

I'm so cute...

Since I do not have kids of my own I enjoy spoiling friends' and neighbours' children instead. It's great because you only experience the good parts, leaving the fussing and crying to the parents. I do have my furry kids though... two boys (cats) and a girl (dog).

My poor neighbour, Vangi, is finding she can't say a thing to me without me acting on it. We were having a chat one day and she spilled the great news that she is expecting again. She wanted a novel way to tell the in-laws the following weekend at dinner. She mentioned that she had seen a child's t-shirt that said "Big Sister" on it and thought that it would be a cute idea for her 12 month old daughter to wear for Paul's family and was looking to buy one. Well, of course, if there is something to be made I will do it. So, unbeknownst to Vangi, I went out and purchased an adorable shirt and fabric transfer. This is great stuff, you can come up with any image at all on the computer and transfer it to anything made of fabric. The possi-

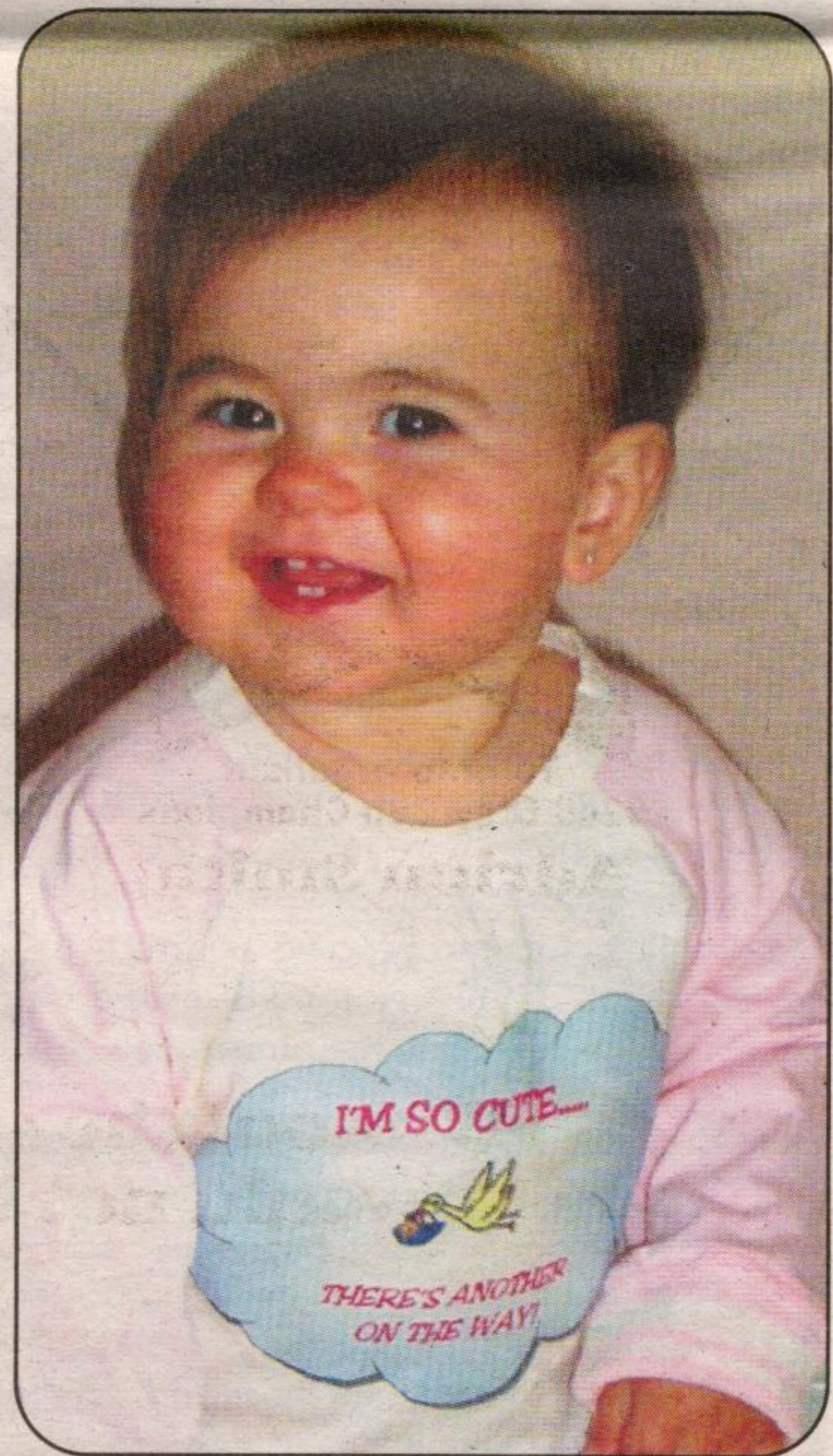
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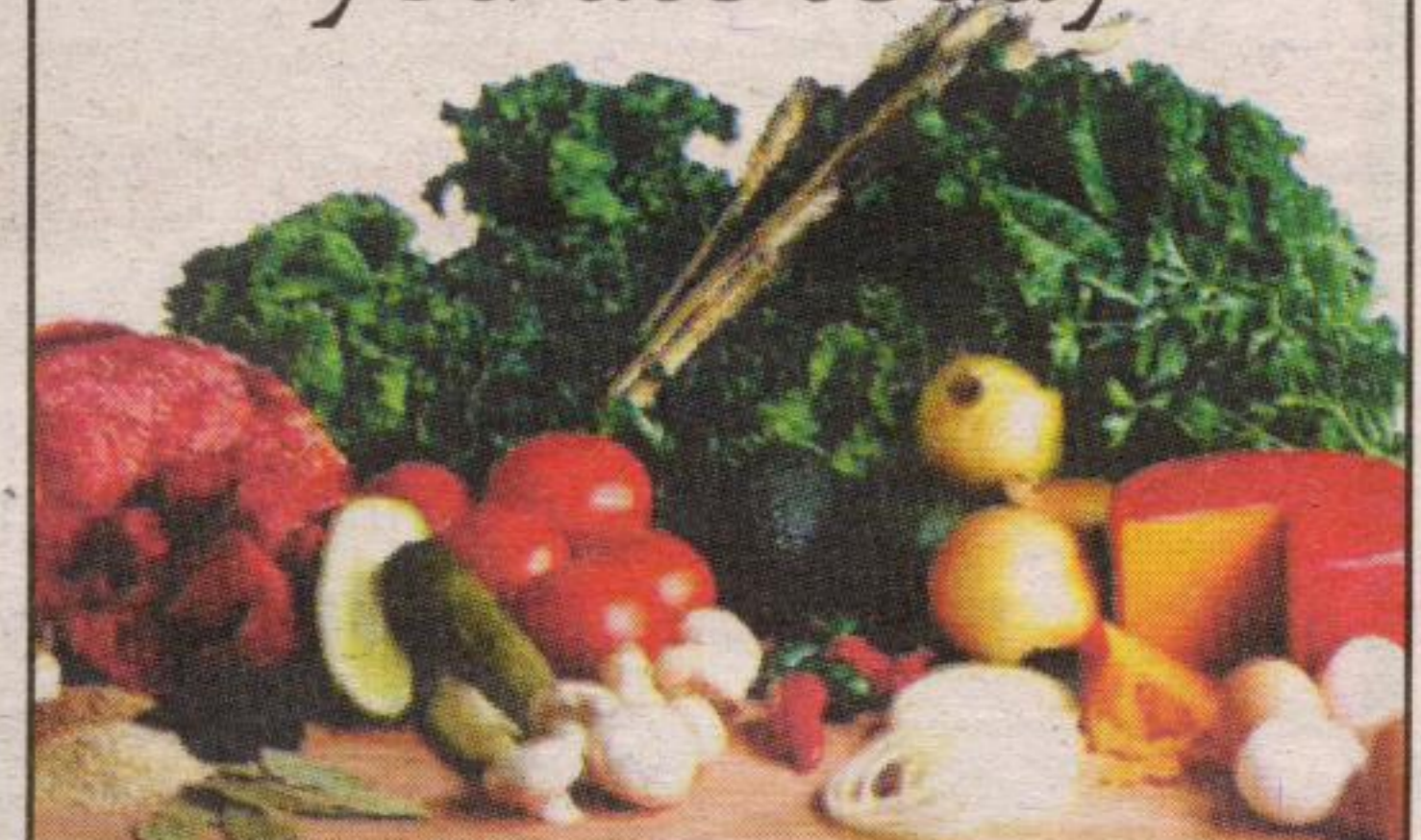
bilities are endless, Christmas greetings, proposals, births, and good news of any kind. I came up with a cute design of a stork on a cloud, very original I know, and wrote a clue for the in-laws to decipher. I gave this to Vangi for her daughter Caleigh to wear and she was thrilled. I love helping out when I can, especially when it is unexpected. So off they went to dinner with the in-laws.

They were the last ones to arrive and with great anticipation and excitement removed Caleigh's coat and awaited the congratulations... nothing! After five minutes or so Paul's brother Steve asked quietly, "Is that shirt supposed to tell us something?" After receiving confirmation he quietly said congratulations and waited for the rest to notice. After about an hour of visiting and no one else noticing, they all sat down to eat. Steve's girlfriend asked if the shirt was in the present tense and did it mean a baby was already on the way? Well that was two down, now for the rest to get on board. Finally Steve had had enough and said to his parents, "Did you read Caleigh's shirt?" Dad got up from the table, walked over to the baby and read out loud, "I'm so cute... there's another on the way!" Perplexed, he looked to Paul for help. Finally Paul said, "We are having another baby!" in which his dad responded, "Wouldn't it have been easier to pick up the phone?"

True, but not nearly as fun! It was finally out; they are expecting another bundle on April 24. Congratulations Paul and Vangi I can't wait to start making stuff!



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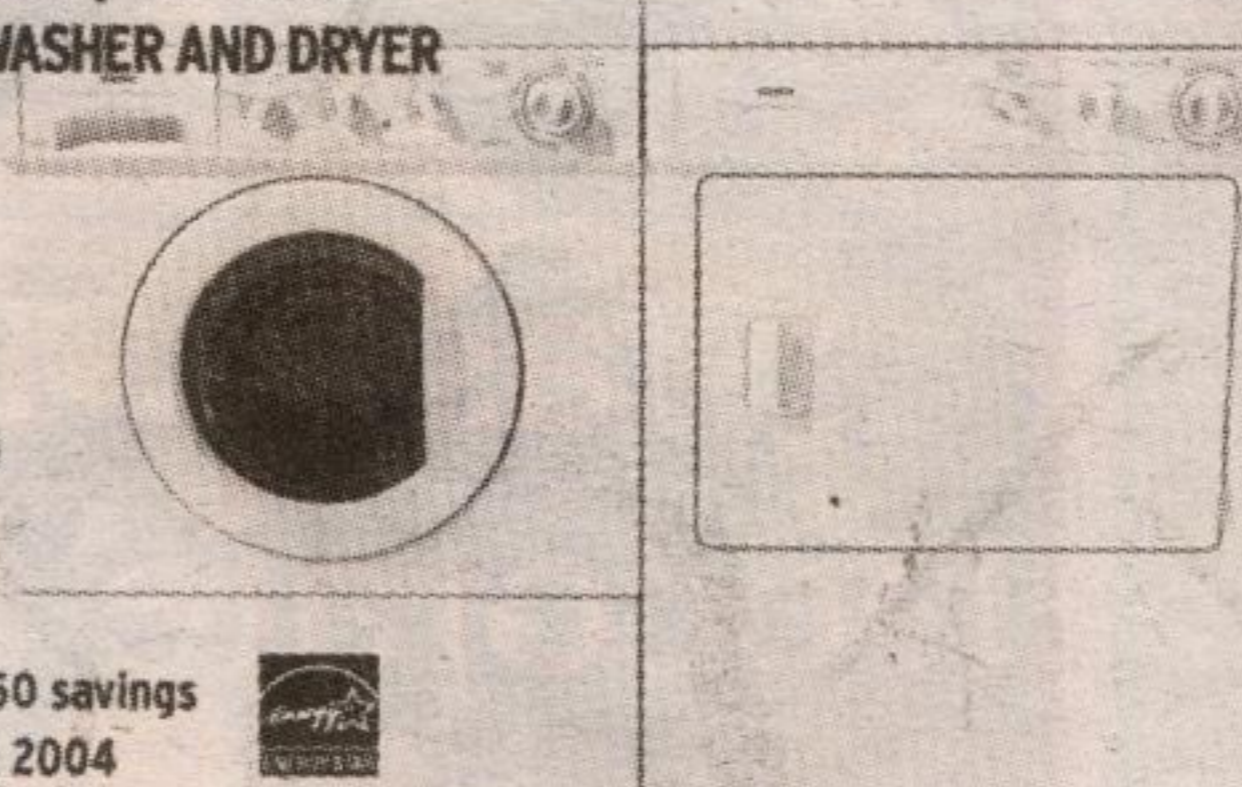
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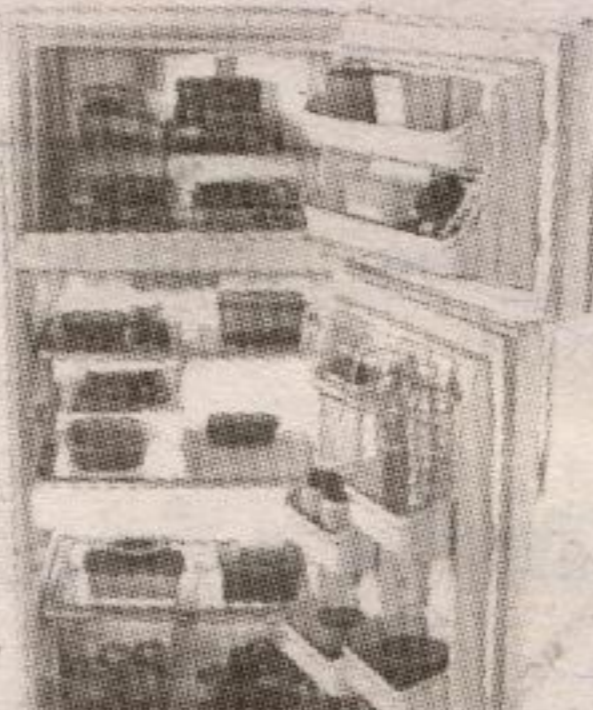
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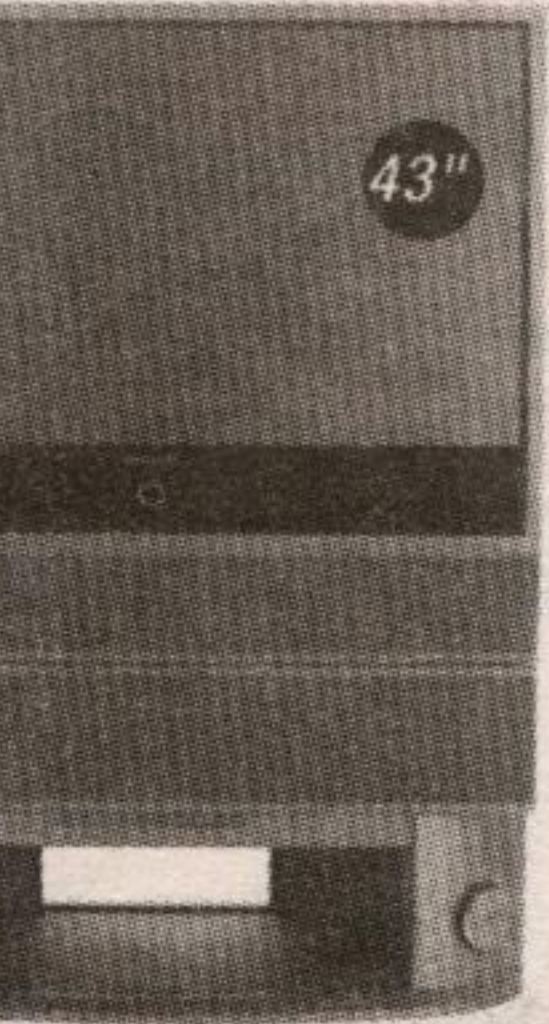
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