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A NEW TEACHER AT COLORADO SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

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I interviewed a new teacher – Marjorie – in our school on June 30. She answered very seriously and I was able to know more about her during this interview.

She has been teaching for a long time. Before she became an ESL teacher, she taught physiology to graduate students at the University of Washington in 1994. In 2006, she first taught ESL to students in Germany.

She likes to meet people from different culture, and help people communicate. In addition, she thinks she is good at teaching. Those are reasons why she decided to become a teacher. She said that she is satisfied with this job. However, she will soon take a different job.

Actually, she took different jobs between teaching jobs.

There are lots of things that she likes to do in her free time. She likes to read, to run, to make jewelry, to do sports, to learn other languages, to improve her house, to work in her garden, and to go out with her friend.

For her, the most impressive students are those who listen in class, try to do work even when it's hard, do all of their homework, and ask questions when they don't understand.

Finally, she gave some advice to improve English. She suggested reading and writing in English. Moreover, she told me that when we speak, practicing using new words and expressions that

we have heard is a good way.

During the interview, I felt she lives her life with passion. Besides, I could feel that she loves teaching.

By Min Ju Kim—South Korea



WASHINGTON PARK

Denver is a city where there are a lot of things to do and places to visit. Denver residents enjoy different parks for recreation, such as: City Park, Washington Park, Cherry Creek Park, Commons Park, North side Park, etc.

Washington Park is 165 acres in area and holds 2.6 miles of paths for running, jogging, biking and rollerblading.

It has tennis courts, a big recreation center and a rental center for bikes and paddle boats. Mountain and road bikes can be rented for \$10/hour. For water sports, paddle boats and canoes are rentable.

The park is south of Alameda along Downing Street. Parking is available on the street. RTD bus routes also service the Wash Park neighborhood.

Washington Park is the perfect place for a bike ride, to play tennis, soccer, Frisbee and to have a picnic lunch in the grass.

People's comments that we could find about Washington Park are really positive. Everyone loves this park.



By Yaimara Santamaria-Spain

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reviews
- Events
- Interview
- Places to visit

2012

I liked 2012, and I enjoyed this movie. It is very exciting, and a great action movie. 2012 is a science fiction adventure disasters movie. I'm always looking for adventure, so this kind of movie I loved. This movie is written by Harald Kloser, Roland Emmerich, and directed by Roland Emmerich. The movie stars John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Oliver Platt, Danny Glover, Thandie Newton, and Woody Harrelson. 2012 is the year that Mayans predicted the end of the world. I do not believe about the Mayan civilization and their calendar, but this movie focused on how the world ends, it did not focus on Mayan prophecy.

In addition, this movie focused on so many cultures, religions, scientists, and governments. The movie revolves around two families trying to escape from these disasters by reaching out to China to join the ship, which is designed for this event, after passing a series of dangerous adventures.

Scenes of the film were very magnificent and precious. It makes you live the event and interact with the events. Disasters filming in this movie, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis, are like real disasters. Deep openings and

cracks are in the ground, and the ground swallows everything, even the people, buildings, trees, lakes, and mountains. The sky was lit with fire.

This movie has used several colors that reflect natural disasters, such as black, white, yellow, orange, gray, blue and green. Furthermore, many scenes of the movie were dark, and the lights were focused on the important things and events. The music and sounds in the movie give rise to feeling of fear and suspense. I believe that no one knows the day of world end. Only the GOD knows that, but I'm exiting to know what will happen in 2012.



By Amal Alawami-Saudi Arabia



WHAT'S INSIDE IPAD?



A tablet computer produced by Apple Inc, which combine your laptop, smartphone, Netbook, e-reader, gaming device, and iPod into an elegant gadget. iPad has many special features, such as: 9.7-inch widescreen, Bluetooth, 802.11n Wi-Fi, 10 hours of battery life, optional 3G wireless, speaker, user-friendly to read newspaper and varied capacity: 16GB, 32GB, or 64GB flash drive. I will come up with a list of complains. The absence of an integrated Video camera will make this device useless with chat applications, you can't run two applications at the same time, inability to load software other than what's approved by Apple, the web browser won't display Flash contents and there is no USB port. Pricing was divided based on two categories Wi-Fi model and Wi-Fi + 3G model. The Wi-Fi model starts at \$499 for the 16GB, \$599 for the 32GB and

\$699 for the 64GB. The Wi-Fi + 3G model starts at \$629 for the 16GB, \$729 for the 32GB, and \$829 for the 64GB. In addition, you will need to pay AT&T for 3G coverage in monthly basis (\$14.99 per month for 250MB or \$29.99 a month for unlimited data).

All in all, it is nice to get one but remember that iPad will not replace your laptop. "It's an iPhone that doesn't fit in your pocket".



By Adel Alamri-Saudi Arabia

Lark Burger



I think this place will stay in your mind for a long time to come. The interior itself is simple, casual and modern. The burger is another story, it is very tasty, fresh, juicy and just perfect. the burger price rang between 5-7 dollars. LarkBurger is a cool restaurant with fast and friendly service and great food. It is located in 3 different locations in Boulder, Edward and Denver. The address for Denver location is 8000 E. Belleview Avn, Denver, CO.

The menu is very easy and will never disappoint you. I have tried two different burgers "The Larkburger" and The Truffle Burger" and both were very Yummy.

The burgers are cooked to order, have perfect "size and have all toppings. The burger has a secret sauce on it which make it very unique.

On other hand, my favorite thing there is " the truffle and parmesan fries" . The fries is really awesome and the dressing and the flavor are great. I consider this place as a hidden gem you must discover.



By Duaa Abaoud-Saudi Arabia

iPhone 4g

I choose iPhone 4g. It has just been released into the market. The iPhone 4g allows video calls. A high-resolution screen is available. It's multitasking. It allows you to save HD video recording, also edit and share the video recording. The downside is its sensitivity; it is highly sensitive to the touch screen.

It can also be used as a media player device. There are two versions of the iPhone 4g, a 16 GB and a 32 GB. I held the product in my hand in Apple store. In fact, it is user friendly and easy to manage. In addition, there are two cams. One on the front, and the other on the back. Its competitor is BlackBerry. BlackBerry is also multitasking, and offers free BlackBerry messenger. However, BlackBerry has a problem against the new iPhone 4g which is BlackBerry doesn't support video calls.



Because of many applications the iPhone 4g can access, I recommended anyone looking for a new phone by this product .By the way, the 16 GB start from \$199, and the 32 GB start from \$299. You have to sign a two years contract with AT&T. On the other hand, it would cost a higher price start from \$699 without contract. Overall, I think the price is reasonable for its functions.

By Fahad Albadi—Saudi Arabia



GARDEN OF THE GODS

Garden of the Gods is located in Colorado Springs. The exact address is 1805 N 30th Street (at gateway Rd.) Colorado Springs, CO 80904. To get there you can take I-25 to Colorado Spring then take the exit #146 and go west over 2.5 miles, turn left on to 30th street, go ahead for a mile and there you are!. This place is a beautiful and wonderful public park.

In this place you can see magnificent geological formations with different colors and shapes. Also it is a great place for doing outdoor activities like walking, hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing or just sitting and relaxing while enjoying nature and beautiful scenery.

Near to the entrance you can also find The Garden of the Gods Visitors and Nature Center where you can get a lot of information about the park, plants and wildlife in it, natural history and Native American culture.

There is a gift shop where you can buy a lot of souvenirs. It's important for you to know that both of them are free as Charles Elliot Perkins, The former owner of all this land, wished.

Park hours:

May 1 - Oct. 31 5a.m.-11p.m.

Nov. 1 - Apr. 30 5a.m. - 9p.m.

If you don't want to go through the park by yourself, you can get bus tours at the front of the Visitors and Nature Center. The bus leaves each hour. The first one departs at 10:30a.m. and the last The cost of this tour is \$5.00 adults and \$2.50 children; you can buy the tickets at the center. There is not discount.

There is a parking lot where you can park your car so you don't have to worry about that. You must remember to bring some water and food because in the park you're not going to find anyplace to buy food.

By Gheyliz Gutierrez-Venezuela



FREE JAZZ CONCERTS IN CITY PARK

Do you like jazz music or are you interested in jazz music? Here are great free concerts for people who love jazz. Annually, in Denver, there are free concerts in City Park every Sunday during the whole summer.

City Park is located east of downtown, at Colorado Boulevard and 17th Avenue. Specially, free jazz concerts are held on the bandstand by City Park Pavilion on Ferril Lake in City Park. You can go to those wonderful concerts at **6 p.m. every Sunday. You don't have to worry about the price. They are free for everybody.** To offer those to everybody, they are maintained by sponsors and donations. When you go there, you can park in the Museum of Nature and Science and Denver zoo parking lots.

There are some things to bring: Blankets, folding chairs and umbrellas or rain gear (Provision against rain). One thing you have to keep in mind is that only food which you buy onsite is accepted. One tip for your excellent enjoys; it is better to sit in middle or north of the bandstand than south side. If you sit in south side, probably it will hard for you to hear. Make great memories the whole summer by enjoying free jazz concerts in City Park!



By Min Ju Kim—South Korea

FLATIRON MALL

Flatirons is famous for shopping mall, which is 1 West Flatiron Crossing Drive, Broomfield, 20 min. from school. From Friday to Sunday, many people go to the mall. It usually opens from 10:00am to 9:00 pm for weekly, and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday. They have three popular departments; Macy's Dillard's, Nordstrom's, and two useful stores; Ultimate and Dick's Sporting Goods. That stores are much more famous than other stores in the USA. Moreover, there a lot of small stores from first floor to second floor and one huge food court on the second floor. They have everything that consumers like it. Flatirons is playground for anybody.

When people finish their looking at the mall, they can have more activities out of the mall. Next to the mall, there is a huge movie place; AMC and nice restaurants. It also has a pretty big place for relaxing, which has big size board games, a skate place, artistry benches and playgrounds. So that places are for families, friends, babies and everybody. The place looks like art so they make our eyes happy.

A woman said Flatirons had huge activities so she goes to the mall with her family every weekends. She could buy food, clothes, and electronics. Otherwise, she might don't how money go from. She said they she had to spend much money when she goes with her family. She made a list for her spending, however, she easily forgot the list and spent much money.

If people want to go the mall, they have to be careful for their spending money. Therefore, Flatiron has a lot of attractive things. In Flatirons, it is easy not only to spend time with family but also to spend money.

By Jena Lee-South Korea

TASTE OF COLORADO 2010

A taste of Colorado is a 4-day outdoor festival held annually on Labor Day weekend, This year on Friday Sept.3 - Mon Sept. 6 2010 in Civic Center Park of Downtown Denver. This event has no admission fee. You can find parking lots around that area at which the price differs in each parking lot, or the easy ways are to come by bus or light rail. Every bus stations and light rail stations are so close to this event when you get off, you just walk around 5-10 minutes to get there.

Every year, they offer a ton of delicious cuisines and special exhibits such as fine art, market place, home & lifestyles, restaurant & food vendors, community exhibits, and music & entertainment; moreover, there are kids' activities and carnival riders. Therefore, you can enjoy over 50 booths operated by local food establishments and 250 marketplace artisans and vendors.

As a result of an immense-area event that you can enjoy it all day, you should

bring a bottle of water; otherwise, it will be like staying in the desert, unless you pay for a drink. An another complaint is that food sold in this event is pricey; on the other hand, there is a lot of great sample food prepared for every one for free.



DENVER ZOO

It is one of the most popular Zoos in the United States. It is located in Denver's City Park. The Zoo's main entrance is on 23rd Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and York Street.

Denver Zoo opens every day of the year. In summer, it opens from 9:00am to 5:00pm, while in winter, it opens from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by a person 16 years or older.

In this Zoo, there are various kinds of animals (mammals, Amphibians & Reptiles, Invertebrates, Birds and Fish) and also wonderful plants. It is the best place for education of kids and even adults about the animals, from what they eat to how they grow and live in the wildlife.

There are dozens of educational programs for children & families, schools and teachers, teen programs, adult programs and more. In addition to educational programs, there are also a lot of places for fun, different activities for kids and specific birthday parties. You can enjoy your time at one of those places after spending a time for education. I love reading about animals and plants and I like to see them in nature, in the wildlife. I haven't been in Denver Zoo, but I'm serious to go there with my wife. I read about the Zoo from the internet, and I watched some movies about animal life. I'm very excited to learn more in Denver Zoo.

By Loqman Mohamed-Libya



SPIRITED AWAY

"Spirited Away" is an animation movie that was produced by Studio Ghibli, Japan, 2001. If you are one who doesn't like cartoons you will be surprised by a distinct plot and attractive characters.



The animated film was written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki, who wanted to let everyone know cartoons are not just for children. The movie



received many awards. It's the first animation that won an Oscar and a Golden Bear award.

The story is about a girl who is 10 years old and whose name is Chihiro. She had to move to a new town with her family. She was very sad because she had to leave her friends. During the time her father lost his way, so they wanted to go back, but they met a dead end. Her father and mother

decided to go into the tunnel; actually she doesn't want to go there, but she was scared to stay alone. When they went out from the tunnel, they were very surprised. Everything looked like they lived in different worlds. Suddenly, her mother and sister had to stay there. The girl had to get a job at

her father became a pig because they couldn't restrain eating food even though they had not asked the owner, the bathhouse because that world is a land of spirits. She is a human so she can't live there. Chihiro had a lot of adventures in the mysterious world. Haku, who is a boy, always helps her. In the land of spirits, she had to change her name to Sen and not to forget her real name because the director wants to tell everybody the real name is very important in your life. If you don't have a name, that means you don't exist either. Although the fearful land is not good for a little girl like her, the world taught her many things, such as goodness and friendship. In the end, Chihiro had to use her goodness, perseverance and ability to help her family to go back to where the world that they lived before.



The movie is not very exciting or so romantic, but you will enjoy and be interested in the storyline, wonderful scenes and also a moral. Although the movie is originally in Japanese, it was translated into many languages. The English version is not too hard to understand. It means you can practice your English and also have fun. Moreover, you can see Japanese culture and great imagination. Are you ready to go on an adventure with Chihiro in the land of spirits? Let's go!

By Jintanat Jintasawaeng-Thailand



Children's Museum in Denver



The Children's Museum of Denver opened in 1973 in a converted school bus. Then, the museum moved into a building on Bannock Street. The current location is near the Denver Aquarium (2121 Children's Museum Drive, Denver, CO 80211). The operating hours are from Monday till Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The admission price is as follows:

Age	Price
Children under 1	Free
Age 1	\$6.00
Ages 2-59	\$8.00
Seniors (60+)	\$6.00
Members	Free

The main goal of the Children's Museum is to encourage children to explore art and science projects through their play in the museum.



The Museum includes nine interactive play spaces including the CMD Fire Station #1, My Market, Center for the Young Child, Under My Feet and Over My Head, The Assembly Plant, Making the Team and Alphabet Soup.

There are also several programs, activities and special events held during the year. In the museum, kids can imagine and try some job from the real world, such as a firefighter, a joiner and a shopkeeper. Kids can draw and paint in the drawing room, create and watch soap bubbles and act as a doctor in the animal clinic.

The good thing is that there is a special place for each age set (newborns to 8-year-olds).

Finally, the following pictures will give you a small indication about the Children's Museum.



By Adel Alamri-Saudi Arabia



The largest theme park in Denver that has more than 45 rides!



Elitich Gardens is one of the most common entertainment places in Colorado. It is located in downtown Denver on Speer Boulevard (2000 Elitiche Circle 80204). It is generally open when the weather starts warming up during spring. The gardens will be closed in the fall and winter months. The operating schedule for the months of June and July 2010 are as follows:

Days	Time
Saturday	10 AM – 10 PM
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	10 AM – 9 PM

What to do!

Simply, you will find a lot of fun and activities in Elitich Gardens either if you are with your friends or family. They have family rides, thrill rides and water attractions which make it suitable for adults and children. The park provides many concerts during the month that are totally free with park admission. The concert start at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted on the official web site www.elitichgardens.com. In addition, the park has many events during the year, such as: Kids festival, Fright festival, Physics Night, etc. Now for the food; Elitich's has different restaurants such as Subway and Panda Express.

Elitich Gardens has many options for the tickets. My recommendation is to buy your ticket online to save \$6 at main gate price for guests 48 cm and above and to avoid the lines! this table contains the ticket price for 2010 season (online price):

Ticket type	Price
2010 SEASON PASSES	\$74.99
2010 DAILY TICKETS	\$34.99 48 cm and above \$24.99 under 48 cm FREE ages 3 and under
2010 GROUP TICKETS	SAVE UP TO \$16.99 per ticket for a group of 15 or more (1 FREE ticket for every 15 tickets purchased)

By Adel Alamri-Saudi Arabia

52" BRAVIA LX900 series 3D HDTV

I will talk about a product that every home should have. It is the television, but not any TV. If you want to enjoy watching a TV program, a movie or soccer game with your family, you should buy one of the Sony LX900 series.

Enjoy an incredible high contrast level for true blacks and bright whites plus sharp, vibrant colors and crisp, fluid motion. Connect to the internet and instantly stream the widest variety of online entertainment.

Enjoy the convenience of a built-in 3D sync transmitter. All that you have to do is put

on the included Sony active glasses to start enjoying 3D movies, sports and video games in full HD 1080p picture quality.

Full HD 1080p Resolution : this quality is the highest in home resolution. You can take full quality or advantage of HD sources like a Blue – ray disc player or Play station 3 gaming console via the wide screen panel of LX900 HDTV.

Here are some of 52" BRAVIA LX900 3D HDTV important specifications that you should know if you want to buy one. Dimensions: 56 3/4 x . 15x37

Packaging: 60 1/8 x . 5/8 18 x 1/8 40

Weight: 109.7 lbs.

Power consumption: max 228w.

Power requirement: AC 120V.

I browse the internet searching for disadvantages of this product, I found nothing except it has no P&P/twin view functionality. I recommend 52" BRAVIA LX900 3D HDTV for its good features and I had an experience watching it in a Target store recently. I enjoyed at few crazy minutes watching a movie on this HDTV in a Target store and I would like to buy one, but I hadn't the \$3999.99.

By Loqman Mohammed-Libya

Molly Brown House Museum

Have you ever watched the movie 'Titanic'? Do you remember 'Molly Brown' in the movie? She is the most famous survivor of the Titanic and the house where she lived is in Denver.

The Molly Brown House Museum is located at 1340 Pennsylvania st, Denver, Colorado. Denver was in the process of urban planning in the 1960s. At that time, many of the buildings were destroyed. A group of citizens organized the group named 'Historic Denver, Inc' in 1970. Thanks to them, the house was preserved. It has been maintained by the organization since then.

Hours of operation are as follows:

Tues – Sat: Open at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday: Open at 12:00 p.m.

Last tour starts at 3:30 p.m.

Guided tours start every half hour.

The admission fees are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children. You can buy tickets for the tour at the gift shop. However, it is recommended that you purchase them in advance online or by calling in order to reserve your spot. Meanwhile, you will have trouble parking. There is a parking lot at the corner of 13th Avenue and Pearl streets. It is very limit though. You can also park on the street.

During tour, you can appreciate lots of jewelry and rooms where her family and she lived in. A guide will explain what each room was used for. The tour will offer you not only chances for appreciation of the Victorian era house but also chances to learn about Molly Brown's life story. For example, you will be able to know that she was a pioneer of women's rights and helped change the criminal justice system in Colorado. To know about her life is what most people like while they tour. In addition, there is a movie you can watch in your spare time at the house. Moreover, The Molly Brown House Museum offers interactive computer games and artifacts.

One thing you should keep in mind is that there is no picture taking during your tour. You will enjoy the beautiful house and lots of things to appreciate.

GREY'S ANATOMY

Whenever 'Grey's Anatomy' concludes its season, there usually was Death. So did this season 6. One of the most famous TV series at ABC ended on May 21 with a shocking 2-hour season finale.

Grey's Anatomy is a medical & romance drama. It follows the lives of doctors in Seattle Grace Hospital. The whole series focus on a group of surgical interns, residents, and other physicians. There are a little bit differences of characters between season and season. This season 6 started with several new residents joining the Seattle Grace hospital result from the merger with Mercy west.

Meredith and Derek have loved since the first season. There were many problems before they got married. However, we could watch their happy marriage during this season. In addition, Kelly and Arizona who is a lesbian couple also loved in 6th season. On the other hand, Christina, Owen and Teddy were in a love triangle. So were Alex, Lexie and Mark. Richard who has been a chief middle of this season, are

resigned his post in an office because of alcoholic.

He turned over his position to Derek. Meanwhile, Bailey played a role as residents' mentor as always. For me, everything about this drama such as what they say, soundtrack, story, and acts was good. The words that characters say are always great. There are usually lots of words about love, life, and death. Especially, the finale of season 6 quietly related to death. For that reason, its overall atmosphere was kind of blue. In this drama, doctors are never described as a god. They are just described as same as normal people. I liked that point. Now, I eagerly look forward to this September so that I can watch the awesome next season!

By Min Ju Kim—South Korea



Blackhawk

This city is located from forty miles west of Denver in Colorado. Black Hawk was famous as a hub with Central City few decades ago: this city began to become famous as a city for casinos. Now the casinos in Black Hawk are bigger than Atlantic City. That means Black Hawk is one of the most famous casinos in the USA.

As I've mention the location of Black Hawk already, it's not far from Denver. The drive to Black Hawk from Denver is under an hour. The route to Black Hawk is to take west on I-70. We can also take buses to Black Hawk. Casinos provide shuttle service with people between Downtown Denver and the casinos. Moreover, parking is free. There are enough parking lots. There are accommodation facilities for people to stay for nights. These are indirect information. Now, speaking of gambling, there are various kinds of gambling such as roulette, poker, slot machines and blackjack. These are a quite good to have fun; however,

money follows behind this fun.

In my case, I sometimes go and gamble with patience not to addictive to gamble. We'd better think going there for fun, not for winning money.

If you can control yourself, many good services are waiting for people. First you can get free cocktails. I've searched about the kinds of cocktails because I knew that casinos could make a cocktail that I make an order; therefore, I have drunk about ten different kinds of alcohols.

Second good quality of buffet, according to my experience about buffet, buffets in Black Hawk are as good as buffets in Las Vegas, but it is cheaper. Personally, I sometimes go to Black Hawk due to buffets.

If you don't gamble at all, you can use game rooms or you can watch a show. As a matter of fact, I don't have detailed information about game rooms and shows, because I've never experienced these.

In my opinion, gambling is good to make

people forget something that don't want to remember because they will only concentrate on winning money or losing money. Again once you're addictive to gamble, it's like you're addictive to drugs, because too much is as bad as too little.



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