Children’s Museum to close temporarily

BOSTON. The Boston Children’s Museum will close for four months while a 75,000 square foot interior renovation is completed, the museum said yesterday. The temporary closure — from Jan. 1 to April 2007 — shortens the construction schedule by six months and reduces major impact to visitors, the museum said.

The $47 million expansion is the first since the museum moved to the Fort Point Channel area in 1979 and the largest in the museum’s 93-year history. The project broke ground in April with construction of a 23,000 square foot expansion.

Big Dig connector tunnel repairs to cost $34 million

BOSTON. Big Dig tunnel repairs following a fatal ceiling collapse this summer will cost an estimated $34 million, the project’s director said yesterday in asking Turnpike officials to approve repair contracts.

Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel project manager Michael Lewis’ request to the board of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, which oversees the $14.6 billion highway project, was approved unanimously.

It comes as Turnpike Authority Chairman John Cogliano reports repairs to the Interstate 90 connector westbound are finished, have been inspected by the state and are being inspected by federal authorities.

Repairs to I-90 eastbound, site of a July 10 ceiling panel collapse that killed a Boston motorist, also are complete and are now being inspected by the state, he said. Cogliano said he expected federal inspectors to also begin their work “this week.”

In addition, Cogliano said the last set of repairs, in a tunnel connecting the Southeast Expressway to the I-90 ramp, are 97 percent complete, and then will receive the same state and federal inspections.

In all cases, the inspections are required before they can be reopened to the public.

Menino wants $3M from Dig contractors

The city is looking to recoup $3 million in costs related to the tunnel collapse, and officials are seeking permission to intervene in a lawsuit already filed by the attorney general and Turnpike Authority against several firms involved with $14.6 billion project. According to the mayor’s office, the city had costs from rerouting traffic, emergency planning and coordination.

Chairman John Cogliano reports repairs are virtually complete.

Cogliano, who also serves as transportation secretary, told the board repairs to the Interstate 90 connector westbound are finished.

Iraq U.S. troops turn over Najaf to Iraqis

Iraqi army soldiers raise their rifles in celebration during a security control handover ceremony in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq. The U.S.-led coalition handed over security responsibilities in the Najaf province to Iraqi forces, a key step in troubled efforts to get the fragile government to stand on its own, though U.S.-led forces will remain on standby in case the security situation deteriorates.
**News**

**Gotcha!**

It's our own version of Choose Your Own Adventure! Of course the Richard Seymour article isn't in News. ... My super-awesome story on Seymour’s thoughts on making the Pro Bowl for the fifth time in six years is on page 21. But please, enjoy the latest news for now.  

— CHRISTOPHER PRICE, SPORTS EDITOR

**Patrick: Toll removal plan ‘impractical idea’**

**BOSTON.** Gov.-elect Deval Patrick declared yesterday that removing tolls from the western portion of the Massachusetts Turnpike is an “impractical idea,” even as the turnpike’s board voted to take another step forward in enacting the plan.

The incoming governor, who previously said he thought the tolls should be removed if the state could afford it, said financial briefings he has received since being elected have convinced him the road cannot be maintained properly without the $114 million in revenue that would be lost by stopping toll collections from Route 128 westward to Springfield.

**SUCH A PLAN.** Endorsed by Republican Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey in the waning days of her campaign against Patrick, would save a non-commercial driver up to $2.30 on each trip. Healey had argued that western and central Massachusetts residents had paid for the road many times over, and were being unfairly taxed when other commuters in the state used free highways.

“I have looked very carefully at the numbers, and I have deep, deep skepticism about whether it is we can afford to maintain and to improve those roads without that revenue stream for the time-being,” Patrick said at the end of a meeting of his economic working group, one of 15 panels that has been advising him in the transition.

“That’s difficult news for a lot of people, but that is the practical reality,” Patrick added.

**STILL, AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY, the board of the Turnpike Authority voted unanimously in favor of a road map to completing the removal of the western tolls, but it was clear many hurdles remained before that plan could be enacted.**

For example, the board must get the Federal Highway Administration to accept the road into the interstate system. Since the plan to remove the tolls has moved forward, board members learned federal highway officials won’t accept any service plaza built after 1960. That would include the one in Westborough. State officials are counting on revenue from that plaza to help pay bond and make up lost money from the toll removal.

The board also said it must ensure it has the funding to rebuild roads where toll plazas are removed.

**Discount extended**

Also yesterday, the board voted to extend the FastLane electronic toll collection discount — slated to expire as part of the toll removal plan. The discount costs the state $22.2 million annually in lost revenue, but saves 25 cents off the $4 toll on the Turnpike extension in Boston, and 50 cents off the $3 toll at the Ted Williams and Sumner tunnels.

**Greenway officials won’t accept any service plaza built after 1960.**

**A firefighter’s breath is backlit as he watches cleanup operations at the scene of a fire yesterday in Lewiston, Maine. The fire destroyed an abandoned brick complex above a former restaurant the night before.**

**Crime**

**Alleged cop killer on the lam**

**BOSTON.** An alleged cop killer is on the loose and being sought by Boston Police after a warrant was issued for his arrest yesterday.

Michael S. Collins, 27, is wanted in connection to a double shooting Dec. 5 on Florida Avenue in Dorchester that claimed the life of former Cambridge Officer Miles “Tony” Lawton, 62, and injured another man. Police have not released a motive for the killings, which occurred inside Lawton’s home in front of his longtime girlfriend and other family members.

Collins is described as a black male, roughly 5 feet 10 inches and 150 pounds. His last known address was in Chelsea and he is known to drive a white Mercury SUV with Rhode Island plates. He is considered armed and dangerous.

**Education**

**Harvard money manager’s compensation lower**

**BOSTON.** The compensation of Harvard’s top in-house money managers declined substantially last year, university officials said yesterday, reflecting the departure of two investors who now manage a portion of the endowment from an outside firm.

**News in brief**

**MYSTERY.** A pair of 18th-century tombstones that disappeared 35 years ago have turned up in Maine and are headed back to their rightful resting places, capping a bizarre saga in which one of them was stolen a second time. “It’s a wonderful story for a number of reasons,” said Nancy Osgood, president of the historical society in Norwich, where one of the tombstones originally stood.

**COURTS.** The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled yesterday state police must give more detailed descriptions and reasons for withholding their investigative files in the disappearance of a Massachusetts college student Maura Murray.

**Crime**

**Romney and others sued in November after lawmakers postponed action on the second ballot question until Jan. 2, the last day of the legislative session — a move that likely would kill the measure.**

**The proposed amendment would define marriage in Massachusetts as the union of a man and a woman and ban future gay marriages but leave intact those unions made since 2004, when Massachusetts became the only state to allow gay marriages.**

Supporters of the proposed amendment say voters should decide how marriage should be defined.

Backers of gay marriage say civil rights should never be put to a popular vote. Hanify said that after receiving clarification on their duties from the high court, the Senate president should direct the body of lawmakers to vote.

“We’re not asking you to tell the Legislature how to do its business. We’re asking you to decide what the constitution requires them to do,” said Hanify, who asked justices to rule by Jan. 2. The justices took the case under advisement.

**Filing suit**

Romney and others sued in November after lawmakers postponed action on the proposed ballot question until Jan. 2, the last day of the legislative session — a move both sides said likely would kill the measure.

**Metro**

**Kerry meets Syria’s head**

Sen. John Kerry emerged from his meeting yesterday with Syrian President Bashar Assad even more resolute in his belief the United States must begin talks with Damascus as it seeks a solution to the turmoil in Iraq.

**StubHub sues Patriots**

A month after the Patriots sued the San Francisco-based ticket reseller, claiming it encourages fans to break a state anti-scalping law, the company has answered with its own lawsuit, accusing the Patriots of attempted monopolization, conspiracy to restrain trade and unfair trade practices.
Romney backs Bush’s Iraq war policies

“We should not turn around and walk out of Iraq,” Gov. Mitt Romney told reporters in Iowa yesterday. AP

Romney nominates four to court benches

BOSTON. Gov. Mitt Romney yesterday nominated four people to the bench, despite vowing at the beginning of November not to make any “lame duck” appointments. Romney nominated Robert C. Cosgrove to the Superior Court, Michael A. Uhlarik to the District Court, Robert E. Powers as clerk magistrate of Barnstable District Court and Mark R. Jeffries to the Southeast Division of the Housing Court. All four, if approved by the Governor’s Council, would have lifetime appointments. Romney’s press office said he has now made 80 nominations over his four-year term, filling 469 of 473 positions.

THE NOMINATIONS, coming just 15 days before Romney leaves office, appear at odds with earlier pledges by Romney that he would not make any nominations after Nov. 8. “I’m not planning on bringing to you a whole slate of lots of people to fill lots of positions,” Romney said according to minutes of a Nov. 1 meeting of the Governor’s Council. “I anticipate being able to complete all nominees next Wednesday [Nov. 8].” They are not the first appointments since Romney’s self-imposed deadline. On Nov. 23, he nominated three to the bench and on Nov. 29 he made one judicial nomination. On Nov. 8, the start of Romney’s deadline, he nominated seven to the bench.

ONE OF THOSE nominated on Nov. 8 was former House Republican leader and failed GOP congressional candidate Edward Teague, nominated to be clerk magistrate in Falmouth. His nomination was approved.

“I never believed him when he first said it,” said Mary-Ellen Manning, a member of the Governor’s Council. “I didn’t believe that this administration could resist the temptation of paying off favors when there were so many vacancies left to be filled.”

Fehrnstrom defended yesterday’s appointments. “We stopped accepting applications in November and only processed those that were already in the pipeline,” he said in a statement.

STEVE LEBLANC
Associated Press

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BRAINTREE. Teens planning to holiday shop with a pack of friends should beware. Simon Property Group has launched a new code of conduct at many of its Bay State malls targeting unruly teens. Placed throughout the malls are posters outlining the “Mall Rulz.” The policy, written like a text message to get the attention of teens, outlaws horsing around, cussing, inappropriate clothing or traveling with more than five people. If teens dis obey, they’ll be tossed from the mall indefinitely, according to the rules.
Two teens shopping at the South Shore Plaza in Braintree yesterday said they were offended by the terse warning, especially the mandate on weekends, that causes disruptive behavior, especially the mandate that teens are always welcome — they just need to act accordingly.
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Chewin’ the trans fat with a local nutritionist

The main reason is the effect on heart disease. It raises the bad cholesterol and lowers the good cholesterol. It has a negative effect on both ends. It’s also tied to inflammation issues, such as arthritis and diabetes.

Do you think it’s a smart move to ban artificial trans fats in restaurants? Definitely, it’s a dietitian’s dream to see this happen. We know it can be done because it is done voluntarily by some food manufacturers.

Will this take away the taste from some foods? I don’t think anyone would detect a difference negatively. In some cases it may make things moister. The argument for some is that it makes things moister, but it certainly shouldn’t do anything negative to taste.
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Worcester City Council gives itself 84% pay raise

Worcester city councilors voted 8-3 to give themselves an 84 percent raise beginning next year, saying the new pay structure is more in line with the demands of the job. AP

MIT program lets students find friends on campus

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CAMBRIDGE. The campus of MIT has become much more intimate in the past week, as roughly 800 students have signed up for a new program that allows them to locate friends and classmates on their laptop.

Introduced last Wednesday by the Institute’s SENSEable City Laboratory, the application known as iFind has proven invaluable for those trying to track down others on a busy campus.

“For students, this is really interesting as they have very different schedules,” said Francois Proulx, an exchange student who designed the software. “You can’t just say, ‘Oh, it’s Monday’ and know exactly where your friends are.”

iFind works like a GPS system, but instead of using satellites it uses signals from the almost 3,000 wireless access points on the 168-acre campus and pinpoints other users’ locations on an interactive map. While the appeal is largely with students and not faculty, a new researcher recently tried the program recently to find his way through the bowels of the campus’ underground tunnel system.

“He managed to get to the building he was looking for,” Proulx said.

Just as in an instant messaging system — which is also part of the program — users have the option of “hiding” or making themselves public.

iFind, which was developed from scratch in a two-month span this fall, uses a security system like those for online banking programs and is usually accurate to within about 20 feet.

Former police officer facing child sex charges

WORCESTER. A former Leominster police officer is free on $10,000 bail after pleading not guilty to charges he sexually assaulted an 11-year-old girl.

William R. Coulter, 51, who voluntarily resigned from the police department two years ago, was also ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim after his arraignment in Central District Court on Tuesday on two counts of statutory rape of a child and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14. Coulter was arrested by state police on Monday. AP
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Pentagon seeking $99.7B more for Iraq, Afghanistan

The Pentagon wants the White House to seek an additional $99.7 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to information provided to the Associated Press.

The military’s request, if embraced by President Bush and approved by Congress, would boost this year’s budget for those wars to about $170 billion.

Military planners assembled the proposal at a time when Bush is developing new strategies for Iraq, such as sending thousands of more U.S. troops there, although it was put together before the president said the troop surge was under consideration.

Overall, the war in Iraq has cost about $350 billion. Combined with the conflict in Afghanistan and operations against terrorism elsewhere, the cost has topped $500 billion, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

The additional funds, if approved, would push this year’s cost of the war in Iraq to about $50 billion over last year’s record. In September, Congress approved an initial $70 billion for the current budget year, which began Oct. 1.

A description of the Pentagon request was provided by a person familiar with the proposal who asked for anonymity because the person was not authorized to release the information.

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WASHINGTON. The size of your gut may be partly shaped by which microbes call it home, according to new research linking obesity to types of digestive bacteria.

Both obese mice — and people — had more of one type of bacteria and less of another kind, according to two studies published today in the journal Nature.

A “microbial component” appears to contribute to obesity, said study lead author Jeffrey Gordon, director of Washington University’s Center for Genome Sciences.

Obese humans and mice had a lower percentage of a family of bacteria called Bacteroidetes and more of a type of bacteria called Firmicutes, the study found.

“Obese individuals are not sure if more Firmicutes makes you fat or if people who are obese grow more of that type of bacteria,” Gordon said.

But growing evidence of this link gives scientists a potentially new and still dis- tant way of fighting obesity: Change the bacteria in the intestines and stomach. It also may lead to a way of fighting malnutrition in the developing world.

Nikhil Dhurandhar, a professor of infection and obesity at Louisiana State University’s Pennington Biomedical Research Center, was not part of the research, but said it may change the way obesity is treated eventually.

“We are getting more and more evidence to show that obesity isn’t what we thought it was thought to be,” he said. “It isn’t just [that] you’re eating too much and you’re lazy.”

News in brief

COAL MINE SAFETY

WASHINGTON. President Bush signed legislation yesterday that gives billions of dollars to coal-producing states to clean up hazardous abandoned coal mines and pay for health care for retired miners.

His signature ends a long battle begun when the Three Iowa high school students accused of plotting to attack classmates and staff were arrested after one of the suspects alerted the principal.

Amish shooting victim may be discharged before Christmas

The last five Amish girls hospitalized after being shot nearly three months ago in a schoolhouse massacre is scheduled to go home.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ENGLAND. As Christmas approaches, a virgin mother is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her offspring, she’s flora, the Komodo dragon. In an evo- lutionary twist, flora has managed to become pregnant without any male help. Reptile species can repro- duce asexually in a process known as parthenogenesis.

NEW YORK. Fox Television Sta- tions, Inc. asked an appeals court to throw out the Federal Communication Commission’s broadcast indecency policy, saying it violates broadcasters’ right to free speech. Fox argued that the FCC has revised its 30-year-old indecen- cy policy in ways that exceed the agency’s authority to regu- late content on TV.

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Holiday shoppers getting angrier

Shoppers have become angrier, suggests a recent study by a provider of employee assistance programs. This year, ComPsych has seen a 16-percent increase in the number of acute-stress counseling sessions it provides to retailers related to customer abuse.

AP

For the record Robert Gerenser

The Revolution takes no holiday

A re-enactor awaits Christmas on the Delaware

How long have you been a re-enactor? I got started in 1984 and was active with the Christmas crossing in 1988. I was the first person selected to play General Washington back in 1997 and was also chosen during the other two selection periods in 1999 and 2002. I was supposed to be an understudy in the last round, but the main character took four years to cross the Delaware thanks to the weather, so I'm finishing out the stretch.

What does it take to effectively play Washington? There is no “do and don’t,” but you don’t get the part unless you fulfill a certain code of conduct. For me, I try to show the heroic side of Washington and limit his personal flaws. One example is that people like to chuckle that he seemed to sleep a lot, but I say that he slept in a lot of places as well. I try to show the heroic side that people like to chuckle that he seemed to sleep a lot, but I say that he slept in a lot of places as well.

So it’s Christmas and Washington and his troops are sitting on the Delaware mulling things over. From Washington’s perspective, what’s his mood at this point? One of incredulity. He’s thinking, “how can this great experiment that just began on July 2, 1776, be ending like this? How could I have let it go so wrong?”

You slipped into first person and I’m finishing out the stretch. How completely are you absorbed by this character? You slipped into first person for a good stretch a bit earlier. Only because you asked for it. I’m not running around in a straitjacket or anything, but it would be wrong not to take it seriously.

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Fighting threatens Somali peace talks

MOGADISHU. Somali fighters clashed with artillery, rocket-propelled grenades and anti-aircraft guns yesterday, even as a European diplomat got both the government and a rival Islamic movement to agree to resume peace talks.

The heavy fighting outside the only town the government controls underlined the difficulties of securing peace in this chaotic Horn of Africa country. EU envoy Louis Michel said such skirmishes were likely to continue for now, but said both sides had broadly agreed to ease tensions, and he believed they were committed to negotiations.

He said the talks would be in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital where several rounds have been held with little progress. No date was given.

FOREIGN MINISTER Ismail Hurre said that while his government wanted talks, it did not believe its rivals did. Leaders of the Islamic movement said they were willing to attend without conditions. The Islamic movement had previously said it would not attend talks until Ethiopian troops backing the government withdrew from the country. While Ethiopia backs the government, its traditional rival Eritrea backs the Islamic movement.

"Somalia is suffering because some are using Somalia as a battlefield for other issues," Michel said in response to a question about Eritrea and Ethiopia at a news conference in neighboring Kenya after wrapping up a day of diplomacy in Somalia.

He said he had spoken Tuesday to Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. He said Meles supported his peace initiative, but provided no other details of their conversation.

MICHEL ACKNOWLEDGED hardliners and moderates within the Islamic movement have at times differed, but said he believed all factions were behind yesterday’s agreement.

Islamic leader Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys played down fighting that had erupted earlier in the day.

Clashes first erupted nine miles from the government garrison town of Baidoa where the EU envoy was meeting with Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi and President Abdullahi Yusuf.
A spate of murders in Moscow. A death in London, apparently from poisoning by radioactive material. Accusations of involvement by the Russian government, and counter-claims of a systematic campaign to tarnish its image.

This is the start of campaigning for Russia’s 2008 presidential election, political analysts in Moscow say, as the country’s elite seek to ensure their own positions are secure under any new leader. And it may get a lot uglier over the next 15 months.

“A lot is at stake in the lives of the elite. They don’t know whether they’ll be on the losing side or the winning side” after the election, said Masha Lipman, an analyst at the Carnegie Moscow Center. “It increases their anxiety to provide more for themselves: wealth, property and power.”

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**Profits up at FedEx**

**NEW YORK.** FedEx Corp., the largest air-cargo carrier, said second-quarter profit rose 8.5 percent on global demand and forecast earnings that trailed analyst estimates, sending shares toward their biggest drop in four months.

Net income increased to $511 million, or $1.64 a share, in the three months ending Nov. 30, from $471 million, or $1.53 a share, in the year earlier, the Memphis, Tenn.-based company said yesterday. Sales climbed 10 percent to $8.93 billion.

The shipper said third-quarter profit will be $1.20 to $1.35 a share, and fourth-quarter earnings will be $1.98 to $2.13. The company is expected to earn $1.55 and $2 in those periods, the average of analyst estimates compiled by Bloomberg, FedEx kept its full-year earnings forecast at as much as $6.65 a share, including the up-front contract costs.

“Obviously, they can’t control fuel prices. Their core business is just fine,” Standard & Poor’s analyst Jim Corridore, a New York-based Standard & Poor’s analyst who rates FedEx a strong buy.

Mary Schlangenstein

**Goldman Sachs CEO’s bonus breaks records**

**NEW YORK.** John Mack’s record for the biggest bonus ever paid to a Wall Street CEO didn’t last even a week. It was smashed by the $53.4 million that Goldman Sachs gave its chief executive, Lloyd Blankfein.

The bonanza for Blankfein included a cash bonus of $27.3 million, with the rest paid in stock and options. He took the helm of the investment bank in June after President Bush nominated Henry Paulson to be Treasury secretary.

The record payday breaks the one set just last Thursday when Morgan Stanley disclosed that it paid CEO Mack $40 million in stock and options.

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**News in brief**

**INVESTIGATION.** The Securities and Exchange Commission subpoenaed three current and two former Jefferson County, Ala., commissioners, asking for records related to bond issues since January 2002. The subpoenas, which also seek information related to the county’s $5.8 billion of interest-rate swaps, may signal the widening of a U.S. investigation into anti-competitive practices in the municipal bond market.

**TELEVISION.** The Federal Communications Commission approved rules making it easier for AT&T and Verizon to sell television service. The proposal will require local franchise authorities to decide within 90 days on some phone-company applications to offer TV in competition with cable providers.

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**Bloomberg Market Moment**

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** Winners & losers from yesterday’s market**

**CarMax (KMX)**

Quarterly profit almost doubled and full-year forecast bumped up again.

**Trump Entertainment (TRMP)**

Dempsey & License for a $500 million Philadelphia project.
Top U.S. envoy calls for proposals at nuke talks

BEIJING. The top U.S. envoy at the North Korean nuclear talks urged delegates yesterday to start hashing out details of a disarmament deal, warning that the latest round of negotiations could end with no real progress.

China’s foreign minister echoed the call, urging all sides to live up to promises made in a September 2005 agreement for North Korea to disarm in exchange for economic aid and security guarantees. The six-nation talks started Monday after Pyongyang ended a 13-month boycott during which it tested its first nuclear bomb.

“The urgent thing is to make some plans to enact the joint statement and to realize all the commitments every party made,” Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said. “We should make concerted efforts to overcome all differences in order for the talks to move forward and reach practical results.”

ASSISTANT SECRETARY of State Christopher Hill said delegates should start working on a draft agreement if they hope to make any progress.

“If we are going to get to the end of the week and have something tangible, I think we probably need to be working at something on paper in the very near future,” he told reporters shortly before yesterday’s meeting began.

“At this point I don’t want to say I am pessimistic or optimistic,” he said. “I just don’t know where we are going to end up.”

The North said it would be willing to halt operation of its main nuclear reactor and allow international inspectors “under the right conditions,” a South Korean official said on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing negotiations.

“We are focusing our discussion on what those conditions would be,” he said. As soon as North Korea allows the return of nuclear inspectors, Washington would be willing to provide a written pledge not to seek to topple the communist regime by force, the Yonhap news agency reported.

BEIJING. A U.S. Treasury official said yesterday after two days of talks with North Korea about U.S.-imposed financial restrictions that there had been no breakthroughs and no more meetings were immediately planned.

Daniel Glaser, the U.S. deputy assistant secretary for terrorist financing and financial crimes who is leading the American delegation, said five hours of meetings yesterday at the North Korean Embassy were “businesslike and useful.” But he gave no indications of any breakthrough on the issue.
Get Served

Pie fight

Which frozen brand will rule your holiday table?

Pumpkin pie battle
I am not a pumpkin pie man. In my mind, pumpkins are meant to fly into the most earnest pumpkin patch in all the land and deliver presents, not be pureed and made into filling. That said, I’m much more likely to force down the Mrs. Smith’s hearty spiced pumpkin pie than the Sara Lee pumpkin pie. The Sara Lee tasted exactly like what I’ve always feared in pumpkin pie — bland, tasteless mushiness. Mrs. Smith’s was wise to spice her pie, thereby making it heartier and less offensive to my pumpkin-hating mouth.

Apple pie battle
I’m not sure if I’ve ever had bad apple pie. It’s one of those things that’s ridiculously hard to ruin — like s’mores or a trip to the adult video store on “rent two for the price of one” day. Neither of these apple pies is bad, but I would much rather have the Sara Lee pie on my table. The filling is heavier with hints of molasses and brown sugar. The Mrs. Smith’s pie is just a little saccharine by comparison. They’re both good enough to eat, but I’d recommend putting the Mrs. Smith’s pie down at the opposite end of the table from you, near the cousins you don’t really like that much.

Dutch apple pie battle
There’s more to the Dutch than dykes, tulips and legal marijuana. They also have their own kind of apple pie. Dutch apple pie (or “apple pie” as it’s called in the Netherlands) is like regular apple pie, except it’s made by legally licensed prostitutes. We kid. The difference in Dutch apple pie is in the types of apples used and the way they’re seasoned. To be honest, I think both companies drop a pile of pastry crumbles on top of their regular apple pies and just call them Dutch. No matter, I prefer them to the regular kind. The filling in the Sara Lee pie is still superior, but I like Mrs. Smith’s top layer of Dutch crumbly crap better. Presumably, that would make the two pies equally good, and bring about a tie in our contest.

But ties are for sissies and hockey players, so we’re going to name Sara Lee the winner. Congratulations, Sara Lee. Nobody doesn’t like you, indeed.
Have a holly jolly meal

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The Feast of Seven Fishes

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You may be teased for ordering teas like Visions of Sugar Plums and Tea Nog anywhere else, but not at Swan’s Café at the Park Plaza Hotel (64 Arlington St., Boston), where these flavors are part of the three-course formal afternoon tea today.

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n every area of life, a sense of ownership compels us to do more and contribute more than a sense of exclusion. For instance, have you ever installed a new sound system in a rental car? If so, I’d like to meet you, as I suspect you are extremely rare.

And so it is with citizenship. We all benefit from immigrants becoming citizens and feeling fully invested in their new communities. The integration of newcomers into our society has always been the goal. Right now, in order to become a citizen, you have to have lived here legally for five years, speak English, score 60 percent on a civics exam and be deemed of good moral character. But changes are afoot — and those changes are cause for concern.

In 1998, it cost $95 to apply for citizenship; today, it costs $400. The talk from Citizenship and Immigration Services is of a rise next year to $600, or maybe $800. There is no question that such a shockingly steep hike in fees will deter and prevent many low-income immigrants from taking their final step toward the American dream. If inflation ever decided to rise by a similar percentage, we would all be in a bit of bother. Additionally, Boston was selected last week as one of 10 cities where the newly redesigned civics exam will be piloted. Five years of research sought to make the test not more difficult but more “relevant.” Well, leaving aside the mystery of why knowing the name of America’s highest mountain or longest river — questions in the newly added geography section — is key to a new American’s understanding of our governance and their role in society, some of the new questions are alarmingly difficult to answer and assess orally.

If I were to stroll downtown and ask someone what it means to say that the U.S. Constitution is a constitution of limited powers — and tell them that keeping their citizenship depended on knowing — I would see panic. How much more difficult is such a vague question to one of the 20,000 who are on a waiting list for the exam and are well aware that $800 could go down the tubes if they fluff it?

When we have eligible men and women eager to accept the responsibilities of citizenship, we should be excited to help them, not scare them off with bigger bills and tricky trivia. That, ultimately, will cost us all.

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“Hi honey, te quiero mi cielo! Mmwaa!” - mamita

“Sweet Pea lots and lots of Olive Juice, Do be do be doo.” - Love Scruffy!

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Horoscope

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Your reputation could be on the line concerning what and who you are.

Self-doubts and feelings of inadequacy could override those great abilities you have.

Don’t get drawn into an argument over something meaningless.

Be careful not to lock yourself in a box that has no key.

Aries March 21-April 19.
If you focus on one thing, you’ll be able to see things through.

Taurus April 20-May 20.
Be careful with whom you hang out. Avoid loose cannons.

Gemini May 21-June 20.
Don’t bring up any hot issues with your mate. Things could spiral out of control.

Cancer June 21-July 22.
It might be smart to avoid any projects that require using tools.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22.
If you make a faux pas concerning your romantic affairs, things could quickly turn sour.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Any hint of someone attempting to place restraints on you is likely to result in an explosion.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Your customary glib personality will not get you out of trouble but only put you in deeper.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 22.
It’s nice to purchase big Christmas gifts, but only those you can truly afford.

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How to play:
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When the charts and year-end lists conflict

Everyone is not a critic

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Entertainment

TV tonight

"'Til Death"

COMEDY. Eddie and Joy's daughter Allison comes home for the holidays, and we find out the girl is just a younger, more sarcastic (and thankfully, much more attractive) version of her dad.

8 p.m., Fox

DOROTHY ROBINSON dorothy.robinson@metro.us

YEAR-END. Let's take a look at Billboard magazine's 2006 year-end chart of best-selling albums, shall we? There is Carrie Underwood at No. 1. Oh, and "High School Musical" at No. 2 and our old Canadian friends, Nickelback, rounding out the top three.

Now look at any critic's top 10 list of this year (of which you'll be seeing many in the next week). Chances are that Carrie Underwood's album "Some Hearts" will not be on it. Yet someone loves it — so far it has sold 3.5 million copies this year.

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Work of art

‘Andy Warhol’s Christmas Special’ spikes your eggnog

The Word

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Brothers gets his 15 minutes.

Make-A-Wish Foundation, Honey gets to experience the festival of light firsthand — along with an eight-day game of Truth or Dare, unexpected parent bonding and a miraculous visit from the Bitch Goddess of Yom Kippur (Cathleen Carr). The holiday miracle narrated by Andy Warhol (Jeremy Brothers), who with the exception of the wig, looks nothing like Warhol, but that’s why it works. His quick-witted improv skills enable him to play with the crowd while still working within the confines of the script. DiPietro is a scream (literally), and Constantine’s do-gooder wifey makes this production work is that it’s merely a vehicle for laughter.

Waiting for the man

Or woman to buy Velvets for us

Speaking of Warhol, remember when we told you about the original Velvet Underground LP he produced that sold on eBay for $15,401? According to the seller, it turns out the winning bidder was a prankster and finked out on paying. The auction is back online, and only pre-approved bidders can bid. At press time, the 1966 album by Lou Reed and co., which was purchased for 75 cents at a flea market, was at $25,100. That’s much more affordable. You should totally buy it for us. The auction ends at 5 p.m. today.

Clearly, the cast is having a blast taking harmless, yet twisted, swipes at both humanity and holiday traditions.

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Stop the snoring!

If you’ve been married in God’s eyes for 20 years, but you or your significant other is still asleep on the cold, hard floor, you likely need to do something about it. There is no way to wake up, open the door to their bedroom and sit down with his or her mom and dad for coffee and an omelet. If you’re a guy, Dad will pound you into turkey stuffing before you wipe the sleep from your eyes. If you’re a girl, it’s even worse. Mom will stare disapprovingly as, in her mind, she calls you a word approvedly as, in her

So, instead of rolling your eyes at such an antiquated notion, it’s time to give your family a reality check. You are an adult. Your significant other is an adult (if one of you isn’t, then I might see where the problem is). You’ve never known your folks not to be adults. So, now’s the time to make a stand for shared bed status! Do it!

If your family still has a major problem with it, or threatens to cut you out of the will for being a harlot, please. It might hurt a little, but not as much as your back will after a night of sleeping on the cold, hard floor.

He says: NO!

DANIEL HOLLOWAY

SO YOU’RE spending the holidays with your significant other’s family — where will you sleep? If you answered, “With schnookums, of course. Her mom says it’s fine,” you lose 10 points. You see, no matter what the parents say, schnookums is the only person who’s ever slept in that bed, and by God, it’s going to stay that way. Sure the two of you have been married in God’s eyes since that fateful 2-for-1 since that fateful 2-for-1

DVD connection?

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**Two-minute men**

Pats’ defense at its best late in first, second half

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**Defending a team** that’s trying to score at the end of a half is a little like playing poker — you have to be able to read your opponent and know what your opponent needs and what its tendencies are.

“Make sure you take away the most dangerous of those options. Force them to go where they least want to go,” said New England Head Coach Bill Belichick, who said yesterday the Patriots practice their two-minute defensive schemes as often as three times a week. “You can’t stop everything, but you want to stop the things that matter the most important.”

“Communication is important in that situation. You’re going quick, they’re going quick. You have to find the formation, get the call, get lined up, figure out where everybody is, and communicate whatever it is you’re doing. Get all 11 guys playing the same defense.”

From a practical perspective, the first step in stopping a team that’s trying to score late in the half is to get a good pass rush. And when the Patriots’ front seven is healthy, it’s one of the best in the game.

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Jagodzinski joins BC

COLLEGE FOOTBALL. Jeff Jagodzinski met his new Boston College players for the first time yesterday and pledged to bring a “very dynamic offense” as the successor to Tom O’Brien as football coach.

Jagodzinski, who received a five-year contract, said he would stay with the Green Bay Packers, where he is offensive coordinator, until his season ends.

“If you had a bad draft in the NFL, it catches up to you,” said Jagodzinski, who was BC’s offensive coordinator in 1997 and 1998 under O’Brien. “If you have bad recruiting years, it catches up to you.”

The Eagles (9-3) have one game left in the Meineke Car Care Bowl. Jagodzinski met the media as the BC head coach yesterday.

Pacers keep 76ers on the skids

NBA. Allen Iverson is gone. The Philadelphia 76ers’ losing streak isn’t over, though.

Jermaine O’Neal scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Stephen Jackson had 25 points to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 101-93 win over Philadelphia last night, the 12th straight loss for the last-place Sixers.

O’Neal and Jackson took turns down the stretch making clutch baskets to hold off a spirited Sixers team playing their first game in more than 10 years without Iverson on the roster.

Andre Iguodala and Kyle Korver each scored 20 points for the 76ers, a night after they traded Iverson to Denver.

Streak over C’s lose, 96-95

AP. Al Jefferson hails in a rebound against Golden State’s Jason Richardson in yesterday’s Celtics-Warriors game at TD Banknorth Garden. Golden State stopped Boston’s five-game win streak, taking a 96-95 win over the C’s.

沉积金加入BC

大学橄榄球。Jeff Jagodzinski与他的新波士顿学院球员进行了第一次会面，并承诺带来“非常动态的进攻”作为接任Tom O’Brien的球队教练。

Jagodzinski在收到五年合同后表示，他将留在Green Bay Packers，他在那里是进攻协调员，直到他的赛季结束。

“如果你在一个糟糕的NFL选秀中，你会受到其影响，”Jagodzinski说，“如果你有糟糕的选秀年，它会影响到你。”

The Eagles (9-3)还有最后一场在Meineke Car Care Bowl。昨天Jagodzinski作为BC头教练出席了媒体。

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