



Consumer closeup

Child Protective Services

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PLATTSBURGH — What happens when parents are accused of child abuse and reported to the New York State Child Protective Services Unit? Are the parents always prosecuted? Is the child always taken out of the home?

A new booklet prepared for parents by Cornell University helps to explain what happens during a child protective case.

The booklet, titled "What Happens Next? A Parent's Guide to the New York State Child Protective System," points out that involvement in a child protective case puts additional stress on the entire family.

It is common for the family to feel helpless, alone and attacked. Not knowing what to expect can make it harder.

Written by specialists in the Family Life Development Center in the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell, in cooperation with the Parents Anonymous/Child Protective Services Partnerships Project of the NYS Parents Anonymous Resource Office, the booklet explains the child protective process, the role of the Family Court, and parents' rights under New York State law.

The booklet can aid parents currently involved in a child protective case and those who fear that an inability to cope any longer could lead to child abuse. Suggestions and encouragement are given to parents to take initiative to help their own families

and ensure their needs for information are met.

It explains what child abuse or maltreatment is, and the role of the Child Protective Services Unit of the Department of Social Services, an agency located in each county in New York State.

Child Protective Units receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect. They also ensure that children's needs are met, and provide information to parents about the types of services available and where to find them.

These agencies try to assist families in trouble, not punish them. Their services are available to all families who have difficulty coping, and fear

they may need help to ensure the well-being of their children.

"The purpose of New York State's Child Protective Services Act is to protect children from dangerous situations and to help parents create a safe home for their children. Child protection means not only protecting children from harm, but also providing services to the entire family to help create a safe and healthy home," the booklet explains.

To receive a copy of this booklet, send 25 cents for single copies and 15 cents per copy for orders over 50 to: What Happens Next?, Family Life Development Center, E-200 MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853.

The Plattsburgh Market Basket report says the cost was up in December over a year ago. Plus, recipes to try on the gang for Super Bowl Sunday.

Tomorrow...

Date calendar

Do you have a community event, open to the public? To have it listed in Date Calendar, Press-Republican, 170 Margaret St., Plattsburgh, N.Y., at least three to five days in advance of the event. Do not telephone these messages.

Plattsburgh Today
Toastmasters International meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Plattsburgh Air Force Base Recreation Center. Information: 565-5056. Open to the public.

Recovery Inc. weekly meeting, 7:30 p.m., 57 Clinton St.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Tuesday at Lakeview Towers, 7 p.m. New members welcome, call 561-4403.

Support group for bereaved parents meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Newman Center, 92 Broad St. Information: 561-7545.

CVPH Hypertension Project blood pressure screening clinic, 9 a.m. to noon in the CVPH Medical Center.

Clinton County Arts and Crafts Association, regular monthly meeting at the Clinton County Government Center, 7:30 p.m. Open to all artists and craftspeople.

Adirondack Apple Core meeting, at Feinberg Library, Room 101, 7-9 p.m. Topic: word processing.

Altona Today
Clinton County WIC Nutrition Program Clinic at Altona Town Hall. By appointment only. Call 563-1500.

Bloomingdale Today
Outreach aids from Office for the Aging of Essex County at town hall to assist residents in financial aid heating cost applications.

Dannemora Today
Dannemora Fire Department Auxiliary monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at fire station.

Keene Today
Outreach aids from Office for the Aging of Essex County at town hall to assist

residents in financial aid heating cost applications.

Port Henry Today
Chicken and biscuits luncheon at United Methodist Church in Port Henry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to the public. To benefit Port Henry United Methodist Women.

Rouses Point Today
Aerobics exercise class, 6-7 p.m. at the Rouses Point Elementary School. Information: Stephanie Brown at 298-8582.

Ticonderoga Today
Essex County WIC Nutrition Program Clinic at Civic Center. By appointment only. Call 873-6301, Ext. 244.

Tupper Lake Today
Sunmount Development Center Board of Visitors monthly public meeting, 1:30 p.m. in center's board room.

Plattsburgh Wednesday
North Country Vietnam Veterans Association meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Post 20 of the American Legion, Cumberland Avenue. All Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans and their spouses are welcome. Information: Paul, 561-0442 or Ken, 561-3550.

Swimming for multiple sclerosis victims, 2-3 p.m. at Plattsburgh YMCA. Information: 561-8250 or YMCA at 561-4290.

Plattsburgh evening Chapter Home Bureau workshop, 7 p.m. at Russell Bernard Apartments. Project: embossing. Information: Norma Rock at 563-7333.

Landlord/Tenant Relations Committee meeting for city of Plattsburgh. Common Council chambers at 4:45 p.m. in City Hall.

Cansurmount Volunteers Meeting, basement lounge at Clinton County Government Center, 7 p.m.

Monty Street School PTO sponsoring Richard L. Poissant, 7:30 p.m. at the school on developing defined discipline.

MAI Alumni Association annual meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the MAI conference room.

Keeseville Wednesday
Essex County WIC Nutrition Program Clinic at Town Hall in Keeseville. By appointment only. Call 873-6301, Ext. 244.

Book reviews in brief

By UPI

Crown Publishing has brought back into print a number of science fiction favorites. The latest volumes include "The Forgotten Planet" (209 pp., \$8.95) by Murray Leinster. This book first appeared in 1954 and is about man's rise — in the person of Burl — from a primitive survival to active control of his life. It's a great book, most worthy of a new audience.

went into its existence. It shows the nuclear age as "a child of errors and misunderstanding."

Harland's Half Acre, by Dan Malouf (Knopf, 230 pp., \$13.95) Frank Harland is a motherless boy whose father, Clem, is the source of seemingly endless stories that fire his imagination. The stories from the luckless farmer seem to set free his son's talent for art. As he grows older, his canvasses find buyers and his fame grows. One sees him also through the eyes of a young boy who shares with him knowledge and emotion.

clude material on condominiums and cooperatives, and adjustable rate mortgages. Connolly walks through the process by bringing up items that sometimes don't occur to the buyer until it's too late — commuting costs, closing costs. He also discusses the benefits of building as opposed to buying and the complexities involved therein.

Lloyd's of London, by Geoffrey Hodgson (Viking Press, 378 pp., \$17.95) This is a detailed look at one of the largest and most fascinating insurance companies in the world. This is the company that insured Betty Grable's legs, etc.

Ivy — the Life of I. Compton-Burnett, by Hilary Spurling (Knopf, 621 pp., \$22.95) A biography coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the writer's birth. Compton-Burnett is best known for her biting portrayals of the underside of English family life. This is the completion of Spurling's biography begun 10 years ago.

James A. Michener. A Biography, by John P. Hayes (The Bobbs-Merrill Co., 352 pp., \$17.95) The author first met

American View, by Raymond Waites, Bettye Martin and Norma Skurka (Harper & Row, 277 pp., \$39.95) This is a book about what is purely American in design, and what really hits the eye is the profusion of color. And it's meant to. The authors' aim is to make the reader aware of patterns, color and innovation and how to use it in the home, whether in decorating, food presentation or on the house itself. It's a book in which you will delight.

In My Father's House, by Dorothy Allred Solomon (Franklin Watts, 312 pp., \$17.95) This is a true story of life in a Mormon polygamist household. Solomon is the daughter and granddaughter of polygamists and tells of the problems and conflicts in such a family. She was the 28th of 48 children of seven mothers and one father.

Day One, Before Hiroshima and After, by Peter Wyden (Simon and Schuster, 412 pp., \$19.95) This is the story of the creation and use of the atomic bomb. It brings together the scientific, moral, political, military and human factors that

The New York Times Guide to Buying or Building a Home, by William G. Connolly (Times Books, 336 pp., \$16.95) First published in 1978, this book has been completely revised to in-

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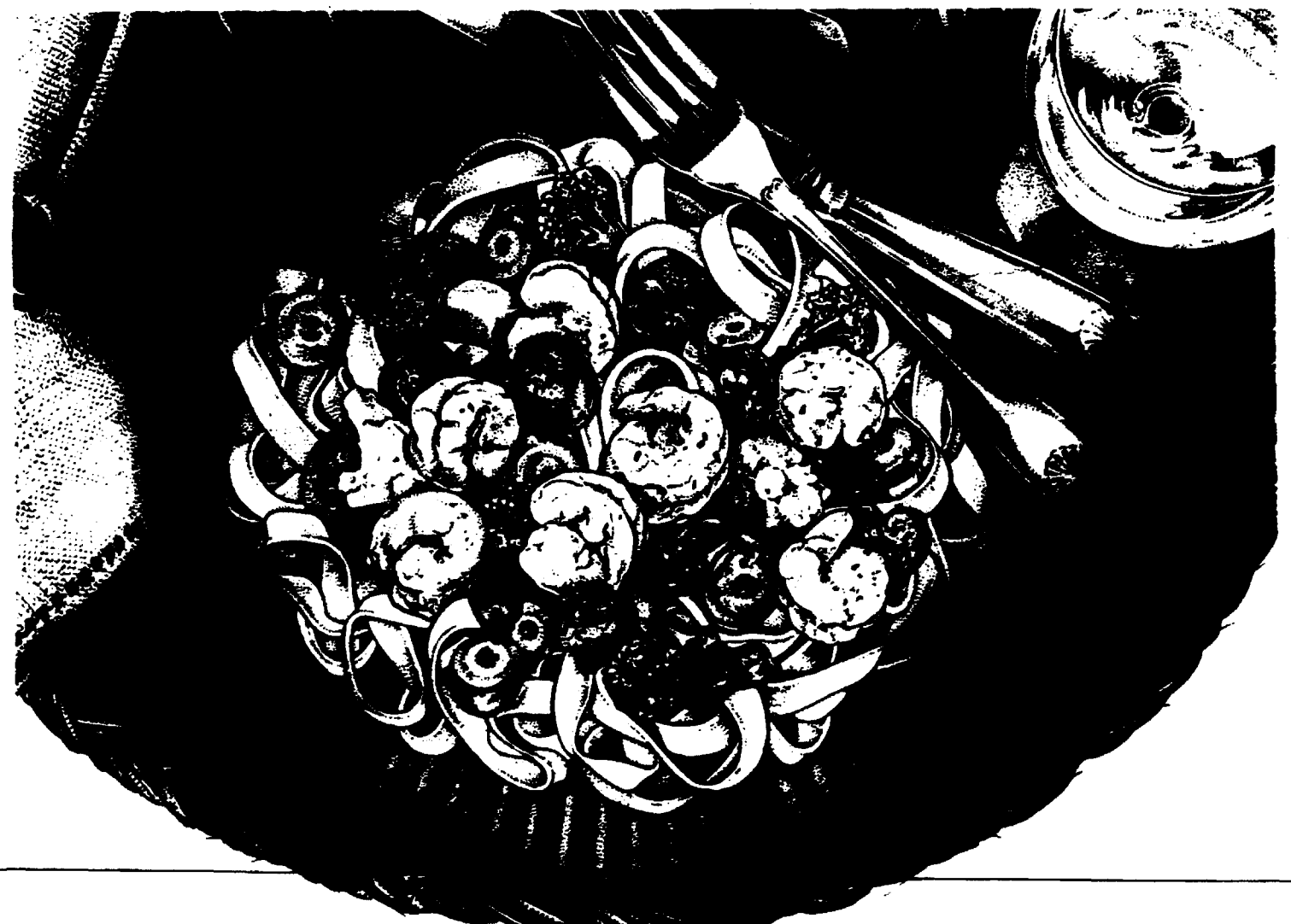
PLATTSBURGH — The North Country's high school quiz game, Scholars for Dollars, begins its fourth season on WCFE-TV, Channel 57, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

Quizmaster Bill Eveleth, dean of students at Clinton Community College, returns with new challenges for competing teams. It's a test of scholarly knowledge each week as teams battle their way towards a berth in the championship game next June. St. John's Academy returns to defend their two-year title, along with last year's semi-finalists Mount Assumption Institute and Plattsburgh High School.

Twenty-two teams are participating in the new scholars season, vying for Clinton Community College scholarships along the way toward the final showdown.

The first program of the new season features Beekmantown taking on Moriah at 7 p.m. on Jan. 19. The program will be rebroadcast on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m.

Scholars for Dollars is being locally underwritten by a grant from the Bouyea Baking Company of Plattsburgh and local affiliates of the New York State United Teachers Association.



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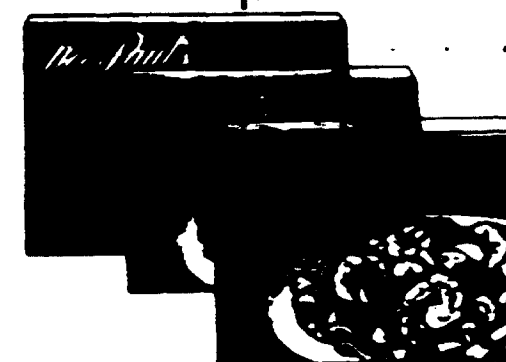
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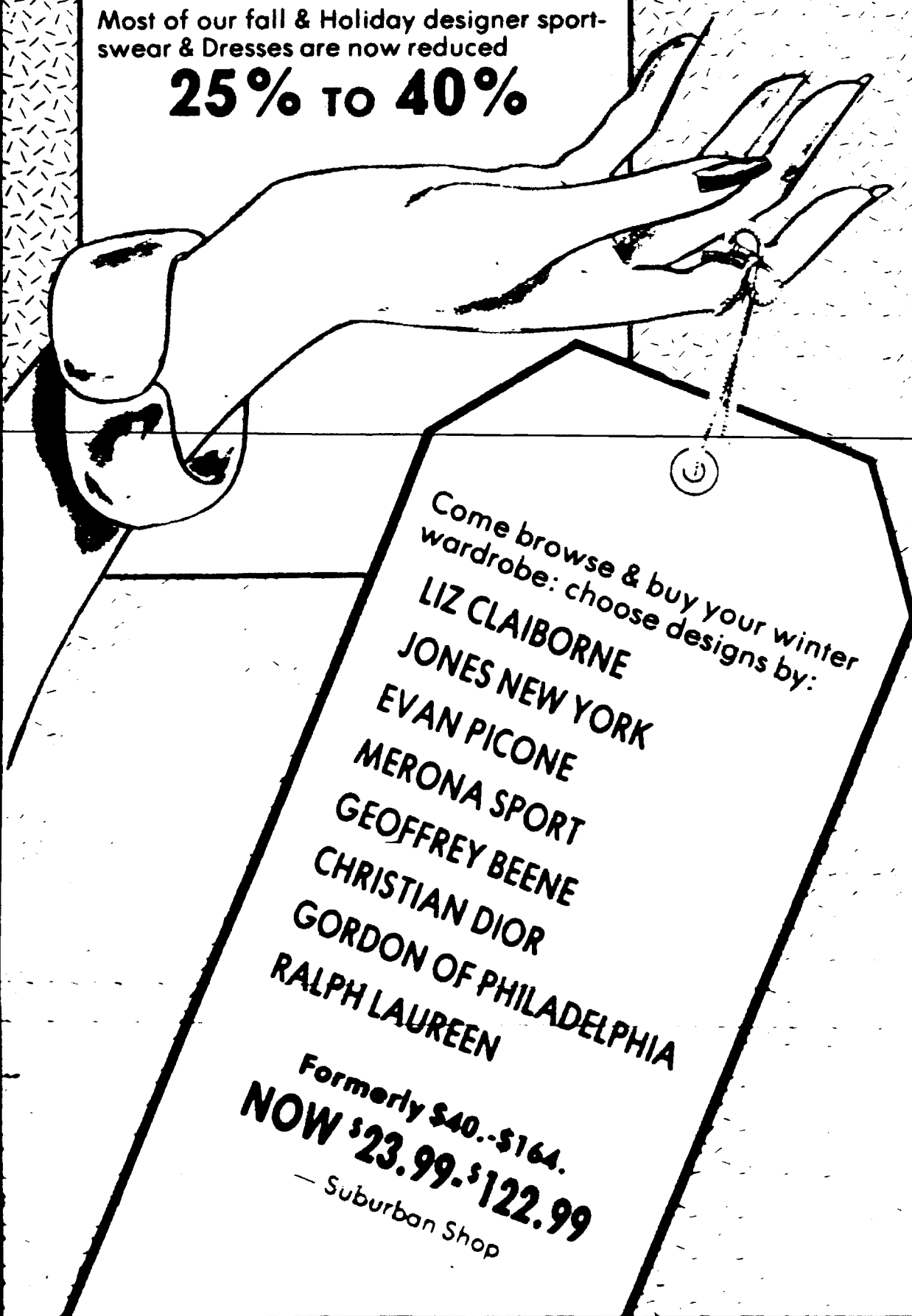
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