

Friday, March 1

Issue 22

**THE SPARKLE TIMES**

# K-POP GROUP MADE WITH AI





# South Korean K-Pop Group made with AI

By Oliver Jiang



The group, called Eternity, is made with AI (artificial intelligence). Eternity consists of 11 members. This group is a K-Pop group.

## What is K-Pop?

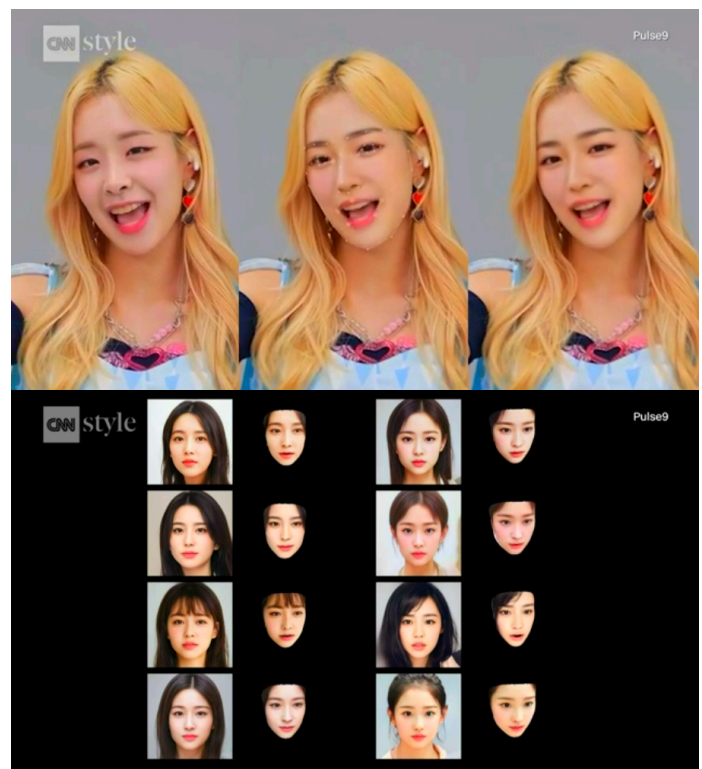
K-Pop is short for Korean Popular Music. It is a mix of many genres from around the world, and it blends music and dance. Other K-Pop groups include BTS and TWICE.

## What is AI?

AI is short for artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence allows computers to perform tasks that once only humans could do. AI is just like the name suggests: intelligence that is artificial, or not real.

## Why is this dance group important?

This is important because it is the first time AI has been used to create an entire dance group. It is a huge milestone for technology and entertainment. The creators, Pulse 9, say they want the group to be like a singing, dancing Siri.

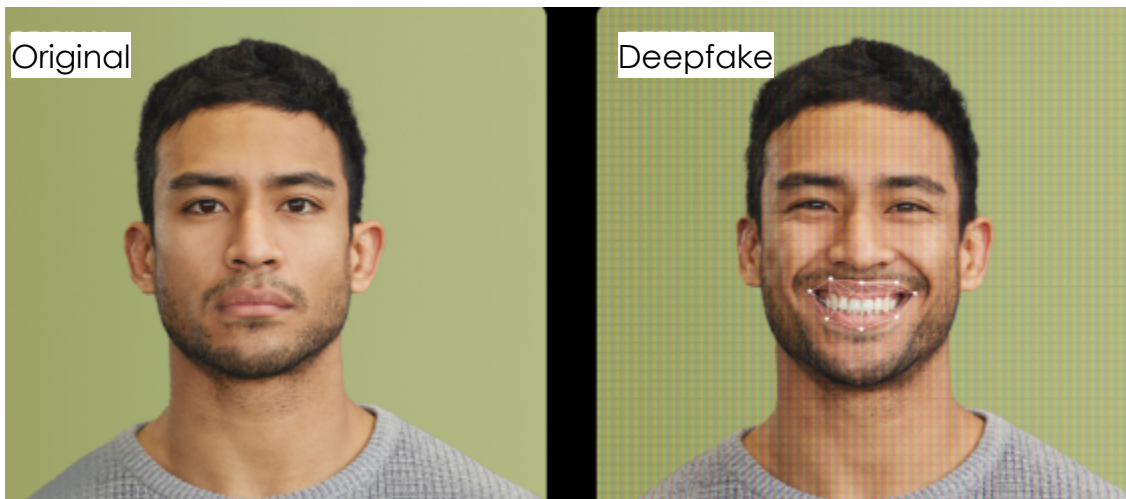


# What else might AI do?

By Charlotte Sent

Fears over how AI could be used to mislead voters are escalating in a year that will see hundreds of millions of people around the world cast ballots. As a result, tech giants (the largest technology information companies such as Apple, Facebook, and Google) are pledging action.

Deepfakes are created when AI is used to create a video replica of celebrities and politicians. The video is then sent to people's phones to mislead them. Voters are worried that deepfakes will be used to control the voters' mindsets by sending them false information.



# 2024 Presidential Election could affect Ukraine

By Charlotte Sent

During the press conference at the Munich Security Conference, Vice President Kamala Harris said there is no other option but to backup Ukraine from Russia's invasion! After the 2024 presidential election with the new president, the United States may not be able to help Ukraine because the new president might have a different mindset and different goals!





# Teenager in Texas suspended for his hair

By Oliver Jiang

Darryl George, who is 18 years old, has been suspended for breaking the dress code at his school. Darryl wears his hair in dreadlocks, which he ties up at school. The rule is that male students' hair cannot extend past the earlobes or eyebrows when let down. Even though it would take Darryl hours to let down his hair, he has been suspended repeatedly and has lost a year of school. The school that he is learning at is an independent school and in an independent school they can make any rule, no matter how unreasonable that rule is. Darryl and his family have taken the school system to court, but the judge ruled that the dress code was not violating the CROWN act (a law that prohibits race-based hair discrimination)

Darryl George



# **The Big Debate**

## **Should self-driving cars**

### **replace regular ones?**

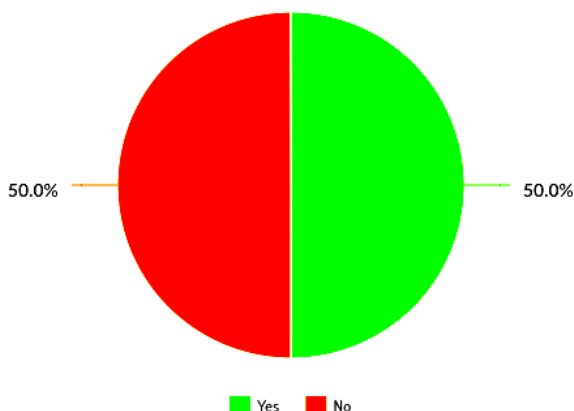
Yes

Self-driving cars are not only easier, but also helpful. Imagine you're running late and don't know how to get to your destination. If you had a self-driving car, that wouldn't be a problem because it drives for you. Also, if you don't know how to drive, but still need a ride, you can just travel in a self-driving car. Self-driving cars also allow people to do work stuff on their computers while driving, without worrying about getting into a crash. And if you're on a long road trip where the drive is 10 hours or more, instead of taking multiple drives so you can sleep, just sleep while the car drives itself!

No

Self-driving cars are dangerous. What if it malfunctions and crashes, or the program gets hacked? Humans are starting to rely too much on technology, which could lead to AI taking over. Plus, if you're on the highway with your self-driving car and a little kid in the car next to you looks over at your car, they would probably be so freaked out to see a car with no driver. And if they freak out and start crying, then it makes the ride uncomfortable for the people they're driving with, whether the humans are driving or not. Finally, self-driving cars are more expensive than regular cars, and if you are the one driving, you save money.

Want to vote on this week's debate?  
Find Emily sometime today or email  
your response!



Last week's results:

Last week we asked if schools should teach cursive. 50% of readers said Yes, while 50% said No.



# How to...

## Make tissue paper suncatchers

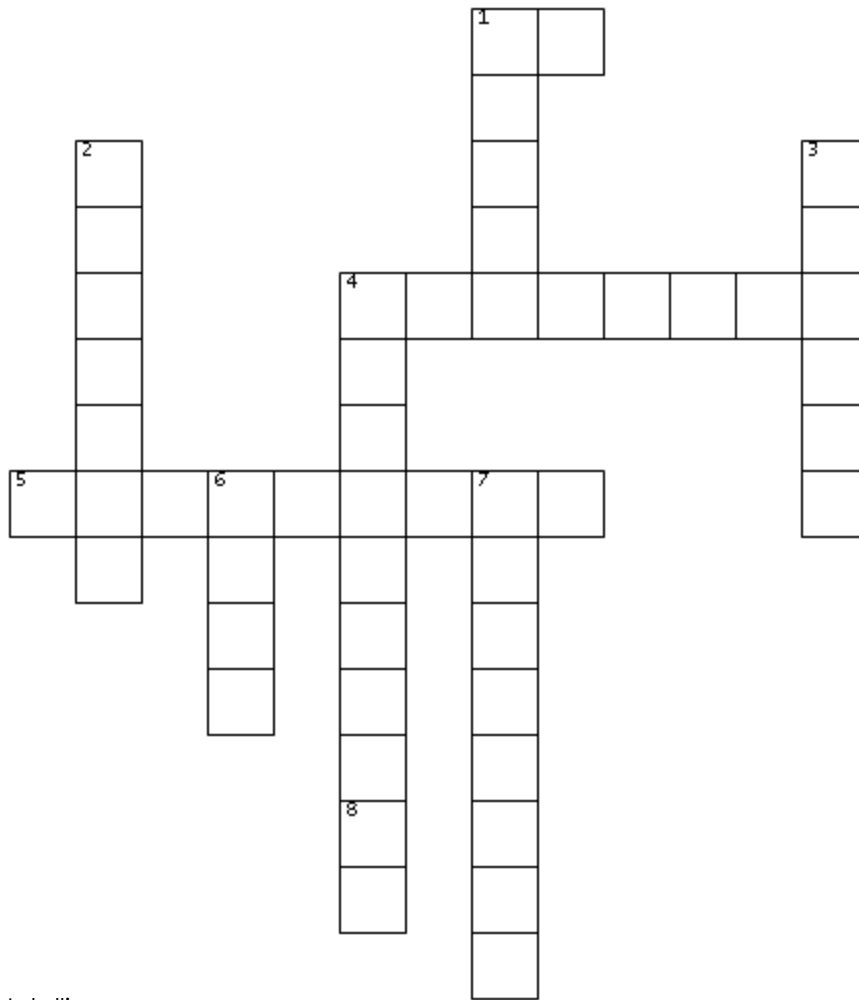


### Materials

- Tissue paper in various colors
- Scissors
- Clear contact paper
- Double-sided tape

### Instructions

1. Cut the tissue paper into small pieces, each one about as big as a quarter.
2. Cut two identical pieces of clear contact paper.
3. Remove the backing from the contact paper and put it sticky-side up on a flat surface.
4. Stick the pieces of tissue paper on the contact paper until it is completely covered.
5. Stick another piece of clear contact paper on top of the tissue paper.
6. Cut it into shapes.
7. Use double-sided tape to stick your suncatcher on a window!



#### ACROSS

1. Artificial Intelligence
4. A video replica used to mimic politicians or celebrities
5. What Emily Erker runs
8. Pop Korean music

#### DOWN

1. Tech giant example
2. Synonym for sparkle
3. This issue is issue \_\_\_\_
4. What Darryl George was suspended for
6. Should \_\_\_\_\_ replace regular ones?
7. Dance group created with artificial intelligence



Weather	Advice	Movie Review	Comics	Life Hack By Penelope
<p><b>Today</b>-High of 49 degrees, low of 44 degrees. Partly cloudy.</p> <p><b>Saturday</b>-High of 47 degrees, low of 43 degrees. Rainy.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b>-High of 53 degrees, low of 50 degrees. Partly cloudy.</p> <p><b>Monday</b>-High of 60 degrees, low of 54 degrees. Partly cloudy.</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>-High of 55 degrees, low of 45 degrees. Mostly cloudy.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>-High of 47 degrees, low of 41 degrees. Rain.</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>-High of 48 degrees, low of 43 degrees. Rainy.</p>	<p>Here is where advice letters and their responses will be. If you want advice from The Sparkle Times, email your letter to Emily Erker, and we will give you a response in this column.</p>	<p>There isn't a movie review this week because of complications.</p>	<p>Send in your comic to have it displayed in this column! Or apply for a job as official comic artist!</p>	<p>Can't tell if your batteries are dead? Drop them about 6 inches onto a table! If it bounces once and then lands, it's good. If it bounces more than once, then it's either dead or on its way!</p>

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS,  
CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS?  
EMAIL THEM TO EMILY ERKER AT  
E.ERKER4130@LAKEWOODCITYSCHOOLS.ORG!  
TO APPLY FOR A JOB:EMAIL EMILY, AND  
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS SENT TO YOU!  
WANT YOUR AD IN THE SPARKLE  
TIMES? EMAIL YOUR AD TO  
EMILY, OR HAVE US MAKE ONE  
FOR YOU!**

Don't miss the next issue of  
The Sparkle Times!

Credits: Penelope Born-crow, column writer; Gavin Erker, Editor; Ribbon Bunny,  
Reporter; Charlotte Sent, Reporter, journalist; Oliver Jiang, Reporter, journalist

