Winter Carnival

Students, staff, and faculty enjoy a snowy day on campus with ice skating, hot chocolate, and waffles!
All over the world, people like to spend their time having fun and enjoying their free time. Some of them are students who want to relax and have a delightful day, and many of them like to watch a movie in cinema theaters. For those students who live in Denver, you guys are so lucky since you have many options to choose from when you want to watch a movie. Denver is a great city that has lots of movie theaters, and those theaters are widespread from the north of Denver through the south. In addition, with the transportation options, you will be able to reach any of the theaters if you are living in this spectacular city. In this part of this magazine, we will introduce three kinds of cinema theaters in Denver. Where are they? What makes them special? What are some of the websites and apps for finding great movies? What are the top ten movies people may like?

1. United Artists Colorado Center 98 Imax

This theater is located in the middle of Denver near the University of Denver. What makes this theater special, besides its fabulous location, it has lots of technological tools, and you can watch movies with the latest display screens and amplifiers that have been produced. In addition, the United Artists theater is located just next to Colorado train station, so you will not face any problems reaching this theater if you are living close to any stations.

2000 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222
Everyday 11:00 AM – 11:30 PM
(844)7342-462
2- AMC Cherry Creek 8.

For those who like shopping and spending time with family or friends in malls, this theater is one of the best choices for you when you plan to watch a movie and to go shopping at the same time in Denver. Also, in the middle of Denver, this theater is located on the second floor in the Cherry Creek mall. Moreover, Cherry Creek is a great and spectacular mall that has many of stores, restaurants and facilities that can be useful for you.

Cherry Creek Shopping Center, 3000 E 1st Ave, Denver, CO 80206
(303)0530-393

3- Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.

The Alamo Drafthouse is one of the greatest movie theaters in Denver since it has many advantages for those who want to relax, eat and watch a movie at the same time. You absolutely can order a meal from one of the many restaurants that exist in this theater, and your meal will be served by someone who comes to your table next to your seat. Moreover, the seats in this theater are recliners, which means that you are able to recline your chair to the back and relax while you are watching the movie. Finally, there is a brewhouse in the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema so that you can drink beer or whatever you wish and eat from their menu. The location of this theater is in the south of Denver, and there are some stores around it, so it wouldn't be a bad idea if you want to go shopping.

Aspen Grove, 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120
(303) 730-2470
3 Websites and Apps for Finding Great Movies
By Amaal Daghistani

Choose one of the websites or Apps below and follow the steps to find movies with their prices and tickets.

**Redbox**

Redbox rents DVDs, Blu-rays, and video games. It is funded by McDonald's Corporation. You can rent and watch movies by choosing the nearest box to you. The Redbox Kiosks can be found in supermarkets, such as Safeway, Walmart, and King Soopers, as well as in McDonald's restaurant.

The steps to find movies:
2- Click on MOVIES in the top and choose New Movies, Recently Released Movies, or Games.
3- Click on HOLD DVD FOR PICKUP or HOLD BLU-RAY FOR PICKUP.
4- Put your address to find the nearest box.

*If you Create an Account, you can:*
1- Reserve discs ahead of time.
2- Build your wish list.
3- Keep track of your rentals.
4- Get coupons via email.

**Fandango**


The steps to find movies and tickets:
1- Go to the website or open the app on IPhone.
2- See all kinds of movies and pick one. (you can also see NEW + COMING SOON movies).
3- Click on your favorite movie or any movie you want to watch it.
4- Read movie description or watch trailer.
5- Click on movie times + tickets in the top.
6- Select a movie time to buy tickets.
7- Select the type of ticket for Adult, Senior, or child.
8- Create your account and put your email to get confirmation.
9- Pay your ticket by credit card or Visa.
10- You’ll get a confirmation on your email.
11- Print at the theater or at home, or you can use an electronic ticket on your phone.
**IMDB**

The Internet Movie Database (IMDB) is an online database for movies, television, and video games. IMDB can serve you to choose your movies, watch trailers, and compare prices between all theaters in Denver, CO.


**The steps to find movies and tickets:**

1. Go to the website or open the app on IPhone.
2. Click on Movies, TV, or Showtimes.
3. Click on your favorite movie or any movie you want to watch it.
4. Read movie description or watch trailer.
5. Then choose any theater near you.
6. You will see theaters’ names, locations, and Showtimes.
7. When you found the best one, click on GET TICKETS.
8. Select date and Showtime as you want.
9. Select the type of ticket for Adult, Senior, or child.
10. Create your account and put your email to get confirmation.
11. Pay your ticket by credit card or Visa.
12. You’ll get a confirmation on your email.
Public transportation in Denver
“You can get pretty anywhere in The Mile High City (Denver) by light rail or bus. (www.denver.org)” Now, with such convenient public transportation, here is an interesting place that can help you spend your weekend with sunshine and give yourself a deep, as well as meaningful, introspection. It is Washington Park!

Introduction of Washington Park
According to the Washington Park official web-page, it states that “Washington Park and Recreation understands that important of recreation and leisure activities and the role it plays to improving the quality of life to the citizens of Denver. Washington Park and Recreation is responsible for managing a wide range of recreation and leisure facilities on behalf of the citizens of Denver.” (If you want to get more information about this beautiful park, you can check this link: http://www.washpark.com/info/denver-parks-and-recreation/)

What can you do in Washington Park?
Washington Park is a neighborhood-park where a lot of people walk or ride bikes; also, this park is a city park, and many people drive here and enjoy the whole the day. Going by my own experience, last week I went to Washington Park with my sister and where I could not forget the feeling of freedom. I finished my homework in the park; this is an amazing place to do research because people there are friendly and enthusiastic. I saw people were playing volleyball and American football on the green-clean lawn with their children while others were ridding bikes on the straight-smooth street with their friends; some people were running with their dogs near the expansive lake, while others were chatting with old friends about the wonderful sunshine. I just walked along the sparkling lake and fed the ducks, I mean you can image how cheerful people were in Washington Park.
Transportation

How to get Washington Park, you have some options:

1) If you live on campus, especially in Towers, it only takes 12 minutes to get there by foot, and here is the map:

2) You can take public transportation such as light rail or bus, and here is the example of taking bus to get Washington Park:

Tips: I strongly suggest you to download a Google Map and check your destination on the Google Map which you can find many different ways to get everywhere in Denver. I hope you can enjoy yourself in Washington Park.
Denver Center for the Performing Arts

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts was founded in 1972 and provides a variety of performance experiences such as Opera, Musical Theatre, Drama, Ballet and Symphony, and other shows each year to give you the best experience of performing arts. Also, there are some programs you can join and have fun like Broadway ticket package which is the spectacular touring entertainment, Cabaret is about powerful, personal plays & musicals; Cabaret, Casual & fun shows with bar service and to give surprising new theatrical experiences. In addition, the Denver Center for the Performing Arts supports both adult and child classes to people such as “Introduction to Acting,” “Scene Study,” and “Shakespeare’s Text.” If you sign up become the membership of DCPA, you can always get low price ticket for their events. Thus, come to DCPA to enjoy the performing arts!

Museum of Nature & Science

If you want to know more about Colorado and the world, you definitely need to go there. This Museum can tell you not only the local Colorado natural and scientific knowledge but also about other interesting issue in science and nature such as the collection about black holes, the solar system, aliens and the discovery of dreams. There’s a cool program called “The Snow mastodon Project.” According to the Museum of Nature & Science website “In October 2010, a bulldozer operator working near a Colorado ski area uncovered the tusk of a young female mammoth. Over the next 10 months, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science conducted its largest-ever fossil excavation, yielding a treasure trove of well-preserved Ice Age fossils. Museum crews uncovered 5,000 bones of 41 kinds of Ice Age animals, including mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths, camels, deer, horses, and giant bison. The preserved series of Ice Age fossil ecosystems is one of the most significant fossil discoveries ever made in Colorado. This discovery at Ziegler Reservoir near Snowmass Village will change forever our understanding of alpine life in the Ice Age. “ Also, you can see and talk to the real scientists who work in the museum; they are doing the scientific discovery and research around Colorado. For students, there are a lot of events you can join with very cheap tickets. Being part of the adventure to explore science and nature, go to the Museum of Nature & Science.
The first restaurant that I want to talk is called “Golden Shang Hai”. This restaurant also serve many traditional Chinese food. I like this restaurant because when I first time come to Denver my friend take me went to this restaurant, and I really like the food that they serve their. This restaurant is not like China Jade, the food of there is not really spicy and they also serve traditional Chinese soup there. Also this restaurant is more cheaper than the China Jade, it’s cost about $20 for each person. When we go to there the waiter always gave us some good advice about which food is good. I really recommend that people try the soup of this restaurant, because is really delicious and tasty. If you want you can go with

Golden Shang Hai

Address: 1412 S parker Rd A134 Denver Co 80231
Business hours: Monday-Sunday 11AM-9.30PM
Number: 303 743 9079
The second restaurant around Denver that I want to talk is China Jade. This restaurant also has a Chinese name called “Chuan Wei Xuan.” This restaurant serve a lots of traditional Chinese food, but many food are spicy. If you like to eat some spicy Chinese food, China Jade is the best place to go. Many Chinese people go to there to enjoy the food, also many Americans go to China Jade too. Usually my friends and I go to China Jade for Dinner, because this restaurant cook tradition Chinese food that is similar to what we eat in China. My favorite dishes of China Jade is Lamb shashlik ($2 each), crispy duck ($15), and spicy crab ($25-30). I really recommend people try it.

The price of this restaurant is not really expensive, it’s cost about $25 per person. The service attitude of this restaurant is really good, they are very kind person. The customer review on the google maps of this restaurant is 4.2 out of 5, that is a really high evaluation. So I recommend you can go there with your friends and enjoy the food that they serve there.

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The best traditional Chinese food in Denver is Star Kitchen. Even though there are lots of Chinese restaurant in Denver, most of them are American Chinese food. Every day before 2pm, Star Kitchen provides a special type of food which is popular in the South of China called Dim Sum. As you come into the restaurant, you can see lots of waiters who are walking around with trolleys which have some small plates of food and steamer baskets. You can choose anything you want by yourself. I strongly recommend the steamed shrimp dumpling. You can see the shrimp inside the dumplings is crystal clear. For dinner, Star Kitchen provides lots of traditional Chinese food especially seafood. The fried lobster is my favorite. This lobster covered with fried salt and the shell is really fragile because of the long time cooking. Furthermore, there are different kinds of living fishes for you to choose from. They cook the fish by the Chinese traditional way of steam. After they steam the fish, they will put soy sauce and onion on it and you can feel the original taste of a fresh fish.

In addition to the food, I want to give you some advices for you to have a better experiences there. First of all, you better go there before 10am if you do not want to stay in line and wait for 30 minutes. The restaurant won’t be very crowded at 2pm. Moreover, when we go to restaurant, most of Chinese always wash the bowls and cups with the hot tea they provide. But you can decide whether you want to do it or not. When waiters come around with the little trolleys, they probably recommend you lots of foods and you can ignore them because they want you to buy as much as you can. The best way to have a quiet and nice meal is to choose what you want. Overall, they do not have lots of rules and hope you can have a nice day there.

Location 2917 W Mississippi Ave, Denver, CO80219
My top 10 movies  By Mohammad Alzuabi

There are a lot of great and box office movies that have been made throughout the movie making industry, but in this article I'm going to name my top ten movies of all time.

10) starting with the tenth place movie which is Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows Part 2 that was directed by David Yates. It’s a fantasy movie and was released in 2011. In general, the movie shows to us the epic battle between Lord Voldemort who is the prince of darkness and the young Harry Potter who is one of the most famous wizard in Hogwarts.

9) In the ninth place is The Terminator which is a science fiction action movie directed by James Cameron. and it’s about a cyborg that was created in the future to go back in the past to protect Sarah Connor and Kyle Reese from Skynet, which is an intelligence system that sent a cyborg assassin to kill them because their expected son will fight Skynet in the future.

8) And in the eighth place is Dumb And Dumber. I think that Dumb And Dumber is one of the funniest movie that I have ever seen, It’s directed by Peter Farrely and Bobby Farrell and was released in 1994. Starring one of the funniest movie stars in the world, Jim Carrey, and Jeff Daniels, the movie talks about two simpleminded best friends that find a suitcase full of money left in their car by a women. Then, the action starts as they travel to give the women her suitcase.

7) In the seventh place is Toy Story. This movie is different from the other movies in the list because it's an animated movie that I consider one of the best animated movies ever. due to the amazing characters and script. It was released in 1995 and directed by John Lasseter, the movie talks about a friendly cowboy named Woody (Tom Hanks) and the enthusiastic Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) who are Andy’s toys trying to escape from Sid who is Andy's neighbor and meet again with Andy.

6) In the sixth place is I Am Legend, it was released in 2007 and this movie stars Will Smith who is Robert Neville as genius scientist who works for the U.S army. The movie start when the scientists try to create a cure for cancer. But instead, they created a horrible disease which is a vital virus that turns human beings to mutants or in other words to zombies. Therefore, Neville stayed in New York alone to find a cure for this virus and trying to find survivors to help them.

5) In the fifth place is The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King this movie was released in 2003 and directed by Peter Jackson. It’s a fantasy movie that talks about a great clash between the power of the darkness and the power of the light and how Lord Sauron, gather his powerful army to attack the kingdom of Gondor, and how the people defend their kingdom.

4) In the fourth place is Titanic. Its an epic romance movie that was released in 1997 and directed by James Cameron. The movie talks about one of the most famous ships in the world and was considered to be one of the most indulgent ship in it’s day and the movie is about the romance between Jack and Rose.

3) In the third place is The Shawshank Redemption,. It was released in 1994 and it’s a drama movie directed by Frank Darabont. And staring Tim Robbins who is a accused of killing his wife and her boyfriend and sentenced to jail for life. Then, he helped the warden in exchange for the warden to give him a better life in prison because it's a tough prison.

2) In the second place is The Godfather. It was released in 1974 and directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Its a mob drama movie and focuses on shining light on the Italian mafia especially on the Corleone family as their family business is passed from Don Veto (Marlon Brando) to his son Michael (Al Pacino).

1) And the first place goes to The Dark Knight. Its the greatest movie of all time due to the extraordinary graphics and the remark-
"I realize the differences now, and I like ELC and all my teachers "that's what the new student at the ELC said. Busra has a Bachelor's degree in Advertising, and she is planning to study Master's degree in Research Methods and Statistics at the University Of Denver. She had studied English for one year before she came to study at the ELC. One of the current problems for her is that she is thinking a lot about her grammar when she speaks, and that makes her do some little mistakes. Bushra didn't want to study English in her country because that would not have helped her with speaking English. Also, she feels her language skills are developing faster in America, and she likes all her teachers at ELC because they are helpful and understanding. In the past, she didn't know how to ski, but she learned how to do it when she came to the U.S. Nowadays, she likes to ski a lot because it is an amazing activity, and she is able to talk with many people in the mountains. Even though she was uncomfortable with going to restaurants at the beginning of her life in America, she became a Cheesecake Factory lover. Also, She started to watch American football games after she came to America.

GyungTai Min is my friend in Advanced Low Oral class. He is from Korea and has been in Denver for six months. He is a friendly and humorous man. He was transferred to Denver because he is interested in majoring in advertising. He was already going to college in Korea. To compare the Denver public transportation and Korean public transportation, he said that Korea transportation is more convenient than Denver transportation because he can go anywhere by Korean public transportation. But Denver transportation has only six lines and it is not easy to go around Denver without a car. When we discussed about the ELC teacher, he said that they are really good and professional, and kind to have a conversation with, but lots of homework is not good. He thinks the classes are active and interesting. His hobbies are skiing and lifting weights. He missed his hometown, his friends and his family. In addition, I asked him how about the food, “do you miss your hometown food?” He told me that he can buy Korean food in H mart, so he does not really miss it. Finally, I told him to give some suggestions for the new students in the ELC. He said it is important to make more friends because that is good way to improve your English and have fun.

Abdulelah is an optimistic guy who enjoys making friends from different countries. Before he came to U.S, he thought the U.S. was a country which was not that safe like in the movies. But now, after he has been studying in DU for three months, he thinks DU is a nice place where everyone is helpful and enthusiastic. The 24 hours campus security guards can guarantee his safety. Unlike most international students who just came here, he prefers to make friends with people who have different culture backgrounds. He has lots of friends from America, China and Middle East. They always hang out such as having dinner at Chinese and the Middle East restaurants and tell each other about their culture. In addition to making friend, he also studies hard at ELC. Even though sometimes there is lots of homework from several classes, he always finishes it in time and his English skills are much better than when he just arrived at DU.
Jumanah is a nice lady and good student. She has scholarship from her government because of her outstanding academic performance in her country. Her family is pretty wealthy; her father is a pilot in military; mother is a professor in a university. She also has three brothers and two sisters. It has been one year since she moved into Denver. She made a lot of friends here and likes to hang out with them. Swimming is her favorite sport and she swims a lot at her home. She likes to work with machine, so she wants to study mechanical engineering and get a master degree of that. Then she would be like to go back to Kuwait for working as mechanical engineering. She has some suggestions for students who just start their journals in ELC. First one is to follow the rules of ELC, don't break any rule. Second one is working harder. Last one is to respect.

Abdullah is a new student at the ELC program and he is 25 years old. He has been studying English in the U.S. for more than a year and half. In his leisure time, he likes playing sports, such as tennis, soccer, and ping pong. He is addicted to coffee, so he enjoys going to Starbucks. He has chosen the ELC for three main reasons. First, the ELC is one of the best English programs in the U.S., since it has really a long history in teaching English. Second, the teachers at the ELC are considered to be a crucial factor, which has been giving the ELC its success and shine. They motivate and inspire students to be successful in English. Third, the DU has a great environment, where students can find comfortable buildings to do their homework and study easily and effectively. After he completes the ELC, he will study at the Daniels Business School at the University of Denver. His ultimate goal in life is to be a successful professor and an influential person in the field of accounting.

Majed Alqathani is a student at the ELC, and he is married with 3 kids (2. boys-1. girl). He has a B.S degree from King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals. Majed has been in the U.S for almost a year, but this is his first quarter at the ELC. His last position was Operation Manager, with 12 years’ experience in Electricity Company in Saudi Arabian. The most interesting thing that has happed in Denver to Majed was when his kids started to go to school and began to learn English there. Also, when he arrived at Denver, the most difficult things he faced with his family are they needed some time to get used to the life here, because they didn’t know anyone and they didn’t know the city. Majed likes to go to restaurants, and his two favorite restaurants are Olive Garden and Mad Greens, because he feels safe eating in them. He likes Denver so far because of the mild weather and he likes cold weather. One accomplishment that Majed wants in his life is to become executive in a leading company, so he will live a better life in the future. Also, at the same time he want his
Her nickname is Phoebe. She is a friendly girl and she likes to make new friends. She has already been in Denver for almost five months. This is her first time to come to Denver. She chose the University of Denver because there are many challenges and opportunities to have a good future. In addition, the weather is the same in Denver as in her hometown in Gansu province. Watching movies, going shopping and climbing are her favorite hobbies. She told me she took a trip with her friends during winter vacation which was interesting and exiting. One problem she has encountered while living in U.S would be speaking English. She said she went to a restaurant, but she couldn’t understand the menu. She also likes Chinese food which is very delicious and misses so much. At the ELC, Oral Communication Skills is her favorite class. Because the class can help her improve communication skills and pronunciation.

ChunYu is an 19-year-old boy who has been at the ELC for almost two quartets. He has built many new friendship in Denver and he showed his strong love in his new friends, as well as the ELC. On the one hand, he has many friends in Denver and he likes to play computer games with his friends when he feels exhausted and tired from his studies after class. He states that he can learn some English words, leadership and cooperation from the computer games, so his life in Denver is very meaningful. Moreover, he wants to make some American friends to improve his English. On the other hand, he realizes that he spends a really fantastic time studying in the ELC because the teachers help him a lot. They teach him how to prepare well for time management and achieve the balance between studying and the fun time. Furthermore, he believes that the ELC supports him to achieve his goals by teaching him some basic writing and reading skills which make him become a better student. Over all, ChunYu Liu loves his experience in the ELC and he feels thankful about all he has.
MengFan Weng has been in Denver for 2 years, and when she first time came here, she joined the ELC. A half-year ago, she graduated from the ELC. Now she is a freshman at the University of Denver and studying finance right now. The reasons of why she came to Denver because of the good environment, and nice friendly people, but the most important reason is that the University of Denver is very famous. MengFan Weng has been to many places around Colorado such as Aspen where she went to there for watch the autumn leaves and to skiing. When I ask about her college life, she told me she has 16 hours of class each week which she feels is acceptable. During her free-time, she likes to play video games, watch some funny videos, and communicate with her friends. After she graduate from University of Denver. She will go back to China and help her parents.

An undergraduate student at DU, Claire was born in Visalia, California which has lovely ample sunshine. Almost one year ago, she graduated from her high school and chose to come to Denver to start her new adventure. The University of Denver became her first choice to study in Hospitality program. Also, Denver is an attractive city that’s gorgeous with outside and inside, and very different with her hometown. For now, she’s learning Chinese as her second language to help with her major and goals of her career—study abroad in China and perhaps work and live in China. The reason why she chose China as her future home because of the cultural history. Both the developing Hospitality market and it’s new international standing are really responsible for her dream and interests.

He name is Yuanyang Li, is a senior at DU. He has been in Denver for 4 years and he is a finance major. When he first came to the U.S., he couldn’t speak English well. Also, he told me that one of the main challenges for him was to understand what the professors said in class. He had a good way to solve that problem, which is recording these lectures and listening to it after class. He thinks it is a really good solution for every foreigner who wants to learn English well. In his spare time, he likes to ski a lot. One interesting thing is that he likes football and basketball a lot, but he doesn’t like to play either by himself. Just like every teenager, he likes to play video games as well. When I asked him about communicating with people from different culture background, he told me a lot of ways that he uses to make friends with people from other countries. He said that the most important factor is that when you try to make friends with others, you should be nice and friendly, and don’t be afraid of talking in English.
**Meghan Balderston**

**USA**

**Teacher**

Meghan Balderston is a senior teacher in the ELC. She was born in Montana, and she was an undergraduate in city Spokane, Washington where she earned a bachelor degree in English. After that, she pursued a master degree in Applied Linguistics. She has been teaching English to international students for over 12 years. She has taught English in Montana, Tokyo, and now she has been teaching in the ELC for over five years. She always focuses on teaching English. In her spare time, she is preparing to have baby No.2 now. She loves playing tennis, and watching tennis matches. She loves crafts, and sometimes she makes small cars. In the future, she wants to develop her teaching skills, and take more classes to be more professional. Her favorite thing to do in Denver is going to downtown in weekends, and she has tried a lot of restaurants. Also, she likes to go to the Rocky Mountains and climb mountain with her family. She loves her job! She loves teaching international students, because she can learn a lot from international students. She thinks sometimes she does a lot, but she is never done with her job. She thinks the feature of ELC students’ are unique, and international students make not only the ELC diverse, but also DU. She gives some advice to the ELC students that it is important to take a break in order to relax a few minutes, such as going to the gym, going for a walk, or going shopping. It is also a way to improve English rather than just studying.

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**Tim Robinson**

**USA**

**Teacher**

Tim is one of the excellent teachers at the ELC. He has been teaching for about 16-17 years now. He has taught many different types of students of all different age groups and native languages. Before he teaches any class, he prepares well. He looks at the language goals and language outcomes; these manage that what he wants students to achieve. So, he looks at those goals and then sets a certain objective for the class. Also, he creates a certain syllabus and course outline for the class. He looks at the course list of students, where they are from, what type of language they have, and then this determines certain types of classroom management in terms of group work, etc. He is a flexible and transparent teacher. He always tells students everything that he is doing. If they are confused or need more information, they can come to him, email him, or talk to him in his office. For assessing students skills in Oral Communication class, student assessment tends to be speaking and listening type of assessments. The listening activities are academic lectures, so the students should take notes to remember in the content to answer questions. Regards to speaking, he focuses on organization of thought. He is able to create more cooperation in class, and gives more power to students.

Tim does more than teach classes. He also takes classes, studies education, goes to conferences, learns about the teaching profession, and tries to learn more to be better. He is married and has a young daughter. He loves outdoors, mountain, skiing, and movies.
ELC Teachers
Virtual Reality

Have you ever thought about seeing the world at your home or experiencing new worlds from your home? Right now it’s possible to see worlds that you yourself create or someone else builds to experience the life there. It all thanks to the virtual reality technology it made us see many things, at the same time the virtual world feels like it’s real, and people could have fun with it. Nowadays many companies are creating games for people to have fun with companies are taking VR seriously from a development perspective as a result. According to IGN, a gaming, technology and news source they said “A team of 12 developers at Epic spent 10 weeks developing Bullet Train, a five-minute action game demo using Oculus Touch to let players aim, shoot, and navigate a VR space filled with enemies”. As far as people see, the VR had become really popular around the world, it made thing really interesting to have fun with.

Virtual reality can be referred to as immersive multimedia and computer simulated reality. It started as a military training to make the soldiers better and not waste any bullets, and it was really safe for them. As it continued to become better, other people tried to make other use for the VR by making it much better and made it fun to use. It also has simulation and focused on real sound through speakers and headphones that will make people feel like it’s real.

Games have started to play a really good role on the Virtual reality Each day, it becomes better and better. As we see the news articles, they are started to spread around the world in the gaming sections that show us how works and how to fun with. Therefore people could enjoy with their friends when they play together in different ways. If you use the VR, you could create a character, and chat with your friends online while playing with them. So, if you ever think of baying it, you need to make sure to choose the right game in order to enjoy it.

There are many reasons why you should buy a VR machine if you wish to experience new worlds. First, if you want to visit a country but you are not sure about it, you could use the VR to see that and decide country if it’s enjoyable or not. Also, if you were a gamer and love to play new kind of games you use the VR to make your game exciting to play. At the same time, you could always play games with better quality to make it feel realistic. In addition, the VR can always be fun to use or see a new country that you have never seen before.
Electric Car – Tesla

The company name of Tesla car is “Tesla Motors, Inc.”. This company is an American automotive and energy storage company; it designs, produces, and sell fantastic electric cars and battery products, as well as an electric vehicle system. More importantly, the CEO of this company, Elon Musk, is the founder of SpaceX and PayPal. Moreover, Tesla mainly sells two models; the model S and model X. The Model S can drive more than 500km on one charge, and accelerate from 0 to 100km/h in 3 seconds. This means the Model S can race with sport cars and may beat them with its outstanding acceleration and endurance. Furthermore, it also has four-wheel drive, thus its performance is outstanding in snows and off-road. These features are not this electric car is only capable of. Considering it uses electricity as a power source, you will be so surprised what more it can do. Tesla cars can automatically drive. The model X is a SUV, can drive more than 470 km on one charge, and accelerates from 0 to 100km/h in 3.4. Secondly, it has 7 persons seating and two big trunks, which is unbelievable because on other SUVs actually has two trunks. The Model X is the first electric vehicle that has a two tones towing capacity, which means you can save plenty of money on gasoline if you are an outdoor fan.

In addition to its outstanding performance and space, these cars can contribute to the environment by reducing carbon dioxide output. The tesla cars are fully running by electric power, which means they do not need any gasoline to drive. Traditional cars, which are using gasoline as the fuel source, produce 800g CO2 per km in average, because the engine of the car needs to light the gasoline to generate the power to push the car, and the gasoline produces tones of carbon dioxide after it burns. On the other hand, electric cars, such as Tesla, do not need to use gasoline to produce power to drive the car, because they use the clean and green electric power to accelerate the car, and produce no carbon dioxide.

Tesla is an expensive car, so just few people can afford to purchase Tesla. At the end of this article, here are some affordable and lovely electric cars that you can drive.

Renault Twizy, it’s 100% electric and has two seats. This car just can drive 50 miles on one charge, so it’s good for city driving, such as driving to school or supermarket. The price is $9,600 and you can find it on eBay.

Renault Zoe, is a cute, fully electric, affordable car with a good driving mileage. It has 5 seats and can drive for 130 miles on one charge. It sells for $ 18,728. If you want a good-looking and great mileage car, this is your best option.

Toyota Prius, is a normal model that people normally choose because its
The Denver Nuggets is a famous American professional basketball team in Denver, Colorado. It belongs to the Northwest Division of the Western Conference in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Their home stadium is the Pepsi Center. The Denver Nuggets is an old team which was founded in 1967. The Nuggets changed its name to the Rockets when it was in the America Basketball Association. But it changed its name back to the Nuggets in 1974 and joined in NBA in 1976 because they didn’t want to use the same name as the Houston Rockets. The team colors are light blue, yellow gold, navy and white. Currently, the head coach is Michael Malone. There are many famous players in the Nuggets, such as Danilo Gallinari, Emmanuel Mudiay, Danilo Gallinari is an Italian professional basketball player for the Denver Nuggets. His nickname is Gallo and the name in Italian means "rooster”. He mainly plays at the small forward position. He is regarded as one of the most talented players in Italy.
In addition, Chinese students know a lot of knowledge about Mudiay because before he came to the NBA, he played in the China Basketball Association. He played really well on Guang Dong Team, but unfortunately, he faced an injury and could not play.

When I was in primary school, George Karl came to Denver Nuggets and was the head coach; he was a good coach and was really good at making strategy. When Iverson came to Denver, I was very excited and expected he could make a connection with Carmelo Anthony. Iverson was so good that the team made it to the playoffs. In 2006-2008, Iverson and Anthony played three great seasons; they always got 50 points together. The team was very good, because they had Iverson, J R Smith, Anthony and Kenyon Martin. Although they played very well, they could not get the championship after 2008. When Chauncey Billups came to the Nuggets, it became one of the strongest team in west. They got the 54 wins and 28 losses and got a really good record in NBA. They got into the playoffs, but lost in the western championship.

Currently, the Nuggets have Emmanuel Mudiay, Danillo Gallinari and Kenneth Faried. They are really famous and really good at team work. I remembered that the first time I went to Pepsi Center and watched their game. I really love to see the dunk by Faried and the three point shot from Gallinari. Although they are not good enough in Western and at the bottom in the NBA now. The players in the team are very young, Emmanuel Mudiay is only 19 years old now, and many professional reporters said that he can be the super star in the future. I believe that Mudiay can lead the Nuggets to become one of the strongest basketball team in NBA.
The New York Knicks
By Boyang Zhang

The New York Knicks is one of the oldest team in NBA. In the history of New York Knicks, they had eight times to get into the NBA Championship game, but have only won the Championship twice. In 1969-1970 they won the Championship game because of the great player Willis Reed Jr. Reed was one of the great centers in NBA league, but because of an injury he only played 11 years with the Knicks. In 1972-1973, the Knicks won the Championship game with Reed. After Reed retired, the Knicks had many long years before they could get into the play off again.

However, in 1985-1989, the Knicks received the great opportunity because of the bad season: they got the first pick of the NBA Draft Lottery. They choose the famous center Patrick Ewing, who in his first season got 20 points per game and 9 rebounds per game, and he won the NBA Rookie of the Year Award. He played very well and led the Knicks. He won many games in his career, but never won the Championship. So after 2000, Ewing choose to go to another team, so the Knicks lost their superstar and dropped to the bottom in the league. In 2003-2008, the Knicks got another opportunity: they use a trade to get a famous player Isiah Thomas. He was a point guard and he played really well but the Knicks still could not win the Championship game.

After that, the Knicks were been rebuilding until Carmelo Anthony arrived. He is one of the famous players in the league now, and he is one of the best small forwards. When he came to Knicks, all the Knicks fans were super crazy and they thought that they will won the Championship and get back to the top of the league. Although Anthony has played very well, the team only has
Anthony and he cannot support the team only by himself. So in 2015-2016, they used the six pick in the first NBA Draft Lottery and choose Porzingis Kristaps from Latvia. But when the Knicks picked Kristaps, all the Knicks fans were super crazy, but not because they like this player. They super dislike this player because he is from overseas. But when the season started, Kristaps played really well and mad many Knicks fans surprised and changed a lot of people’s hearts. Many fans even thought he could be another super star in the Knicks.

Unfortunately, Knicks still are in the bottom of the league but one day, they will come to the top and get into the play offs. Nowadays, they have Anthony, Kristaps, Galloway and Afflalo. With this team, they can get a good grades in the future.
The History of Super Bowl
by QIN YAN

The Super Bowl is an annual football championship game for The National Football League. The Super Bowl usually takes place on the Sunday of the last week of January or the first week of February, and the old name of the Super bowl was the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. Why the name changed to Super Bowl? In the past, there was a player who said that his kids called the football as “super ball” so he suggests to change the name of the American football game to “The Super Bowl”.

The Super Bowl

In addition, many Americans love watching the Super bowl and there are also many crazy fans who love football very much. Moreover, if one football team wants to play the Super Bowl, the team need to win its league, and there are two league in America, which is the American Football Conference and the National Football League. If a team wins the Super Bowl game, the team will get the trophy. According to Wikipedia, before the Super Bowl of 2016, the American Football Conference champion had won 26 times the Super bowl and the National Football League champion had won 23 times the Super bowl. There are many American football teams in the US, so it is hard to win the Super Bowl.
The Denver Broncos

The Denver Broncos is a professional American football team, and the Denver Broncos was founded in 1960. What’s more, the Denver Broncos have won the super bowl three times, which were 1998, 1999 and 2015. There have been three very famous players in the history of the Denver Broncos, which are Willie Brown, Tony Dorsett and John Elway who have already retired. In the Super Bowl of 1998 and 1999, the Denver Broncos depended on the effort of the quarterback- John Elway, and he was born on June 28 in 1960. What’s more, John Elway is current Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager of the Denver Broncos. Currently, there is a famous player on the team who is the quarterback of the team, his name is Peyton Williams Manning. He has helped the Denver Broncos a lot. For example, he had leaded the Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl of 2015. All of fans of Denver Broncos love him. however, he is old now, and he may retire in this year or next year. In addition, the team colors of the Denver Broncos are mainly orange and blue, and the symbol of the team is a horse. Moreover, the owner of the team is Pat Bowlen, but he is very sick now, he cannot work on the team and John Elway is taking his place now. Nowadays, there are many fans of the Denver Broncos, and when the Denver broncos won the Super Bowl of 2015, there were many huge parties with over million people celebrating in downtown Denver.
The Celebration of Broncos

BY Yanyi Gong

In February 7th 2016, which was Super Bowl 50 Sunday, the Denver Broncos beat the Panthers 24-10 in Super Bowl 50 at Levi’s Stadium, California, winning their first Super Bowl title since Super Bowl XXXIII. Some people said that if you had been watching the Broncos this season, there were no surprises in Super Bowl 50 that they could win. Everyone fan was proud of them. Crazy fans from all over the city and country participated in the Broncos parade in the Denver downtown to welcome the Lombardi Trophy and the parade was like a big party. The Broncos parade was beginning on 17th Street, turned down Broadway and end at Civic Center Park. The celebration and parade were free and open to the public.

The parade was held at Civic Center Park which was presented by U.S. Bank, the City and County of Denver, VISIT DEVER and other community partners. Denver mayor Michael Hancock said that there was an estimated one million people in the parade. There were also a few famous figure celebrating the Broncos victory. For example, Peyton Manning was in parade; he was a part of the quarterbacks caravan. And President Barack Obama honored Peyton Manning and linebacker Von Miller when he invited the Broncos to go to white House.
As an international student in Denver, I was recommended to attend in the parade. The festivities began on Tuesday after they won, and the parade began at afternoon. Michael Hancock, the Denver mayor and John Hickenlooper, Colorado governor was all in attendance. I went there with my friends after class. I remembered that everyone was cheering. Police in Denver closed some roads in downtown Lo-Do and blocked off the traffic in downtown. People celebrated in their own ways. Everyone adorned in orange and blue wearing Broncos T-shirts, hats and sweatshirts. Some of them climbed the trees and shouted. Some of them put their heads out of their cars’ sun-roofs. And when you walked behind the procession and reached out your hands, everyone would high five your hands. There were also people whistling in their cars. Although I am not familiar with Super Bowl, I felt happy and it was unforgettable. I also asked my teachers in the ELC what’s the meaning of Broncos winning, they said they had focused on this season since it began, and they were really proud of their winning. What’s more, they recommend that we should focus more about American hot spots and take part in more activities like this. In addition, I had never experienced such grand spectacle since I came to the United States.

Now, the Broncos will begin preparing for a new season.
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