

## NEWS

## National and world news in brief

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## Eight people killed in mall shooting

OMAHA, Neb. — A shooting in Nebraska left eight people dead on Wednesday. The shooting took place at the Von Maur Store, a three-level mall in Omaha, Nebraska.

Omaha Police received a 911 call from a person shopping at the mall during the shooting. Police Sergeant Teresa Negron said shots could be heard in the background of the call. Police arrived six minutes after they received the call, but the shooting was already over.

Negron said the gunman had killed eight people and then took his own life. Five other people were wounded, two of which are in critical condition. Police identified the gunman as Robert A. Hawkins.

Witnesses at the time of the shooting claim Hawkins was firing from the third floor balcony of the Von Maur Store. Hawkins body was found on the third floor, apparently due to a self-inflicted wound, and his victims were found on the second and

third floors.

A Von Maur employee, Mickey Vickory, said the shots started around 1:50 p.m. Once the shooting commenced, shoppers panicked and fled. Vickory, some of her co-workers and some shoppers hid in a back closet of the store. A half hour later, police instructed them to come out with their hands up. Another employee, Keith Fidler, said there was an initial 6 round burst, followed by 20 more shots. Shawn Vidlak, a witness at the scene of the crime said the shots initially sounded like a nail gun, so some assumed it was construction being done on the store.

Police directed traffic to park across the street from the mall as they awaited people to leave. They were then instructed to go to nearby hotel for information.

This is the second major shooting in a mall this year. Another shooting occurred in February at Trolley Square mall in Salt Lake City where 5 people were shot and killed.

## Letter bomb explosion kills woman in Paris

PARIS, France — A French woman was killed Thursday, after she detonated a bomb disguised as a mail package. The explosive package was sent to a law office building located on the Boulevard Malesherbes in Paris, where the victim worked as an assistant. A nearby lawyer was also seriously injured by the explosion, but none of his injuries were life-threatening.

The office that was attacked mostly deals with civil work. Paris prosecutor Jean-Claude Marin claims Paris law enforcement is unsure why the building was targeted. Officials also do not know who the package was addressed to, because of blast damage.

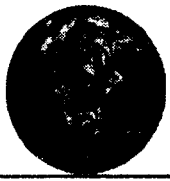
According to French Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, a courier delivered the letter bomb moments before it detonated at 12:50 p.m. (6:50 a.m. ET). Alliot-Marie said the package contained two explosive devices, one of which failed to detonate.

Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë commented on the attack, stating that it was "a despicable act which

must be condemned... It is my duty to first express my strongest condemnation of such a serious act, my compassion for the victim and her next of kin and for all the people who have been traumatized and shocked by such an act."

Officials speculated that the office may have been mistaken for different establishments housed in the building. The building contained the former law firm of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, and the office for a foundation that is dedicated to Holocaust memorials. Serge Klarsfeld, a Nazi war criminal hunter that is associated with the Holocaust memorial foundation claims he sees no reason why the office would be targeted for an attack.

Witnesses of the attack state emergency workers rushed to the building moments after the blast. Police and firemen quickly blocked off the entire street which is lined with law offices. Security was strict everywhere near the building for hours after the attack.



Source: CNN

## REDC coffee shop named "Clark Café" in ceremony

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The REDC coffee shop was officially named Clark Café during a ceremony Wednesday morning, Nov. 28 in honor of productive donor George Clark. Members of the development staff feel Clark and his family are most deserving of recognition. A \$500,000 donation to the school came from the Clark family, and Clark's Snap-tite Company.

One person attending the ceremony was the Director of Development Margie Taylor. She mentions that the ceremony ran very smoothly. "I thought it was a wonderful way to recognize the family. We unveiled the plaque, Dr. Burke talked about the family's generosity, and we cut a cake. It was a nice way to say thank you."

Taylor expresses her appreciation for the family's contributions, saying "George Clark was very active with our council fellows. He chaired the Corporate Grand Destiny Campaign. The Clarks are just a great Erie family. They care about their employees, and are a wonderful legacy that we can all recognize by affiliating them with our products." Taylor says the developmental staff began deciding which donor to recognize last year. When they announced that they were looking for prospective donors, Clark's son, Gary, informed them the family was interested. As the Vice President of Snap-tite, Gary Clark calls Behrend the "Go-to college of the region." He devotes much of his time to Penn State Behrend, according to Taylor.

Clark says, "My family and I felt very happy to do it. My father spent a considerable amount of years as a volunteer with higher education at both Behrend and Gannon Universities." The family has

donated on more than one occasion, and they even have a large scholarship offered at Behrend. "We made the scholarship 10 years ago because my father thought it was very important to help out students with money issues," Clark adds. "After my father passed we decided that doing this would be reflecting what was taught about running our business."

Many students make trips to the café daily, and many of them are from either the Black School of Business or the School of Engineering. Whether it is for a cup of coffee, a sit-down lunch, or a study place, students enjoy the convenience of the Clark Café. It is facilitated for students to connect outside the classroom, and that was what George Clark wanted, according to Gary. "It goes along with my father's business philosophy. Having a naming opportunity that fits in with company beliefs is significant," he says.

"You know what I found interesting..." Clark says. "The Clark Café sign is actually made out of my father's signature. The last name 'Clark' is copied directly from his writing and the word 'Café' was modeled after his pen stroke."

Clark's company, Snap-tite, was able to give so much to the school because of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), which allows companies invest a portion of their corporate tax liability in programs that provide unique academic enrichment experiences for children.

Snap-tite, Inc. has seven manufacturing plants in Erie, and offices distancing as far as Ireland. It has over 750 employees worldwide. Snap-tite is responsible for fluid power components, which are used for irrigation, industrial use, and namely municipal fire fighting.

## Joe Paterno inducted into College Football Hall of Fame

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Paterno coached the Nittany Lions for 42 years.

This past Tuesday, our famed and beloved Penn State Football coach Joe Paterno was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. This comes after a delayed induction from last year when Paterno fractured his leg. Paterno is more than qualified for the Hall of Fame. He has had a record 42 seasons as head coach, two national titles, five undefeated seasons and 371 career wins. His contract is up in 2008 but Paterno believes he could coach for at least another three to four years if his health permits. Jokingly, Paterno said a finale to his career would be to "Drop dead at the end of the game after you kick

the winning field goal," and then, "they carry you off the field and everyone's singing. 'So long, Joe!'"

In light of his induction, Paterno held court in Beaver Stadium lounge for the press to listen to him speak for 90 minutes while he reminisced about his past. In a move of extreme modesty, Paterno said this about his induction, "Obviously, I'm flattered and it's nice to be in the Hall of Fame. But I hope people understand, nobody gets there by themselves."

Paterno originally had no intention of coaching after leaving Brown, but when his former coach Rip Engle moved to Penn State in 1950, he requested Joe help assist him coach. It took Paterno three or four years to become fully comfortable with his new position. Initially, his parents were very upset that he took the assistant coach position. It wasn't until 1966 when Engle retired that Paterno took over as head coach. Looking back, Paterno says his greatest career disappointment was losing 14-7 to Alabama in the national title at the 1978 Sugar Bowl.

Most are aware that Paterno is more than just the head football coach of Penn State, he is an icon and an inspiration. Paterno has done much for the university outside of sports and demands high academic standards from his players. He has even donated over \$4 million to Penn State University, which has named a library after him. Some have been campaigning for Paterno to step down, claiming he is no longer capable to coach. Paterno is always looking to improve Penn State and our football team. Paterno said this about his career, "Deep down, I feel I've had an impact. I don't feel I've wasted my 56 years...If I did, I would have gotten out a long time ago."

Recently, it was announced that Paterno's salary for this year is approx. \$500,000. A minimal amount when compared to the salaries of other college football coaches. Bobby Bowden, head coach of Florida State brings in \$1.5 million each year.

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and non-combatants and made sure citizens knew where fighting would take place so that they would be away from the immediate area. He also lobbied strongly against the use of nuclear or any radioactive weapons.

"The blanket bombings at the commencement of the war, the whole 'shock and awe' approach, that was not justified," said McFee. He went on to state that he was terrified from a religious standpoint of the talks that our country may suspend Habeas Corpus (which safeguards individual freedom against arbitrary state action).

He also outlined what he would like to see to make the war seem conducted in a more morally justified manner.

"We need to commit the resources to rebuild Iraq in a way that is respectful to the people that live there," he said. "I'd also like to see a concrete plan laid out concerning the justice that will be done to those who committed heinous acts under Sadaam Hussein. There also needs to be a plan made for the soldiers that are returning. We need to give them care, and it's been said recently that it may take up to 20 years. I'd like to see a plan made for that."

During the Q&A session that followed the opening discussion, the panelists were asked a number of questions about their views and previous statements

concerning the war. One of the questions an audience member asked concerned whether or not the war had anything—or everything—to do with oil, and if the war was motivated by real politics that were "shrouded in a moral cloak."

"I don't want to say that the war is definitely about oil," said McFee. "But, when someone like Alan Greenspan says something like that, it's definitely something I started to think and read about. If that is the case, then I don't think that Bush had a morally justified reason to go to war."

Shaw jumped in next, saying, "I really don't believe that this is a war of last resort. Three or four years before the war started, things weren't all that different in Iraq, so if we weren't that scared then, why were we when we decided to go to war?"

Gamble finished the question by saying that, "I think this is a situation that happens maybe once in a generation. We have the wrong President at the wrong place and the wrong time. A few errors have compounded with time and had tragic results, and there may be too many people loyal to President Bush. I think that some of the brightest people in the country didn't have the guts to stand up to him and say 'hey, what you're doing is wrong.'"

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trip. The tour will end in 2009, which will be around the same time when his active duty status will be over. This doesn't make the trip any better for him, though. Fuller said that the worst part is seeing how his nine-year-old son will react when he goes back. His son understands what Fuller does for a living, but he doesn't like it. Because Fuller is never certain that he will come home from his trip, he tries to give his son advice while he's home.

Despite the hard times he's had to face, Fuller

said that joining the Guard was "one of the best things I could have done." Not only does he have money for school through the G.I. Bill and other scholarships for being a veteran, Fuller said that he now has a new outlook on life. "I started looking at situations in life differently," he said. To him, mowing the grass or having cool new things isn't that big of a deal anymore. He has seen and still has yet to experience much bigger things.

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