

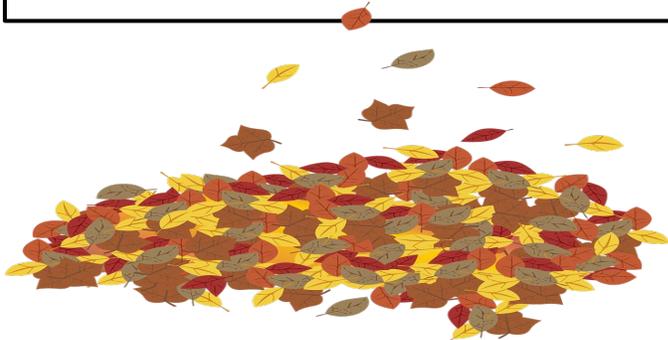
CEDAR CHIPS

A Look Inside the Turkey Farming Industry

By Rowan G.

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As the symbol of one of our most cherished holidays, it has become a tradition for American families to feast on a turkey during Thanksgiving. Each year, tens of millions of these birds arrive on dinner tables, causing the U.S. to become the largest producer of turkeys in the world. However, how has the industry managed to fulfill such massive demand?

Poultry farms have managed to maximize their efficiency by utilizing a variety of methods. With practices such as selective breeding and fattening, turkeys can grow larger, which allows more people to be fed by a single bird. For example, farmers have developed specialized feeds in order to maximize the plumpness of each turkey.

In addition to these aforementioned practices, the life and death of birds is heavily systematic, being crafted for maximum efficiency. The breeding and birthing process is optimized by using tools such as incubators, while slaughter of birds is performed in an assembly line-like process.

However, the industry and the technology it uses has been a cause of concern from many people. Turkeys can think and feel pain, and the moral implications of routinely killing living beings for consumption can be uncomfortable. Furthermore, the crowded conditions within many turkey farms can increase the rate of disease among the birds, and many people fear that these diseases could spread to humans, causing an outbreak.

Thankfully, however, the conditions of turkeys may improve. Figures such as Temple Grandin have lobbied for the more humane treatment of farm animals, and new legislation is being developed by organizations around the world. After all, the contributions of these animals are something to be truly thankful for.

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The History of the iPad

By Tristan M.

Tablets have been a very popular electronic gadget for some time now, but Apple's iPad was when they really started to become massive with the mainstream. The iPad is a tablet that has many of the same capabilities of the iPhone, but with its big screen and a size that is easy to handle, it's no wonder it became as popular as it was with people around the world.

So, how did the iPad come to be? Let's go back all the way back to 2004. Although the iPad was eventually released in 2010, and Apple had been experimenting with tablets since the mid-1990s, designer Jonathan Ive had been making a prototype for what would become the famous tablet. And although it came out not long after the iPhone was released, it actually started development before the iPhone did. The iPad of course went through many designs and revisions, and on January 27th, 2010, the late Steve Jobs, who was the founder of Apple and its then-CEO, revealed the iPad at the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco, which was close to Apple's headquarters in Silicon Valley.

Preorders for the iPad then started two months later, and on April 3rd 2010, the iPad was released to the public. The first iPads were flawed (the earliest iPads only had Wi-Fi support, and didn't have any offline support until months later), but they did not take long to become highly successful, and over one million iPads were sold in just its first three days. As a result, it did not take long for the iPad to become one of the biggest focuses for Apple, and it began to expand the iPad very quickly.

The iPad has gone through many revisions and models over the years, starting with the iPad 2 in March of 2011. Since its release, Apple has sold over 425 million iPads, bringing in over 7.4 billion dollars in sales. And who knows how long the iPad will go on? Maybe for decades to come for Apple.



Vaccination Mandates In Sports

By Callahan R.

Vaccine mandates have been a very controversial and sometimes heated issue. It is not only a political issue, but it has been an issue in the sports world, too. I personally think that if you can get the vaccine, you should. If you have questions about the safety of the vaccine, I highly encourage you to talk to your primary care doctor about your concerns. I think you should always have a choice on both when and if you take the vaccine.

As we come out of quarantine, sports might not seem to be the primary concern. However, the NBA was among the first leagues to open back up. Today, athletes are facing pressure to take these vaccines even more than the average person.

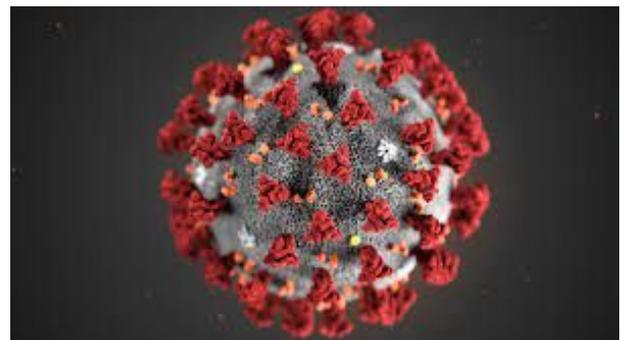
The first and probably most important athlete affected by these mandates is Kyrie Irving. If you don't know who he is, he is a professional basketball player who plays for the Brooklyn Nets. He won the NBA championship back in 2016, and is a 7x NBA All Star. Kyrie is unfortunately unable to play for the Nets this season until he gets the vaccine. This rule does not come from the Nets organization, but from the state of New York. He would also be able to play if the mayor elect Eric Adams eases the vaccine mandates. But Adams is pro vaccine, so him easing the restrictions is a big if.

The next player's situation is different from Kyrie's, but it is equally as interesting. Aaron Rodgers tested positive for COVID-19, and cannot play in week 9 against the Chiefs. He had told the media that he was vaccinated, but he then said that they didn't ask what he was vaccinated for. The team has yet to release his COVID-19 vaccination status, and Coach Matt LaFleur refuses to say anything to the media. Even though Aaron Rodgers' chance of getting seriously ill from COVID is low, he has now given Jordan Love, who is currently the backup QB for the Packers, a chance to replace him if he plays well. My issue with the Rodgers situation is the dishonesty to the media. No one is going to think less of him if he just comes out and says it, but he chose to lie and it came back to bite him.

Bradley Beal is also unvaccinated, but had a bout with COVID-19 last summer. He has not had to miss any games this season due to the issue, but with the way the NBA is cracking down on players without the vaccine, they are going to put more pressure on him. The NBA says that 90% of players have been vaccinated, but that number is sooner or later going to look like 98 or 99%.

The Detroit Red Wings forward Tyler Bertuzzi remains to be unvaccinated. He has already missed one game due to this issue but still refuses to get vaccinated. This is a big issue for the Wings, because losing him also means losing their leading scorer. The Wings are a young team, and Bertuzzi brings leadership to the team. Bertuzzi was starting to make the Wings relevant when he missed a game vs Calgary and they were blanked 3-0. That just shows how necessary he is to the Detroit Red Wings.

I think that even if you make players miss a game or mandate the vaccine, all it is going to do is create more conflict. Again, I think that everyone should have their choice on whether they take the vaccine or don't. But if you feel comfortable taking it, you definitely should.



TIPS AND TRICKS FOR UNIVERSAL STUDIOS ORLANDO



By Sophia C.

Winter break is coming up, what does that mean? Vacation! (preferably somewhere warm) My personal recommendation is Universal Studios Orlando. After recently vacationing there myself, for the ninth time, I've learned a few tips and tricks that I'd like to share with you.

Hotels

This last trip we stayed at Loews Royal Pacific Resorts because my aunt and uncle couldn't leave their furry companion behind. The Loews Royal Pacific is pet friendly and very accommodating; they even give you a pet goodie bag upon check in. It's island themed, and if you're looking for an immersive experience, then this is the place. With a moat at the front entrance and the beach in the back, this hotel is definitely an island paradise.

Though we switched it up this last trip, we usually stay at the Cabana Bay Beach Resort. This resort is fun and friendly with a 60's theme. They have fire pits and s'mores kits available in the hotel cafe. The overall atmosphere is warm and colorfully inviting.

These two hotels- along with the Hard Rock- are some of the closest to the parks. The Hard Rock is definitely more expensive than the other two.

Parks

While there are probably hundreds of tips for the parks themselves, I'm settling on three. The most important tip is definitely to stay at Universal resort hotel, this gives you access to early park admission. If you stayed at an off site hotel, you'd be flooding in with the rest of the masses at 9:00. The early park admission gets you in at 8 o'clock, before the park officially opens.

By arriving before the crowds, you can ride the designated open rides with shorter lines and wait times and explore the park before it gets overly crowded. Keep in mind, though, that only *certain* rides are running during early park admission. The rides usually open are usually in the Harry Potter section and sometimes newly opened rides will be available as well.

Rides

There are 16 rides at the Islands of Adventure and 15 at Universal Studios Florida. My personal favorites are:

The Rip-Ride Rockit (Universal Studios Florida)

You go straight up then straight down, this ride is fast and fun, with plenty of drops and loops. You even get to pick the music you listen to on the ride, choosing from good ole' rock records to hip hop hits to country classics, you'll definitely find something to amp up your ride!

The Velocicoaster (Islands of Adventure)

A *high* speed roller coaster with lots of loops and dips and you may go upside down multiple times. Themed in the raptor enclosure of Jurassic World this ride is definitely a top choice.

Hagrid's Motorbike Adventure (Islands of adventure)

This ride is completely immersive, taking you into the Forbidden Forest and along for one of Hagrid's lessons at Hogwarts.

Times to go

The best time to go may vary depending on what you're looking to do. If you want to avoid crowds, I suggest off seasons (mid-September, early October, early/mid-January). Whenever it's hot, times like spring break and summer, there will be a crowd. You could also go directly after large events hopefully avoiding the brunt of the crowds, everyone would have probably left after the festivities ended.

If you want to see decorations, I'd advise Halloween, Mardi Gras or Christmas. These are some of the park's biggest times of celebration.

Hugs

- 😊 seeing family at Thanksgiving
- 😊 eating the food!
- 😊 food & family
- 😊 apple cider & pumpkin pie
- 😊 chowing down



Hits

- 😞 driving really far to see family
- 😞 trying to get all the food done at the same time
- 😞 that annoying relative
- 😞 green beans
- 😞 chowing down too much



Top 10 Foods for the Holidays

By Rowan G.

1. Turkey
2. Pumpkin Pie
3. Ham
4. Baked Potatoes
5. Vegetable Soup
6. Salad
7. Eggnog
8. Stuffing
9. Cranberry Sauce
10. Brussels Sprouts



2000's Throwbacks

By Sophia C.

1. *Mrs. Jackson* by OutKast
2. *Crazy* by Gnarls Barkley
3. *I Write Sins Not Tragedies* by Panic! at the Disco
4. *American Boy* by Estelle
5. *Down* by Jay Sean
6. *Yeah!* By Usher
7. *Bleeding Love* by Leona Lewis
8. *Toxic* by Britney Spears
9. *Whatcha Say* by Jason Derulo
10. *Dynamite* by Taio Cruz

Jokes

By Tristan M.



1. What did the potato say to the gravy?
2. What did the apples and the pumpkins say to the pecans?
3. Why did the turkey cross the road?
4. How did the cranberries make their sauce?
5. What did the pumpkin do in the mountains?

1. I just got mashed! 2. Today was Pi Day! 3. To cross the other stuffing 4. They got turned into Jello! 5. It did a pumpkin roll.

Top 10 Most Clutch Players In NBA History

By Callahan R.

1. Michael Jordan
2. Kobe Bryant
3. Larry Bird
4. Reggie Miller
5. Magic Johnson
6. Jerry West
7. LeBron James
8. Dwyane Wade
9. Robert Horry
10. Paul Pierce



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- Baste
- Black Friday
- Casserole
- Colony
- Cranberry
- Dinner
- Family
- Feast
- Food
- Fruit
- Gobble
- Grateful
- Gravy
- Ham
- Joyful
- Mashed Potatoes
- Mayflower
- Parade
- Pilgrims
- Pumpkin Pie
- Sauce
- Stuffing
- Thanks
- Turkey

