

informed by *Scuba Diving* that they would be significantly cutting the number of editorial pages in each issue

of the magazine. It sounds like we have not only one less choice in publications, but fewer pages as well. ■



FISHY FRIENDS & FEW SHARKS. “A man who prefers the society of sharks to that of men cannot be totally media-crazy.” That’s what the daily *Le Monde* said of Guy Delage, the Frenchman who this winter swam and rafted (about two-thirds of the time) across the Atlantic. Just before he landed in Barbados, locals clubbed dozens of dolphin fish that had circled his raft during the voyage. “They were my companions, my friends,” he said, and they had eased his fatigue, loneliness, and fear. He was unable to save them even by threatening the fishermen with the gun he carried to ward off sharks. As for sharks, he only saw two. One surprised him: “At first I did not see him, but there he was with his mouth open. I kicked him on the nose and managed to make it to the raft,”

he said. Scientists said his trip provided evidence that sharks were fast dwindling in the mid Atlantic.

DON’T TOUCH THAT WHALE. Responding to reports of people jumping out of their boats and trying to ride a whale, the Coast Guard has decided to place undercover agents aboard commercial whale-watching boats in California. Harassing a marine mammal is punishable by a fine of up to \$20,000 or a year in jail.

NAUI HEADHUNTERS. Word is that Sam Jackson, executive director of NAUI, is set to take over at the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA). NAUI headquarters has hired a headhunting firm to find a replacement for their executive director position. Interested?

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