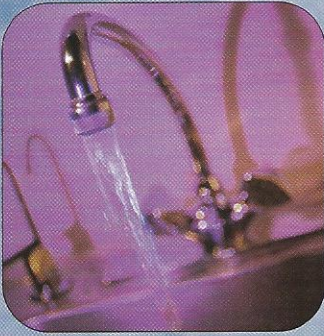


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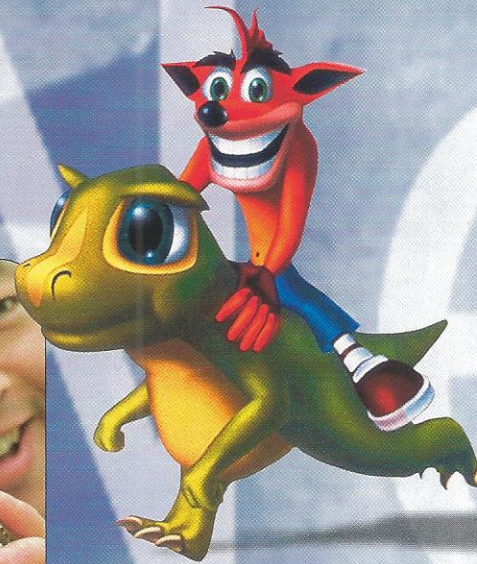


◀ A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

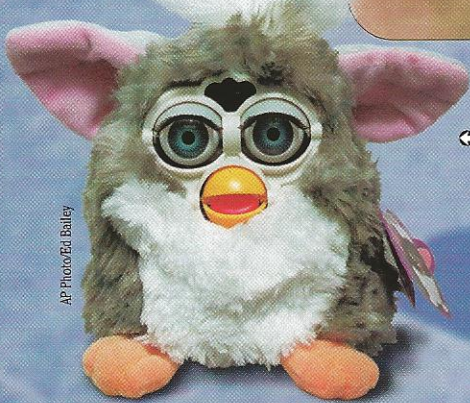


➤ Lovegeety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegeety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

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▶ PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



◀ Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

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◀ WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.



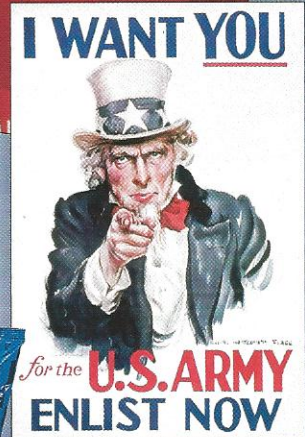
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➤ Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



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➤ Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.



◀ In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

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