

▶ The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors



Softer Hairstyle

Smaller Chest

Larger Waist

Smaller Hips



▶ A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



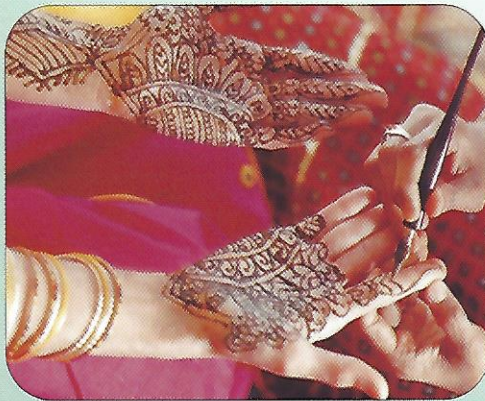
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▶ After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



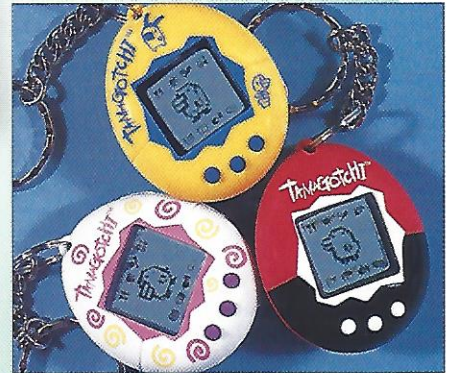
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▶ Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



Karl Steinbrenner

▶ Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



▶ Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."

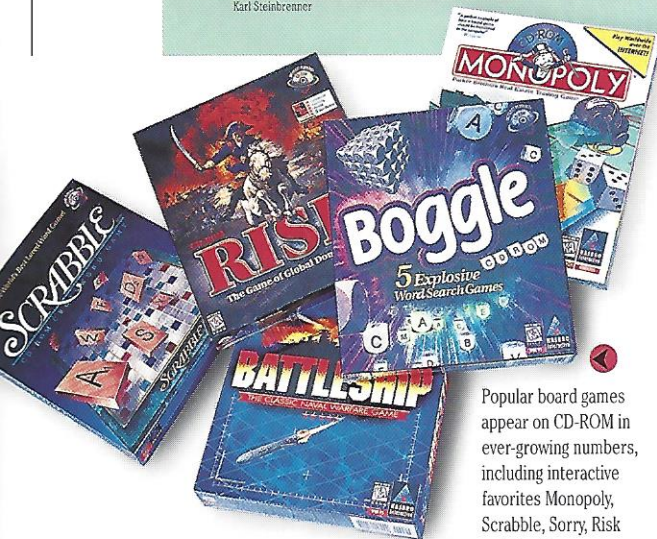
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As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



▶ Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

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