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Groundbreaking research: The Center on Wealth and Philanthropy continues to raise the bar with unprecedented research. "The study, called the Joys and Dilemmas of Wealth, and scheduled for release next fall, will attempt to probe deeply into the private lives of the rich, from their family and values to their philanthropy and belief in God. It also will use the latest tools in 'happiness research' to try to determine whether the rich are truly happy," reports the Wall Street Journal. Despite a contribution of about $400,000 from the Gates foundation, and about $100,000 more from another wealth-management firm, Boston College will be "leading the effort," says the Journal. The results promise to provide a fascinating first look at the lives of the ultra-rich, and will be a frequent point of citation for future research.

Streaming Pandora: Tired of your iTunes playlist? Or just tired of having to shuffle through your playlist to find the right song when studying? Type in your favorite song or band into Pandora's Web site and listen to an unlimited stream of songs with similar tunes and beats. Dubbed the "music genome project," Pandora searches for similarities and patterns among your favorite songs and matches it with thousands of other songs you may enjoy. What does this mean for you? With a constantly refreshing playlist, you'll never stop discovering new music.

CSI: The Experience: The Museum of Science's latest exhibit throws you into a lifelike crime scene, giving you the clues and tools to decipher the mystery. While a little on the easy side (it would be tough to imagine someone actually choosing the getting it wrong), it is a fun, interactive glimpse of the world of forensic science.

Baked Brie: Every cheese connoisseur knows the greatness of brie. But bake it, add a little raspberry, and you could have one of man's finest creations. Next time you're shopping at Trader Joe's, pick up some brie. You won't regret it.

The Sheheightsmen Concert: The Heights and Sharps hit the stage last night, performing some top songs in front of a packed house. Songs were on key, upbeat, and full of life, with a particular strong showing from a trio of newcomers.

Thumbs Down BC Football: It's hard not to go with the flow on this, even though the team gave the school an incredible ride over the first two months of the season. Now, because of a struggling defense, and a suddenly turnover prone Matt Ryan, the Eagles are in danger of missing the ACC Championship game.

Peeing in the elevators: To the drunken fool was who thought it would be funny, cool, bad-ass, or whatever to urinate in the Vanderslice elevator on Saturday: Congratulations. You have not only shown yourself to be a complete and utter idiot, you have now made the elevators smell like a New York subway.