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From the Editor

Jaiden Burger



Welcome back to Grey Matter; welcome to a new era of the club. For only the second time in the 63 years of the Grey Matter club, the entire publication is being completely run by only Grade 10 learners. Therefore, I would like to start by thanking the new committee, rest of the senior and junior reporters, and the new Grade 8 learners, for producing yet another, successful edition.

Term 2 is always a crazy term full of derbies, public holidays, tests and the big one: Reunion Week. The time seems to go by faster than you can imagine as by the time of reading this article, we are already half way through the 2025 year! The First Term ended with our annual Standard Bank Rugby Festival, the biggest in the country, which was filled with intrigue to see if our 1st XV would be able to stand a chance against the boys in maroon. We kicked off the Second Term by heading down the Grass Route to the bone-chilling Paul Roos. We most definitely did not come on top down in Stellenbosch, but even when we were not winning, we were still blue. We were able to enjoy a successful derby against Dale College where we were able to rebuild our egos after Paul Roos. In the middle of the chaotic Term 2 schedule, the mid-term holiday of one week arrived, creating a nice, but disruptive occasion for the term.

After a short break from the mid-term holiday, the buzz of Reunion Week filled the school. Reunion is one of, if not the biggest annual events for the school, with many old boys from far and wide coming to visit the school on the hill. With the excitement and buzz of Reunion filling the campus, there was a moment of tragedy and sadness that filled Grey and especially our sisters from Collegiate with the untimely passing of fellow Collegiate girl, Hailie-Jade Coboza. Wynberg Boys' came down from the beautiful wine lands of Cape Town to try and turn the tables after their loss to us last year, but unfortunately they had already lost the derby, as when they arrived, they were greeted by the Trooping the Colour parade. This year's Trooping was an outstanding performance from the boys and was one of the best in the past few years. The derby was an overall success with most teams coming out on top. Our annual Hockey Slam was also a great time for all the hockey boys to get involved in and is always heaps of fun, filled with friendly-fire and some company's names on the line. For the last two derbies of the term, we headed down to Queen's College and met the snoozles of Grahamstown on home soil. They were, yet again, another excellent performance from most of the boys bringing our derbies for term 2 to an end. With the term racing to an end, we may have been training for the biggest derby of the year, the mid-year exams.

After a rather busy and disruptive term, I would like to end off by saying a big thank you to the club. Thanks to the Matrics who spent four years fully dedicated to the club and always providing us with something lekker to read every term. Thank you to Michael, Charlie and Isi, the previous committee, for making the Grey Matter magazine something to look forward to every term. It was an honour to have worked with you guys. Thank you to Mr van Niekerk for always putting time aside to help us produce the best editions and interviews we possibly can.

With that being said, I hope you all had a great, relaxed holiday where we all caught up on some sleep, spent time with friends and family, and regained our energy for the Third Term.

Without further ado, sit back, relax, and enjoy yet another fantastic edition for Grey Matter 2025. It will be worth your while (the memes are back).



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Meet the GREY CHEERLEADERS

Interviewed by Jaiden Burger and Holden Jerling

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1. BONES, PAPA G, TA BONES, BOUNS, JACOB ZUMA, THE G
2. Managed to get instruments after previous cheerleaders couldn't get it right (with the help of my fellow colleagues, obviously)
3. Athi's house (WINK, WINK)
4. OH WHEN THE BLUES
5. MUSIC DEPARTMENT (COUGH, COUGH)
6. Definitely Friday Night Lights
7. Athi, just pulls up to RaRa's in a school tracksuit or starts throwing the rugby ball with the first team instead of locking in
8. Me, obviously
9. DC
10. Don't listen, don't consult with anyone, especially the opps, do what you think is best for the school's gees
11. "I AM WHO I THINK I AM, SO RESPECT ME!" - Me
12. Probably Adrian Mitchell, he did whatever he wanted to do and never got caught



1. Thane
2. I got instruments (while it lasted), did the full blazer display in only 1 RaRa, and most viewed Men in Azure video
3. Go to Athi's house
4. Goosebumps
5. Spelling Grey correctly, iykyk
6. Friday Night Lights
7. Bones, arrived 1 minute before we walked on at Grey Fest
8. The one who played his saxophone, made best RaRa to date
9. Michael Smith
10. Make the most of every moment as you cheerlead, the derby weekends go by so fast, and try get the instruments back
11. "It's a good day to have a good day"- Lutho Jim
12. Bruce de Villiers, someone has to wear a LV belt

1. Spoon
2. We got instruments for a while and did the blazer display with only 2 days' practice
3. I funnel 2 Red Bulls before the games
4. Goosebumps
5. Making Pres on time
6. Friday Night Lights
7. Obona funfreaky
8. Bones can't have aura when he is 22 years old in Grade 12
9. DC
10. Don't have gees in the hall or you will get banned
11. "It's easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission" and "If you can't get what you want, take what you can get" - Sam Lacey
12. Adrian Mitchell, now that ou had passion



1. Cam
2. I got elected a few weeks late
3. Josh's playlist
4. The classic, Plain Jane
5. All the staff are our opps
6. Friday Night Lights 100%
7. Mr Zuma (Bones), have too many reasons why
8. Papa G for sure
9. Daniel Dold-Chapman (DC)
10. Don't consult anything with staff, do what the school needs
11. "I'm the G, respect me"- Obona Fundani
12. Adrian Mitchell, proved that you never get caught



QUESTIONS:

1. What is your nickname?
2. What makes you different to previous cheerleaders?
3. How do you get hyped before a match?
4. Favourite cheerleading song?
5. What is the hardest part about cheerleading that nobody sees?
6. Friday Night Lights OR Saturday Rugby?
7. Who is the biggest cost to the cheerleading body?
8. Which cheerleader has the most aura?
9. Who is the biggest wannabe cheerleader?
10. Any advice for next year's cheerleaders?
11. Provide us with one of your favourite quotes?
12. In your opinion, which past cheerleader brought the most spirit ?

Term 2 Derbies

By Matthew Kingwill

As Term 2 hits and you come back fresh from holiday, you feel the excitement running through your blue blood as we prepare for the upcoming Derby days. With Ra-Ras echoing through the halls, and boys cheering on Fridays and Saturdays, there's no better place to be.

Derbies are not just about competing against other schools. Traveling around the country is one of the highlights. From Cape Town to Paarl and even Queenstown, you get to experience something different from Grey. 10-hour bus rides may seem unbearable in the moment, yet hold great memories when looking back.

Another aspect of these Derbies is the hosting. While playing against rivals from other schools, hosting builds strong relationships – often the ones that last the longest.

Being part of a school that offers these Derby days is something truly special. Memories that last forever, hard-fought battles on the field, and so much more. The blue blood stays in us, even when we return in our Old Grey ties to support. Derbies cannot be taken for granted, not at this school. These are the moments we cherish for the rest of our lives.



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Brotherhood *Beyond the Classroom*

By Njose Duba

Friday Night Lights:

There's a certain electricity in the air on Friday nights when Grey Boys fill up the stands in their azure blazers. The atmosphere is tense and filled with songs that echo through The Grey. You feel a sense of pride and belonging. The amount of gees on these nights is unforgettable. Representing Your School on The Field. There's nothing better than when a Grey Boy runs onto the field as he carries with him the legacy of those before him. You play for every brother beside you and the legacy of the school on your back.

Cadets:

Cadets build brotherhood through shared experiences and teamwork. It teaches you discipline that you carry throughout your life and builds a sense of trust and mutual respect. It creates lifelong bonds among Grey Boys.

Hostel Life:

There's nothing more special than being a hostel boy at The Grey. From taking turns to being water boys for the first team, to playing touchies against older grades, to late-night assignments and surviving hostel food — the shared hardships create unbreakable friendships.

What it takes to be a GREY GENTLEMAN

By Cullen Marais

Being a Grey Gentleman is about more than just attending a great school. It's about living up to a legacy built over generations by young men who carried themselves with pride, discipline, and respect. From the moment we put on the blazer, we become part of something greater than ourselves.

When my dad speaks about his time at Grey in 1999, there's a fire in his voice. He talks about the spirit, the standards, and the deep respect boys had for the school, their teachers, and one another. It wasn't forced. It came from within, a sense of honour that shaped who they became.

That same spirit still lives here today. You feel it in the brotherhood between teammates. In the quiet moments of discipline before a match. In the respect shown when we stand at assembly or wear our uniform with pride. These moments may seem small, but together they build something strong, something unshakable.

To be a Grey Gentleman means taking responsibility. It means leading by example, even when no one's watching. It's greeting someone with respect, always looking neat and tidy, giving your best on the field and in the classroom, and lifting up those around you.

It's not about perfection. It's about intention – choosing each day to show up with pride, to give your best, and to carry the values that make this school what it is.

We have the privilege of being part of a legacy. But even more than that, we have the responsibility to strengthen it for those who come after us. Let's take that to heart. Let's be the kind of Grey Gentleman who inspires others – not by what we say, but by how we live.

Because being a Grey Gentleman isn't just something you are for five years. It's something that stays with you for life.

“Tria Juncta in Uno — Three Joined in One.”
Brotherhood. Tradition. Excellence. Let's live it.

Teams to Look Out For as We Wrap Up the Winter Season

Daniel Bower

With the big-ticket items of Reunion Week and the travel to Cape Town behind us, it can feel like the best days of the epic winter derby season are already over. But while it can feel this way, what waits for us on the other side of the holiday is the true test for many of the great sports teams at The Grey, as our brothers from Bloemfontein come down in another epic clash and we head off to East London to battle with Selborne. For some teams, the road thus far has been difficult and for others disappointing, but in this article, I would like to show all of you the teams you should really have your eye on when the last winter derbies of 2025 kick off.

The U14A Rugby Side

Shock-tested on the muddy fields of Stellenbosch, physically hammered in the Pretoria Highveld and ruthlessly challenged on our beloved Kolisi, the U14A Rugby Team appears to have the essence of a team made in the winelands of the Western Cape or the Highveld of Bloemfontein. Representing a selection of boys from a great range of backgrounds and junior schools, the team has managed the stunning feat of having an unbeaten season thus far, and not just because they've played against weaker sides. Some of their 7 matches played so far (at the time of writing) include an epic, last-minute comeback to draw Paul Roos 10-10 in Stellenbosch, a tight 12-8 victory over Pretoria Boys' High School in the Highveld altitude, and a solid 26-19 home victory over Wynberg. Heading into Term 3, the boys of this team have the possibility of achieving the unthinkable and claiming an unbeaten season, the first for a Grey rugby A-side in who knows how many years. Should the boys of the U14A Rugby side manage to overcome Grey Bloem on the Kolisi and then beat Selborne on their own turf the next week, they would etch their names into eternity. For the past couple of years, our top rugby teams have been having a dry spell against Grey Bloem; these guys could be the ones to break it.

The Grey Chess Team

A surprising entry to this list is a sport many people don't pay enough attention to. While we hear the team and score during assemblies, many people don't know about the current state of the Grey Chess Team, and they really should, because this year, they are proving themselves to be one of the school's standout teams. Like the U14A Rugby side, they are currently unbeaten, and have played many other schools besides the traditional derbies. Their greatest pride has to be their 3.5-3.5 draw against Paul Roos. Despite this sounding underwhelming, it was actually the first time in living memory that the result wasn't a loss for Grey, with them having lost 2-5 last year and 0-7 all the years prior. They also secured a solid 4-4 draw against Wynberg – a team that has proved tricky for them in past years. And there is a good chance of them achieving an unbeaten season this year, as they have consistently bested our Bloemfontein and East London adversaries. Whether or not that proves true is yet to be seen, but either way, the Grey Chess Team of 2025 may be looked back at in future as the team that laid the groundwork for making chess one of the few sports in which we are able to best Paul Roos.

The First XI Hockey Side

The First XI Hockey side is a bit different to the others in this list. While the previous two teams represent outliers and generational peaks in their respective sports, our First Hockey side is a team that one should generally just pay attention to. Grey's hockey has performed exceptionally well in the past couple of years, lightening the mood when our rugby couldn't deliver on Reunion Week and bringing back something to show when we battle against Paul Roos and Grey Bloem. This year has been no different, with our First Hockey Team snatching a nail-biting 4-4 draw against Paul Roos in Stellenbosch and comfortably subduing Wynberg Boys' in a 3-1 victory during Reunion Week. They also participated in a tour to Europe at the beginning of the year, where they fared remarkably well against some very strong sides. Heading into Term 3, the boys of the First XI Hockey side will be hoping to uphold their high standards and overcome Grey Bloem once again.



The Fight That Changed It All

By Bradley Barnes

The UFC is a MMA promotion company that has been run by Dana White since 2001. Over the years it has broadcasted some of the greatest and most brutal fights in history and housed some of the most dangerous fighters in the world. But there is one fight that stood out from the rest, a fight that showed the UFC will continue to reign in the combat sports industry. So which fight was it and what exactly caused the whole thing in the first place? Well, the fight was the infamous Conor McGregor vs Khabib Nurmagomedov fight.

What caused the fight?

The whole thing started over a few comments that one of Conor's friends, Artem Lobov, made about Khabib. In an interview Artem went on about how Khabib was a coward and called him weak for getting injured sometimes. In response Khabib and his friends confronted Artem where Khabib slapped him for his comments, which caused Artem to later phone McGregor to explain what Khabib did to him. Hearing this Conor attacked a bus that Khabib and his friends were in later that week breaking a few windows and even injuring a few people on the bus. Khabib had a famous reaction to the bus incident where he looked at the camera with a death stare and simply said, "send me location". With this they both signed an agreement and were set to fight at UFC 229.

Build up to the fight

The build up to the fight saw McGregor sticking to his usual antics of trash talk, by making fun of Khabib's name accent, style of fighting and also calling him a coward for "hiding" at the back of the bus when McGregor and his friends attacked it. Although there are certain matters that McGregor insulted Khabib over that many believe were too far, he insulted his religion (Khabib is a devout Muslim and holds his faith very highly in his life), he insulted his father (the man who gave Khabib everything in his life and helped him become one of the greatest fighters in the world and trained many of the fighters from Khabib's village. There is also the fact that Khabib's dad's visa was not approved for this fight which was one of Khabib's biggest fights), and then Conor went after his people (Khabib is from Dagestan, a small Republic that is part of Russia and Khabib has nothing but pride for his people and his country. Conor went on to call them cowards for submitting Russia in their war for freedom from the larger Russian state). Throughout this all Khabib remained rather silent on all that Conor had to say, but it was clear that he was ready for war against McGregor. Then, at the weigh-ins before the fight, Khabib made his final promise to all the all the Irish fans, saying, "I'm going to smash your boy".

Fight night

All this hype culminated into one of the biggest UFC fights of all time, with arena stacked full of Irish and Russian supporters. As the fight began, McGregor and Khabib immediately began battling it out. It was clear that Khabib's silence throughout the build-up to the fight was all to save energy for where it mattered. Round one was close, but Khabib just got it. Round two Khabib dominated, throwing punches that knocked McGregor down. It was in this round that Khabib famously said to Conor in the fight, "let's talk now", while he was on top of McGregor throwing punches and elbows at him. McGregor simply responded saying it was "just business". Round 3 saw Khabib get a bit too confident with his striking abilities and he ended up standing against Conor for most of the round. While he did land a few solid punches, McGregor did out strike him in the end. Round 4 was where it all ended. Khabib took Conor to the ground and after a bit of grappling, Khabib secured the win and submitted McGregor by neck crank.

The Aftermath

This fight is notorious for its aftermath. After securing the submission on McGregor and he tapped, Khabib still refused to let go questioning why he would tap with so many people having come to watch. Khabib was pushed off him by the referee but he hadn't had enough yet so he made his way towards Conor's corner, climbed out of the octagon and jumped into Conor's corner where he proceeded to fight Dillon Danis, one of Conor's cornerman, who had also been insulting Khabib during the build-up (although this is debated). Khabib's cornerman joined in and some backed him up also throwing punches at Danis while two jumped into the octagon and started attacking Conor. In the end the police rushed in separating all of them and Dana White made his way into the octagon to confront Khabib where he refused to give his belt in the octagon because of his actions. Dana tried to explain how people would get upset and start throwing things into the octagon if he got his belt after what he did, but Khabib just said, "brother, I ready for this". That concludes one of the biggest fights in the UFC and one of the most debated upon fights. The question is who do you believe was in the wrong on the matter?

Trent Leaves Liverpool

By Jason Mouton



On the 5th of May, Trent Alexander-Arnold announced that he was leaving Liverpool at the end of the season on a free transfer. This marks the end of an era which consisted of over 8 years playing first team football for the club, not to mention spending about 12 years at the academy prior to his first team debut for the Reds.

Trent has cemented a legacy at Liverpool that will last forever. He famously took the quick corner that led to one of the greatest comebacks in Champions League history, overcoming a 3-0 first-leg deficit against Barcelona. Trent has helped Liverpool win 1 Premier League, 1 Champions League, 1 FA Cup, 1 Carabao Cup and a Club World Cup. At the age of only 26 years old, he has become one of the greatest right backs ever to play the game, revolutionizing his position with immaculate crosses into the box.



Supporters have had mixed reactions to the announcement. Liverpool fans have recently started booing Trent at Anfield due to his move to Madrid. Most Liverpool supporters feel betrayed, having hoped that Trent would become the next Gerrard. He was already vice-captain and if Van Dijk decided to ever leave, Trent would have been the best person to become captain. It also should be noted that Liverpool have lost the Champions League finals twice to Real Madrid whom he will be playing for next season. Some fans have compared his decision to that of Michael Owen, who left for Madrid before controversially joining Manchester United.

Liverpool have already signed Jeremy Frimpong as a replacement for Trent, with new deals signed for Mo Salah and Virgil Van Dijk, showing that Liverpool will still remain competitive even without Trent. The real question is will Trent go from hero to zero? Will he become the next Coutinho and flop in Spain, or will he shine for Real Madrid?



Career Totals ([Liverpool](#)).

- Appearances: 354
- Goals: 23
- Assists: 92
- PL only: 259 apps
18 goals
64 assists

2015 Golden Boy Award Top 3: Where Are They Now?

by Ayanda Manyela

The Golden Boy Award was established by the Italian sports newspaper, Tuttosport, and is awarded to the best male football player under the age of 21, during a calendar year. Many of Europe's wonder kids who have received this award went on to have illustrious careers and reach the summit of football, while others never quite lived up to the expectations set for them. Today we'll be taking a look at the winner and the runner-up of the 2015 iteration of the Golden Boy Award and reflect on how their careers have played out over the last decade. The shortlist of the 2015 award included the likes of Dele Alli, Marco Asensio, and Luke Shaw, but ultimately French youngster, Anthony Martial would be crowned the "Golden Boy". Martial's fellow countryman, Kingsley Coman, would be the runner-up, and in third place it would be Hector Bellerin.

Kingsley Coman (13 June 1996) - France

Kingsley Coman is known for his explosiveness and speed and is comfortable with his abilities on either flank.

In August 2015, Coman joined Bayern Munchen on loan from Juventus and would officially sign for them in April of 2017. To call the Frenchman's time in Munich a success would be a gross understatement. He has won a grand total of 21 trophies (including nine Bundesligas and one Champions League) since joining the German giants. Coman's streak of winning a league title for every season of his professional career would end after finishing in second place to Bayer Leverkusen in the 2023/24 Bundesliga season. Although Coman has had staggering success in football, he has had a litany of injuries consisting of ligament tears and a number of muscle problems. In total, he has missed 154 games due to injury and as a result would not be a part of the 2018 French World Cup winning team. The sheer number of awards Coman has received is a true testament to his talent, as well as his resilience after getting through so many injury woes.



Anthony Martial (5 December 1995) - France

Anthony Martial had received the Golden Boy Award in December of 2015, a few months after he had been signed to Manchester United. The young Martial impressed in the 2014/15 season for Monaco and in September of 2015 he would be signed to the Red Devils.

Martial would start off his United career with a bang after scoring against Liverpool in his debut. Anthony would end his first season in Manchester with 28 G/A in all competitions and as an FA Cup winner. During his tenure at Manchester United, he won 6 trophies, including a Europa League title and 2 FA Cups. Early in his career, Martial would be compared to Thierry Henry due to their speed and technical ability, but unfortunately Anthony Martial's career did not play out the way many people anticipated.

Martial struggled with consistency for the remainder of his career at United. In the 2019/20 season he would have a resurgence as that would be his best performing season in his senior career with 23 G/A. In the 2021/22 season he would go on a brief loan stint to La Liga club, Sevilla, where in 12 games, he would make a minimal impact scoring 1 goal and gaining 1 assist. In his later years at Old Trafford, he would be increasingly sidelined by injury and drifted further away from stardom. After Martial's contract with Manchester United expired at the end of the 2023/24 season, he would become a free agent as he would not be extending his contract and would join Greek side AEK Athens.



Mastering the Machine: How to Use AI Effectively

By Aiden Erwee

1. Make the AI think with you, not for you. I've used AI to make study notes in under 5 minutes and they were actually better than the ones I spent an hour on. Use it to make notes, brainstorm for ideas, summarise work and help solve those maths problems to help you *understand* the work – not just get a quick answer only to blank out on the test.

2. Give context and be clear in what you want, such as your grade, the topics you're going over, asking it to break down each topic for better understanding.

3. How to structure a good prompt

- Don't ask for everything at once.
- Remember to be clear.
- Use keywords for specific results (Table, list, act as an expert)
- Ask for more than what you will need.
- Chain prompts together (e.g. Breakdown this topic...now make that into notes on a pdf)

Ask anything

+ Tools



4. Ask AI to test you like it's an exam – especially helpful for tricky subjects or to spot gaps in your studying.

5. Unlocking ChatGPT's full potential by utilising its extra functions

- Photos and Files - Upload your work instead of typing it out. ChatGPT can read your answers, correct them, or turn them into summaries.
- Search - Get community information (Reddit, Twitter) as well as sources for your bibliography.
- Reason - Make ChatGPT think logically; use this to help ChatGPT understand your prompt.
- Deep Research - Ask for in-depth breakdowns, especially helpful for big projects or complex topics.
- Create Image - Create images perfect for your project.



In a world where AI is becoming a normal part of life, students who know how to use it wisely will stand out and keep ahead. AI can do your homework for you – but if you learn to use it properly, it might just help you do it better than ever.

How AI Transforms Sports Gameplay and Strategy

by Seth Breet



Broadcasting with AI

Modern sports are significantly impacted by artificial intelligence (AI), which is altering everything from how we watch games to how athletes perform on the field. Two of the most noticeable changes are live broadcasting and on-screen scores. AI systems can freely monitor the ball and players during games using computer vision, producing overlay images and real-time statistics that increase viewership. AI can help with quick replays, offside detection in soccer, and pitch tracking in baseball. Companies like IBM and Hawk-Eye Innovations use AI to provide broadcasters and officials with accurate, real-time information that enhances viewers and decision-making.

AI in Training & Gameplay

Along with broadcasting, AI plays a significant role in the actual gameplay and training aspects. Teams and coaches use AI-driven analytics to forecast injuries, analyse player performance, and develop game plans. AI assesses a player's level of fitness and suggests adjustments based on information from mobile devices, including motion, heart rate, and speed. Using historical data, AI can predict outcomes and simulate game situations in sports like basketball and soccer. These days, AI is also utilized to assist with player recruitment and scouting. Through the analysis of thousands of hours of video footage, it can identify potential talent.



NBA's Smart Tech

One notable example of the NBA using AI and tracking technologies is the partnership with Shot Tracker to showcase real-time player and ball tracking during the 2019 NBA Summer League. Each player wore sensors in their jerseys, and smart sensors were also positioned in the basketballs and other parts of the arena. This setup recorded over 70 different metrics in real time, such as player movement, shot accuracy, and passing data. AI analysed the data to provide coaches and viewers with real-time insights, shown on second-screen apps and during broadcasts.



La Liga's Futuristic Broadcasts

La Liga, the top soccer league in Spain, has used augmented reality (AR) and artificial intelligence (AI) to make live matches more like video games. During broadcasts, AI tracks the ball and every player's movement in real time. Then, like Rocket League or FIFA, it incorporates digital elements like animated power meters for shots, cartoon-style arrows for passes, and illuminated player outlines. They have used these techniques in some matches to create highlight replays that resemble miniature video games, making the action more exciting for younger viewers. AI also powers virtual stadium tours and lets viewers choose camera angles during replays.

THE DIRE WOLF CONTROVERSY

by Tristan Huson-Bird

The dire wolf (*Aenocyon dirus*) roamed North America during the late Pleistocene to early Holocene, from around 125,000 to 10,000 years ago. These massive predators dominated the landscape, competing with sabertoothed cats and short-faced bears. As apex predators, packs of dire wolves took down megafauna like bison, and scavenged carcasses of mammoths or ground sloths. However, as the Ice Age came to an end and the climate warmed, dire wolves struggled to adapt to a landscape with smaller prey. This led to the dire wolves' eventual extinction. But on April 7th, everything changed. Colossal Biosciences reported that they had revived the dire wolf, a groundbreaking discovery that has sparked both excitement and scepticism.



Colossal harvested ancient DNA dated to a 72 000 year old petrous bone (located near the inner ear) and a 13 000 year old tooth discovered in the La Brea Tar Pits. Colossal claims that initial mapping of ancient DNA to *Canis lupus* family yields about 99 percent similarity. Although these two species split 5.7 million years ago, they followed a path of convergent evolution. Using the Gray wolf as their base genome, they precisely reprogrammed 14 genes in its DNA sequence to express 20 key traits specific to Dire wolves. Namely, these alterations accounted for their white coat and large size. These changes were facilitated by CRISPR, a biological tool for genetic editing. The DNA was then transferred to denucleated egg cells (eggs without DNA.) The resulting embryos were surgically implanted into surrogate dogs. Three genetically engineered wolf pups were born: Romulus and Remus (6 month old males) named after the mythological Roman twin brothers who were raised by wolves, and Khaleesi, born three months later. The trio is currently housed in an undisclosed 2,000-acre preserve in the United States, under 24-hour care with an on-site veterinary clinic.



While the achievement has drawn global attention, it also raises important questions about authenticity and scientific accuracy. Despite Colossal's bold claims, the comparison between dire wolves and gray wolves may not be as straightforward as it seems. Humans and chimpanzees share 99% identical DNA, yet swapping a few genes in a chimp wouldn't create a pure *Homo sapien*; the same logic applies here. Colossal asserts that their engineered animals will behave like dire wolves, but our understanding of the species is limited to fossil records and comparisons with modern wildlife. Even if sufficient ancient DNA were harvested fully reconstruct the genome, many scientists would still question the ethical implications of reviving an entire species, as one would have to ensure a diverse genetic pool, prey availability and resistance to diseases to survive. It's likely that Colossal made this announcement partly as a PR strategy to demonstrate their practical applications, to attract attention, raise awareness of their company, and gain support from investors. Still, despite the controversy, the company continues to play a valuable role in conservation, particularly through its genetic preservation work with endangered red wolves. Ultimately, this case highlights the importance of questioning sensational headlines and thoroughly verifying scientific claims.

Inventions of the 2020s That Will Shape the Future

By Terence Teggin

In the year 1879, Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb. A mere 78 years later, space travel was achieved. This is an insane feat when considering that it took the first humans 1.5 to 2 million years to learn how to make fire. It is clear to see that our society is advancing at a rapid pace, so just like the invention of the lightbulb and steam engine propelled our society forward, what inventions of the 2020s will shape the future?



Artificial Intelligence

AI chatbots like ChatGPT have become a part of everyday life, from doing your LO projects to writing your job resume.

In terms of automation and data analysis, AI is the way forward. Some people even speculate that future versions of AI could operate as a fully autonomous business, handling everything itself, from business strategy to customer service.



James Webb Space Telescope

While telescopes are not a new invention, we have never seen a more powerful one than this. The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will allow us to see farther into space than ever before. It is capable of analysing the atmospheres of exoplanets to detect biosignatures, searching for signs of life on other planets. The JWST is also able to study the chemical compositions of planets within and beyond our solar system, to see if they could sustain life as we know it. The JWST is expected to help scientists better understand the universe and answer questions about the universe's origin and evolution.

Brain Chips

A brain chip is essentially a device planted in the brain to record and translate neural activity into action. Most commonly used in patients with paralysis, brain chips can be used to give them control over computers or robotic limbs, using only their thoughts.

There is also research exploring the potential of brain chips that can enhance our ability to learn as well as improve other cognitive functions. Who knows what this technology could evolve into?

The inventions of the 2020s are setting the foundation for a future that once only existed in movies. If it took us 78 years to go from the invention of the lightbulb to space travel, who knows what could happen in the next 50 years. So, be excited. Be excited to see what lies in the future of our society, what mysteries we might solve, aliens we might encounter, or technological advancements we might make. The future you see in science fiction is being created right now, and it's rapidly approaching.

From Backyard Game to World Tour: The Story of Padel

Bilal Munshi



Humble Beginnings in Mexico

Padel was born in 1969 in Acapulco, Mexico, when Enrique Corcuera, a wealthy businessman, wanted to install a tennis court on his property. Limited by space, Corcuera built a smaller version of a tennis court, enclosed by walls to keep the ball in play. To accommodate the tighter space, he adjusted the rules and created a new game. One of the most significant early adopters of Corcuera's creation was Alfonso de Hohenlohe, a Spanish aristocrat who brought the sport to Marbella, Spain. From there, padel's popularity began to snowball.

The Future of Padel

Padel shows no signs of slowing. It's being considered for future Olympic Games, and major brands and athletes are investing in clubs and events. Social media has introduced it to millions. What makes padel especially compelling is its community spirit. It's more than a sport; it's a social experience. Players often stay after matches to bond – and sometimes relive that one lucky wall shot for hours.

The Spanish Surge and European Expansion

During the 1980s and 1990s, padel exploded in Spain, becoming a staple in clubs and resorts. Its appeal lay in its accessibility: easy to learn, less physically demanding than tennis, and inherently social. From Spain, padel spread across Europe to countries like Italy, France, and Sweden. By the early 2000s, national federations were forming, and tournaments were being organized. Even people who had never picked up a racket were suddenly experts – or at least experts in padel fashion.

The Sport Itself

Padel is played in doubles on an enclosed court about a third the size of a tennis court. Players use solid, stringless rackets and a depressurized tennis ball. The walls are not just boundaries—they're part of the game, like squash. Its fast-paced, action-packed style makes it appealing to players of all skill levels, and the short learning curve helps new players feel confident early on. Plus, you don't need a 120 mph serve.

The Global Boom

In recent years, padel has entered a new era – defined by international growth and professionalization. Latin America, the Middle East, and Northern Europe have embraced it enthusiastically. Argentina has become a powerhouse, producing many of the world's top-ranked players. The launch of tours such as the World Padel Tour and Premier Padel has elevated the sport. Televised matches, sponsorships, and major events in cities like Madrid, Rome, Dubai, and Doha have turned padel into a true spectator sport. Even the Brits are swapping their cricket bats for padel rackets.

From a backyard court in Acapulco to international arenas, padel's journey is a story of innovation and passion. As courts spring up worldwide and more players join the fun, one thing is clear: padel is here to stay – and its best chapters are yet to be written.

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The Rise of Cinema: 2025

Eli Pritchard

It has felt as though we've been in a movie drought since the pandemic with nothing worth while to watch. Although there have been some exceptions, most movies' quality plummeted with predictable writing, downgraded CGI, as well as lazy postproduction. Not anymore. This year we have consistent releases with lots of sequels and remakes. This might not seem as exciting as some groundbreaking original, but it is comforting to know that the sequel/remake will be just as good as its original.

First on the list is "Captain America: Brave New World" (February 14) and "Thunderbolts" (May 2) from Marvel. These were expected to be good, and they delivered even more. Captain America delivered a grounded, politically charged story that sets it apart from the cosmic scale of recent Marvel entries. Although the story felt a little predictable, possibly due to the superhero movie nature, the choreography was amazing with a big improvement on previous Marvel CGI productions. Thunderbolts ventures into darker territory for the MCU, assembling a team of anti-heroes and morally complex figures like Yelena Belova (Florence Pugh), Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan), and Red Guardian (David Harbour). The film embraces a grittier, espionage-thriller tone, offering a welcome change from Marvel's typical formula. Practical effects and hand-to-hand combat take center stage, giving the film a rawer, more grounded aesthetic. The production is slick, with a cool, cold-war-era vibe that distinguishes it visually.

CAREFUL WHO YOU ASSEMBLE

Jurassic World Rebirth (July 2)

Jurassic World: Rebirth, directed by Gareth Edwards and written by original Jurassic Park screenwriter David Koepp, is set to reignite the iconic franchise with a darker, more grounded approach. Taking place five years after Dominion, the film follows a covert team led by Zora Bennett (Scarlett Johansson) on a high-stakes mission to retrieve dinosaur DNA for medical research, only to encounter deadly new hybrid species like the Distortus rex. Featuring a strong ensemble cast including Mahershala Ali and Jonathan Bailey, and shot across diverse locations like Thailand and Malta, the film blends practical effects with cutting-edge CGI to recapture the tension and wonder of the original.

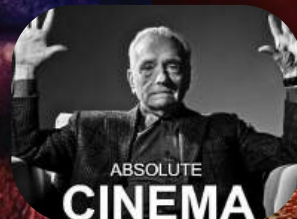
"Fantastic Four: First Steps" (July 25)

The Fantastic Four: First Steps, directed by Matt Shakman, introduces Marvel's First Family into the MCU with a retro 1960s sci-fi aesthetic. Starring Pedro Pascal, Vanessa Kirby, Joseph Quinn, and Ebon Moss-Bachrach, the film pits the team against Galactus and the Silver Surfer in a story that blends cosmic stakes with family dynamics. With vintage visuals, practical sets, and a "Kirby meets Kubrick" vibe as said by Shakman, it offers a stylish and fresh take on the characters. Releasing July 25, 2025, it marks the beginning of MCU's Phase Six.

Finally "Avatar: Fire and Ash" (December 13)

This third installment introduces the Ash People, a new Na'vi clan residing near volcanic regions, offering a darker and more intense perspective of Pandora. The narrative shifts focus to Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), who grapples with profound loss, while the Sully family confronts emerging threats and moral dilemmas. Cameron promises breathtaking visuals, new biomes, and the franchise's longest runtime yet, aiming to deepen the emotional and thematic resonance of the series.

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What is it like inside North Korea?

LIAM VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

North Korea is known as one of the most secretive and isolated countries in the world. Most people only hear about it through the news, and even then, information is limited and controlled. But in early 2025, something unusual happened — North Korea briefly opened its borders to tourists. For a few short weeks, visitors were allowed into the country for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic. The trips were strictly guided and monitored, but they still gave the outside world a rare chance to look inside.

The tours took place in Rason, a city near the borders with China and Russia. Very few were allowed in, and visitors had to follow a set schedule created by the government. They were taken to schools, markets, and local businesses, all carefully chosen to show a certain side of the country. Still, despite the limits, tourists noticed some surprising things — both in what was shown and in what wasn't.

One of the first things that stood out was how seriously North Koreans still take COVID-19. Even in 2025, almost everyone was wearing masks in public, even outdoors. This is striking because the country claimed to have had no COVID cases at all. If that's true, why the need for such strong precautions? It makes people wonder how badly the pandemic really affected the country and how much information was kept hidden.

Another strange but fascinating detail was how people access technology.

There is no open internet in North Korea, and social media is banned. You won't find TikTok, Instagram, or YouTube there.

But people still use smartphones — with limits. There's a physical "app store", where people go in person to have approved apps installed onto their phones.

Some of these apps even include local versions of games that look a lot like Western ones, including something very similar to Clash Royale. It's a controlled system, but it shows that the government is trying to give people some access to modern tech while still keeping a tight grip on content.

What was even more surprising was the complete absence of advertising. In most countries, cities are full of ads — for food, clothes, tech, and everything else. In North Korea, there are none. Instead, the walls and billboards are covered with political slogans, military messages, and portraits of leaders. The streets feel like they're designed more for promoting loyalty than for encouraging spending.

At night, the country feels even more different. Cities go almost completely dark. There are hardly any streetlights, even in busy areas, and the streets are quiet and empty. For tourists, it was an eerie experience — walking through a city center that feels more like a ghost town once the sun goes down. Still, not everything felt staged. Tourists reported seeing children laughing in classrooms, people shopping at markets, and workers going about their day. These small moments were a reminder that ordinary life still exists there, even under intense government control.

Then, just as suddenly as it had opened, North Korea closed its borders again. No explanation was given. Some believe the short reopening was a test to see how things would go. Others think the government quickly became uncomfortable with how much attention it was attracting. Either way, the window didn't stay open for long. This short glimpse inside North Korea didn't answer all the big questions, but it did reveal a lot. It reminded people that behind all the mystery, there's a real country with real people — living, working, playing, and surviving under one of the most tightly controlled systems in the world.

And for a few weeks, the outside world got to see just a little of what that looks like.

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COVID's 5th anniversary

By Joshua Botha

COVID has been such a busy era for us South Africans. It's hard to believe that just five years ago, we found ourselves trapped in our homes with nothing more entertaining than watching Uncle Ramaphosa on TV. The only thing we'd look forward to was South Africa's best comedy show, called Parliament. But besides the sketchy politics, there is a lot that we can look back on from our past.

Act 1: THE 'MASK-FISHERS'

For most people, wearing a mask everywhere was a struggle to get used to. But for some... it was a blessing in disguise. Trying to date during COVID was like gambling with all the odds against you. Mask fishing was one of the most devious acts during 2020. Every date was a blind date. You never know if you pulled a baddy until it's too late. And if you were a mask fisher, "Keep the mask on" is the last thing you'd ever want to hear from your COVID crush.

Act 2: KZN LOOTING

During July 2021, riots erupted throughout KwaZulu-Natal following the arrest of Jacob Zuma. Our supermarkets weren't just a place of commerce, they hosted South Africa's very own free-for-all event called "Retail Rumble" People were wrecking the streets and even stealing Samsung TV's from shopping centres. Stores were totally wrecked, and even the police got away with their fair share of goodies. Nothing's better than stuffing your face with a delicious Bar One cake that you stole from Shoprite.

Act 3: ALCOHOL BANS

We never realized how addicted our nation was until 'cupcake' decided to prohibit the selling of alcohol throughout our nation. However, our people always find a way to knock themselves out on a weekend. WhatsApp groups became a black market for alcohol abusers. These sellers became the moonshine millionaires of Lockdown. Our nation's addiction got to the point where people were literally brewing their own 'Pineapple Beer' inside their kitchens. It's pretty sad to look back at all the fun COVID had to offer us. Since lockdown, South Africa has never felt the same. From cringeworthy TikTok dances to people intoxicating themselves inside their at-home breweries, we can conclude that the 2020-22 COVID era has been one to remember. And I'd like to end this article with one notorious quote that we, South Africans, should never forget. "Tough times never last, only tough people last".

Top 10 Best Things of All Time

By Oliver Lloyd

When The Teacher Forgets There Is Homework - You sit quietly, staring down the clock so you can leave class. But then that one kid has to remind the teacher and you get homework for the next day.

Waking Up Thinking It's Monday and It's Actually Saturday - You wake up in a panic, only to pick up your phone and realise it's Saturday.

Finding Money in Old Pants - This old money buys you a 20-minute wait in the tuckshop line and Coke that gets you through hockey practice.

Outdoor Boys YouTube Channel - A channel where you can learn and become friends with a father who takes his family on many adventures.

Teachers that allow you to go on your phone - Very rare since the new phone box rule.

Dogs - Fluffy, loyal, and emotionally more stable than most people. Also great at finding your other shoe.

Fishing - There is nothing better than spending the whole afternoon fishing and bonding with your best friends.

Free Periods - Although we're encouraged to complete homework and study, students see this as an opportunity to get more trophies on Clash Royale or talk as loud as they possibly can.

Scientific Calculators - Maths teachers hate us using these — Apparently we don't show enough working out.

KevinMathScience - You've just been informed that you have a maths test tomorrow, and you don't understand the topic. Kevin comes in clutch and helps you not only to pass, but do well.

Kyle Carpenter

Noah Proctor



In 2010, U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness, earning one of the highest military honors: the Medal of Honor. Carpenter's heroism occurred during his deployment to Afghanistan, where his actions saved the life of a fellow Marine, despite risking his own.

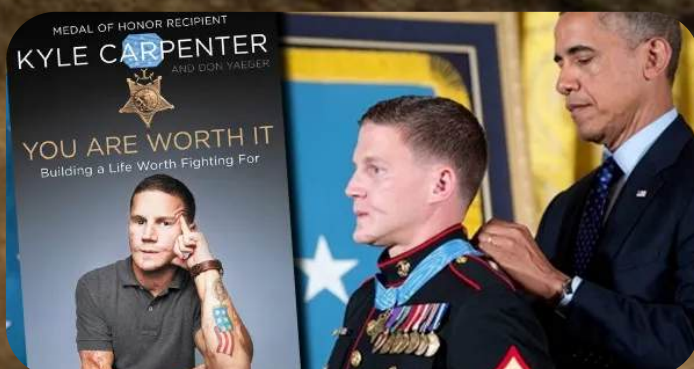
On November 21, 2010, Carpenter and his fellow marine, Lance Corporal Nick Eufrazio, were on a rooftop in the Helmand Province, where they were engaged in a fierce firefight with insurgents. As the battle intensified, an enemy grenade was thrown onto the rooftop where they were stationed. With little time to react, Carpenter made an immediate, life-altering decision: he threw himself on top of the grenade to shield his fellow soldier from the blast.

The explosion severely injured Carpenter, leaving him with extensive wounds. He was knocked unconscious and sustained multiple fractures, a collapsed lung, a shattered right arm, and numerous other injuries. Yet, through his determination and resilience, Carpenter survived the blast. After months of intense surgeries and physical rehabilitation, he was able to recover, albeit with permanent disabilities that serve as a testament to the price of his sacrifice.

Kyle Carpenter's heroism was recognized by President Barack Obama in 2014 when he presented him with the Medal of Honor. In his remarks, the President highlighted Carpenter's unparalleled bravery, calling his actions "the definition of selfless service." Though the medal was awarded for his extraordinary courage, Carpenter himself often downplays his role, emphasizing that it was simply a natural response to save a friend and fellow Marine.

In interviews and public appearances, Carpenter has explained that his heroic act was not something he had to think about; it was simply instinct. His decision to save his fellow Marine was based on a deep sense of duty, camaraderie, and love for his fellow soldiers. In the years following his recovery, Carpenter has used his platform to speak about the importance of service, sacrifice, and the mental and physical challenges that soldiers face both during and after combat.

Today, Kyle Carpenter continues to inspire countless individuals, both in the military and civilian life. His bravery exemplifies the ideals of the U.S. military and reminds us of the personal costs that come with such selflessness. Carpenter's story is one of valor, humility, and the unbreakable bond between soldiers – a bond that transcends even the most extreme dangers.



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FROM TEMPLES TO TIKTOK: THE ORIGINS OF CATS

By Ignatius Verwey

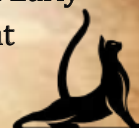
Before they were memes, before they were cartoons and long before they shed on your blazer, cats were gods. From temples and tombs to plagues and witchcraft, this is the story of the house cat and its journey from ancient divinity to your Instagram story.

Cats were once sacred, symbols of grace, protection and fertility. At first their wild cat ancestors guarded grain and households from pests in Egypt, and later were associated with Bastet, the Egyptian goddess with the head of a cat. Soon they would take over Egypt, being mummified and buried in cat cemeteries.

Killing a cat would become punishable by death and exporting cats was forbidden.

Nevertheless, cats were not satisfied. They were not just gods but colonists, as ships began to sail, they were taken on board as pest control. Soon they had spread across the world, adapting to different environments and weaving into different cultures. Associated with Shashti, goddess of children in India; valued as pest control in Persia; gifts of luck and protection in China; status symbols in Japan, and were depicted in Roman mosaics and frescoes.

As time went on cats would later be revered in the Islamic World, being allowed in mosques and spread across the empire through trade routes and pilgrimages. They would then become highly valued in Early Middle Age Europe for their rodent control. They even had their own set of protections and cat inheritance laws.



However, in later Medieval Europe, cats were considered quite the opposite. Associated with witchcraft, paganism and the devil, cats were persecuted and killed during witch hunts, using up a few of their species' nine lives. Ironically, their absence would have major consequences, worsening the Black Death as rat populations increased.

Cats would soon recover in Japan, becoming deeply embedded in Japanese culture as a symbol of luck with mysterious powers. During the Age of Enlightenment in Europe, cats regained popularity, seen as elegant and graceful. They featured in paintings and literature across the continent.

In the 1800s, Victorian England became obsessed with cat fancy editions. Clubs started forming in Europe and America, cataloguing different breeds from across the world. This led to the first cat show in 1871 at the Crystal Palace in London.

In the 1900s cats became unofficial soldiers in WW2 used to hunt rodents and boost morale. They would then become common household pets worldwide and were featured in children's books and television.

By the 2000s cats had become digital icons with the rise of the internet.

Cats are featured as memes and funny pet compilations across social media, cat cafes open globally and millions of cat rescue pages and shelters thrive online.

Cats then had a variety of fancy breeds such as:

- The Egyptian Mau (Original Edition), directly descended from the African Wildcat.
- The Persian (Deluxe Fur Edition)
- The Siamese (Royal Edition) from Thailand
- The Maine Coon (Lion Edition) from the USA
- The British Shorthair (Victorian Gentleman Edition)
- The Ragdoll (Cuddle Edition) from the USA
- The Bengal (Jungle Edition), a hybrid of the Asian leopard cat and domestic cats.



Whether worshipped in temples or on TikTok, cats have always found a way into our lives. They've ruled empires, survived witch-hunts, war and now dominate the internet.

Wherever we end up, one thing is for certain: cats aren't going anywhere.

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100 MEN



1 GORILLA

by John Scott

The Contenders

1 silverback gorilla, muscles rippling beneath its fur. A 170 kg silverback gorilla with 5.8% fat, most of the weight being gainz. He is imposing, unshakable, and forged by mother nature for raw dominance. He faces his opponents with an unwavering attitude, a tower of muscle, alone and unfazed. 100 men, unarmed and untrained. One hundred 90 kg fit men with 16% body fat. Standing together shoulder-to-shoulder, they are hopeful but mindful that a gorilla maintains better fitness than most athletes despite eating mostly leaves!

The Battlefield

Grey High School Quad. The air is thick, filled with anticipation. Rules: Simple survival. This is a primal battle between evolution's apex of power and mankind's relentless will to conquer. It's a test of brute versus brains. Who will come out on top of the food chain?

Marcus Liphokojoe (Grade 8)

"A gorilla would easily take a hundred men. A gorilla is incredibly strong and fast. The 100 men could try to work together, but before they could even coordinate, the gorilla would have taken at least 20 of the men down. So, in conclusion, a gorilla would destroy 100 men."



Greg Dell-Robertson (Prefect)

"One hundred men could certainly defeat a single gorilla. We could assemble an iconic team featuring figures like Rassie Erasmus, Finn Russel, David Goggins, Eben Etzebeth, Brian Shaw, Conor McGregor, Jon "Bones" Jones, and Eddie Hall. Rassie Erasmus, Finn Russell, and David Goggins would serve as our strategists and motivators, while we'd leverage the raw strength of enforcers like Eben Etzebeth, Brian Shaw, and Eddie Hall. Conor McGregor would be deployed to torment and get inside the Gorilla's head, allowing Jon "Bones" Jones to deliver the decisive blows. With additional personnel such as the 21 SAS, the Marines, and various rugby players, our 100-man team would overwhelm the gorilla. In my opinion, with a combination of distraction techniques and co-ordinated attacks, the gorilla would have no chance against such a force."

Mr Rust (Teacher)

"Yes, 100%. If they implement the right, like, techniques — I don't know — to kill the gorilla. Like if one makes a distraction from the front, and the other one comes from the back and maybe chokes him, and then the rest holds him captive, maybe by luring him into a trap." {Side note: Mr Rust's plan sounds sus, like trying to subdue an angry Evan Roos after a red card}.

According to primatologist Tara Stoinski, a gorilla's immense strength (up to 10 times that of a human) and thick skin make it a ferocious opponent. Adult males are capable of lifting up to 1800 pounds and possess a bite force strong enough to crack bamboo, while delivering bone-breaking blows. While a group of men might use numbers to wear the gorilla down, they'd likely suffer severe injuries. Experts note that coordinated attacks could work in theory but would require military-level discipline. Gorillas typically avoid violence, but once provoked, they're capable of inflicting serious harm, making any fight extremely risky for the humans involved. While the men might technically win through sheer numbers, it would be a gory, costly fight. Countless would be seriously injured or killed, and the physical and mental toll would far outweigh any sense of victory. It's a humbling reminder of the raw power of nature and the cost of underestimating it.

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Brainrot Masterpieces Ranked

By Joel Horak



Do not attempt to read if you are above 18 years of age

18+ Side effects may include a severe drop in IQ **18+**

1. Imagine if Ninja Had A low Taper Fade

Some say it has faded but I say it's still massive. Undoubtably the most massive meme to ever cross our screens. Imagine if Mr Laurie had a low taper fade. Cold cut.



2. Skibidi Toilet

OG Brainrot. Skibidi bop yes yes yes. Awesome cinematic universe featuring a war between toilet heads and cameramen. Created by 'DaFuq!?Boom!'. Unhinged visuals risk frying your frontal lobe.



3. Italian Brainrot

Peak Brainrot. Sensory Overload. Brain nourishment. Tung Tung Tung Sahur > Tralalero Tralala > Ballerina Cappuccino > Brr Brr Patipim > Bombardiro Crocodilo > Chimpanzini Banini > Lirilì Larilà > Špijuniro Golubiro > Tripi Tropi > Boneca Ambalabu > Bombardini Gusini > Frullì Frullà



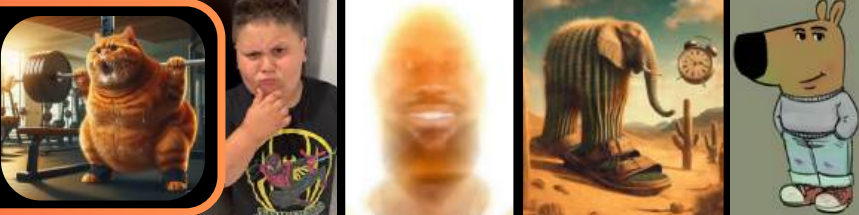
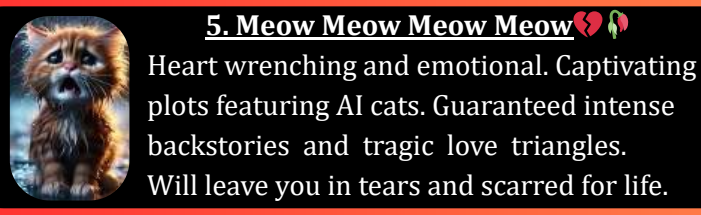
4. Minecraft Movie

Already grossed around \$1B. Jack Black's iconic portrayal of Steve has created a meme factory. Unforgettable theatre experience. Chicken Jockeyyy



5. Meow Meow Meow Meow

Heart wrenching and emotional. Captivating plots featuring AI cats. Guaranteed intense backstories and tragic love triangles. Will leave you in tears and scarred for life.



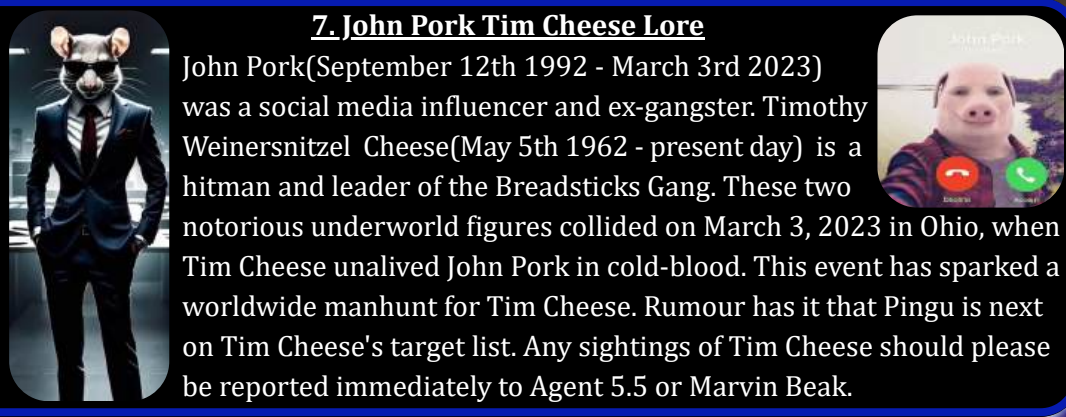
6. Sigma Boy (Song by Betsy)

Absolute banger. Recorded by two random 11-year-old girls. 90% of the song is in Russian but vibe 100%.



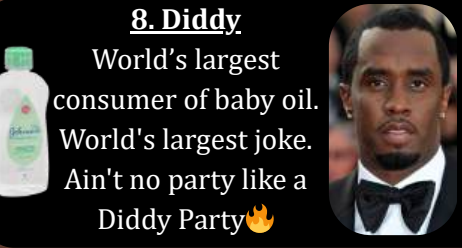
7. John Pork Tim Cheese Lore

John Pork (September 12th 1992 - March 3rd 2023) was a social media influencer and ex-gangster. Timothy Weinersnitzel Cheese (May 5th 1962 - present day) is a hitman and leader of the Breadsticks Gang. These two notorious underworld figures collided on March 3, 2023 in Ohio, when Tim Cheese unalived John Pork in cold-blood. This event has sparked a worldwide manhunt for Tim Cheese. Rumour has it that Pingu is next on Tim Cheese's target list. Any sightings of Tim Cheese should please be reported immediately to Agent 5.5 or Marvin Beak.



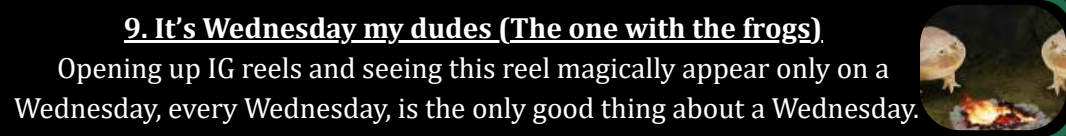
8. Diddy

World's largest consumer of baby oil. World's largest joke. Ain't no party like a Diddy Party



9. It's Wednesday my dudes (The one with the frogs)

Opening up IG reels and seeing this reel magically appear only on a Wednesday, every Wednesday, is the only good thing about a Wednesday.



10. KFC, UK, and Ireland Official Insta page (@kfc_uki)

Whoever is in charge of KFC marketing cooked so hard.



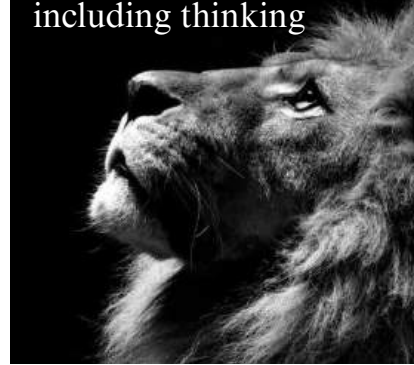
POV: When they give you $y=ab^x+q$ in the maths exam and ask you to draw a graph



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The Lion does not attend class, instead he uses AI to do everything for him, including thinking



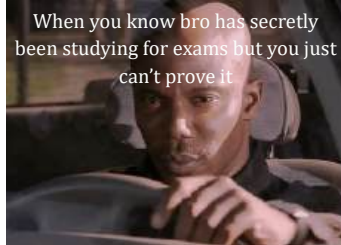
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THE SCHOOL TO
GO OUT A GATE



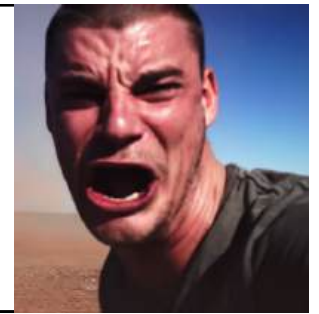
When you know bro has secretly been studying for exams but you just can't prove it



THE GATE
IS LOCKED



How I look at bro when he yells "Is that a cellular device" in the middle of class, just as my opponent places a sneaky golem in the pocket



Life when school was only 4 days a week in April

How it feels getting 90% for LO



How it feels getting 40% for LO



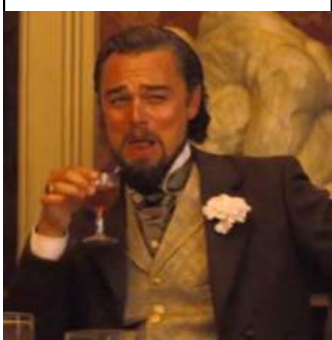
Staying up to study for tomorrow's exam

Staying up to doomscroll on reels

How you feel doing your LO Project and add "Make it sound human" to your prompt



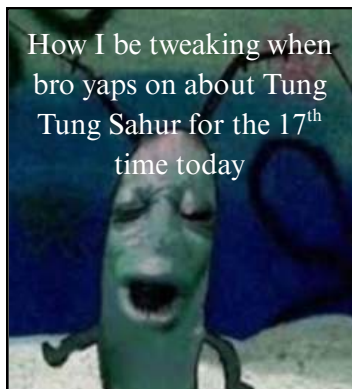
When you get a higher mark than the kid with colour coded notes



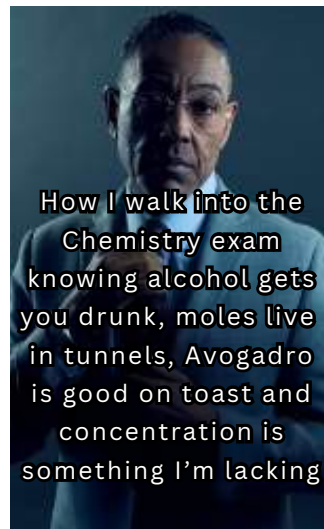
MEMES

By GM Team and Reporters

How I be tweaking when bro yaps on about Tung Tung Sahur for the 17th time today



How I walk into the Chemistry exam knowing alcohol gets you drunk, moles live in tunnels, Avogadro is good on toast and concentration is something I'm lacking



That one word

Me knowing the answer to the Afrikaans question



How it feels tracking the homies down to a random classroom on a rainy day



How hype your mans be when you fail a test with them



When your teacher doesn't round your 25.3% to a 90%

