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Whale ho!

Tuesday June 20 2006

Dear Editor:

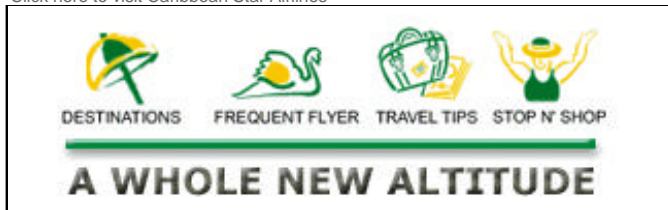
There were an extra 16 pages in the SUN today, I showed them to a whale and he said he had misplaced his reading glasses.

I am sure all this information would have been as confusing to him as ending up on the deck of a whaling boat with a harpoon in its side.

Banning whaling has to be universal since I have yet to find a whale with a GPS or map of any sorts. I can see a pod now checking their maps and telling their calves, "hey kids it's safer over here."

While I might be using humour to get my point across, make no mistake, there is no excuse, there is no such thing as reasonable limits. Anyone that has gone scuba diving or snorkelling in the Caribbean knows full well as to the destruction and decimation that has occurred within the seas.

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The blood of our planet has a cancer, and we can cure it, we must. We can see the bleaching of our corals, the depletion of fish, crustaceans and the like.

It does not require a scientific degree to see with our own eyes. I cannot explain to people how much is gone. It is not that it was more wondrous as a youngster; it is the truth in fact that much is gone. Mr. Stanford, here is one cause I have seen you jump to in the past with the reef ball project.

There are no limits on what is needed to be done here. I hope that you will use your connections, money and power to help this effort. You call Antigua your home, what kind of home would this be if the sea were dead?

Here is one place I plant my fins, my opinion and convictions are strong. No scientist can tell me how we can control the seas. It cannot be done. Mother Nature is a force to be respected. We must bend to her will, and only when we respect how she works can we live with her.

Make fun if you want, ridicule if you need, wave your scientific data and theory till the breeze is strong but, when it's gone because you were wrong, there will be no bringing it back. We have no science that can turn back time.

What will our legacy be? When it's gone, it's gone forever.

JP Farnsworth.

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