Making your bathroom friendly for baby

steps, the average home is fraught with potential booby traps capable of causing

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(NC)—Even before a baby takes his first injury. The bathroom can be as dangerous as it is alluring for a baby around water.

Taking a bath in the tub with your baby,

for instance, may seem a frighten-ing experience because he is so little—and slippery when wet! Or your toddler trying to turn on the hot and cold faucets can create a dangerous situation.

"Parents can take precautions to minimize the possibility of an accident by making changes in their bathroom," says Frank Buck, Vice President of Marketing at Moen, the faucet manufacturer.

Buck suggests taking the following steps in order to baby-safe the bathroom:

Begin to teach water safety rules. Teach your young or another grownup. Your baby needs adult supervision every moment of every bath, so never leave a young child unattended near water, even for a second.

Protect the faucet. Invest in a safety cover for the tub spout to prevent bumps or burns should baby fall against it. You can find this baby item in a pharmacy or the baby section of a department store.

When filling the tub, always turn off the hot water faucet first, so that any drips from the faucet will be cold and baby won't be scalded.

Routinely test bath water temperature. Place your elbow or wrist underneath the running water before putting baby in the tub. Your hands are much more tolerant of hot water than is a baby's sensitive skin.

Build a vocabulary. Use phrases like "Be careful"

and "Don't touch" with your baby who will automatically associate them with danger. A baby will store the information if you show him an object is "hot", but not hot enough to burn.

Avoid accidental scalding. Keep the water temperature in your home at between 49 and 52 degrees Celsius (120 to 125 degrees Fahrenheit). If you then find the water in your home not hot enough to properly clean dishes or clothes, parents should know there are alternative solutions.

"Your entire family can take showers without worry child not to get into the tub without mommy or daddy of scalding by installing a faucet system using pressure-balancing valves to balance water

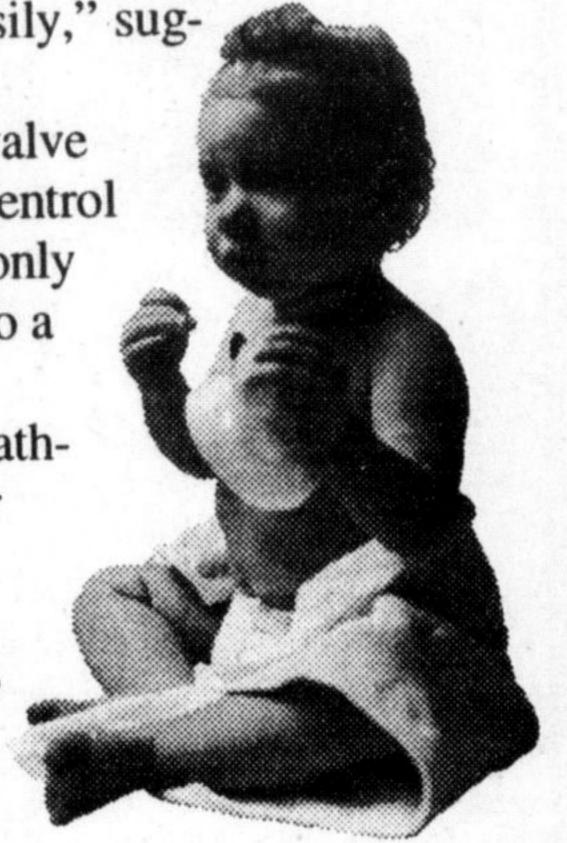
pressure and temperature easily," suggests Buck.

Some pressure-balancing valve systems, such as Moen's Moentrol shower tub faucet, offer not only water volume control but also a temperature memory.

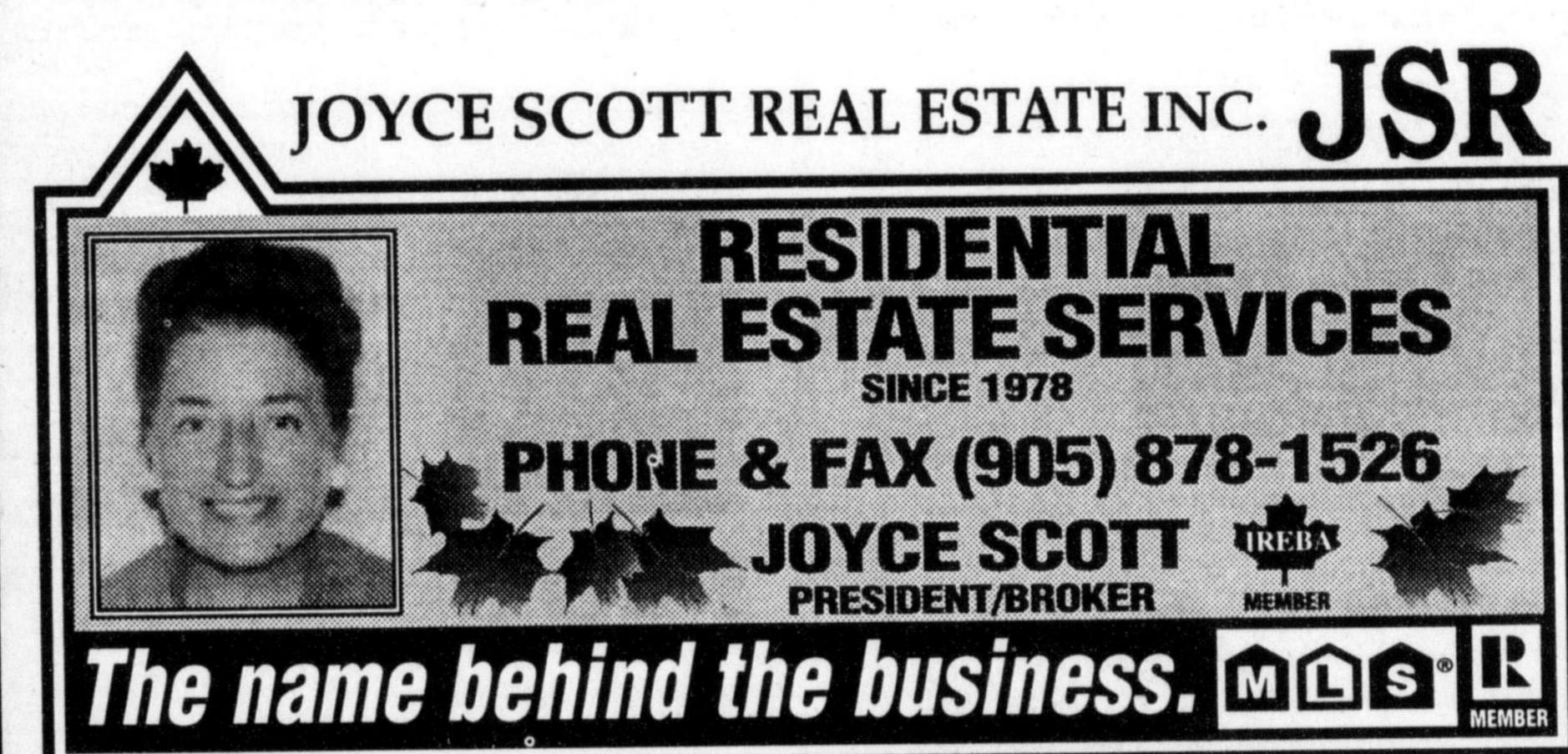
A few precautions in the bathroom will create a safe water wonderland for your baby.

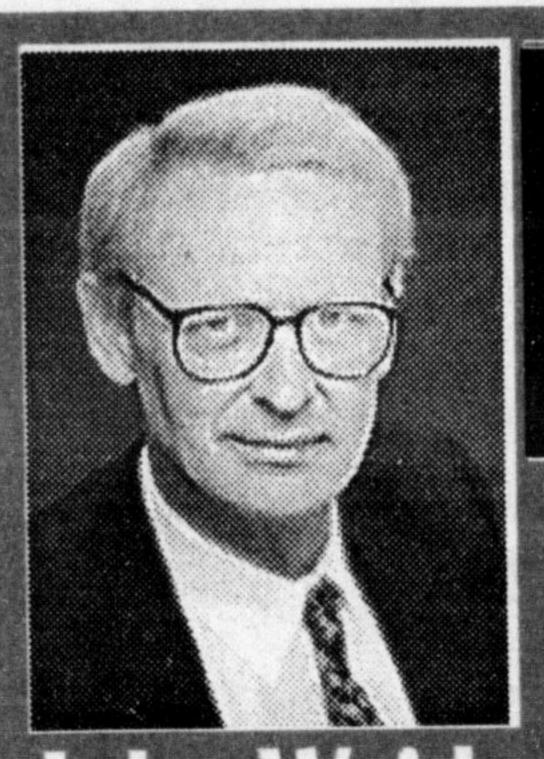
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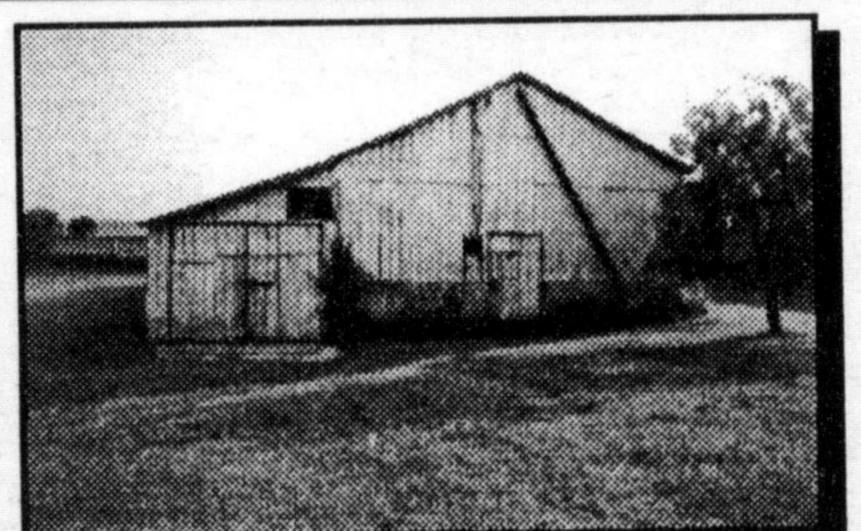


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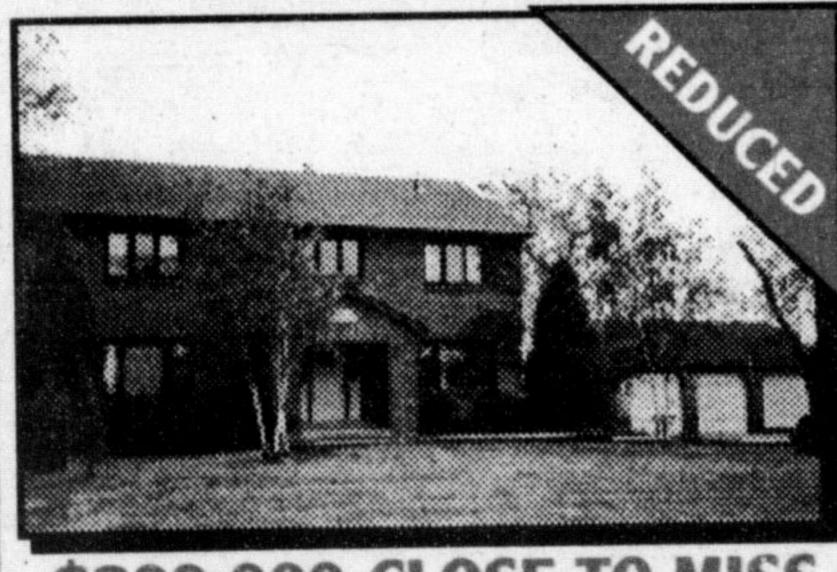
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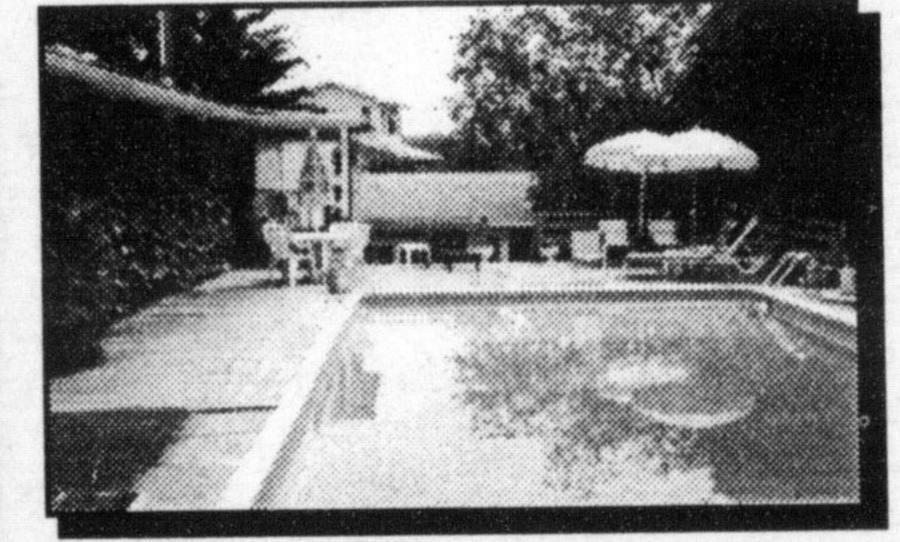
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