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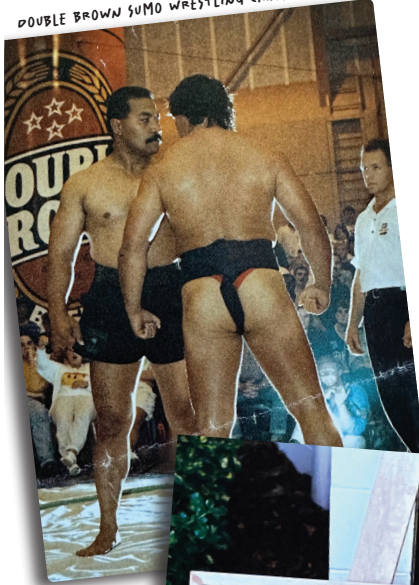
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*TOP 50
PEOPLE
OF 2024*



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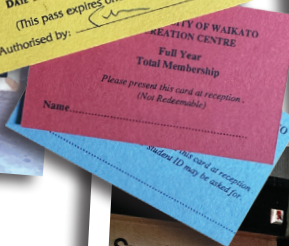
DOUBLE BROWN SUMO WRESTLING CHALLENGE ('91)



HYPER AEROBICS IN POLARIS ROOM



ORIGINAL CHALKBOARD SIGNAGE



BILL CROME, RECREATION DIRECTOR ('93)



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We're nearing the end of our 2024 journey and honestly? I'm a little bummed out. This year seems to have gone by far too quickly; I could have sworn autumn just started. However, it's been a pretty great year. With that in mind, we've decided to hit you with two issues to sum up the best and worst of 2024. Considering that this covers the best, here's a little insight into why this year was oh so good:

When I was given the role of Nexus Editor, I was both terribly excited and scared I was going to mess it all up. Nevertheless, I am so incredibly grateful for the team I've been able to work with because of that. I'll admit, for a while my mindset was to just "fuck around and find out", but I think we really pulled off a good year. I don't say this nearly enough, but the team of writers and designers here are truly one-of-a-kind. It's been such an immense pleasure working with a team with so much talent, fun, and respect, and I truly can't wait for what we do next year!

To the design team- Jasmine, Aria, Filly, and Cara, you guys are the most outstanding group of people I know. Despite being at Nexus for my third year now, I never quite got the gist of how design worked until I saw you guys in action. And let me just say, what the fuck?? The amount of time, precision, dedication, and talent that goes into your every move is a beautiful sight to behold. Nexus is forever grateful to you and your stella expertise, as am I, and I know we're in good hands for the foreseeable future.

To the writing team- Leliani, Steve, Lucy, and (formerly) Hawira, I am so incredibly impressed by you. I have seen your writing individually grow over the course of 2024 and watched as you develop your own unique voices in Nexus. I know that sometimes I can be terribly unorganised (I'll get better I swear!), but somehow you all manage to dish out engaging content despite that. Thanks for making my first year as Editor a fun one (and filled with lizard conspiracies??). You guys are amazing xx

Ily team <3

BEST NEWS OF 2024 - Thanks To the NZ Herald

In NZ we are lucky not to have too much bad news to report on... clearly some journalists have time to get a bit wild with it! Here are some of our favourite articles from 2024!

The Real Reason Crumpets Have Holes In Them

Crumpets are a beloved treat, but their signature holes make it a mystery as to what they really are. Channel 4's Food Unwrapped has shed light on the process, revealing that bubbles form during fermentation and must be cooked on a specific hot plate. Co-presenter Kate Quilton learned at the Warburtons factory that the batter needs to ferment in a warm environment (around 40°C) for about two hours until frothy. When cooked on deep hot plates, steam rises through the batter, pushing bubbles to the surface and creating the crumpet's characteristic holes—a process described as a “chimney effect.” This explanation clarifies why co-presenter Matt Tebbutt, despite his culinary skills, struggled to make crumpets at home using a shallow pan and insufficient fermentation, resulting in flat, unappealing results. Understanding these key steps can help home cooks successfully recreate crumpets.



Man Ends Up In Hospital After Injecting Semen Into Arm To Cure Back Pain

I can't believe this made it in our national paper, but a 33-year-old man in Dublin sought treatment for severe lower back pain presented with a red rash and swelling on his forearm. Doctors discovered he had been self-administering semen injections into his arm for 18 months, believing it would alleviate his back pain. This unconventional approach led to cellulitis, a bacterial skin infection, rather than any relief. The man purchased a hypodermic needle online and injected the semen monthly, resulting in botched procedures and leakage into his soft tissue. He finally sought emergency care after worsening pain from lifting a heavy object. Despite the bizarre case being documented in the Irish Medical Journal as a world first, no prior studies exist on the intravenous injection of semen. The case highlights the dangers of untrained individuals attempting medical procedures and has sparked significant reactions on social media.

My Husband And I Took A DNA Test – And Discovered We're Related

The click bait on this one was admittedly unreal, but still a banger of a story; the author was intrigued to discover her family had a coat of arms and a rich lineage dating back to the 14th century, contrasting with her own humble heritage. Fascinated by family history, she became one of the first British journalists to use 23andMe in 2011, sending a saliva sample to learn about her ancestry and potential health issues. The service confirmed familial connections and identified distant relatives. Recently, she found her husband listed among 500 distant relatives, revealing they are fourth or fifth cousins due to shared DNA from an ancestor. This discovery sparked speculation about family secrets and illicit affairs. The author reflects on how genealogy services are increasingly revealing unexpected truths, citing a previous revelation about a family member's true parentage. With millions using these DNA testing kits, uncovering hidden family histories is becoming more common.



Boneless Chickens And Insulin Pens: Strange Things Kiwis Leave In Ubers

Many people have experienced leaving items behind in Ubers, often after a night out and lucky for us, we got a beautiful article from it! It showcased that Uber's Lost & Found index reveals that while phones, wallets, and keys are commonly forgotten, unusual items like a boneless chicken, insulin pens, and even a unicycle have also been left behind in New Zealand. Saturdays are the busiest days for lost items, with March 3, coinciding with the Auckland City Limits festival, being the peak day, recording 69 forgotten items. The index lists the most common and bizarre items lost, highlighting both the everyday forgetfulness and the quirky nature of what people leave in their rides.



BEST SPORTS STORIES

By Tehana De Klerk

LULU SUN MAKES HISTORY

This year, we experienced the incredible run of Lulu Sun at Wimbledon. Hailing from Te Anau, Sun signed herself into the history books when she reached the quarter-finals; Sun became the first New Zealand woman to ever reach that stage at Wimbledon in the Open Era. The entire country was rallying behind her, and while she did not continue her winning streak there, she continues to shine on the court elsewhere.



“FRENCH POLE VAULTER’S BULGE COSTS HIM AN OLYMPIC MEDAL”

21-year-old Anthony Ammirati quickly became a viral figure at the Olympics following an incident involving his crotch. Ammirati missed his target height and knocked down the pole with his bulge, quickly sparking a whirlwind of memes across social media platforms. He may have lost the battle, but he certainly won the war.

CAITLIN CLARK’S IMPRESSIVE (AND HISTORIC) WNBA DEBUT

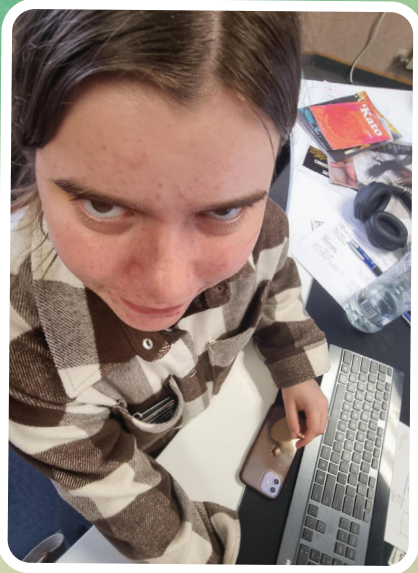
The name Caitlin Clark is one that has been circulating on social media since the player’s college days. This year, Clark made her WNBA debut with Indiana Fever and proceeded to show us remarkable talent, breaking records and bringing in significantly high viewership numbers. She was recently unanimously chosen for the Associated Press’ (AP) Rookie of the year.



LAMINE YAMAL AT THE EUROS

It isn’t a new concept for footballers to start playing professionally while they’re quite young, but to have won the Euros and been the player with the most assists at the competition all at the age of seventeen (he only turned seventeen before the FINAL; he was sixteen throughout most of it)? Well, that was sure to spark media attention and praise.

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ARIA

Being able to write stupid single sentence reviews.

TEHANA

My absolute favourite '24 memory was going to Phuket, Thailand with the fam! The food was genuinely to die for (I need those little pork rib things again!) and I fell asleep during every massage. The beach was so nice (up Kamala Beach); watching people catch a quick fade by those waves was so funny (until it happened to me too) and writing Nexus while lounging on the beach made me feel so expensive.



FILLY

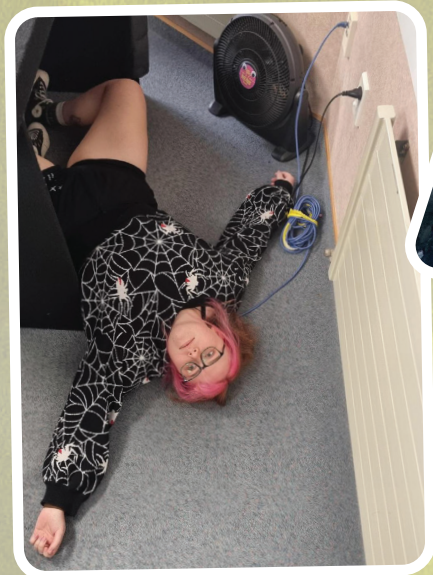
Going to Japan.

STEVE

Earlier this year, I went home to celebrate Tet with my family. As the youngest, I hadn't realised how much my parents were aging. I found myself taking care of them, feeling like they had never truly lived. This photo was taken the night they discovered they had free will and could scream like kids. I know it's cheesy but seeing them so free and happy, this memory will forever be engraved in my heart.



BEST MEMORIES



CARA

Going to shake out after having lunch in the office.



LEILANI

My best Nexus memory is getting to write about shitty exes and then reading it (girlboss). My best memory of '24 is being a silly girl in Bali as per usual! And picking up this stunning merchandise that encapsulated the time perfectly!



JASMINE

I went into this year trying to spend more time with people, and goddamn did I nail that mission. Almost a little too much, but I know I'm going to look back on photos and tokens from the year gone by a lot more fondly than ones where I did absolutely nothing. So, cheers to all the friends I made new memories with!

LUCY

I started this year off by raising some ADORABLE ducklings (They're called Puddles and Cuddles). When they were super-duper tiny, they'd do those little chaotic pitter patter sprints to follow me EVERYWHERE, so I had two very fluffy, yellow, kinda-sentient shadows for about 2 months. ALSO, I TURNED 22! It was the height of Bridgerton fever, so I obviously wore the most gorgeous dress known to womankind and had a paint-and-sip brunch. Iconic.



2024 has been a remarkable year for a fresh wave of perspectives in the fashion industry. We're seeing more colours, cultural representation, and a stronger focus on inclusivity. Looking ahead, many renowned labels are now prioritising sustainability practices, as the fashion industry remains one of the largest contributors to climate change. As in Aotearoa, we also face a big challenge with fund cuts, leading to the cancellation of NZFW 2024 (which fortunately just announced its comeback next year).



LOOK OF THE YEAR

ZENDAYA

Reel it back to the MET GALA 2024 and you have the best dressed of the year - Zendaya in the Maison Margiela gothic dress. Unlike all the other outfits that take either garden or time as the main element, stylist Law Roach chose to apply both into the look, easily going down to the MET GALA fashion history. Amplifying the era of gothic, the dark and daring dress featured a one-shoulder silhouette with a voluminous sheer fabric layered on top of a dark emerald, green dress. The most interesting detail about the haute couture is the 3D printed fruitlike and bird motifs. The outfit comes straight out of The Hunger Games embodying a strong and fierce persona.

THE BEST FASHION

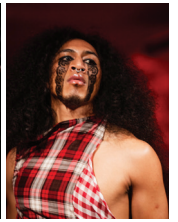


BRAND OF THE YEAR

RUBY

Focusing on Aotearoa-based brands and the current obsession with gingham, RUBY has become a go-to for Euro summer girlies. Founded in 2002, the label is renowned for its high-quality knitwear and elevated basics. A simple minidress with a hint of gingham or a maxi with plaid adds a cute touch to any casual outfit. RUBY's recent collection, Peppermint, received positive feedback, offering pieces that truly embody the spirit of their wearers.

Moving onto another Ruby diversion, Liam focuses more on patternmaking. This year specifically, many IT Girls have started to DIY their clothes and learn to thrift-flip from old pieces. Liam offers online patterns and paper patterns, available in sizes 4 - 28. RUBY's dedication to sustainability and fashion circulation has set it apart and secured its spot on this Best of 2024 list. Recently, the brand hosted a Take B_ack Friday campaign to resell Rubette's pre-loved clothes, ensuring the pieces continue circulating and being put to good use.



TREND OF THE YEAR

CHUNKY JEWELLERY

In terms of over-consumption, dilemmas arise about whether we should cave into trends or simply re-wearing the same clothes we already have. Fashion took a turn this year, as many influencers began de-influencing, repurposing and styling their old pieces into fresh, new aesthetics. Under-consumption has emerged as a top trend in 2024 despite its long-standing presence in many POC households.

The rise of the clean girl aesthetic is the death of bold fashion statements. In 2024, chunky jewellery, patterns, bold colours and retro accessories like flower hairclips and bag charms are making a comeback. The makeup industry follows along with trends like bleached brows and creative looks for the female gaze. This year embraces the art in fashion and encourages individuality.

RUNWAY SHOW OF THE YEAR

LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY - TE WIKI ĀHUA O AOTEAROA 2024

I recently stumbled upon the underground Fashion Week in Tāmaki Makaurau while doom-scrolling on Instagram. They hosted three consecutive nights showcasing the creatives in Aotearoa. The standout show? Life Cycle of a Butterfly, featuring Aerathelable, Kongcore, Maxine, Sleepingprofit, Weiwenstore, and Zheyi Ruan. Focusing on alt-fashion, these slow fashion labels perfectly captured the essence of art and culture - something often overlooked when getting dressed. Mysterious and whimsical, the show was truly impeccable.

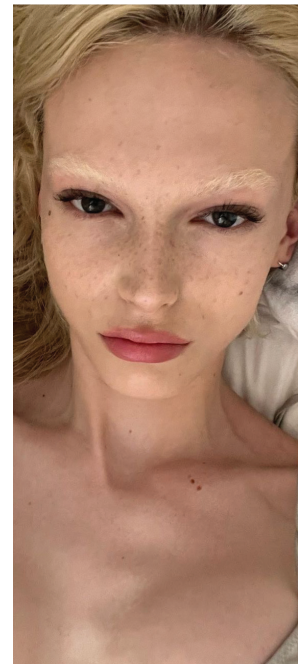
FASHION OF 2024

MODEL OF THE YEAR

ALEX CONSANI - THE DUALITY OF A MODEL

The name Alex Consani is known not only by fashion enthusiasts for her signature strong and bouncy walk but also by social media users for her iconic TikTok videos, from dancing in the subway to covering "Where Have You Been" by Rihanna in the middle of New York City.

Born to wear I *heart* New York, forced to be raised in California, Alex Consani struggled to find aspirations due to the lack of transgender representation in the model industry. Alex, with the support of family and friends, stepped up and became the youngest trans-signed model at the age of 13 and the first to be nominated for the Best Model Award in 2024. Doll Alex Consani now graces the runways of the world's biggest fashion shows, walking for renowned brands such as Roberto Cavalli, Diesel, Alexander McQueen, Jean Paul Gaultier, Mugler, and many other international labels.



TOP 10 HOT TAKES FROM NEXUS

- 10.** Mental health is not an excuse for treating people like shit.
- 9.** Being “Brutally Honest” isn’t a personality trait. It’s just an excuse to be mean.
- 8.** Wearing carabiner as an accessory doesn’t make your outfit look better.
- 7.** People who hate it when I mention lizards in Nexus don’t know how to let other people enjoy things.
- 6.** Remaking animated films as live-action does more harm than good- just create new stories.
- 5.** Deadpool & Wolverine was good, but the MCU fell off after Infinity War.
- 4.** While it does take two to tango, Ariana Grande is a homewrecker and people moved on from that very quickly.
- 3.** Apple Music and Spotify are basically the same thing- it’s the people who use SoundCloud in 2024 that need to be stopped.
- 2.** It is literally impossible to not crease your shoes, and it’s not a big deal when you do.
- 1.** Cinema popcorn is overrated.





The 50 Best People of 2024





50. Adidas Samba

Fashionable and practical. Who wouldn't love it?



49. Mbappé (Speaking English)

Competeeteeve. Lakurs.



48. Monster Energy Zero Ultra Strawberry Dreams

Without this one drink, Nexus wouldn't have any of my articles, and I probably wouldn't even show up to uni. Cheers.



47. Grey Street

Best street in Hamilton (minus the name), no cap.



46. HOYTS (Centre Place)

They will give student discounts to your parents without asking for a Student ID (legends) (this might not work don't trust us).



45. Sunday Night Markets

Best. Chocolate. Dipped. Strawberry. Ever.



44. Bongo Matcha Latte

Just added to the menu, iced matcha latte easily replaces my daily coffee consumption.



43. Gianmarco Tamberi

How do you lose your wedding ring and still come out victorious? The world loves you.



42. Heart-Shaped Stuff

Hear me out: shapes are back in 2024. Heart shapes, specifically, are topping all the trendy stars.



41. Bows

I don't care if it's a micro-trend. It's CUTE.



40. UniMart

So Sweet!! We love you!! We might buy all the Pods!!



39. MCo Beauty Dupes

My bank account thanks you for your perfumes x



38. Stephen Nedoroscik

2024's answer to Clark Kent. He games, he's built, AND he's educated? Yes. Absolutely.



37. Stephanie Soo

Please never stop telling us the wildest stories.



36. The Campus Dogs

The only thing that brings us joy <333333



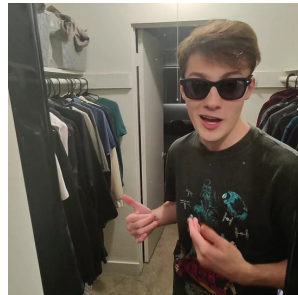
35. @itsdeaann

Talk politics to me x I won't understand a word he'll say, but I like how calm he is.



34. Suneha

The Don is THE spot thanks to our amazing new Head Chef who smashed the menu and brought it to the SUB and Tauranga popups.



33. @parkergetajob

He can debate me ANY day. We stan a liberal king.



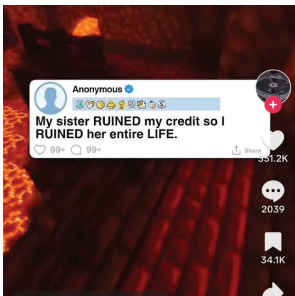
32. Tirtir foundations

A quick comeback of a Korean cosmetic brand in response to colour inclusivity is not on my bingo list this year.



31. Gabriel Attal

The youngest and gayest French Prime Minister starting his tenure at the start of this year.



30. Reddit Stories TikTok

Might be AI but some of these stories are so sick and twisted!! Keep them coming!!



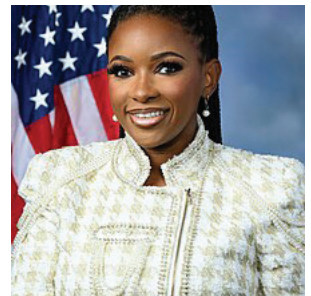
29. Robert Irwin <3

A hot golden retriever with a hyper-fixation on wild animals is all we need in our lives.



28. Sue (Sue's Kitchen)

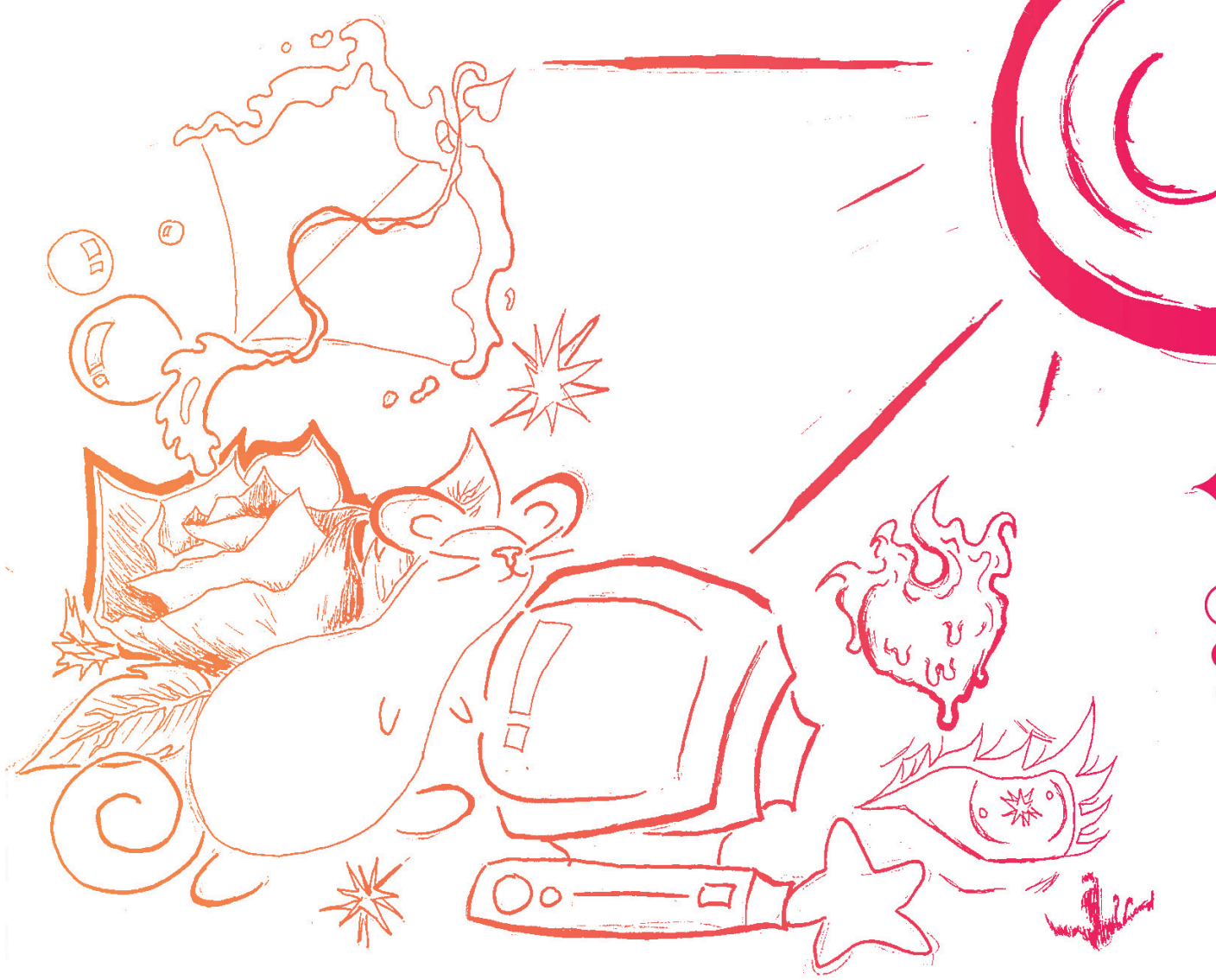
The best person on this campus <3 Nexus adores you <33



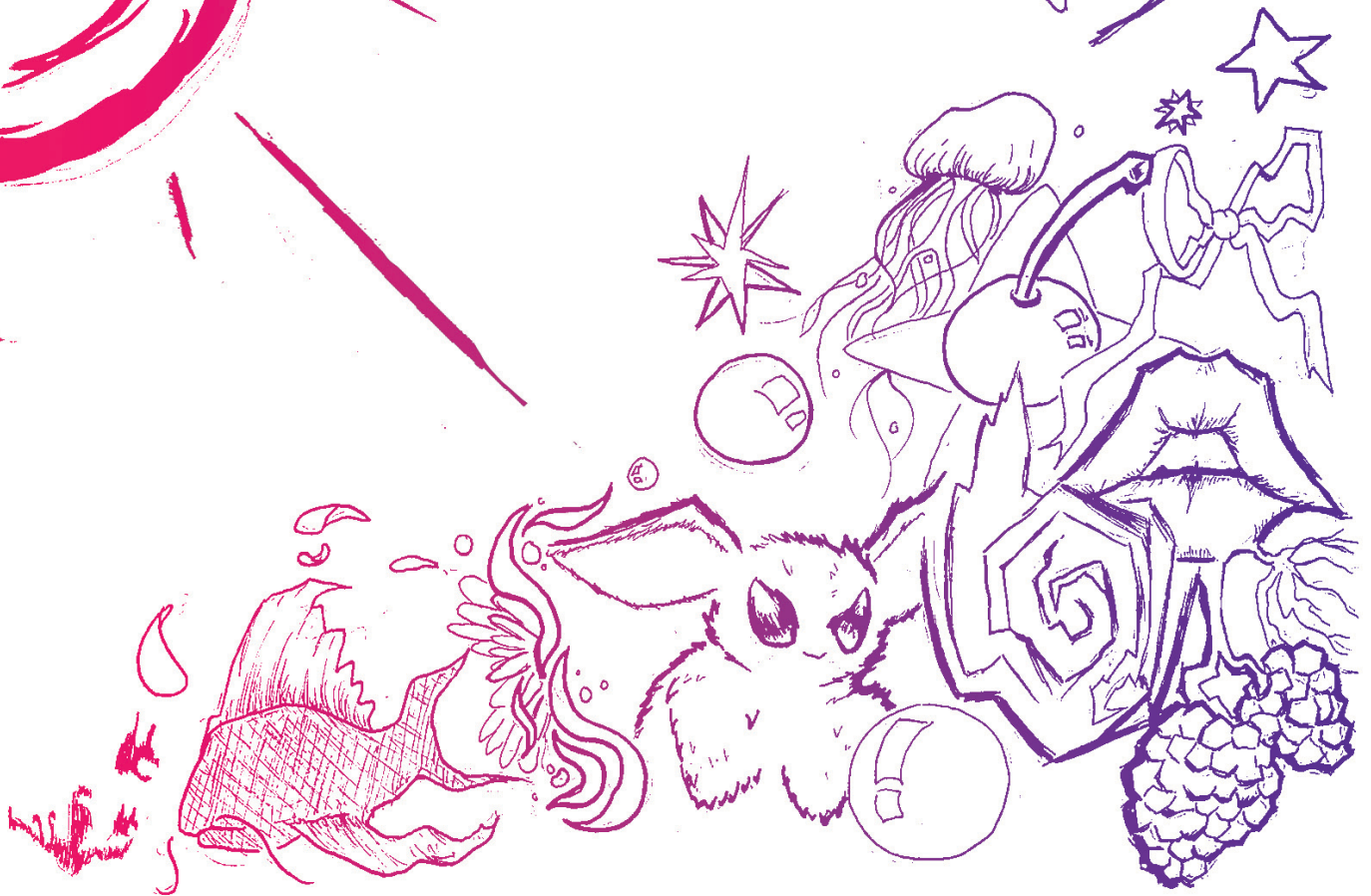
27. Jasmine Crockett

Representative from the Democrats, known for her iconic comeback "bleach blonde bad built butch body" in a debate.

LOONEY



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26. Snoop Dogg

Snoop Dogg will always be iconic and he should always be at the Olympics.



25. Lamine Yamal

Has he graduated high school yet? Who cares, he won the Euros.



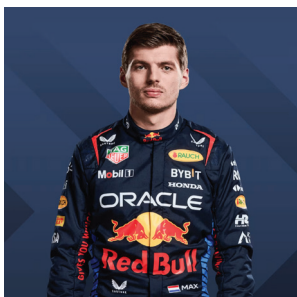
24. Hyunjin (Stray Kids)

Became a Versace ambassador and was quite literally nicknamed the "Versace Prince" by Donatella herself.

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23. Nexus

We see no lies.



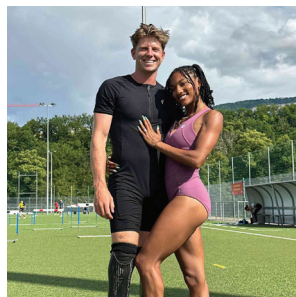
22. Max Verstappen

DUN DUN DUN DUN, MAX VERSTAPPEN



21. Lizards

Need I say more? Lizards carried Nexus this year. Viva la Reptiles. (To those who've complained: Grow TF up, let me enjoy things.)



20. Hunter Woodhull & Tara Davis-Woodhull

Power couple of the year. AND THEY'RE GOLD MEDALISTS!



19. Dr Melody Wilkinson

A QUEEN. Everybody lucky enough to know DOCTOR Melody, knows that she is God's gift to academia. Slay.



18. Chappell Roan

As the queen of yelling back and refusing to tolerate any disrespect, Chappell has set a new standard for how celebrities' boundaries should be respected by the media.



17. Dr Han Gan

Math is hard but Dr Han is so lovely, and his little jokes are the best <3



16. Kai Cenat

The streamer of all streamers (sorry Speed).



15. Mecca

Adding MECCA to The Base was the greatest thing Hamilton has ever done.



14. Tyla

Let's be real, we ALL either want to be her or be with her.



13. Simone Biles

A queen who can't out-do the do-er because she IS the do-er.



12. Te Arikinui Ngāwai hono i te po Pootatau te Wherowhero VIII

Kuini ki te whenua!!



11. Niko Omilana

NIKO FOR PRIME MINISTER. Please. I know we're in the wrong country, but he'd be SO GOOD.



10. Sabrina Carpenter

It's crazy to think that former Disney star Sabrina Carpenter has taken the world by storm with her not-so Disney-rated music. She has given us summer hits and opened for T-Swifts Eras Tour (her cover of Hopelessly Devoted is so, so good), and she has served c*nt doing it. We love to see women leading the pop music industry. Only SHE can make a career out of being short and horny. Iconic.



9. Ilona Maher

The IT girl of the Olympics and Team USA. Ilona Maher is literally the face of America, and you cannot tell us otherwise. And now she's even on Dancing With the Stars! In all honesty, Maher has become an icon at breaking the stigma about girls playing rugby. In New Zealand, we may not see it much (because rugby is OUR sport), but around the world people see women playing rugby as something a lot different, something "too masculine for real women". In response to this, Maher has become a prominent figure in showing that rugby is for us girls too.



8. Megan Thee Stallion

My girl Megan is killing it this year. Her album MEGAN literally lives rent free in my head. And why did nobody ever mention how funny she is? Her TikTok videos (she talks so damn fast) are too good. Focusing back on her music, Megan leads the 2024 BET Hip Hop Awards nominations with 12 nods. Her songs are still all the rage, and honestly? How are you supposed to compete with someone who also has Gojo fans backing her?



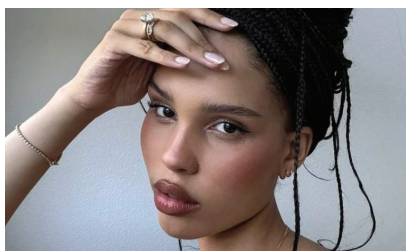
7. Bisan Owda

With a strong commitment to her community and country, this Palestinian journalist deserves recognition for her unwavering will and solidarity with those who have lost their lives, both literally and metaphorically, during the ongoing massacre in Gaza. Owda's determination and strength to show the world the truth of life in Gaza is something that we must not shy away from. Her determination to show the world this is truly admirable.



6. Caitlin Clark

Caitlin Clark has taken the WNBA by storm in her rookie season. Clark, who garnered a massive following during her college days (and has been regarded as one of the greatest collegiate players of all time) made her debut season in the WNBA one filled with record-breaking stats. Just last week, Clark was unanimously named Associated Press (AP) Rookie of the Year. Since her college days, Clark has helped popularise women's basketball and continues to make great progress. Nobody can escape the Caitlin Clark effect.



5. Nara Smith

Having Nara Smith in our top five may sound incredibly biased to some, however, we cannot ignore the powerhouse that this woman is. While her videos are purely satire, some of us cannot deny how serene and calm her persona is and wish we were her. She could make coke (sniff sniff) in her kitchen, and she would still be mother. She's really out here living my dream life, but can she make me financially stable (from scratch)?



4. Lydia Ko

Most of the time, golf isn't exactly what we'd call "the sport to watch". However, Lydia Ko is the exact reason why we're wrong. Born in Seoul, South Korea, Ko emigrated with her family to New Zealand when she was just 4 years old. Now at 27, Ko has 30 professional wins under her belt, and in August this year she won gold in women's golf at the Paris Olympics; this victory qualified her for the LGPA Hall of Fame, making her the 35th AND youngest inductee.



3. Yusuf Dikeç

The coldest mf at the Olympics. I don't think anyone expected this event to garner so much attention, however Dikeç made headlines across the globe for his "effortless swag" that literally broke the internet. His response to this was "At that moment, everyone says I seemed very calm, but actually storms were raging inside me... I never needed that equipment. I am a natural. A natural shooter." Dikeç went on to win silver in Paris and has confirmed that he will be striving for gold in 2028. Now THIS is aura.



2. Lulu Sun

While tennis may not be New Zealand's number one sport, the entire country watched on with pride as we supported Lulu Sun during her Wimbledon run this year. Born in Te Anau, Sun took us on her journey to the Wimbledon quarter-finals. In doing so, she became the first New Zealand women to ever reach that stage at this tournament in the Open Era. Unfortunately, Sun was triumphed by Donna Vekić, however our support for her never wavered. At just 23 years old, Sun has proven her passion and dedication to the sport and provided young sportsmen and sportswomen a new idol to look up to.

Kendrick Lamar

It really goes without saying that Kendrick Lamar was going to take the top spot this year. The seemingly never-ending saga of Drake v Kendrick was the highlight of good entertainment, however, one of them had to come out on top. If, for any reason, you're unsure of who won, one rapper is performing at the Super Bowl Halftime Show and the other... is Drake. Despite all of this, we can't take away from how talented and hard-working Kendrick really is. His passion and determination are things to be applauded and celebrated; he really wasn't lying when he said, "they got the right one."



TOP 10 Best Games of 2024

Dress to Impress (Roblox)

Have you ever played those dress-up games for dolls online or with actual dolls, spending hours trying to put together a slay outfit? Yes? Then welcome to Dress to impress featuring on Roblox which is still trending on social media platforms...for adults.



Persona 3 Reload

Come on, you shoot yourself in the head to summon demons to fight other demons. Also, really nice story and visuals, and the intro song beautiful (I'm not crying you are).



Another Crab's Treasure

Elden Ring with crabs.



Black Myth Wukong

Elden Ring with monkey.



Content Warning

Urban exploration youtuber simulator.

That's not my neighbour

Some play it for the horror. Some play it for the milkman.



Elden Ring Shadow of the Erdtree

We still can't make it past the first boss, but good game anyway.



Resident Evil 4 Remake

Leon plz choke me.



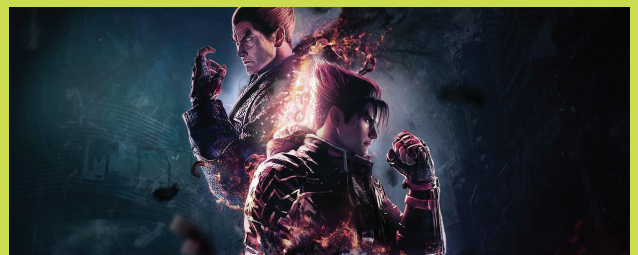
Chained Together

Warning: you might lose your friends.



Tekken 8

Any Tekken's a good Tekken (also if you pick Yoshimitsu fuck you).

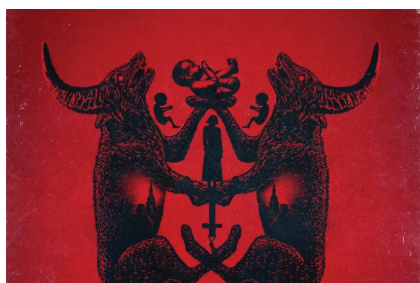


TOP 10 Best Movies of 2024



Spy x Family Movie

Was it just a longer-than-usual anime episode? Yes. Did it slap? YES. Now I'm craving that delicious cake thing.



The First Omen

This was undoubtedly not only the best horror film of the year, but also one of the best films overall.



Dune: Part Two

Paul "Muad'Dib" Atreides, the Duke of Arrakis had ALL of us in a chokehold. Give us Part Three.



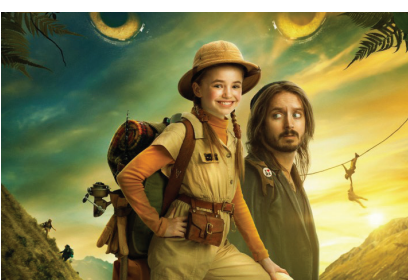
The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare

The cast is *chef's kiss*, and the story is super interesting (and loosely based on true events!).



Daughters

Heartwarming, emotional, tear-jerking etc. Father-daughter relationships are so special.



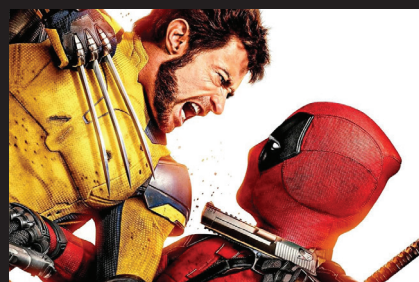
Bookworm

Aotearoa-based with a broken family trope? Sign me up and bring me a box of tissues.



Back to Black

An iconic film about an iconic woman.



Deadpool & Wolverine

Whooimaboutamakeanameformyselfyea.



We're All Gonna Die

A clever, inventive, and surprisingly heartfelt narrative of world changing apocalypse events and coming to terms with a new normal.



Inside Out 2

What if emotions had emotions, then there were MORE emotions? HERE'S YOUR ANSWER. Also, Pouchy carried the film.

TOP 10 Best Songs of 2024

Too Sweet (Hozier)

Who doesn't love a tragic slow-burn romance? Compared to the movie, the show's pace is slower and closer the book.

Please Please Please (Sabrina Carpenter)

This song captures the exact essence of hard launching a new partner. Did we all try the dramatic low note in the chorus? Talent.

Not Like Us (Kendrick Lamar)

Wildest beef of the year. If someone asks who won, tell them that one rapper is performing at the Superbowl, and the other....

Die With a Smile (Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars)

How can a song make us feel so in love yet sad at the same time? Icons fr.

Mamushi (Megan Thee Stallion ft. Yuki Chiba)

Watashi wa star <3

Touch (Kateye)

Stunning vocals and visuals, and a choreography that lives rent-free in our heads? My girls are killing it!

Pink Pony Club (Chappell Roan)

Addressing the societal pressure on gender roles, this song slaps not only with the lyrics but also the catchy beats.

Guess (Charlie xcx & Billie Elish)

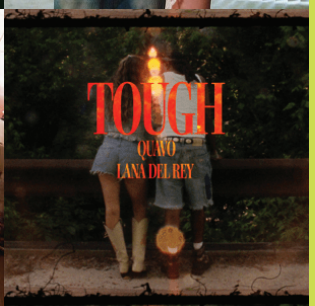
You wanna guess the colour of my underwear?

Big Dawgs (Hanumankind & Kalmi)

This had (has?) everyone in a chokehold. Vibes on vibes.

Tough (Lana Del Rey & Quavo)

The duo we never knew we needed.



TOP 10 Best Shows of 2024



Bridgerton (S3)

Ah. Perfection. Ball gowns, tea parties, scandalous love stories, AND angst. Send me to this universe please x.



One Day

Who doesn't love a tragic slow-burn romance? Compared to the movie, the show's pace is slower and closer to the book.



Sweet Tooth (S3)

A powerful and fitting end to a well-made and well-acted series.



The Boys (S4)

Absolutely fucking diabolical (it had to be said). Bring Soldier Boy back NOW (face card is too important to not be there).



Dungeon Meshi

Hiimo in a hot tub? GIVE IT TO ME NOW.



Baby Reindeer

An incredibly emotional watch that explores very realistic and confronting themes.



Heartstopper (S3)

This season is going to break us all. And Nick Nelson, my beloved <3



Kaiju no.8

Attack on Titan if it was fun! and the main character pisses out from his nipples.



The Bear (S3)

Jeremy Allen White <3333333



Shōgun

Let other shows win Emmys *insert crying emoji* Why are you so good *more crying*.



I went randomly solo camping up in the Coromandel. I'd never been up there before since I lived in the U.S. so it was cool to see New Zealand!

'cause Hamilton's not that pretty.

- Emily



Highlight of 2024? I'd say probably graduating if I pass all my last papers.

- Nathan

I'd say Jujutsu Kaisen... I'm chronically online...

...do I keep talking?

- Marcus



One highlight of 2024 for me was the Law Ball. It was amazing, everyone had a good night, it was just vibes!

- Sheilah



Meeting this guy right here! Jay, get on camera my bro.

- Amir



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THE BEST MOMENTS OF YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS

2024 FROM ON CAMPUS

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ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ 21 - ଅପ୍ରିଲ 19

This week, your fiery energy is off the charts! Make sure you don't burn any bridges...



ଅପ୍ରିଲ 20 - ମାୟ 20

It's all been a bit much lately, and binge watch the top 10 best shows from 2024 (Page 25)



ମାୟ 21 - ଜୁନ୍ 20

You will hit your funny bone on a lamp post. If you want to avoid this, apologise to the people you've hurt. Oh you can't do that? Damn...



ଜୁନ୍ 21 - ଜୁଲି 22

Relax bx x Go sit in the sunlight at bask in the knowledge that you are perfect <3



ଜୁଲି 23 - ଅଗଷ୍ଟ 22

DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE YOUR HAIR, I swear to god.



ଅଗଷ୍ଟ 23 - ସେପ୍ଟ 22

Prioritise your friends. Don't tackle any other thoughts, just go grab some bubble tea with your bestie.



ସେପ୍ଟ 23 - ଅକ୍ଟ 22

This week: Balance is key. Rearrange your living space! But avoid decisions that involve heavy lifting. Figure it out.



ଅକ୍ଟ 23 - ନଭେମ୍ବର 21

Avoid purple at all costs. Embrace the urge to get a new tattoo. (Preferably a tramp stamp).



ନଭେମ୍ବର 22 - ଡିସେମ୍ବର 21

I sense a great adventure coming your way. Look out for the number 13, and a dragon.



ଡିସେମ୍ବର 22 - ଜାନୁଆରୀ 19

You're like a caffeinated squirrel: energetic, yet chaotic. Terrifying. Your plans might go a bit sideways...



ଜାନୁଆରୀ 20 - ଫେବୃଆରୀ 18

Everything will turn out just fine, great things are coming your way. Also, give your partner a big hug, and buy them chocolate. Please x



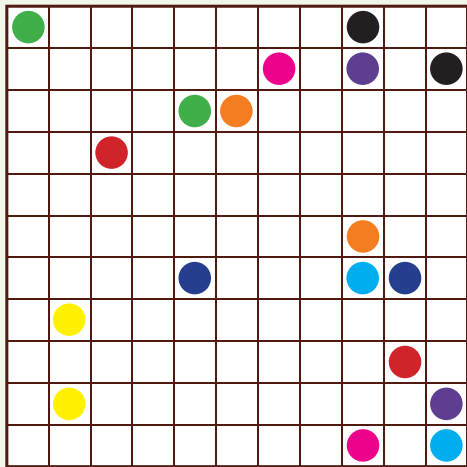
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The belt loop of your jeans will get stuck in a door handle. This is unavoidable.

Simple Puzzles for Simple People

FLOW DOTS

Connect the same colour dots without overlapping lines and filling the entire square.



Answers for the Flow Dots and more will be posted next Monday on the Nexus Instagram

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C's GET DEGREES

5 Reasons this isn't a Lion



TODAY'S TRIVIA

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Fuckin' Nerd

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This Week's Theme

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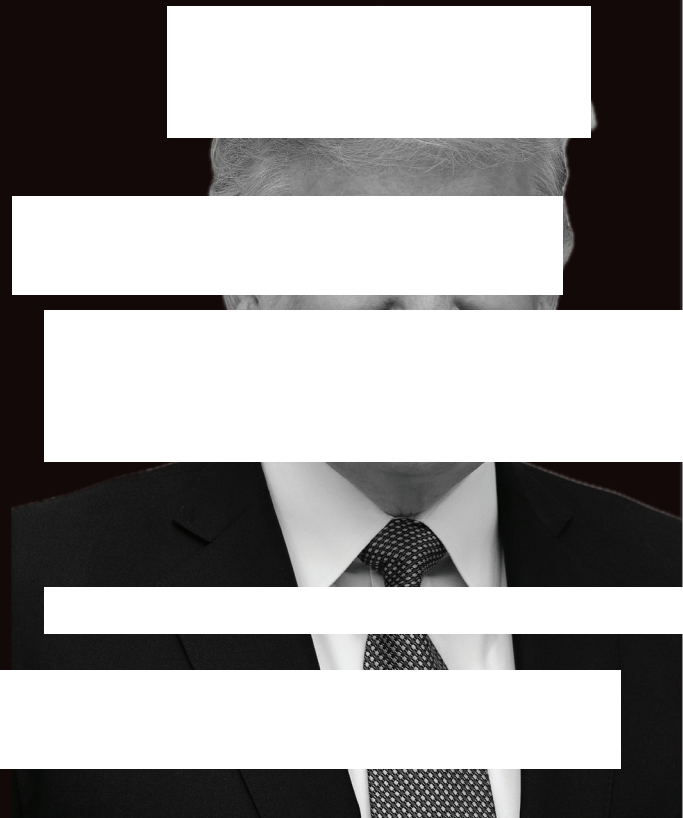
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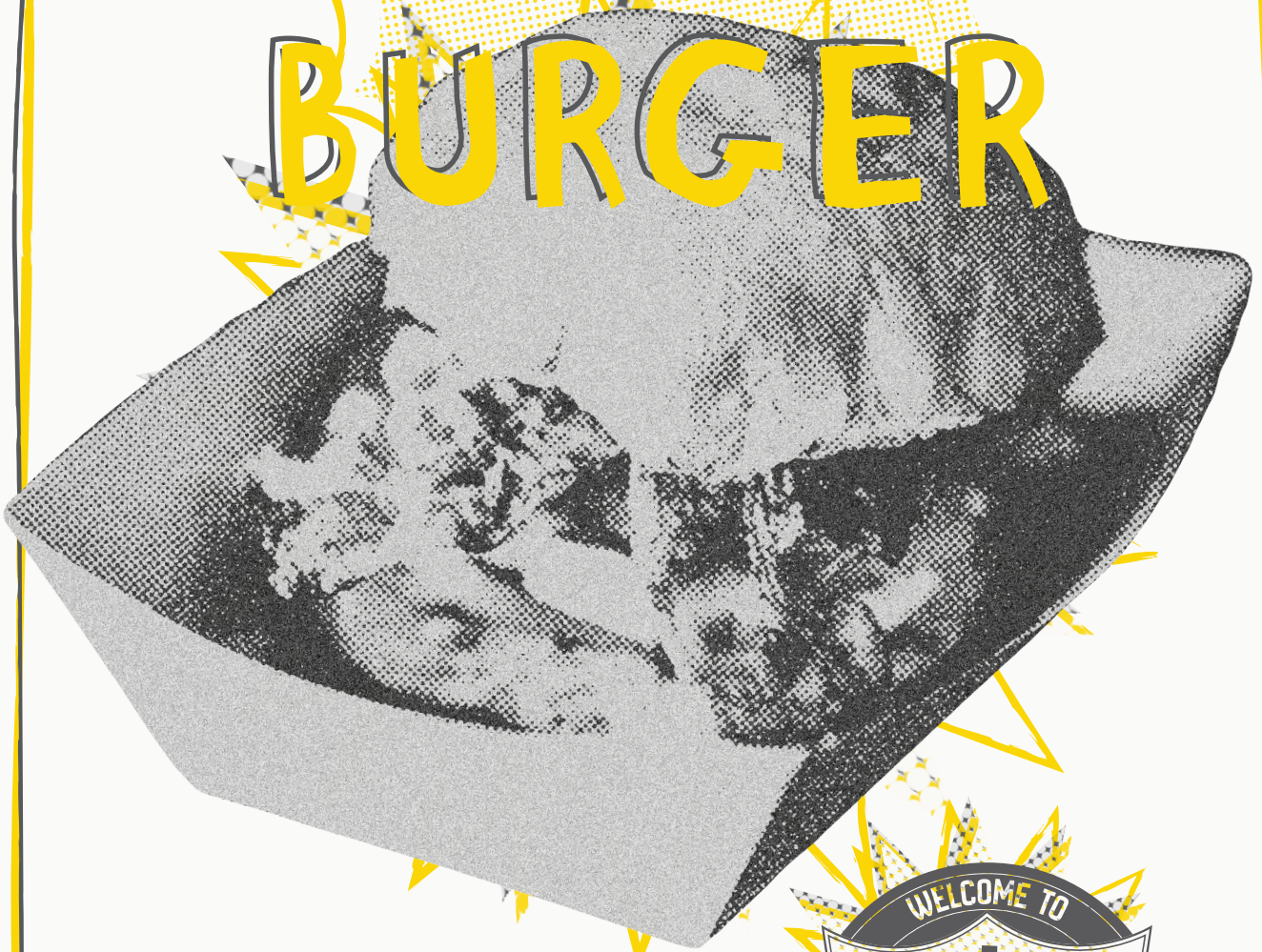
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