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Bound for Beijing



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Elizabeth Beisel, of North Kingstown, finishes second in the 400-meter individual medley last month at the Olympic trials in Omaha, Neb., a result good enough to earn her a berth on the U.S. team that will compete at the Summer Games in Beijing.

Dedication earns teen Olympic berth

BY ARLINE A. FLEMING
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NORTH KINGSTOWN — Joan Beisel was waiting in the Omaha, Neb., airport Monday, her plane back to Rhode Island delayed, when she spotted her 15-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, about to board a plane to California with the Olympic swim team. "I was thoroughly happy to see her," Joan Beisel said yesterday, not having spent more than a few minutes in several days with her firstborn child, who over the last week had earned spots in the 200-meter backstroke and 400-meter individual medley. "I gave her a big hug and told her, 'Rhode Island is rooting for you.'"

And then mother and daughter parted: daughter heading west to a Palo Alto, Calif., training camp, and then to Beijing, China, and the Olympic Games; mother heading east to North Kingstown, and her first day on local soil as the mother of an Olympian. When she got home, Joan Beisel was faced with 300 e-mails and dozens of telephone messages that had arrived at the snug white house on a quiet Saunderstown street where she lives with husband Ted, son Danny, and Elizabeth, whom national media are calling a rising swimming star. A North Kingstown High School junior, Elizabeth set her first national age-group

Elizabeth Beisel
■ Born 8/18/92



■ North Kingstown High School junior
■ Youngest member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Swim Team
■ At 10, held seven national swimming records for the 10-and-under group
■ Plays violin and piano, but not video games

■ Honor roll student
■ Makes her own breakfast before early morning swim sessions
■ At 10, played title role in *The Wiz*.

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Your turn: To send messages of good luck to Elizabeth Beisel, and for more on the rising star from Saunderstown, go to projo.com

New tool targets state-tax scofflaws

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation is using a special system to go after people and businesses who either have not filed state tax returns or who have filed returns but failed to pay the required taxes.

BY NEIL DOWNING
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PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island's tax agency plans to track down more than 10,000 individuals and businesses within the next two years to collect at least \$10 million in delinquent taxes.

Using sophisticated new technology, the Rhode Island Division of Taxation plans to go after people and businesses — in Rhode Island and elsewhere — who either have not filed state tax returns as required or who have filed returns but failed to pay all the tax they owe.

The plan will be formally unveiled today. It is part of a campaign to "level the playing field" for taxpayers, said Gary S. Sasse, director of the state Department of Revenue.

Most individuals and businesses are honest, and pay their fair share of tax, state Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan said.

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Nonprofit, now defunct, faces audit

"It will take us awhile to sort this out," says lawyer Allan M. Shine about the Education Partnership, which went into receivership last month.

BY JENNIFER D. JORDAN
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PROVIDENCE — The financial records of the nonprofit Education Partnership are in such disarray they will require a forensic accountant to review them, the lawyer appointed to sort out the organization's finances said at a court hearing yesterday morning.

Among those owed money are 95 college students who were promised about \$177,000 in scholarships that apparently have not been paid, attorney Allan M. Shine told Superior Court Judge Michael A. Silverstein. So far, about 30 of the affected students have

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Developed nations promise to reduce greenhouse gases

BY SHERYL GAY STOLBERG
THE NEW YORK TIMES

RUSUTSU, Japan — President Bush and leaders of the world's richest nations pledged yesterday to "move toward a low-carbon society" by cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2050, the latest step in a long evolution by a president who for years played down the threat of global warming.

The declaration by the Group of Eight — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Russia — was the first time that the Bush White House had publicly backed an explicit long-term target for eliminating the gases that scientists have said are warming the planet. But it failed to set a similar goal for cutting emissions over

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Swallowing another price increase

The cost of a gallon of milk, already at a record high, will be climbing higher

BY PAUL GRIMALDI
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Consumers grouching about the high cost of food have more to grumble about as milk prices are likely to go up — again.

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Milk prices hit a record a year ago, when Americans paid an average of \$3.80 a gallon, and have stayed high ever since.

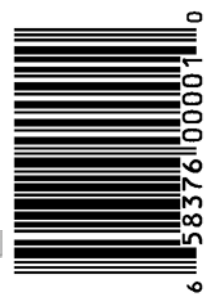
By January, the cost of a gallon of milk rose to \$3.87 a gallon, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, up more than 36 percent from last year. Prices vary widely in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. Over the holiday weekend, the cost of a gallon of milk ranged from \$3.29 to \$4.79 at some stores in and around Providence.

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Lynne Harper, of Providence, puts two half-gallon cartons of milk into her shopping cart at the Eastside Marketplace. The price of a gallon of milk is already up more than 36 percent from last year.

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In its most sweeping response yet to the housing crisis, the Federal Reserve says it will issue new rules aimed at protecting future homebuyers from dubious mortgage lending practices. **F1**

SOX STORM BACK TO TRUMP TWINS

Manny Ramirez hits a game-tying two-run homer as part of a four-run eighth inning rally to help Boston beat the Minnesota Twins, 6-5. **C1**



SYMBOL OF SUCCESS

Residents and police come together to celebrate the peace and security a community policing effort has brought to Lockwood Street in Providence. **B1**