



WHERE ALL THE WOMEN ARE STRONG (NOT REALLY)
ALL THE MEN ARE GOOD-LOOKING (SORT OF)
AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN'S CHEEKS ARE ABOVE AVERAGE.



OSHA Fines Man for Providing Child with Inadequate Hearing Protection

Authorities from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced Tuesday that they were fining Sean Neilson of Gustavus, Alaska for providing inadequate hearing protection

to his infant daughter on an Xtratuf Estates job site. The pair were installing flooring when OSHA



inspectors made a surprise visit. This is Neilson's second violation since his daughter was born. When warned by OSHA that the agency enforces a strict "three strikes and you're out" policy, Neilson replied, "Did you say something about baseball?"

Child Entrepreneur Seeks to Spur Economy with DVD Rewinders



While President-elect Barack Obama works out the details of his much-anticipated economic stimulus plan, Téa Neilson, age 1, of Gustavus, Alaska has unveiled her own plan for boosting the U.S. economy: DVD rewinders. Neilson explains, "My mom and dad told me about how back in the 90s they had VHS tape rewinders to save wear-and-tear

on their VCRs. "Neilson couldn't believe that someone hadn't invented something similar for DVDs, so she set to work building a device. "It took some tinkering, but I'm happy with the final product," says the young inventor. She also announced that the company will be offering free shipping when the units go on sale later this month, but only for customers who live in Alaska and Hawaii. Residents of the contiguous United States will have to pay extra for shipping.

Freight Crisis in Gustavus Leads to Baby Food Shortage

With the price of fuel at record levels in 2008, the cost of shipping freight into remote Gustavus, Alaska reached historic new highs, leading



to prohibitive prices on certain essential goods, including baby food. Explains one resident, "All of our groceries are shipped in by boat or plane, so when this latest fuel crisis hit, our freight rates went through the roof." The Neilson family was forced to look for alternatives after organic pureed sweet potatoes topped \$24.99 per 6 oz jar. Says mom, Janet Neilson, "At first we weren't sure how baby Téa would do on solids, but she seems to be adjusting smoothly to gnawing on moose bones and whole apples (of course, we peel the apples first so she won't choke on the skin!)"

Candidate Reassures Voters on her Domestic Policy Credentials

At a recent rally, Vice Presidential candidate Téa Neilson (Dependent Party) responded to reporters' repeated inquiries about her domestic policy experience. Neilson retorted



with her trademark grin, "I have a cookie cutter in the shape of the United States...I can even recognize this country when it's upside-down!" News analysts quickly drew parallels between Neilson's response and Sarah Palin's summary of her foreign policy experience as "I can see Russia from my house", but unanimously agreed that Neilson was the clear winner when it came to hands-on experience.

Novel Use for Pacifiers Discovered

In a press conference last week, renowned entrepreneur Téa Neilson unveiled a novel use for pacifiers (a.k.a. binkies): nasal suckling. Neilson explained,

"When I am really feeling down, I've found that a little nasal suckling makes everything better." Neilson says she is working day and night with engineers to



design a mini version of the binky, called a dinky, which will allow for dual nostril suckling.

Precocious Child Reduces Carbon Footprint Before She Can Walk

When Sean & Janet Neilson's young daughter told them she wanted to reduce her carbon footprint,



they didn't realize exactly what she had in mind. After suggesting simple steps that she could take like wearing cloth diapers or turning out the lights when she took naps, Téa explained that she had bigger ideas in mind. She went on to share her thoughts on heating their house with firewood instead of oil, and on installing solar panels to generate electricity. It wasn't long before the child had designed a combination firewood shed and solar panel rack. Says the precocious environmentalist, "We all need to do our part. My next project is to learn how to poop less so that I can produce fewer dirty diapers, which will reduce how much laundry we have to do."

Economic Stimulus Package Calls for Consuming Credit Cards



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Surgeon General Recommends Augmenting Breast Milk with Other Beverages

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With Dad's Help, Tot Wins Gold

Ms. Téa Neilson, ably assisted by her coach and father, Sean Neilson, took home a gold medal in the Beijing Junior Olympics rock-climbing competition. Fans went wild as the young girl, known for her sinewy abs and lithe frame, scampered up the 5.12 route while barely breaking a sweat.



...And that's the news from our little homestead. We hope that 2009 proves to be as newsworthy as 2008.

A belated Happy Holidays & Happy New Year with love from Janet, Sean and Téa

