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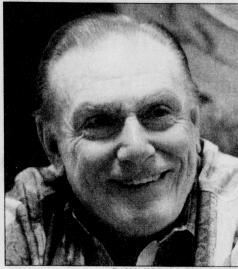


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Donald E. Stephens ~ 1928-2007

Rosemont's master developer dies

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Only mayor built tiny town into a mecca

Donald E. Stephens, who transformed a patch of garbage dumps and mob hangouts into a suburban entertainment and convention capital over the last half-century, has died. Stephens died Wednesday night with his wife, Katherine, at his side. He was 79.

The region's longest-serving mayor succumbed to a battle with stomach cancer and had dealt with other health problems intermittently since suffering a pair of heart attacks more than 25 years ago. Stephens died in his sleep about 8 p.m. Wednesday at his home in Rosemont.

so many things in that small town that many of us would not have the courage to do," said Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase, a longtime Stephens friend and colleague.

One of the more colorful figures to ever dot the Chicago area's political landscape, the red-haired suburban boss leaves behind the legacy of a

busting town that stands as a testimony to his determination to succeed where others saw no opportunity. There's a convention center that bears his name, countless hotels, the Allstate Arena and Rosemont Theater. His moniker also is attached to the large collection of Hummel figurines he amassed.

But Stephens also never could

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Small airport may lose runway

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO
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Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling may lose one of its three runways.

The airport board voted unanimously Wednesday evening to begin the process to close runway 6/24.

Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau cited several reasons in seeking the closure, including safety, underutilization, economic development opportunities, and possible litigation against the airport.

"That runway is not up to standards. It's 50 feet wide, the others are 75 feet and 150 feet wide," Rouleau said. He also cited the runway's proximity to trees on Milwaukee Avenue on Cook County Forest Preserve property, a hazard that could lead to a lawsuit against the airport in the future, he said.

Rouleau said only about 20 percent of takeoffs occur on the targeted runway, while about 10 percent of all landings at the airport occur on that runway.

Many pilots protested the resolution to close the runway at the meeting Wednesday, saying its loss could lead to other problems, like added traffic on the other runways or the loss of business to flight schools and other operators at the airport.

Barry Axelrod, past president and spokesman of the Palwaukee Airport Pilot's Association, said PAPA was against the closing of the runway.

"A runway is an airport's most valuable commodity," he said.

According to airport statistics, more than 167,000 takeoffs and landings were logged annually at Chicago Executive Airport in recent years.

Space added by the runway's closure could also be used for economic development possibilities, Rouleau said.

In addition, federal and state dollars the airport receives

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Bombings kill 233 in Iraq; Page 2

What led to 32 lost lives



A photo montage of some of those killed in Monday's shootings at Virginia Tech was shown at the Millersville University campus in Millersville, Pa., Wednesday. Campuses nationwide held memorials for the victims of the shootings. For a look at who the victims were, see Page 10.

A disturbed mind

Gunman left trail of troubling acts

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — More than a year before the Virginia Tech massacre, Cho Seung-Hui was accused of stalking two female students and was taken to a psychiatric hospital because of fears he was suicidal, authorities said Wednesday.

The disclosure added to the rapidly growing list of warning signs that appeared well before the 23-year-old student shot 32 people to death and committed suicide Monday. Among other things, Cho's twisted, violence-filled writings and sullen, vacant-eyed demeanor had disturbed professors and students so much that he was removed from one English class and was repeatedly

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Cho's multimedia manifesto arrives

Reuters

WASHINGTON — The man who massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech railed against wealth and debauchery and portrayed himself as a defender of the weak in a video sent between killings and shown by NBC Wednesday.

The network said it received what it described as a "multimedia manifesto" from Cho Seung-Hui, including photographs and a lengthy text and video clips, mailed during his shooting rampage Monday before he killed himself.

The package contained an 1,800-word diatribe expressing rage and voicing admiration for the students

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Historic abortion decision

High court backs ban on specific procedure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's new conservative majority gave anti-abortion forces a landmark victory Wednesday in a 5-4 decision that bans a controversial abortion procedure nationwide and sets the stage for further restrictions.

It was a long-awaited and resounding win that abortion opponents had hoped to gain from a court pushed to the right by President Bush's appointees.

For the first time since the court established a woman's right to an abortion in 1973, the justices said the Constitution permits a nationwide prohibition on a specific abortion method. The court's liberal justices, in dissent, said the ruling chipped away at abortion rights.

The 5-4 decision written by Justice Anthony Kennedy said the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act that Congress passed and Bush signed into law in 2003 does not violate a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

Siding with Kennedy were Bush's two appointees, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, along with Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The law is constitutional despite not containing an exception that would allow the procedure if needed to preserve a woman's health, Kennedy said. "The law need not give abortion doctors unfettered choice in the course of their medical practice," he wrote in the majority opinion.

Not all DNA on dinner was Luna's

BY STACY ST. CLAIR
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The half-eaten chicken piece prosecutors say links Juan Luna to the Brown's Chicken murders also contains the DNA of at least one other person, test results show.

Cecilia Doyle, a section chief at the Illinois State Police Crime Lab, testified Wednesday that she found two DNA profiles on the food in 1998. Though authorities say Luna matches one of them, they have never publicly

What's new: A second unknown person's DNA also is on the chicken bone that prosecutors say ties Juan Luna to the murders.

What's next: More prosecution witnesses

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The day after suburban elections, state lawmakers are still trying to find a reasonable measure to protect Illinois children from sex offenders who may vote at their schools.

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The Chicago area's most complete entertainment guide!



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