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## WHAT'S HOT

BY LUCIANA SARRA

**It's no surprise that sandwiches are popular;** they're easy to make, easy to eat on the go, and they can be delicious! Here's a tip for all sandwich lovers who want to try something new: Las Ventas, in the South End, has a friendly informal atmosphere that will captivate you.

They make Spanish sandwiches called "bocadillos," using original ingredients that will make you come back for more!

**Las Ventas - 700 Harrison Ave  
Boston, MA - (617) 266-0905**

If your goal is to try sandwiches created by famous Boston chefs, you will love Parish Cafe, in Back Bay. They have put together a menu with the best sandwich creations that local chefs can offer.

**Parish Cafe - 361 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA - 617-247-4777**



BY BRIAN SMITH

## College Sports in Boston

**If you're a sports fan and you live in the Boston area, you're lucky because here we have all the major professional sports covered.**

You know the Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, and Patriots, of course, but there's also the Revolution and the Breakers (soccer), the Lobsters (tennis), and the Cannons (lacrosse). All of them are marvelous sources of sports entertainment. There's no question about that. And it's thrilling when they bring home a championship now and then – or come close to it. But have you checked their ticket prices lately? You could feed a small army of Cub

Scouts for what most of them charge. Oh, sure, you could get yourself a couple of "cheap" tickets, but don't forget to bring your binoculars. Listen, why don't you do yourself a favor and become a fan of college sports? There are about 60 colleges and universities in greater Boston, and each one of them has a number of sports teams you can watch and enjoy either for free or at a fraction of what you would pay for a professional sporting event. This season (Fall/Winter), Harvard, Northeastern, BU, BC, and UMass are just a handful of the schools where you can go to watch soccer, football, ice hockey, basketball, field hockey, tennis, volleyball, and crew. The atmosphere at these games is always friendly, so bring your friends and have fun. Check the Sports Calendar at the school for all schedules. Home teams are listed first.

by Alison MacAdams

## ESL PODCASTS

**There's a variety and wealth of media available to you at the click of a button:**

Music, movies, TV series, games, Youtube, applications...There's so much to explore and choose from on iTunes. One of the greatest offerings, however, are podcasts. Podcasts are usually free and address everything from hobbies, interests (UFOs, anyone?), indie bands, parenting, career building to...Yes! Your favorite topic: grammar! A few podcasts stand out in their analysis of different grammatical topics. One of these podcasts is "Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing." These short podcasts (usually less than 10 minutes) focus on topics such as "Capitalizing Proper Nouns," "'Like' Versus 'Such As,'" and "Is It OK to Switch Verb Tenses?" Mignon Fogarty (Grammar Girl's not-so-secret identity) explains the rules of grammar in a direct and objective manner. Another great resource on iTunes is part of iTunes U, which features educational programming. American Public Media's "Grammar Grater," with Luke Taylor is also a free podcast. Each program lasts approximately 5 minutes and covers daunting points such as agent-nouns, indefinite articles, and word origins.



## TEST PREPARATION

by Michael Hnatko



**For foreign students and Americans the number of words used to describe the funny group of islands in Northwestern Europe and its people can be confusing.**

For example, is David Beckham English, British, Briton, a citizen of the United Kingdom, or all of them?

When speaking to people from that area which is the proper word and is it a faux pas to say the wrong thing?

Today, let's discuss a few terms and try to understand exactly what they mean. We will go from the smallest to the biggest. Britain is really only the name of an island. The island contains three distinct areas. In the south is England, in the north is Scotland and in the west is Wales.

Great Britain can refer to the same island or to the island and the many smaller islands that surround it like the Orkneys and the Hebrides.

The United Kingdom or U.K. is the official name of the country. It consists of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, The Isle of Man and The Channel Islands. The last two have some autonomy so they aren't included in Great Britain.

The final term is the British Isles. This means the United Kingdom and Ireland. It's a geographical area that includes about 6,000 islands. These are the official definitions of all these words but unfortunately they get confused and are often used interchangeably.

## Language TIP

by Matthew Burrow



## Historical Mistakes

I know a lot of students find writing to be challenging, but don't feel bad. Even the "Founding Fathers" of the United States had trouble with the mysteries of the English language:

..."It's" is used in Article I, Section 10, where "Its" should have been used.

... A mark on the original, hand-written, Bill of Rights has been interpreted as either a comma or a smudge, and the difference might be meaningful. The mark is found in the Fifth Amendment: "...nor shall private property be taken for public use [ , ] without just compensation."

Approach is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

# Students'

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## Winners

**Meera Gurung – WR 200**

*"My Best Place in the World"*

Nepal is the best place for me in the world. Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal and that is where I was born. ... Kathmandu is the most relaxed place in the world. Outside the city there are old Buddhist monasteries on top of the hills. It is very quiet there, and close by you can find a small river and waterfall. ... When we come down from the hill in the late afternoon, you can see the sunset beyond the hills. It looks beautiful and you feel peaceful.

**Irina Startseva – WR 300**

*"What is the best place in the world?"*

For me the best place in the world is the place I live in. I mean the neighborhood and the home where I live with my family.... Nature in our area is charmingly beautiful. It is bright green with various kinds of flowers of different colors. Pink, purple, red and white flowers on a green backdrop look fabulous. In the summer I liked to go to the park to sit on the grass and read a book under the shadow of the trees. The neighbors are friendly. Everyone keeps their property neat, and the streets are clean. Hence it makes a pleasant impression, especially in contrast to other regions I have ever seen.

**Natalia Maria de Souza Pozzatto – WR 400 (no title)**

No one is meant to have only one favorite movie, or song, or book. It's like choosing your favorite friend. We usually like them in different ways, but in the same amount. What about places? I've already lived almost 7,500 days. It wouldn't be fair to choose a tiny piece of those days and not consider the other thousands of moments I've had in my life. So, the perfect place in the world would be somewhere where all places are possible. Where all of them could exist together. The places I've already been to, in different periods of my life. The ones I want to meet. The places I don't even imagine that exist.



## GO ASK ALICE



**Dear Alice,**  
I need advice about a situation with my girlfriend.

Here is the deal, I told her that this weekend I will take her to the best restaurant in the city. It is our second anniversary since we became

a couple, and I want to have a nice celebration with her. However, I just got really nice tickets from a friend of mine for the next Celtics game. The problem is that the game is the same day as our anniversary. She knows how much I love her, and she knows how much I love basketball. What can I do so that I can go to the game and not have her hate me?

-Celtics Fan

**Dear CF,**

You can't go to the game and not have your girlfriend hate you. This isn't just another day in your relationship, this is your second anniversary. That's an important date. You promised her to take her out to a nice dinner before your friend offered you the tickets. You need to think about what is really more important in your life... the Celtics, or your girlfriend. Think about it this way... do you have a better chance of getting another Celtics ticket, or another girlfriend? I think the answer is pretty clear.

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Writing Contest! What Are You Thankful For?	2 	3 Let's go to an Auto Show with Chris! 12:00-4:00 PM F-1 Student Q&A with Tammie @ 3:30-4:00	4 LET'S GO TO THE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART WITH ANDREW! 5:00-8:00 FREE!	5 Come in and try one of our elective classes!	6 Watch <i>Of Mice and Men</i> at Roxbury Community College in the Roxbury Repertory Theater 2:00 pm \$10
7 TRY WINE TASTING AT OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM IN CAMBRIDGE AT 2:00 PM! \$140	8 F-1 Student Info Session with Tammie 9:30-10:30	9 Come take a tour of Harvard Square and eat lunch at Fire and Ice with Louisa! 10:00-2:00 \$10	10 Take advantage of our self-study materials in the lab!	11 Veteran's Day No Classes Today	12 Come in for self study, extra help, or an elective class!	13 Free Spanish-English Language Exchange at Connolly Library in Jamaica Plain at 12:30 pm!
14 	15 Need help with your writing? Go to Portfolio!	16 Let's eat Dim Sum in Chinatown with Andrew! 12:00-4:00 \$10	17 F-1 Q&A with Tammie from 5:30-6:00	18 Come take a walking tour of CH Boston with Evard! 10:00-11:00	19 Last Day for Writing Contest Entries!	20 Salsa dancing at the Havana Club in Cambridge. Lessons from 9:00-10:00 pm Dance Party After! \$12.00
21 See the Fall Flamenco Festival at Berkeley Performance Center! 3:00 pm. \$30	22 Let's go to the movies at Cambridge Center with Greg! 4:00-10:00 F-1 Student Info Session with Tammie from 9:30-10:30	23 	24 Join us for a Thanksgiving meal at 1:00!	25 Happy Thanksgiving! School Closed!	26 School Closed for Thanksgiving! Biggest Shopping Day of the Year! Sales! Sales! Sales!	27 
28 Check out West End! Johnnie's on Portland Street in Boston for Live Reggae Music from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm	29 Come to the New England Aquarium with Chris! 12:00-6:00 \$25.00	30 Watch the television show Friends at Lunch! 1:00-2:00				

# did YOU KNOW?

## Staying Informed:

BY DOUGLAS ROBERTS



### "The Social Network"

"The Social Network" aka "The Facebook Movie" is Hollywood's first really successful attempt to show computer nerds as more than anti-social hackers living in their parent's basements. In this version the nerd loses the girl but gets to take home billions of dollars.

"The Social Network" relates the fascinating story of the birth of Facebook: how a late night drinking session in a Harvard dorm room gave birth to the idea that was the seed of the internet giant that exists today (and which we all secretly love).

Initially put online as a joke web site called Face-mash, where Harvard female's pictures were judged in a virtual "hot-or-not" contest, the site is an instant hit. Its inventor Mark Zuckerberg draws the wrath of Harvard's establishment, and the interest of the Winklevoss twins who want to develop a web site based around the Harvard social scene. Like Bill Gates, Zuckerberg is your quintessential nerd; quiet, shy and, in this case, ruthless.

Script writer Aaron Sorkin ("The West Wing"), and director David Fincher ("Zodiac", "Se7en") drop us directly in the action as Zuckerberg faces a major legal deposition over whether he defrauded the "Winklevi" by stealing their concept, and whether he cheated his best friend and Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin out of shares in the company now worth billions.

Through a series of flashbacks we see Facebook's steps, which would eventually lead it from being a student only website in 2003 to being the international sensation that it is today. But to whom does it really belong? The person who thought it up? The investor who bankrolled it? Or the people whose idea was allegedly stolen? In a brilliant script with sparkling dialog, writer Sorkin can have you believing all three.

The standard of acting is superb; Jesse Eisenberg is totally believable as Mark Zuckerberg, Justin Timberlake plays Sean Parker, the Napster co-founder who had a major role in Facebook's rise, and an impressive Andrew Garfield plays Eduardo Saverin, Facebook's first Chief Financial Officer and initial investor.

This film has been described as the Citizen Kane of the digital age, and a Shakespearean tragedy. Either way I recommend you go and see it for yourselves, whether you care about Facebook or not, it really is a very well put together movie.

## WANT 2HELP

### Volunteering Opportunities

BY ALISON MACADAMS

**St. Francis House** provides shelter and support to Boston's poor and homeless. They are looking for volunteers to help with various tasks, from working in their kitchen, art room, or clothing distribution center, to tutoring guests and leading activity groups. More than 300 adults volunteer their time each year, Contact them for a list of opportunities and an application at **617.542.4211**.

The **American Red Cross** of Massachusetts Bay offers many exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunities and is always looking for new volunteers. Volunteer schedules are flexible, and they provide the training. All they ask of volunteers is that they bring commitment and enthusiasm to help their neighbors! To apply go to <http://www.bostonredcross.org>, take their online orientation, and fill out an application form.

The **Animal Rescue League** of Boston is a large humane society with 4 Animal Care & Adoption Centers in Eastern Massachusetts, dedicated to the rescue and relief of suffering or homeless animals and other charitable and benevolent acts for the welfare of animals. They look for volunteers who will strive towards their mission, incorporating them in all aspects of what they do. Fill out an application form at their **website: <http://www.arlboston.org/>**

## IMMIGRATION LAW



BY JOHN CARLEEN

### F1 students and transfers between schools

If you wish to transfer to another institution while studying on an F-1 student visa, talk to your international student advisor to make sure you have been a full time student in good academic standing (showing normal progress) and that you don't have any attendance issues.

You will also need to insure that the school you are transferring to is approved by USCIS to educate Foreign Students. Once this is confirmed the following steps need to be completed:

- 1- Have proof of acceptance, transfer form and contact information from the DSO (Designated School Official) at the institution you plan on attending. You will have to sign the transfer form authorizing your current school to release certain information about you and transfer your SEVIS record;
- 2- Submit F-1 Student Documents and Fees; 3 - Copy of current I-20;
- 4- Copy of Passport;
- 5- Proof of Funds;
- 6- Enrollment Fee;
- 7- Transfer Fee;
- 8- International Student Deposit;
- 9- Notify and properly withdraw from your current (transfer-out) school, so that your SEVIS record can be released to the new (transfer in) school;
- 10- Obtain I-20 from the new school,
- 11- You must also report to the school within 15 days of the program start date and enroll full-time in the first available session at the new school.

#### Travel during Transfer Process

If you plan on leaving the country during the transfer process keep in mind that you must reenter with a Form I-20 for the school that holds your active or initial record. So travel must be either:

- 1- Started and completed before the transfer release date with an active Form I-20 from the transfer-out school or;
- 2 - Started and completed after the transfer release date with an initial Form I-20 from the transfer-in school

Even if you have completed or been terminated from a school, that school is still obligated to transfer your SEVIS record to any school you desire. If your current/previous school refuses to transfer your SEVIS record, work with the DSO at your new school to try to resolve the situation. A school cannot refuse to transfer SEVIS records for any financial or business reasons.



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