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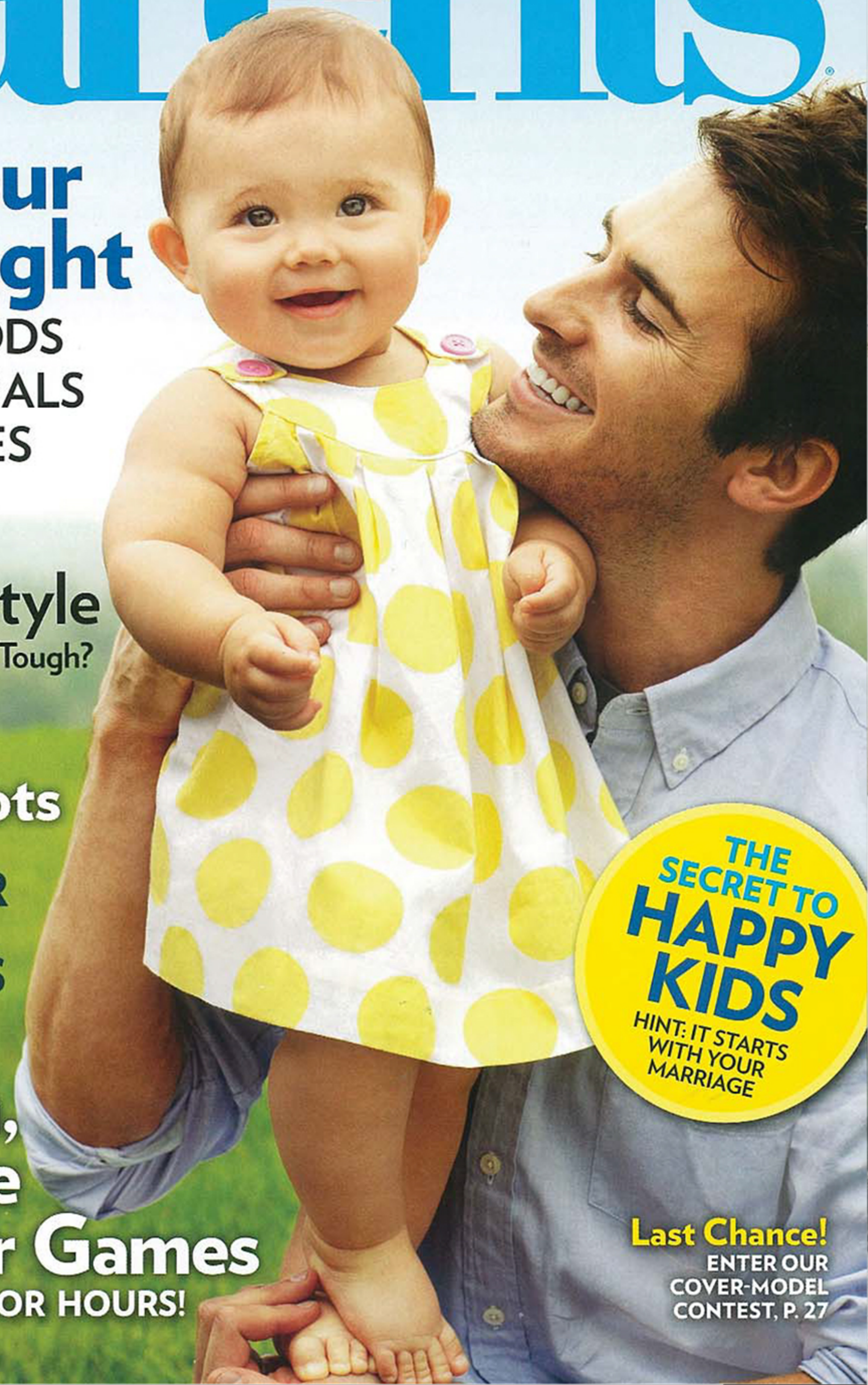
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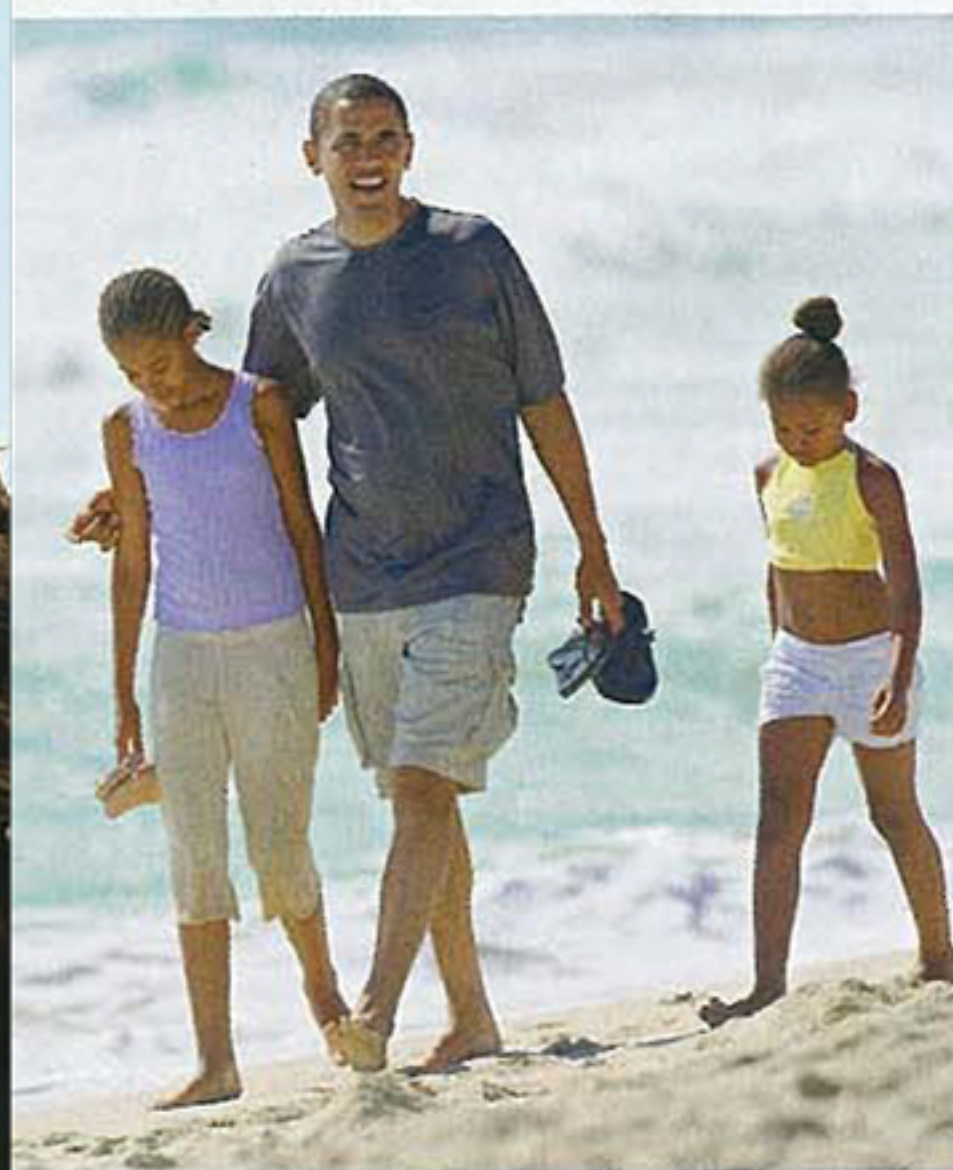
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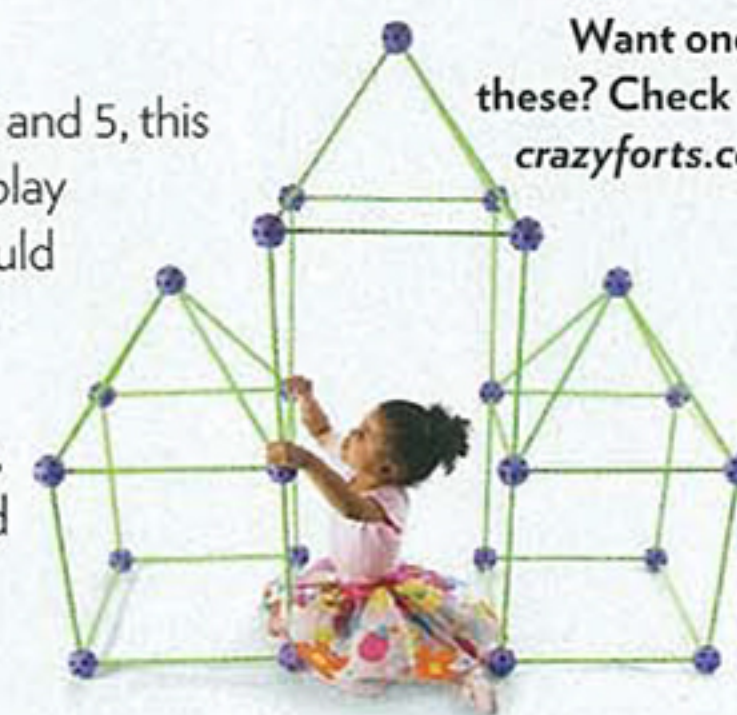
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DAD OF INVENTION

When **Jim Whitney's** daughters were ages 3 and 5, this Toronto dad found himself watching his kids play and wondering why there wasn't a toy that could be assembled and reconfigured in different life-size shapes. "I wanted something that could be a cave today, a pirate ship tomorrow, and a castle the next," he says. "Oh, and you'd be able to drape sheets over it for hiding." Voila! The Crazy Fort was born.



Want one of these? Check out crazyforts.com.

FIRST DAD President **Barack Obama's** fierce love for his kids, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, is impossible to miss. His commitment to keeping children's issues at the forefront of his agenda has us hopeful for a bright future for all of America's families.

"Cool Hand" Dad

When **Robert Haag's** son, Michael, was born five years ago without a fully developed left arm, Haag was stunned to learn that prosthetic hands for infants were essentially useless because the "forefinger" and "thumb" were connected to each other and therefore immobile. That's why Haag, of Atlanta, came up with a simple fix. He cut just-for-show appendages apart so that his son could at least hold a block or a pacifier like other children. And thus began Haag's quest to make prosthetics useful to a child (see one below). He turned a Spider-Man fishing rod into a "fishing arm" by altering the pole to screw onto Michael's prosthetic socket. His goal isn't only to improve Michael's life but to help other kids too; he shares his designs online at openprosthetics.org.



When his son got into dinos, Haag turned a T-Rex toy into a fun prosthetic.

DADS WHO HELP DADS

Troy Jones (left, with Matilda, 3) is from Los Angeles, and **Sam Holt** (with Hugo, 3) hails from Australia. Together they created *Being Dad* for fathers-to-be worldwide to get the lowdown from fellow dudes about pregnancy (so you want to have sex with your eight-month-pregnant wife?) and birth (yeah, he'll come out as clean and cute as in the movies!) and other stuff they might not even think to ask.



Expecting your first? Get your hubby this DVD for Father's Day!

