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Friday, January 21, 2000

THE BATTALION

Probe studying all possibilities in dorm fire

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Investigators said yesterday they have not come to any conclusions about the cause of a fire that killed three college students, denying a published report that some causes had been ruled out.

At a campus news conference, Essex County Prosecutor Donald Campolo disputed the report in today's editions of *The Star-Ledger* of Newark that investigators have ruled out careless smoking or an electrical problem as possible causes of the blaze at Seton Hall University.

"We are ruling out nothing at this juncture," Campolo said.

Campolo refused to discuss a report in the same newspaper that investigators were looking for three young men who had been asked to leave the building less than an hour before the fire broke out.

University spokesperson Lisa Grider said Seton Hall is reviewing "anything that we can all do to make sure that something like this never happens again."

Some students said they thought the fire alarm that blared in the middle of the night was another in a string of 18 alarms since September, and went back to sleep.

Grider refused to characterize the fire as false, but she said only one involved an actual fire, which was outside in a dumpster.

Sixty-two people were injured in the fire, including one who suffered third-degree burns over most of his body.

One student broke his wrist and ankle

after leaping from his third-floor bedroom. Thirteen people remained hospitalized today, five in critical condition.

"It was panic. Everybody was just, 'Go! Go! Go!'" Nicole McFarlane, 19, one of the students who fled the six-story dorm, said.

The 48-year-old dormitory, home to 640 students, was equipped with smoke alarms and 55 fire extinguishers that had been recently inspected.

It did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before 1984 regulations required them, Campolo said.

And fire hoses had been disconnected last week and piled in the first floor for removal because the equipment was obsolete, Seton Hall spokesperson Lisa Grider said.

Killed were Frank S. Caltabilla, John N. Giunta and Aaron C. Karol. All were 18-year-old freshmen from New Jersey. Two were found in the lounge and the third was found in a nearby bedroom, Campolo said.

"We're pretty devastated," said Karol's father, Joseph.

The fire also stunned the 10,000-student, Roman Catholic university 15 southwest of New York City and classes were canceled for the rest of the week.

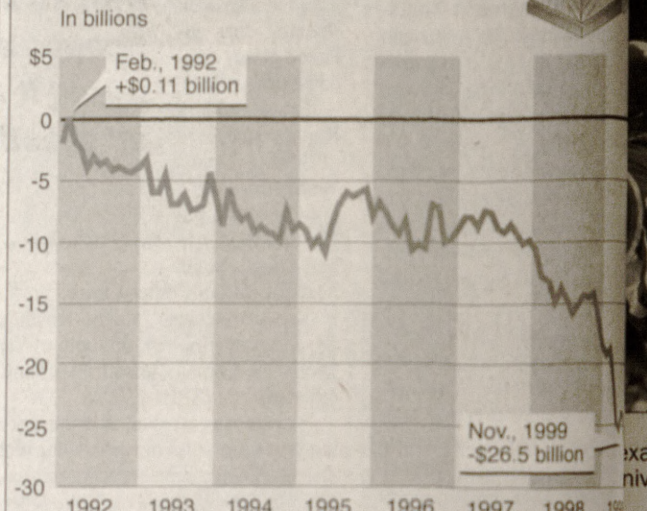
Hundreds attended a prayer service Wednesday night led by Newark Archbishop Theodore McCarrick.

A memorial service was planned for Monday.

U.S. trade deficit reaches record low

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America's trade deficit widened to a record in November as a flood of foreign cars and consumer goods pushed imports to an all-time high.



Source: Dept. of Commerce

News in Brief

Woman killed by package bomb

EVERETT, Mass. (AP) — A package bomb exploded in a house in this Boston suburb yesterday, killing a woman.

The package was left at the house around 12:30 p.m., and it exploded after the victim brought it upstairs, Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said. She would not say whether it was delivered by a mail carrier.

"We are pursuing leads in the case," Coakley said. "We have no reason to believe it is a random event."

Nearby residents were evacuated while agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigated the scene. State police detonated the trunk of the woman's car to make sure there wasn't a bomb in it.

Tom Dubitsky, a musician who lives down the street but did not hear the explosion, called the area a "great neighborhood" with families, children and schools. The residents are of mixed ethnic backgrounds, he said, "a big melting pot, everyone gets along."

Initiative to train teachers

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 400,000 teachers worldwide will get help using computers in their classrooms under an industry initiative announced yesterday.

Citing a growing demand for improved teacher quality, particularly in the area of technology skills, computer giant Microsoft said it would donate \$344 million in software and technical support for Intel Corp.'s new Teach to the Future program. Intel, the leading manufacturer of computer processors,

will spend the next three years investing \$100 million in equipment, and other software to provide teacher-led training centers in 20 countries.

"All the educational technology in classrooms today is being used in a way that is not maximizing its use if teachers don't know how to use it effectively," Intel executive Officer Craig Barlow said. "Computers aren't being used by teachers are."

Last year, the Education Department reported that 40 percent of U.S. classroom teachers were not prepared to use technology in instruction.

Chrysler recalls Durangos, Jeeps

DETROIT (AP) — DaimlerChrysler AG will recall about 490,000 sport utility vehicles and 162,000 Dodge SUVs to fix brake problems.

DaimlerChrysler said the recall affects 1995 Cherokees and 1994-95 Grand Cherokees sold or leased in 15 states in the United States and Canada. The salt can cause the rotors to corrode and crack.

The company will replace rotors with stainless steel rotors with stainless steel rotors. The company said 89 customers complained about separate cracked rotors, but no accidents or injuries were reported.

The other recall covers 99 Dodge Durangos to fix the straps used to support the fuel tank and the rear brake.

The problems were found in Chrysler's own long-term testing and no complaints or injuries have been reported.

Customers will be notified of the free repairs by mail.

Clinton to pick up pace in Israeli negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton tried Thursday to pick up the pace of slow-moving talks between Israel and the Palestinians, telling the two sides "no one can get everything" in an accord.

Calling for compromise as he sat down with Yasser Arafat in the White House Oval Office, Clinton said he would be disappointed if a settlement was not reached. "We have the leaders who can do it," he said, offering again to do whatever he could to resolve their differences.

Arafat agreed there would be difficulties "along the way," but he said negotiations would deal with them. He declined to say whether he was willing to accept less than 100 percent of his demands.

White House spokesperson Joe Lockhart, underscoring deep differences, said, "It's obvious how difficult the challenge is they face." If Israel and the Palestinians need more time, he said, "we will work with them on that."

With Clinton's support, Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Arafat last year set Feb. 13 as the deadline for resolving their disputes over Palestinian statehood aspirations and the future of Jerusalem, at least to the extent that Israel and the Palestinian Authority could complete a framework accord.

A final settlement, which also would deal with refugees and other knotty issues, is due in the fall.

As Secretary of State Madeleine Albright lunched with Arafat at her home in the capital's Georgetown neighborhood, State Department spokesperson James P. Rubin said, "We do regard it as a formidable challenge."

Clinton, meanwhile, is trying to juggle slow-moving negotiations on the Israeli-Palestinian front with sidetracked peace talks between Israel and Syria.

Rubin said Syrian officials would come here next week, to be followed by Israeli experts, in an effort to deal with some of the nagging issues on that track.

Direct Israel-Syria talks had been due to resume Wednesday at Shepherdstown, W.Va.

But they were suspended indefinitely, with Albright and other U.S. officials saying each side wanted its demands given immediate priority.

Clinton said Wednesday he would take on the task of nudging Syria and Israel along, and that neither side was giving up despite the suspension of talks.

In Damascus, Syria's state-run newspapers urged Washington to push Israel harder to spell out its intentions on returning the Golan Heights.

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