



Baby steps

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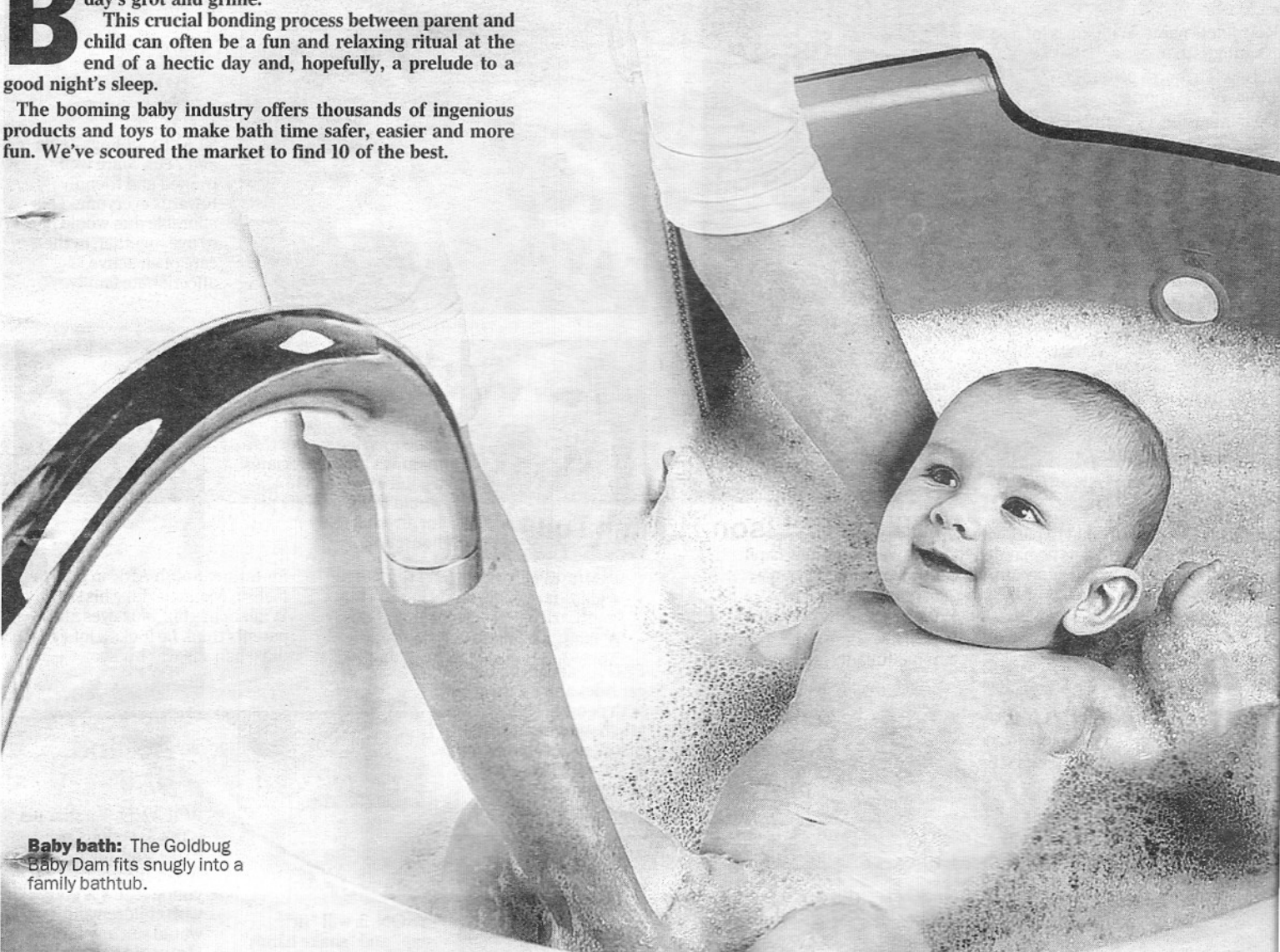
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Bathing beauties

BATH time is much more than a way to wash off the day's grot and grime.

This crucial bonding process between parent and child can often be a fun and relaxing ritual at the end of a hectic day and, hopefully, a prelude to a good night's sleep.

The booming baby industry offers thousands of ingenious products and toys to make bath time safer, easier and more fun. We've scoured the market to find 10 of the best.



Baby bath: The Goldbug Baby Dam fits snugly into a family bathtub.

Moby Bath Spout Cover

Protect baby from bumps with this adjustable spout cover from Skip Hop (below). Fits most spouts. RRP \$24.95 from Parenthood stores in Richmond and Malvern, 1300 287 771.

sink for newborns and it's portable for trips to nana's house.

RRP \$11.95 at David Jones, or order through Midas Marketing for \$14.95 including postage by emailing bath.aid@bigpond.com.

Froggie Bubble Blower

Stick the frog (below) with suction cups to your bath, fill his mouth with bubble bath mixture and watch as he spurts out mounds of bubbles to fill the tub. He also croaks in time to three tunes. Two AA batteries required. Made by ELC. Age 3-plus. \$40, from Mothercare stores at Chadstone and Doncaster, www.mothercare.com.au

Goldbug Baby Dam

This simple bath-water barrier (above) turns the family bathtub into a baby bath. Fits in seconds to all standard baths to save on water.

Rrp. \$49.95. See www.goldbug.com.au for stockists.

RubaDub Draw in the Tub

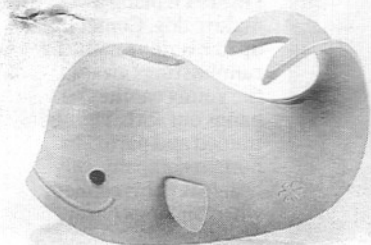
Bath crayons from Alex Toys which are one of the simplest and cheapest ways to keep children enthralled in the bath, for hours if you'd let them.

\$8.95, from www.thehipinfant.com.au

Mustela 2-in-1 Hair and Body Wash

Keep babies clean and smelling gorgeous from top to toe with this free body and hair wash.

RRP \$17.95 for 200ml, from select pharmacies. www.makingasplash.com.au, or ph 9429 8077 for stockists.



Bath Temp

Floating



Shampoo Rinse Cup

A flexible rubber lip

