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"I do not prefer (Benjamin) Netanyahu or (Ehud) Barak, because I don't believe in peace negotiations. I think we have a long armed struggle ahead of us. But we need reason to hope, and we can hope that Barak will do something."

AYED SHADID, PALESTINIAN ENGINEERING STUDENT,
ON MONDAY'S ISRAELI ELECTION FOR PRIME MINISTER, WHICH BARAK WON

poses.

The tribe stopped hunting gray whales in the 1920s as their numbers declined. After gray whales were taken off the endangered species list in 1994, the tribe won permission to kill as many as 20 through 2004.

Oregon's children

A national study released Tuesday ranked Oregon 29th among states in child well-being, a drop from last year's rank of 23rd. The study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which is considered one of the most comprehensive measurements of child well-being in the nation, gauges the quality of children's lives through trends in crime, poverty, health and other factors.