Judge reverses controversial drug ruling

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge who came under attack from the White House on down for throwing out a confession and 80 pounds of cocaine and heroin reversed himself Monday and reinstated the evidence.

U.S. District Judge Harold Baer Jr. said additional testimony from police and the defendant caused him to switch his initial ruling.

The judge had ruled that police officers violated the rights of Carol Bayless of Detroit by pulling over her car in New York City on April 21 be-cause four men around it hurried away when they noticed police.

Police found the drugs in her trunk. But Baer said in his original ruling that the evidence was inadmissible because it was only natural in that neighborhood for black men to fear police and run away.

Sen. Bob Dole had said the judge should be impeached, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich had charged that Baer's ruling was "the perfect rea-son why we are losing our civilization." The White House called the judge's ruling "wrongheaded" and threatened to ask him to quit. Clinton appointed Baer in 1994.

In his reversal Monday, Baer apologized for the inference in his original ruling that it is common to run from police in Manhattan's gritty Washington Heights section because of past corruption.

"Unfortunately, the hyperbole ... regretfully may have demeaned the law-abiding men and women who make Washington Heights their home and the vast majority of the dedicated men and women in blue who patrol the streets of our great city," he wrote.

The case now will be readied for trial, although Bayless had indicated that she may pursue a plea agreement. She is charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin and remains jailed without bail.

Star Whitewater witness takes stan

The prosecution's chief witness testified Monday that he and two Whitewater defendants devised a scheme to use his investment company to enrich themselves and also benefit "some members of the po-litical family" in Arkansas.

David Hale was a small-time investment banker who claims President Clinton pressured him to make an illegal \$300,000 loan to his Whitewater business partners. Clinton has denied the claim, calling it a "bunch of bull."

Hale's allegations are central to the Whitewater trial. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and James and Susan McDougal - Clinton's former Whitewater partners — are charged with fraud and conspiracy in a 21count indictment.

Hale testified that he, Tucker and McDougal hatched the scheme in

a bogus \$825,000 land deal to infuse \$500,000 into Hale's small business investment company. The money would increase Hale's lending limit, enabling the firm to make loans for McDougal and Tucker. Hale said McDougal told him

that he and Tucker needed money. '(McDougal) said, 'We're going to have to clean up some members

of the political family," Hale testi-

McDougal did not identify anyone by name, Hale said. However, he said he believed McDougal was referring to then-Gov. Bill Clinton "and maybe some of his aides, and some of Jim's associates, and Jim

Guy Tucker." Hale did not specify what "clean up" meant, and Deputy Independent Counsel W. Hickman Ewing Jr. refused to comment after court

Ewing said Clinton was "periph-crally involved." He said after court that later testimony would show that Clinton "was at a meeting where some of these transactions were dis-

Under questioning from the defense, Hale acknowledged that McDougal was good friends with several well-connected political figures in addition to Clinton, his aides and Tucker.

Bill Watt, who did legal work for Hale in the 1980s, testified last week that Hale told him Clinton was pressuring him to close the \$825,000 transaction. Watt quoted Hale as saying in 1985: "I've been to a meeting ... and Gov. Clinton wants to get it done. He's got to help his friends."

Robert Palmer, the appraiser on

the land deal, said Watt told him then that it would be OK to file false figures on the appraisal because 'this goes all the way to the top."

At Hale's sentencing last week, prosecutors said Hale broke a "con-spiracy of silence" in the Whitewater investigation.

Defense attorneys said Hale's time on the stand represented an important week in the month-old case. The charges against Tucker and the McDougals were based largely on Hale's allegations.

When Hale starts testifying, Tucker attorney W.H. "Buddy Sutton said, "You'll see a man that knows no human being in the world that he wouldn't betray for his own

Defense attorneys said Hale turned government witness to get a reduced sentence after being caught defrauding federal regulators.

Cancer vaccine ready soon for human testing

WASHINGTON (AP) —A vaccine from genetically engineered cells eradicates tumors in laboratory rats and may be ready for testing on a vicious kind of human brain cancer by this summer, researchers say.

Habib Fakhrai, a University of California, Los Angeles, cancer scientist, said the vaccine has the effect of removing a biological disguise from cancer cells, thus turning them into targets that are tracked down and killed by the body's own immune sys-

Fakhrai is the lead author of a study that will be published Tuesday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Cancers of the brain, breast, lung, colon and prostate all secrete a substance called transforming growth factor-beta, or TGF-B, which suppresses the immune system and protects the cancer, Fakhrai said.

"TFG-beta cloaks the cancer cells so they are not recognized by the im"It may not be a cure, but it could be a significant step forward for these patients."

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Cancer researcher

mune system," said Fakhrai.

presence of cancer, the UCLA researchers developed a way to prevent tumor cells from making TGF-B.

Using rats with brain cancer, the scientists removed cancer cells and purified the tumor DNA. They then used this DNA to make a protein that blocks the genetic process that leads to secretion of TGF-B.

We actually created molecules that attach to precursors of TGF-B and instructed them genetically to stop working," said Fakhrai.

The new molecules were then used

to inoculate a group of rats with can-To alert the immune system to the cer. Another group of rats with cancer received only placebo shots.

Among the rats receiving the anti-TGF-B vaccinations, 100 percent survived for the 12 weeks of the experiment and the cancers were destroyed by the animals' immune system cells. The control rats, which received only the placebo, all died swiftly.

Fakhrai said the technique has been approved for human experimentation by a committee at the National Institutes of Health and is now awaiting action by the Food and Drug Administration. Once approved, Fakhrai said dence of further cancer," he said.

UCLA researchers plan to offer the experimental therapy to patients with glioblastoma, an invariably fatal brain

We hope to be using this vaccine technology in humans by this summer," said Dr. Keith Black, a UCLA neurosurgeon and a co-author of the study.

Carol Kruse, a cancer researcher at the University of Colorado Health Center, said the UCLA cancer vaccine was "impressive" and may offer real hope for a cancer that now is always

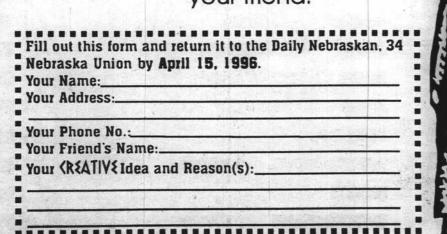
"This may prolong the lives of patients with brain cancer," she said. "It may not be a cure, but it could be a significant step forward for these pa-

Fakhrai said the anti-TGF-B protein worked like a true vaccine in the laboratory rats.

"All the rats survived with no evi-



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