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## Crown Point coldest in nation

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PLATTSBURGH — Crown Point hit a national low of 48 degrees below zero Thursday, but that didn't stop the school buses from running. Other districts weren't so lucky.

Crown Point Central School District had a two-hour delay, and many other area schools were not in session because frigid temperatures stopped buses in their tracks.

"We couldn't get nine buses started," said Ron Wilson, principal at Peru Central High School. "At the high school, they had Regents exams, and we transported students who needed it. We're hoping for warmer weather."

Peru has used two of five scheduled emergency days so far this year.

AuSable Valley, Beekmantown, Northeastern Clinton and Northern Adirondack school

districts were also closed.

"A lot of the buses wouldn't start," said Jim Elvidge, a mechanic for the Beekmantown School District. "The buses would jell up after you started them. The way it sounds, there won't be school tomorrow."

BOCES in Plattsburgh was in session, but students who lived in closed school districts were absent. This year, BOCES has used three emergency days, exceeding the two scheduled in their calendar. BOCES in Malone and North Franklin were open.

Ticonderoga High School was closed because a water main burst outside the school that left the facility without water. Ticonderoga elementary and middle schools were in session.

Most of the children who were home Thursday playing Nintendo, watching television or sleeping lived in school districts without bus garages.

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## Another quits Clinton team

### Reno aide cites friction

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann, a veteran of four administrations who served as right-hand man to Janet Reno, resigned unexpectedly Thursday — a move they both attributed to differences in management style and chemistry.

And a special assistant to Reno, Lulu Rodriguez, who is under Justice Department investigation over alleged vote fraud in a Miami-area election, also resigned,

spreading turmoil to the top of a third key Cabinet department.

The sudden moves at Justice followed recent high-level changes at the Defense Department, where the secretary resigned and his proposed replacement withdrew recently,

and the State Department, where the No. 2 man left last year.

There has been speculation that Reno herself has fallen from favor in the White House, which President Clinton denied as recently as last week. A special counsel has been named to investigate financial dealings in Arkansas including some by the department's No. 3 official, Webster Hubbell, when he was a law partner to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Reno, a former state prosecutor, is the first attorney general in recent memory to operate without a chief of staff. Instead, she relied heavily on Heymann, who served at Justice in the Johnson administration, worked for the Watergate special prosecutor during the Nixon administration and ran Justice's criminal division during the Carter administration.

Most of the hottest potatoes and Reno's priority programs were sent to Heymann's office for handling, including a review of mandatory minimum criminal

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## 'I'm dying. I'm 35, and I feel like I'm 70.'

# Los Alamos kin ailing



Staff Photo/Mike Dowd

Tim and Christina Boardman in their Chazy home.

## Can son suffer for possible effects of radiation on father?

By JEFF MEYERS  
Staff Writer

CHAZY — Tim Boardman wants to know if his father was exposed to radiation during World War II.

The younger Boardman is suffering from a degenerative bone disease that has left him on disability. And he is not alone; a brother died from a lung disorder as an infant, another died eight years ago with a brain tumor, and a sister developed a form of multiple sclerosis as an adult.

"I can't believe this is all just a coincidence," Boardman said from his Chazy home recently. "My grandparents were both healthy people; my father's brother's and sister's families are all healthy; there's got

to be some reason why my father's children have had so many health problems.

"I'm dying," he said. "I'm 35, and I feel like I'm 70. I don't know what to do. I'd just like to get information on my father; I'm waiting on his medical records and his service records. But that might take as much as

Boardman believes his father, Donald Boardman, may have been exposed to radiation — either accidentally or as part of medical experiments on the effects of radiation on the human body — while he was serving in the military during the latter stages of World War II.

"I won't say he was exposed because I don't know," Tim Boardman said. "I'm trying to get information on my father; I'm waiting on his medical records and his service records. But that might take as much as

six months." Donald Boardman was stationed at Wendover Field in Utah with the Army Corps of Engineers, then a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Santa Fe Detachment 9812th, a unit that has been connected with the Manhattan Project to create the first atomic bomb.

"We were part of the Manhattan Project," said Jonah Blankenship, who bunked next to Boardman from July to November 1945. "I couldn't tell you what he was working on; I worked in a machine shop, and I only had a pass to that one department."

Blankenship said everything was very secretive at the base; Boardman worked in

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## City has new school chief

By B. MICHAEL CLENDENIN  
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PLATTSBURGH — The City School Board ended a year-long superintendent search Thursday night by appointing South Glens Falls Assistant Superintendent Dr. George Amedore to the position.

Eight of nine School Board members solidified the agreement. Board member Ed Bleeker abstained because he had not been present at all the interview sessions. "But the one time I did meet him, I got a great impression," Bleeker said just after the vote.

The 46-year-old Amedore, who will replace retired Superintendent Art Momot, will earn \$80,000 in the first year of his three-year

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### AMEDORE BIO

Education: Bachelor of arts in psychology, SUNY Albany; master of science in educational psychology, SUNY Albany; specialist in school psychology, SUNY Albany; and doctorate in educational administration, SUNY Albany.

Age: 46  
Current post: Assistant superintendent of schools, South Glens Falls Central School District, since 1988.

Job background: Principal of Division Street Elementary School, Saratoga Springs City School District, 1985 to 1988; chairperson, Committee on Special Education, Saratoga Springs City School District, 1982 to 1985; Elementary Summer School principal, Saratoga District, 1977 to 1980; and school psychologist, Saratoga District, 1972 to 1985.

Family: Wife, Anne Amedore, teaches junior high English and is a part-time school social worker. Two children: Mitchell, 25, a computer programmer for Stewart's Inc. and Todd, 19, a freshman at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire.

## Geddes files charge of trooper beating

By MITCH ROSENQUIST  
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PLATTSBURGH — Scott Geddes has filed an assault complaint against state troopers for allegedly beating him in the courthouse elevator the day he was charged with murdering Susan Anderson.

District Attorney Penelope Clute said Thursday she is investigating the complaint. But she is also using information from an investigation being handled by the same State Police division in which the three accused troopers serve, raising questions of a conflict of interest.

It also puts Geddes in the unusual position of relying on Clute to help him in an assault case while she works to convict him on murder charges.

Geddes's attorney, Andrew Wylie, has asked that an outside investigator look into the alleged assault, which Clute said she is considering.

"I don't necessarily agree that this is a conflict of interest to

have the same police agency investigate this," Clute said. Whenever a complaint is made against a police officer, the incident is investigated by that department, she said. "We're going to do this in a professional, neutral way, like we do everything else."

But Wylie said it is a conflict because two of the three officers named by Geddes — Investigators Sheldon Pray and Jean Birtz — are also investigating the murder. "There's no way she can prosecute them and then use them as investigators and witnesses" in the murder trial, Wylie said. The other trooper accused by Geddes, Thomas Buckley, is not involved in the murder investigation.

Geddes filed the complaint Jan. 12 in City Court himself, with Wylie's consent but not with his help. Wylie said he's representing Geddes on the criminal murder charges, but will not represent him on civil complaints.

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**WEATHER**

Snow changing to sleet and freezing rain. Around 6 inches of snow. Significant ice accumulation possible. Temperatures rising into the mid 30s. South winds 20 to 40 mph and gusty. Cloudy with light snow likely. Low 20 to 25.

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