

**Cierra Miller shoots** during the recent Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship at Assumption of Mary School in Redford. Boys and girls age 10 to 14 competed for plaques and the chance to go on to district competition.

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# Schools anxious as 4th-grade tests scored

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building in Plattsburgh.

"There's a lot of significance to the test," said Dr. James Frenck, director of instructional services at CVES.

The performance-based tests, administered to all fourth-graders two weeks ago, are the first to be given under New York state's initiative to raise academic standards.

How well the students perform will have an impact on how educators teach to these new standards.

"Schools are nervous because the scores will be publicized in the Report Card," educator

Elaine Rice said, referring to the State Education Department's annual report of test scores in each district.

Results of this year's English exams will be included in the March 2000 Report Cards. However, each school district will receive test results in April.

And, in June, educators will be back at it again when the new eighth-grade tests will be given to students and all 11th-graders will be required to tackle a Regents exam.

The intent of these exams is to prepare students for the five Re-

gents tests that will be required of all high-school graduates in 2004.

"The standard has been set that expects 90 percent of all students to pass the Regents," Rice said.

"With these exams, we're making sure fourth-graders are on the right track."

Frenck is putting together a proposal for teachers to assess students in fifth through seventh grades to ensure they stay in line with the expectations.

"We're trying to determine what expectations are reasonable."

# Cumberland Bay cleanup to be discussed

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taken from sand at the beach did not show PCB levels that pose a health risk to people.

Officials have also investigated potential contamination at the Cumberland Bay Campsite's Beach Debris Disposal Area, across from the campsite on the far side of Route 314.

Although test results show the area did get contaminated debris from the beach, the concentrations were below levels of concern.

The state has decided that no further action is required to remove debris for the Disposal Area.

The beach cleanup will continue later this

spring, however.

Tonight's meeting is open to the public. State representatives will explain the investigation and answer questions about the cleanup process.

Written comments on the project can also be sent to Robert Edwards, NYSDEC Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. 12233-7010.

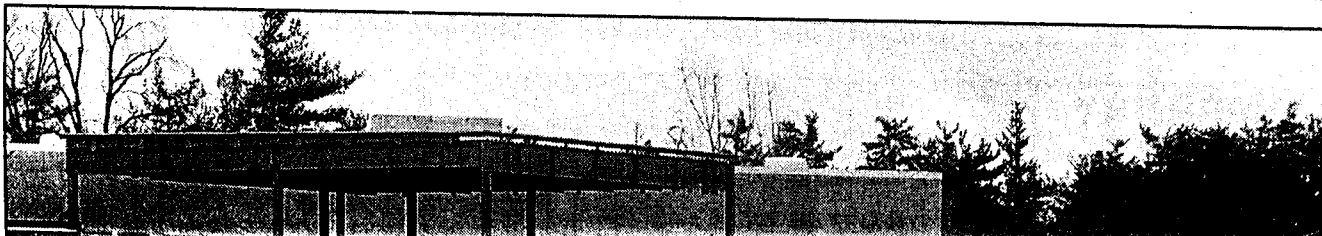
State officials are also continuing discussions with possible contractors to begin cleanup activities at the sludge bed. Officials hope to begin design work on that later this year.

**PLATTSBURGH** — A meeting on cleanup activity along Cumberland Bay will be held at 7:30 tonight at Plattsburgh City Hall.

As part of the Department of Environmental Conservation project to remove the PCB-contaminated sludge bed at Cumberland Bay, the state has been cleaning wood chips and other debris from beaches on a regular basis over the past few years.

PCBs have been found in samples taken from debris washed up on shore. Samples

The addition to Plattsburgh High School is progressing, with the steel frame up and much of the



since the IDA has its own Board of Directors.

But left over from the authority talks still is the public sentiment that both the Plattsburgh and Peru school boards should be represented on the PARC Board, which they aren't now.

Plattsburgh Mayor Clyde Ra-

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## Lake Champlain Committee

**PLATTSBURGH** — The Lake will meet today from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Center on Route 9 south of Plattsburgh.

A forum for public comment will also discuss the 11 projects.

The Steering Committee holds quarterly meetings on related issues and projects. The next meeting is on Nov. 14.

## Boil-water order for Danne-

**DANNEMORA** — The boil-water order for the Danneberg Water District No. 2 has been lifted.

The new water source is in place and has been proved satisfactory.

Anyone with questions may contact the Public Works Department at 565-4870.

## CCC Trustees slate special

**PLATTSBURGH** — The Clinton County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Nov. 14 at the Board Room.

The board expects that most of the meeting will be in executive session.

## City School Board to hear

**PLATTSBURGH** — The Plattsburgh City School Board will meet Thursday at the Duken Elementary School. The School Board is expected to meet at 7:30 p.m. after the 6:15 p.m. opening of the school year.

Agenda items include a spotlight on the Universal Pre-kindergarten program and the Stafford Middle School Schedule.

## CVPH sees \$600,000 in d-

**PLATTSBURGH** — The CVPH is expected to receive \$600,000 in donations for a new CVPH Medical Center.

The Alice T. Miner Center for Women's Health is the project.