

What to get Dad?

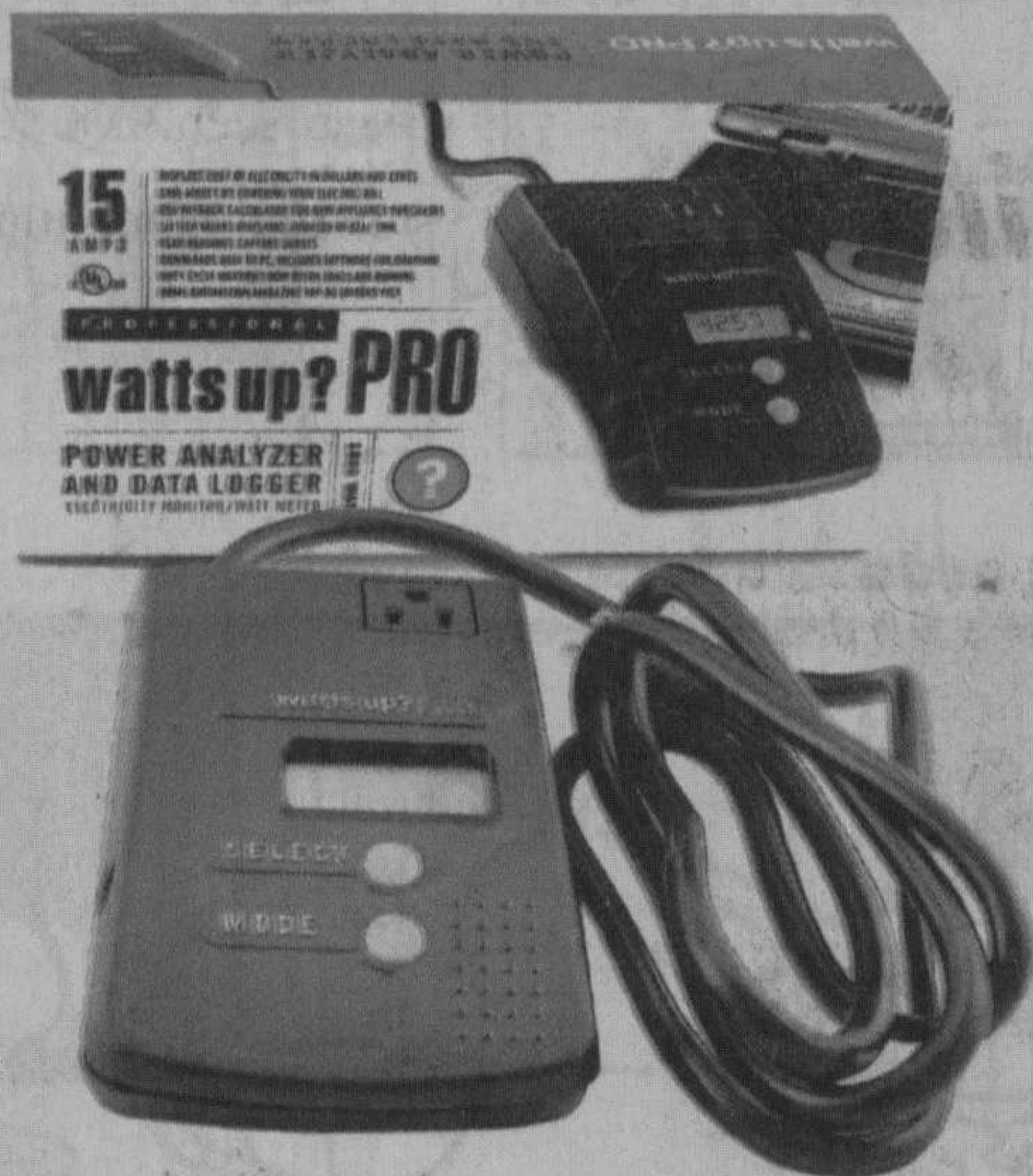
PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR-BANNER

GOLFING DAD: For the golfing dad, Segway offers a new Personal Transporter, the x2 Golf for Father's Day. It travels on fairways, minimizes damage to the turf, speeds up game play and all in all makes a round of golf a lot more fun – especially for the golf enthusiast. The x2 Golf has a scorecard holder to keep track of the game and a bag carrier that automatically positions clubs upright when the unit is parked. (Base price is \$6,175. Find out more at www.segway.com)

There's a Father's Day gift out there made just to order

STAR-BANNER

You've got less than a week to get a great gift for Dad. If you're like the rest of us and haven't purchased a gift yet, here are some ideas for the dad on your list. Whether he's into golf or gadgets, we've got you covered.



THRIFTY DAD

Dads always want to know how much electricity things are using so he'll know how much it's costing him. The Watts Up? electricity meter will determine what each standard 120 volt AC electric device will cost to operate. No more guesswork about how much it'll cost to power something over a short or long span of time. These types of electricity meters will quickly display the wattage and the electrical usage cost of the appliance. (\$72.95 to \$195.95 at cableorganizer.com)



ROCK STAR DAD

Icon-Collectibles.com, a new auction Web site powered by Sony BMG, is giving you the chance to turn your dad into a rock star. The "Rock Star for a Day" package will be available for auction through Thursday. The package includes a studio session at Sony Music Studios in New York City, where your dad will be treated like the next big recording artist. He'll be welcomed into the studio and record with top engineers who have worked with Beyoncé, John Legend, Kanye West and many more. He will leave feeling like a total rock star with four professional CD recordings of the session, photos and a plaque commemorating the special day. Start your bidding at www.Icon-Collectibles.com. Starting bid is \$1,000 and does not include hotel accommodations or travel.

GADGET DAD

The last thing Dad wants is to have to fight for charging space for all of his gadgets and those of his family. For the person with so many gadgets to charge but so little time, multi-device chargers such as The Power Station Traveler, which can charge up to three small portable devices simultaneously, will allow the recipient to tote an array of fully functional electronics with ease. This way he can charge the cell phone, the iPod and his son's Gameboy on the next car trip. (\$19.95 to \$32.99 at cableorganizer.com)



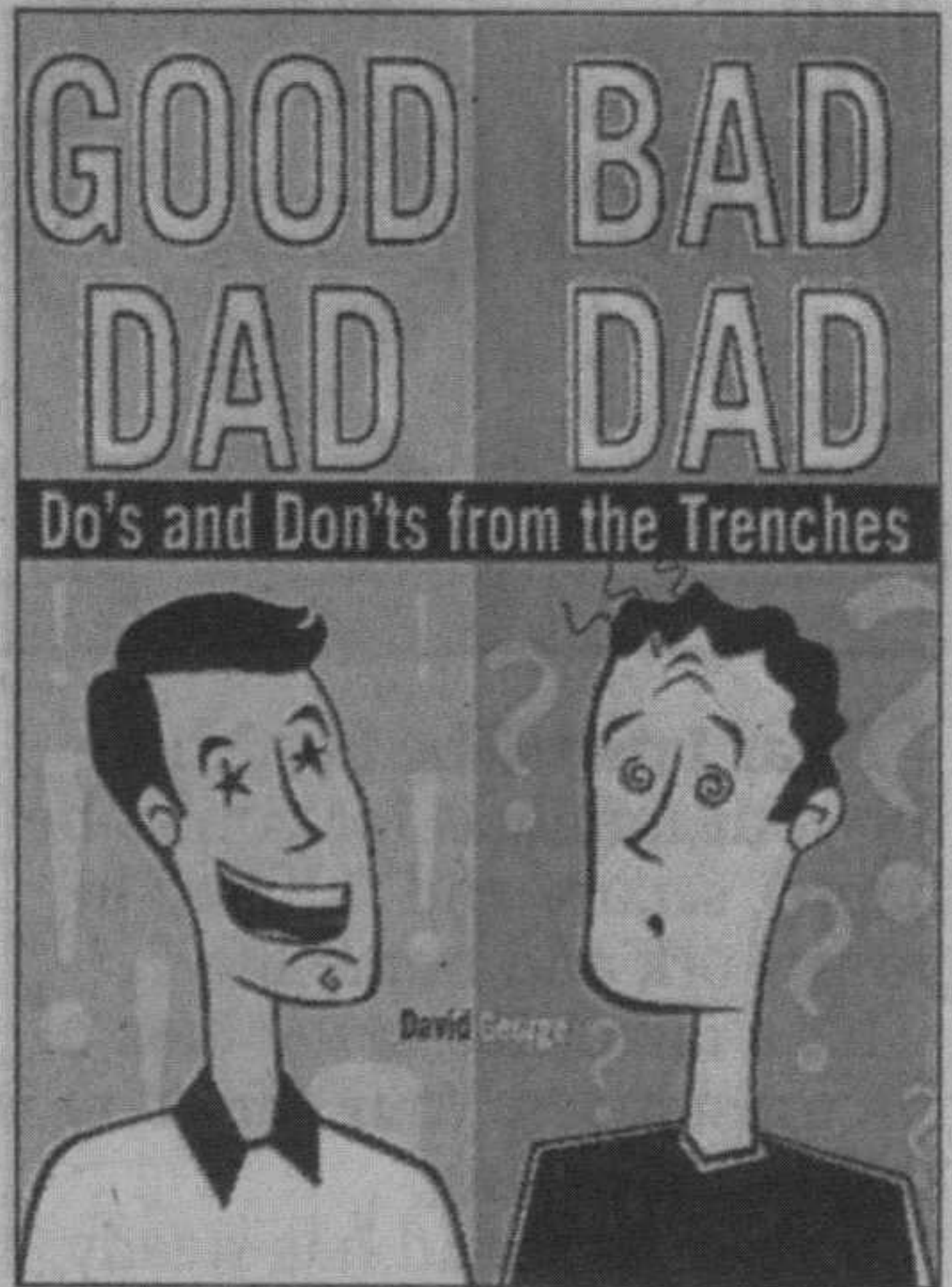
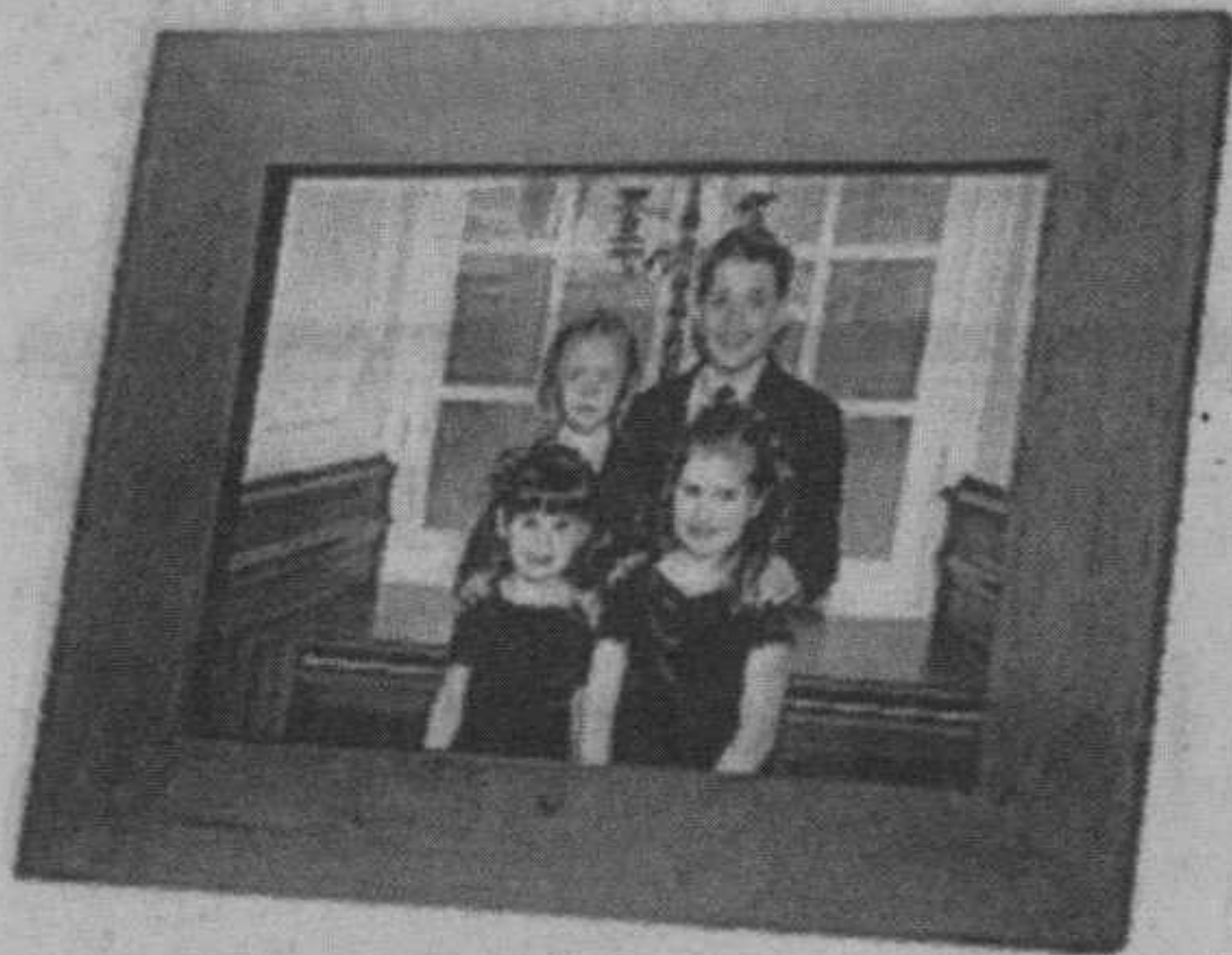
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Gift ideas for Dad

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BRAGGING DAD

You've seen the small digital frames, but Smartparts, Inc. has introduced its 15-inch digital picture frame just in time for Father's Day. This extra-large frame can store up to 2,000 digital pictures. No computer is necessary to use this digital frame. Just insert the memory card from a digital camera into the built-in card reader on the frame and it automatically displays the contents of the memory card. For photos stored on a computer's hard drive, Smartparts' OptiPix Pro software finds, optimizes and transfers pictures from hard drive to frame in three steps. It offers 256MB internal memory and an MP3 player with built-in speakers. (\$299 at smartparts.com and staples.com)



NEW DADS

To help every new father navigate the foreign waters of parenthood — and ultimately become the “Good Dad” — Alpha Books offers “Good Dad/Bad Dad: Do's and Don'ts from the Trenches” by David George. Loaded with real-world advice that's accented with humor and insights, “Good Dad/Bad Dad” offers a crash course in fatherhood, offering seasoned advice and insights on 63 topics including baby-proofing; life insurance; the “5 Second Rule;” pets; childcare options and why good dads should never, ever be caught driving a minivan. (\$14.95 at amazon.com)