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son of a gun by mick pacholli

Of Course, you know this means War!!

IT HAS been a long time coming, but it looks like we've given little John the opportunity to attain one of his longest held desires, to achieve a purely market driven Democracy.

I would ask why, during, arguably, the most worrying times in modern history, juxtaposed to our relative comfort, wealth and local peace here in Australia, would our Government choose to take on it's own people with a philosophy that resonates so negatively at the grassroots AND with the silent, militant not-so-minority that has been prepared to cop what has been served up so far.

We can hardly remember the ferocity of the fight Norm Gallagher and the BLF put up to achieve the living standards most workers enjoy in Australia. I actually had the screen printing contract at Lygon Street while Norm was in gaol, printing all the last gasp battle shirts, sizes 00 to 28.

Is waking this sleeping giant an attempt to distract us while our Democracy is diluted, a way to demonise the working man merely protecting his hard earned gains.

As we go to press, the first of the ACTU stopworks and demonstrations have started. When asked by Virginia Trioli what the union's intentions were in regards to demonstrations, in the light of what would be acceptable by today's standards, I heard Greg Combet saying how the ACTU is working with the various authorities to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible while the demonstrations head into the capital cities.

Virginia's tone and Combet's response were both regrettable. Politically correct demonstra-

tions??? Pshaw and poppycock – this is about as oxymoronic as the situation could get.

The future months will be very telling ...

Bakiring Out

Watching Ron Bakir on the box announcing his break away from the Schapelle Corby family road show, it made me ask myself what this guy was really up to when he tied his dinghy to this proverbial Titanic of a debacle.

The split is over money that may or may not come to the family in regards to selling the story, and the merchandising. Imagine little Schapelle dolls with handcuffs and leg iron accessories and "It's not my pot" ring tones!

The vision I saw of the family was reminiscent of a Yank trailer park. Even the idea of making a quid out of one's loved one's misfortune is on the nose. Good time to get out of their aura Ron...

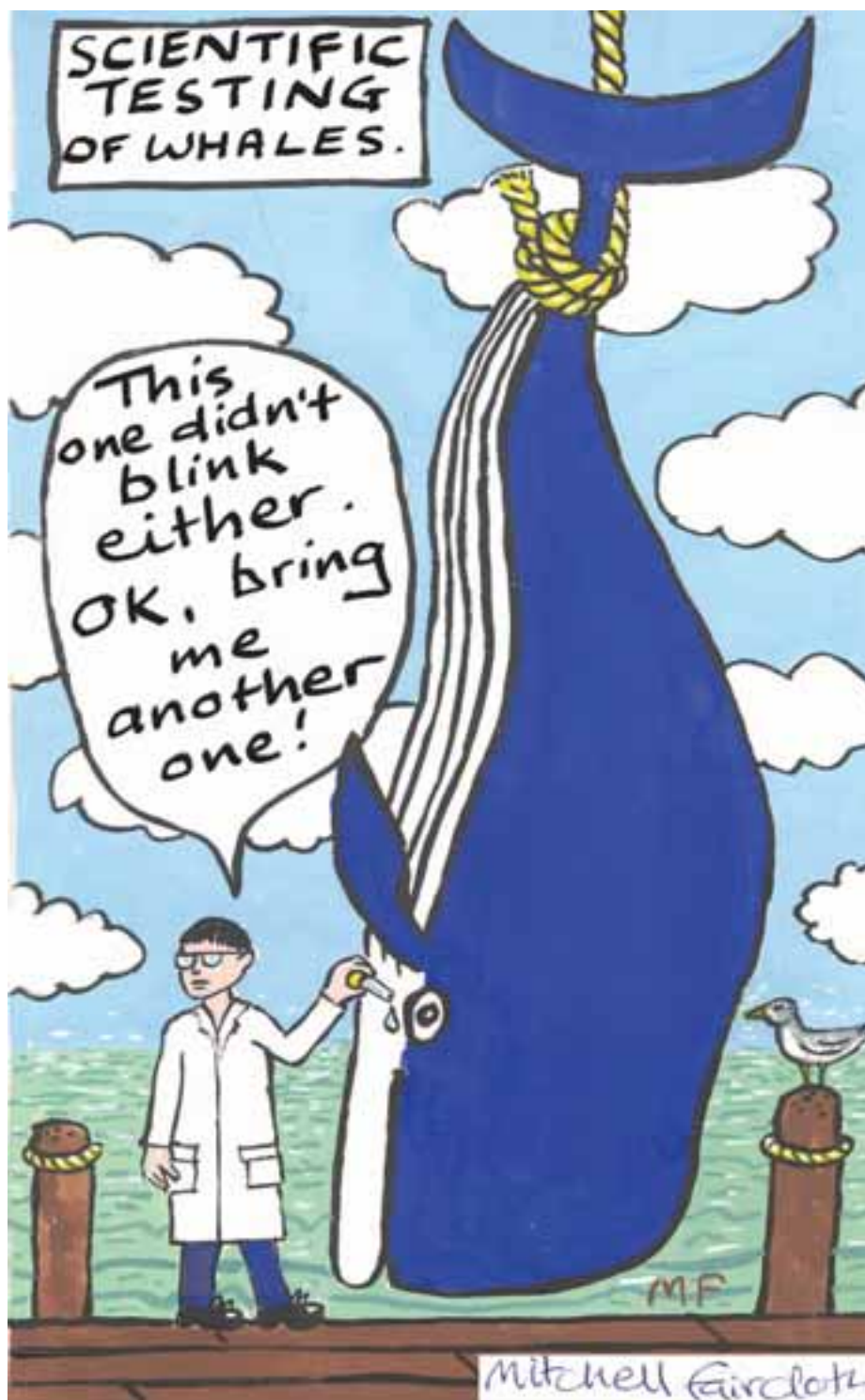
Whale Burgers

Those Japanese are just not going to give two hoots about world opinion. They love to munch on our cetacean brothers and sisters, and their claims to an historical use of sea based resources to feed their people holds water. We eat cows and feed Skippy to rover, I see very little difference.

Whales really took a bashing when they were used as a fuel and lubricant resource.

This atrocious slaughter exists no longer, so the food aspect of the animal has to be considered as legitimate for those that have used it as a staple part of their diet.

Would you stop the Inuit from eating whale and seal? I don't think so!!! A chain of Mc Orca restaurants would be over the odds though.



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Thought of the Month Japan's Shameful Slaughter

IT IS totally inconceivable how any 'civilized culture' living in our time, on Planet Earth, can organize the mass slaughter of our remaining whale population. Japan appears to be doing just this.

This appalling act not only suggests a severe lack of national conscience, but also a total lack of appreciation, understanding and respect for non-human species. These species are the survivors of mankind's reckless, greedy and extreme global harvesting, practiced by multiple generations worldwide.

I cannot help but believe that we, as members of only one species on our planet, need to reassess how we are educating ourselves.

We are placing ourselves as 'superior' to every other living being on Earth. Such a belief system will continue to breed the kind of ignorance that invites the continuation of barbaric and unnecessary slaughter, typified by Japan's latest plans to kill our whales.

I invite you out there to write in with your thoughts on the matter

— Kerrie P.

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