## Griese, Sharpe unclear for Sunday vs. San Diego

DENVER (AP)—Brian Griese and left knee against Seattle on Nov. 17. Shannon Sharpe made it through a second practice without any setbacks Thursday, but it was unclear whether enough to keep him from practicing. they will play for Denver against San

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said his starting quarterback and tight end will have to go through more rigorous workouts before a decision is made about Sunday's game.

"Both looked pretty good. It's going to be a game-time decision," Shanahan said. "We'll see if there's any setback tomorrow, but both of them came through yesterday in pretty good

Griese returned to practice Wednes-

Shanahan said Griese was sore Thursday morning, but it wasn't He said Griese will try to do more in practices Friday and Saturday to see if he'll be able to handle game condi-

"Just out here he looks pretty good, but until he really puts pressure on it in a scrambling situation, you don't know for sure," Shanahan said. "He doesn't want to overdo it right now. He's looking good with what we're doing.

Sharpe made huge strides since partially separating his right elbow against Oakland on Nov. 11. He was expected to miss up to a month, but returned to day for the first time since spraining his practice Wednesday.

### Michael Jordan retiring-again

WASHINGTON (AP) - Michael truly done. Jordan made it clear that he's playing his final NBA season, saying there's "zero chance" he will return for a third year with the Washington Wizards.

Jordan said Thursday he will retire after this season and return to his role as partial owner of the Wizards.

"I tell you right now that I'm just fulfilling my contract," said Jordan, who signed a two-year, \$2.1 million deal with Washington last year after stepping down from his executive du-

"At the end of this season, I'm not looking at another contract. I just want to finish this year out and hopefully fulfill my obligations and let this team take its own course.'

Jordan, who will turn 40 in February, returned to basketball last season because he said he still felt the need to

After joining the Wizards as a player, Jordan energized Washington for most of last season before he was forced out of the lineup with a right knee injury that eventually required surgery.

Coming into this season, Wizards coach Doug Collins said Jordan would come off the bench in an effort to keep him fresh. However, with the Wizards slipping lately and on a four-game slide, Jordan told Collins - whom he hired as coach while serving as team president - to play him more.

Jordan is averaging 16.6 points a game this season. Based on his comments Thursday, it appears he isn't concerned about the wear and tear on his knee because he's not going to play

Jordan said he wants to see the Wizards' young players like Kwame Tyronn Lue develop into a playoffcaliber team without him.

Asked if he's leaving himself any

Jordan said he still thinks Washington (6-8) can make the playoffs, but his immediate goal is stopping the team's current slide.

last seven games, including an 88-84loss Tuesday night to Indiana. In that game, Jordan tied his season high with

During his 14-year career, Jordan won the NBA MVP award five times and led the league in scoring a record

group of role players helped the Bulls win six championships, from 1991-93

to pursue a career in baseball, then returned for the final 17 games of the 1994-95 season.

Jordan retired again, in January 1999.

He became the Wizards' president of

He averaged 22.9 points last season, his lowest production since his injuryplagued second season with the Bulls, when he averaged 22.7 points in just 18

ards briefly looked as if they might make the playoffs last season, starting 26-21. But he missed 22 games after Brown, Juan Dixon, Jared Jeffries and the knee surgery, and the Wizards lost 24 of their last 35.

#### this I'm done.

wiggle room to return next season, Jordan said, "After this, there will be no want. I'm 100 percent sure that after

Washington has dropped five of its

He, Scottie Pippen and a strong

Jordan retired the first time in 1993

After the Bulls' next three titles,

basketball operations on Jan. 19, 2000. Months before he resumed his playing career for a second time, he said he was "99.9 percent" certain he would not

With Jordan's experience, the Wiz-

Jordan made a significant offseason After his two previous retirements, move when he traded Richard both from the Chicago Bulls, Jordan Hamilton - the team's second-leading left little doubt as to whether he was scorer-to Detroit for Jerry Stackhouse.

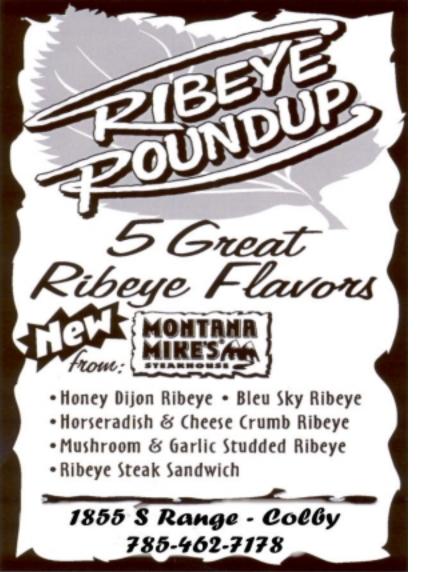
#### NFL player charged with DUI

Smith was charged with drunken driving, the latest legal embarrassment for his wife.

mate Anthony Bright to the hospital.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Caro-tackle Chris Terry, who was arrested lina Panthers running back Lamar Nov. 20 for failing to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge of assaulting

Also, defensive end Julius Peppers Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith is appealing a four-game suspension was suspended for one game by the for violating the league's substanceteam Nov. 20 for a fight that sent team- abuse policy. Teammate Brentson Buckner already accepted a four-game The Panthers also released offensive suspension for the same violation.



'Xs and Os, fellas, Xs and Os...'



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Fourth-year Trojan head coach Brian Ostermann diagrammed a play during a time-out at the Colby Community Building. The Trojan men's basketball team is off to its best start in the four years Ostermann has been at the helm of the Trojan program. Colby is in Marshalltown, Iowa today and Saturday at the Marshalltown Classic, and is attempting to go 9-0 on the year against Ellsworth Community College today, before taking on Marshalltown Saturday. Next weekend, Colby is in Coffeyville for the Jayhawk Shootout, and the following weekend, Dec. 13 and 14, will be in Liberal for the Seward Classic. The Trojans open conference play at home on Jan. 4 against Butler County.

# All-League volleyball team named

By DARREL PATTILLO

Colby Free Press The Northwest Kansas League has released its All-League Volleyball team selections.

based on coaches choices. Three Colby Lady Eagles, senior Tiffany Focke, and juniors Summar Stephens and Bethanie Lin-Stephens den, were selected to the team, along with two Goodland

players, two St. Francis players, and from Oberlin. wood, and Quinter each

two

team. plete roster of the Northwest Kansas All-League Volleyball team Tiffany Fo-

had one play-



cke, Colby, Alisha McKee, Goodland, Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie, Amber Feikert, St. Francis, Shannon Lowry, Atwood, Kortney Stapp, Decatur County, Bethanie Linden, Colby, Summar Stephens, Colby, Jeree Selensky, Quinter, Heather Culwell, St. Francis, Janae McKee, Goodland, Kelsey Dorshorst, Decatur County.

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