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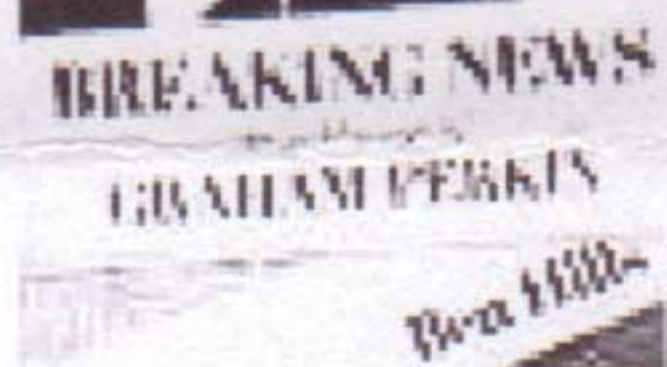
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BREAKING NEWS: THE GOLDEN AGE OF GRAHAM PERKIN

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Perkin oversaw a golden age in Melbourne journalism, editing *The Age* for nine years. Taking on *The Herald* and *The Sun*, Perkin modernised a moribund publication and sparked a newspaper war that saw readers enjoy unprecedented quality and competition. Perkin grew up in the Mallee. After writing for a local paper he scored a job at *The Age* and developed into a talented journalist. Editor at 36, he reshaped Australia's media landscape with special investigations and hard-hitting news. But success came at a huge cost. He rarely saw his two children and died of a heart attack at 45 in 1975. **Cheryl Critchley,**

Verdict: excellent