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State spends thousands to block ideal court candidate

Minnesota is spending thousands of dollars to prevent Alan Page from even attempting to be elected to the state's Supreme Court.



Doug Grow

Justice Lawrence Yerkas for Yerkas' seat on the court in the November election. The 66-year-old Yerkas didn't want to give up his seat but he didn't want to stand for election, either.

The governor granted the extension and the door was supposedly closed on Page — again. Similar maneuvering by former Gov. Rudy Perpich had blocked Page's efforts to run for the Supreme Court in 1990.

There are those who have argued that Page's desire to join the Supreme Court would politicize the judicial system.

defensive tactics aren't expected to become a dominant theme in the Court's deliberations.

Page is no Superman. He worries about his bid, though each is doing just fine. He laughs about how, at 47, he can run as fast as he can to even though he trains diligently.

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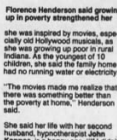
'Body Count' shoots up charts

Ice-T's 'Body Count' album jumped 47 places on the latest Billboard magazine music charts after the rap singer released the anti-racist song 'Cop Killer' to protest the music company from further criticism.



Ice-T

The album, in its 17th week on the weekly tally of the nation's best-selling records, soared from 73rd place on the list to 26th on last week's list, for release today. It will be weeks before the new release hits the stores.



Florence Henderson

Osmo's in Ozarks The Osmo Brothers, minus Doney and Marie, are bound for Branson, Mo. Alan, Warren, Mar-Jay and Jimmy Osmo said they will take over the Celebration Theater in Branson, where country old-timey music and gospel music don't survive the summer of Country Music Boulevard.

Florence Henderson said growing up in poverty strengthened her desire to perform in music, especially old-timey music. As she was growing up poor in rural Indiana, she had no running water or electricity.



Beverly Hills, coming guest appearance at the Bull Riders Only

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Neuwirth on abortion 'Cheers' actress Bebe Neuwirth kept a break from filming a movie in Billings, Mont., to visit a clinic that was being piloted by abortion.

Occur for sale

An Occur ad for for sale by the actor who won it in 1948 fetched \$60,000 at auction Thursday in New York, to the dismay of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

He who Welta gets sued A federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled that a \$2 million damage award to singer Tom Welta, who charged that another singer was hired to imitate his voice for a 1988 Corcoran comic strip commercial.

Radio ad for a new brand of corn

Radio ad for a new brand of corn, based on the 1978 song 'Slip Right Up,' which joked fun at commercial pitches.

Metro/State news

Church trespass conviction upheld

High court rules 5-2 in case of man barred by priest

Without expert assistance, the trial court and jury, unaided in cases law would be left on their own to interpret ambiguous and ambiguous cases for answers to the legal issues of 'lawful possessor' and 'claim of right,' the court ruled.

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Police officer is found negligent in fatal car crash

Haltbeck had stopped in her car at a stop sign.

A Hennepin County jury made its decision yesterday after a 3½-day trial in front of District Judge LaRue Long and 300 A.V. in Minneapolis, a four-way stop. Haltbeck had stopped there while the car was on John St. shortly before 4:00 p.m. Thursday and another officer was in a squad car with lights and siren operating to respond to a patient alarm at a jewelry store and were going south on 306 A.

According to court papers, Tharrell was behind another squad car that passed Haltbeck's car. Tharrell, according to court papers, was traveling between 40 and 50 miles per hour on wet pavement when Haltbeck pulled out from the intersection and was struck by his car. Both vehicles were demolished, firefighters had to pry open a door on Haltbeck's car to get her out. She suffered broken ribs, a broken left arm as well as a leg. She also suffered head injuries, and died a month after the accident.

Tharrell, 44, a police officer for 22 years, also was injured, as was his partner, William Woods, 21, who was only a week out of training.

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The break-ins and fire followed other incidents of anonymous harassment of the family, Bergson said, though he declined to give details.

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