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STUDENT SURVEY

Have you ever heard about the cookie lady? Do you know how she deals with her customers? Debbie is the owner of the Santa Fe Cookie Company, located downstairs near the Food Court on 16th and Tremont.



Debbie uses the honor system to sell to customers. She bakes the cookies, places them in bags, and serves them on the table for the customers. The prices are posted on signs. For example, you can buy three cookies for a dollar. Customers choose what

they want, pay, and take the cookies without asking Debbie about the price.

I told her, in my opinion that is amazing to trust people who you don't know very well. She said, "Before opening this business, I sold cookies to other bakeries. I have to trust people because I'm busy." And, she said also, "When you trust people they will be okay." "I asked Debbie if she had any



experience with someone stealing her cookies. She said "Because it's such a good deal, people will not steal."

Debbie taught herself how to bake cookies. She said, "No one really trained me." She works very hard from 7am to 5pm. At the end, I asked Debbie if she wanted to say something. She said, "It's good to own your business, but it is a lot of work"

I recommend that everyone visit the cookie store. The store is nearby and has good prices, but the smell of cookies is enough to attract you.

By Zainab Alsheikhabdulla

TEST YOUR WORLD CUP KNOWLEDGE

Are you a soccer fan? Try to answer these 10 questions about the World Cup!

- Where was the first World Cup?
A. Argentina B. Italy C. Uruguay
- Who has won the most World Cup medals?
A. England B. Brazil C. France
- Which country has lost the most final rounds?
A. Germany B. USA C. Brazil
- Which country hosted the World Cup in 1994?
A. France B. Italy C. USA
- Who is the only person that has won a World Cup medal 4 times?
A. Puskas B. Zagallo C. Pele
- Which of the World Cup winners have never won when hosting the tournament?
A. Germany B. Brazil C. Italy
- What is the highest number of times the host country won the World Cup?
A. 5 B. 6 C. 7
- Who scored a goal using his hand in 1986?
A. Michle Platini B. Diego Maradona C. Zico
- Where was the World Cup held in 2002?
A. Japan & Korea B. Germany C. France
- Where will the World Cup 2022 be held?
A. Brazil B. Qatar C. France

Answers on page 6.

Source: *World Cup Soccer: The Complete Guide 2010* Chris Hunt



By Samer Alotaibi

ROAD TRIP TO LAS VEGAS

If you want to do a road trip I recommend that you go to Las Vegas, Nevada. This city is an amazing place where you will have fun for many hours. On the way to Vegas you should visit some tourist places like Arches Park, 4 State Point, Grand Canyon, Route 66 or Hoover Dam. The road trip was one of the most interesting things I have done in my life.

1st Day: Denver-Tuba City

We started the trip from Denver to Las Vegas early in the morning. The first stop was Arches Park. This wonderful place is in the state of Utah, 6 hours driving from Denver. There you would think that you are in a western movie, you will be able to see the beautiful reds rocks for the Utah's desert.



After spending a couple of hours in Arches Park we had lunch in Moab which is a little town near the Park. When we finished we took the road and drove for 3 hours to arrive to the 4 State Point. This is the only point in the US where 4 states meet. You can be in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah at the same time. After taking some pictures we drove for a couple of hours until we arrived at the hotel in Tuba City. The hotel was in the middle of Arizona's desert, near the Grand Canyon.

2nd Day: Tuba City- Las Vegas

After having a huge breakfast in



the hotel, we drove for 2 hours to the Grand Canyon. There we saw one of the most unbelievable landscapes I have ever seen. You can't describe it with words. We were taking pictures for one hour and then we decided to continue our travel. We left Grand Canyon and we took Route 66 for 60 miles. On this route you can find some typical gas stations and garages. At the end of the journey we arrived at Hoover Dam which is one of the most famous and important civil engineering achievements. The Dam was built in 1932 and helped the economic situation of the region. After this stop we drove for 45 minutes and we started to see the lights from Las Vegas. Finally we had arrived at our destination.

3rd and 4th days: Las Vegas

We stayed in Las Vegas for 2 days. The first day, we started by visiting the casinos in the strip street. I was surprised by the Bellagio and its fountain. We had lunch in front of the Bellagio, in Paris Casino. The temperature was warm so we decided to stay in the terrace seeing the spectacular view. In the afternoon we spent some dollars gambling in the casinos. At night we went to the best club of Las Vegas, the XS. This club is situated in the

Encore hotel.

The Second day in Las Vegas was more relaxed. We were at the pool in the morning and after we had lunch we took a walk in the Strip Street.

5th day:

The last day was time to return to Denver and we drove home all day. We chose a different way to come back because it was faster and we just wanted to be at home as early as possible.

How much did it cost?

Cost	
Gas.....	240 dollars/car
Hotel....	120 dollars/person
Food....	250 dollars/person
Party....	100 dollars/person
Gambling...	as much as you want!

If you plan ahead and go with friends, you can make the trip at a good price. I recommend you go to Las Vegas. You will not forget this trip.



By Luis Gonzalez Diez

Cherry Creek? Really? I don't know why the students chose the Cherry Creek as the best place for shopping. My opinion is different. Cherry Creek might be a beautiful shopping center, but it has mostly expensive shops. The prices of regular stores are really repulsive. When people go to the shopping centers, the probability of having lunch is very high. It follows that a food court has to be tasty and appealing to all people. At Cherry Creek the food court isn't appetizing or inviting. My favorite shopping center is in the Castle Rock Outlet. Bingooo! This center has a lot of advantages; selection, food court, and price. Castle rock has everything you want. This shopping center also has a really good food court where you can sit on the couch, watch a flaming fire in the fireplace, and enjoy your lunch. But the main reason why the Castle Rock Outlet is the best choice for shopping, are the prices. You can find really good deals there, of around 40% - 70% off. The one disadvantage of this outlet is getting there. You have to go by car, and it is about 30 minutes from Denver. Despite this disadvantage, Castle Rock Outlet is still the best choice for shopping with your friends. Do you think that Denver has just one shopping center? Of course not. I also recommend Colorado Mills in Lakewood, Park Meadows in Centennial, and Flatiron Crossing in Broomfield. I hope that this short article was helpful, and you will choose the best shopping center for you. Enjoy your shopping :o}

By Tina Kusova

USE MEDIA TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH!

Do you know what is the best and most inexpensive way to learn English? Use media such as TV, radio and newspaper. If you don't know how to use it, this article will help you.

Spend at least one hour everyday listening/watching to the news or music. Try 9 News, CNBC, and BBC. It's hard to understand when you first begin to listen to them, but gradually you'll get used to the speed and tone. You don't need to listen or watch for a whole hour at once. Also, if you are interested in English songs, it's better to find the lyrics and read it while you are

listening.

Watching films or TV shows in English is another great way to help your English. It will help your listening skills, but you can also improve your speaking skills, unless you're watching MR. BEAN!! Try to watch films with subtitles in English, and write down the new vocabulary and you will never forget it. If you are at an intermediate level, watch Harry Potter. For advance level, the sky's the limit.

Spend more time reading in English. Read books, newspapers, and articles. Hundreds of common words are used in

newspapers. Just have a dictionary with you and start learning five to ten new words daily. If possible, read one or two newspapers daily. Check the grammatical sentence structure carefully to learn how to make sentences. Try to use this website www.lexile.com. It will help you to find which books are recommended for your level.

Try to think in English, just in your mind, for yourself! Write everything in English: grocery list, to-do list, notes or diary. Work now and rest tomorrow!

By Sarah Samargandi

INTERVIEW WITH TOEFL CLASS STUDENT PETER MADANSKY

Peter is attending TOEFL classes at this school CSE and he was so nice to answer a few questions about TOEFL.

How long have you been preparing for the test? (months of classes, hours per day)

I started attending TOEFL classes in the beginning of March. I attend both TOEFL classes: Reading/Writing and Speaking/Listening. My test is scheduled on June 10th, so the total preparation takes three months for me. I spend almost 3 hours studying at the school and 1 hour on average studying outside of the school everyday.

What do you think? What level should students be when coming to TOEFL class?

I think it's very beneficial to be in advanced student because the TOEFL classes are considered as a level 8. In comparison, with regular

classes, TOEFL classes are mainly based on working under time pressure. Nevertheless, you can manage it even if you are not an advanced student already. It just would be more challenging for you, and it would probably take longer to get prepared.

Can you recommend some studying materials appropriate for TOEFL studying?

There are specific books and disks for TOEFL preparation. If you are interested in getting some extra studying materials, you can ask one of the teachers, and he/she will give you reliable advice. During the TOEFL classes, I use materials that are provided by school (books, CDs, vocabulary lists, etc). Outside of school, I watch films, listen to music, speak with native speakers, read articles on the internet, do my homework, and so on. I recommend doing anything related to

English language that entertains you. It doesn't have to be a TOEFL preparation book; although, the book can help sometimes. :)

What do you do at TOEFL class? What does it look like?

In both classes we basically do sample TOEFL tests divided into parts. They try to simulate real conditions of TOEFL test, so the timing of tasks is similar to the real TOEFL test. After finishing a task we usually discuss it and talk about problems that we as students had with it.

Do you have any tips for other who are preparing for TOEFL?

Take it easy! There are worse things than TOEFL. :)

Thank you Peter. We all wish you good luck on TOEFL!

By Jana Gandzuloua

WHAT IS TOEFL?

Are you planning to attend a university in an English-speaking country? This test proves your level of language skills and shows your ability to study in English language. This test is required at most universities and colleges in the U.S.. It consists of four parts and language abilities: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

TOEFL has two forms: online or Internet-based test (IBT) or paper-based (PBT). If you plan to take test in Denver, only the IBT is available here, and the cost is \$170. The test takes about 4.5 hour. You can register for test on official TOEFL website www.ets.org/toefl. If you have taken test and you are not satisfied with your score, you can take test again and this score improve.

On the internet you can also find some websites where is possible to try free TOEFL tests. One of these websites is e.g. <http://testpreppractice.net/TOEFL/Free-Online-TOEFL-Practice-Test.aspx>.

Our school, Colorado School of English (CSE) offers a TOEFL preparation class where experienced teachers will help you build your vocabulary and improve your listening, reading and writing skills. You will practice TOEFL tests as well. You can take TOEFL classes from 4 to 24 weeks, during the day or evening, and you can start any Monday.

Recommended books:

- Practice Exercises for the TOEFL by Barron's
- Preparation TOEFL IBT by Kaplan
- Cracking the TOEFL IBT by Princeton Review
- Course for the TOEFL test by Longman



By Jana Gandzuloua

THE A TO Z SURVIVING IN THE AMERICAN RESTAURANT

EASY RAINY DAY RECIPE: KIMCHI PANCAKES

For foreign students, learning another country's culture is exciting and important. There are lots of things that reflect the culture and customs, and the food is one of them. However, some foreigners are afraid to go American restaurants because they are not familiar with how to place orders and pay for their meals in America. To help the students who struggle with these kinds of problems, I will explain with a conversation.

S: Server

Y: You

(When you enter the restaurant, servers will start with this question.)

S: How many (people in your party)?

Y: Two.

S: Can I start you off with something to drink?

/ What would you like to drink?

Y: Yes, I'd like [coke/ice water (with lemon)/beer.]

(BUT! When you order alcohol, you have to show your ID that shows your older than 21.)

S: Are you ready? / May I take your order? / What would you like (to have), sir?

Y: (*If you are not ready yet.) I will need a few more minutes.

/ [Can I have/ Can I get/ I'd like] a T-bone steak (food name).

S: How would you like your steak done?

/ How do you want your steak done?

Y: [Well-done/ Medium-well/ Medium/ Medium-rare/ Rare] please.

S: How's every tasting? / How are you doing over here? /

How's everything?

Y: Fine/ Good, thanks

(or) Can I have some more [water/coke/ice tea] please? /

Excuse me, I'd like to have a refill.

(In American restaurant, if you drink water, soda, or ice tea, you can get as many refills of the beverage as you want.)

(When you finish your food)

Y: Check please/ Can you bring the check please? / May I have the check?

And, can I have a to-go box please?



In America, you must pay a tip between 15~20% of your food cost. There is a good mobile application called "Tip Calculator." You can pay the

tip either by cash or by card.

Most students don't have problems when paying with cash. The problem is paying with a card. When they bring the check, put your card with your bill. After the server takes your card and receipts, the server will give two receipts. One is for you, and the other is for tip. If you want to pay the tip by card, write in the tip and the total amounts



on both receipts. The server will take the tips automatically after you leave the restaurant leaving the receipt. Don't forget to check that you put your card into your purse or wallet!

Although knowing how to place an order and to pay your meals is important, being confident is the most important tip! Be confident!!

By Jieun Jeong

What food would be the perfect match for a rainy day? In Korea, we like to eat fatty foods like kimchi pancakes especially on a cloudy or rainy day. Why? Because the sound of cooking vegetable pancake is similar to the sound of rain. Isn't that funny?

You can use almost any vegetable in these pancakes., but my family usually makes them with kimchi. Do you already know what kimchi is? Kimchi is a traditional Korean food. It's spicy, fermented cabbage and you can buy it at any Asian grocery store.

I like kimchi pancakes because they are affordable, easy to make and can be done at home with very few ingredients. They are delicious, too!

Let's take a look at how to make kimchi pancakes.

Ingredients

- 1 quarter head Napa cabbage kimchi
- 1/2 cup wheat flour
- 1-1/2 cup water
- hot green peppers (optional)
- vegetable oil

Get your ingredients ready.

First chop the kimchi into small pieces. Then, put the flour into water. When people mix wheat flour with water, sometimes they put egg as well but it's not a good idea because it might make your pancake dough too hard. The key point of mixing water and flour is you put water twice as much as flour and stir it just enough to mix flour well with water.

When you are finished making the dough, put the kimchi in and mix it again with your dough. You can stop kneading your dough when you see that the color of kimchi is well spread. If you want to make it more spicy, then you can add some hot green peppers as well. Continue on page 5...

SALSA DANCING: FUN FOR ALL AGES

In Denver, most of the night clubs don't permit people under 21 to enter the building. So, where can you go to have fun?

I want to introduce the place young girls and boys can enter and enjoy dancing in downtown, which is named Turnverein Dance and Cultural Center. The Turnverein is located at 1570 Clarkson, just six blocks east of Colfax and Broadway.

There are different kinds of dance lessons for each day, and the time and fee depends on the day. For example, every Wednesday, you

can take a lesson of salsa dancing an hour, and then just enjoy dancing about two hours. You have to pay \$10 if you are not a member of this club, but for members it's only \$5. Note, this place is just for enjoying dancing, so sometimes they don't prepare any foods although you can have something to drink. When you want to practice dancing, I recommend you go to this place.

I've been salsa dancing at the Turnverein a few times. My host mother took me to the salsa dancing. At first, I hesitated about trying be-

cause I'm not good at dancing and have never been to clubs. But my host mother said it would be a nice experience. Also I thought, "If I don't try it now, I will never dance salsa." So, I went.

When you walk in, you will see a hall with many people; most of them are aged 30-50 and some aged 10-20. Lessons are separated for beginners, middle and veteran. Each time I got better at dancing, met many people and had a fantastic time! Good music, good drinks, good people and good exercise!



If you are interested in dancing but afraid of your age or dancing skills, I recommend you to go there!! Have fun!!

Check the Turnverein website for more info:

www.denverturnverein.org

By Makiko Tokashiki

DAY TRIP TO ESTES PARK

If you want to experience the beauty of the Rocky Mountain you must visit Ester Park. In one day, you can enjoy so many things in Estes Park. The last month, my wife, my kids and I were there as a family, having a fun time. Our trip started at 12pm and we were back home at 8pm. The road trip from Denver to Estes Park was an hour and a half by our car. It was approximately 70 miles, 35 miles on highways and 35 miles on mountain road. It was dangerous road that you must be careful and follow the safety instructions.

First when we got there, we visited the Estes Park Museum. The mu-

seum shows the history of the Estes Park. Also, it shows the history of Joel Estes who was the first person came to this area. He is the namesake of the Estes Park who is discovered the area in the early 19th century. You can watch a movie inside the museum about the history of Estes Park.

Then, we took a break in Lake Estes. Lake Estes is a big lake which attracts tourists. The lake has a picnic are for BBQ parties. Also, you can go fishing or playing different types of sports like volleyball, swimming, walking, and biking. We enjoyed sitting beside the lake and eating some

snacks. Moreover, we took some pictures for memories.

Finally, we took a walk in downtown of Estes Park. In downtown, there are amazing types of stores that sell strange things with affordable prices. In addition, there are so many restaurants offer delicious dishes. Also, there are so many entertainment areas, falls, and rivers with beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains. We enjoyed shopping there and we bought some textiles and clothes. Furthermore, we ate sushi in the Japanese restaurant. At the end of the day, we took our kids to playing in the are beside a river and

they enjoyed playing until 6:30pm.

Those are some attractions and activities that make Estes Park an amazing place that attract tourists from the whole world. I recommend you to visit Estes Park on your next weekend or holidays. You will never forget nice moments. Don't forget to be safe and well prepared for your trip. You should remember to take a camera, sunscreen, sunglass, and extra warm clothes so you'll be prepared for any Colorado mountain weather.

By Ali Almubarak

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Preheat your pan to medium heat and put some oil in your pan. Then take a scoop of your pancake dough and spread it well in your pan. This is the most important part. You don't want to make your pancake too thick

or thin. You can flip your pancake when there is no more water on top of your pancake. Now it's all done.

Oops, I should have said that. Kimchi pancake is really well-suited with Korean alcohol "raw rice wine". Try this at home and I

promise, you will want to taste it again.

Actually, I don't know how to cook very many dishes at all but I can cook kimchi pancakes well. It's that easy to make. Try It!!!! :D You will never regret it!!



ADVICE FROM BARFLY

Do you want to know about the coolest nightclubs and bars in Downtown Denver. The nightclubs and bars that have the hottest people and are the most fun. My name is Rose and I am Denver's most knowledgeable "barfly". (definition: barfly: someone who hangs out a lot at bars and clubs)

Rose's Top 3 Night Clubs

Suite 200

Suite 200 is my favorite night club. Why? It's the music. They play all the latest pop and dance hits. I can feel the music when I walk in the door because of the great sound system. The decorations are minimal but it still has a great atmosphere. This place is a lot of fun! Suite 200 is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9pm to 2am. Tuesday night is Baby Doll night and ladies drink free from 9pm to midnight. Cover charge for men is \$15 but in exchange you receive a \$15 drink card. There is no cover charge for women. Suite 200 is located at 1427 Larimer Street, Denver, CO 80202. You must be over 21.

Lavish

Lavish is my second favorite night club. Lavish also has a restaurant. The music and the ambiance is about the same as suite 200 but the dance floor is much smaller. That is why I prefer Suite 200. You will really enjoy the great music at Lavish. Lavish's nightclub is open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9pm to 2am. There is no cover charge. Lavish is located at 1448 Market St, Denver CO 80202.

5 Degrees

5 Degrees is one of the oldest nightclubs in downtown Denver. As you might expect, it's popularity has decreased. But if you like a huge dance floor, amazing décor, and hot music without a long wait, then 5 Degrees is your night club. 5 Degrees is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 8 PM -2 AM. 5 Degrees is located at 1475 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80202

Rose's Top 3 Bars

The Tavern Downtown

The Tavern Downtown is my favorite bar. I like the Tavern because they have this amazing roof-top patio that overlooks Coors field. Also, they have great drinks. I really enjoy their selection of frozen drinks, i.e. hurricane, pina colada and margarita. It's also a sports bar so they have many large screen TVs. The Tavern is open from 11am to 2am Monday through Friday and from 10am to 2am on Saturday and Sunday. The Tavern is located across from Coors Field at 1949 Market St, Denver CO 80202.

Lodos Bar & Grill

Located directly across the street from the Tavern is Lodos Bar & Grill. It also has a incredible roof top patio overlooking Coors Field. The Tavern is more of a place to meet and mingle with people while Lodos is a sport's bar. I think their food is a little better than the Taverns. Lodos Bar & Grill is open 7 days a week from 11am to 2am and is located at 1946 Market St, Denver CO 80202.

Tarantulas

If you are looking for a fun bar to play pool and meet your friends, I strongly recommend Tarantulas. They have about 20 tournament size pool tables. What's cool about Tarantulas is the building itself. They are located on the 2nd floor of a two story building that has lots of windows overlooking downtown. The bartenders are friendly and they serve bar food. It is open 11am to 2am 7 days a week, and is located at 1456 Champa St, Denver CO 80202.

By
Rose Freitas Robinson

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Student Choice: CSE Student survey

Under 21 clubs

1. The Church
2. Vinyl

	Shopping Centers
1	Cherry Creek Mall
2	Park Meadows Mall
3	Castle Rock Outlets
4	16th Street

Night Clubs:

1. Suite 200
2. Lavish

Student choice for Bars:

1. Marrakech Hooka Bar
2. Hard Rock Cafe

Best places to watch soccer games
England Pub, British Bulldog, Dick's Sporting Goods in Park Meadows

Best places to play soccer in Denver
City Park, Washington Park, Colorado Amateur Soccer League

Best Restaurants in Denver

Cheesecake Factory
McDonald's
Indian Restaurant
Yard House
Chili's
Marrakech
Chipotle
Smash Burger
Hard Rock Café
Al Basha Restaurant
Pho China



Student Choice: Best Place to Eat Lunch Near CSE

Food Court
16th Street Mall
Pizza Hut
Chipotle
Subway
Chili's
Smash Burger



States to Visit on Summer Break

1. California
2. Florida
3. New York
4. Nevada
5. Washington DC
6. Arizona
7. Texas
8. Alaska
9. Massachusetts
10. Michigan