

Yes, you read that right. The same ChatGPT everyone's talking about, the AI bot capable of writing a book or programming a nuclear holocaust, made me a *paella* the other day. The "cookbot" version, of course. The result was a yellowish mush reeking of synthetic food additives, with most of the rice overdone. At the bottom of the *paella* pan – a redundant term, really, as the word "*paella*" actually refers to the receptacle, the meaning having gradually been absorbed into its contents over a low cookfire in the Valencian motherland – floated a sort of kerosene-like liquid, caused by the bot having miscalculated the exact quantity of extra virgin olive oil needed for the *sofrito*, the seasoning base for this magical Mediterranean meal. You might think that anybody could make *paella*, the star of Spanish gastronomy, but very few