelers from all over the world, all of whom are willing to be jammed into tables around the small bar. It's an insiders place. The adjacent dining room serves good Bahamian food. The state of the

Local specialties include conch fritters, conch chowder, conch salad, peas and rice, and grouper fingers.

Paradise Island Bridge is a world of its own. It gives you a very personal view of Nassau. All you need is a little more time to go off the main tourist track and explore.



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Wine seminar sails the Rhine

Heaven. They'll be in heaven . . . for a week of talking and tasting wine and touring the cellars and vineyards along the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

The KD German Rhine Line's ship Britannia will sail Aug. 27 from Baale, Switzerland, to Rotterdam. Along the way, Dr. Hans Ambrosi, author, director of the Eltville State Vineyards

and co-founder of the German Wine Academy, will lead seminars on the various states of the

grape.
For information on the 1980 seminar (two are planned for 1981) write: Rhine Cruise Agency, 170 Hamilton Ave., White Plains, N.Y. 10601; or call 1-914-948-3600.

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and the MGM Grand, including the din-ner or late showing of "Hello, Holly-wood, Hello!"

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Brochures and reservations are available at local travel agencies or United Airlines. The programs are pro-duced by Sierra West Adventures, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94111.



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