

Wendy's Founder Dave Thomas Dies

He was an adopted child who once mentored with Col. Sanders of KFC fame

(AP) - Dave Thomas, the portly pitchman whose home-spun ads built Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers into one of the world's most successful fast-food enterprises, died Tuesday of liver cancer. He was 69.

"He was the heart and soul of our company. He had a passion for great tasting hamburgers, and devoted his life to serving customers great food and helping those less fortunate in his community," said Jack Schuessler, chairman and chief executive of Wendy's.

The founder and senior chairman of Wendy's International became a household name when he began pitching his burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989. The smiling Thomas, always wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and red tie, touted the virtues



Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, also served food as the restaurant chain's advertising spokesman.

of fast-food in more than 800 humorous ads, sometimes featuring stars such as bluesman B.B. King and soap opera queen Susan Lucci.

But burgers weren't his first love. Thomas, who was adopted as an infant, became a national advocate for adoption.

He created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a not-for-profit organization focused on raising public

awareness of adoption. The profits from his books, "Dave's Way" and "Well Done!" go to the foundation.

In 1956, he was working at a barbecue restaurant in Fort Wayne, Ind., when Col. Harland Sanders of KFC fame stopped in on a promotional tour. Thomas's boss bought a KFC franchise, and six years later, Thomas came to Colum-

bus, Ohio to take over four

failing Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

He sold them back to the founder in 1968 for \$1.5 million, making him a millionaire at 35.

He opened his first Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in Columbus a year later. He named the restaurant after his 8-year-old daughter Melinda Lou, nicknamed Wendy by her siblings.

Despite his success, it wasn't until 1993 that Thomas earned a high school equivalency certificate.

That year, he told 2,500 Columbus public school seniors his biggest mistake was not finishing high school.

"We have 4,000 restaurants today, but if I had gotten my high school diploma, we might have 8,000," he said.

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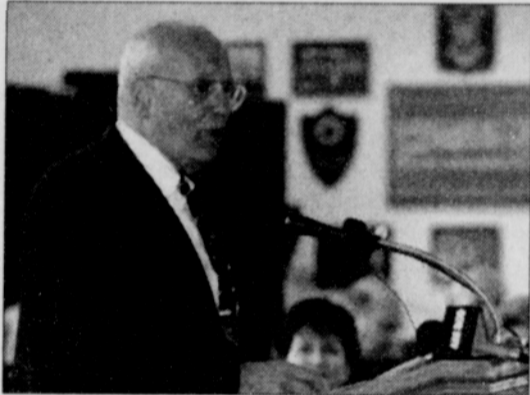
Congressman Stripped to Underwear in Airport Search

(AP) — Security guards at Washington's Reagan National Airport forced U.S. Rep. John Dingell to strip to his underwear before boarding a flight to Detroit.

The guards at the Northwest Airlines terminal did not believe the 75-year-old congressman's explanation about his metal hip, which he received after a horse fell on him 20 years ago.

"They felt me up and down like a prize steer," Dingell, D-Mich., said. "I was very nice, but I probably showed I was displeased."

The private security guards made him take off his overcoat, then his suit coat, then his shoes and socks on Saturday. When he still triggered metal detector alarms, the guards took him to a back room and asked



Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. in a Dec. 15 file photo. (AP Photo)

him to remove his trousers.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta heard about the incident and said he would look into it, Dingell said.

"I asked Norman to check to see if they treated me like they do everybody else," Dingell said. "I just wanted to be sure that what they did was necessary, that I got the same treatment, no better or no worse, than anyone else."

Highway To Improve

(AP) — State transportation officials said they are accelerating a project of neighborhood enhancements along U.S. Highway 30 through Portland's Linnton neighborhood. The goal is to reduce vehicle speeds.

The Linnton neighborhood is where 14-year-old Ryan Calvert was struck and killed by a van in November. Calvert had just gotten off a bus and was crossing the highway on his way home from school. The road improvements were scheduled to go to bid in September. ODOT planners now hope to open the project for bidding in April.

The design elements include raised medians with and without trees, and the use of colored concrete to serve as visual cues for motorists.

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