



The McAdamses' house on Florida's Gulf Coast, far left, is graced by a water-front lot, where Mac keeps his boat. Boats have been a long-time hobby of Mac, who builds them himself. Below, wife Eleanor feeds hubby at beach barbecue.

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"Our Happiest Years"

Here is the new American dream:
retirement at middle
age—but like any dream it must
stand up to stark realities

By JOHN HOCHMANN

After deciding to retire to Florida, the McAdamses found that leaving family and old friends in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, wasn't easy. Here they pause for the last time at the door of their Ohio home. Below, friends throw a farewell party.



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