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In the News

■ **Jimmy Swaggart**, back in the pulpit a day after his son said the television evangelist would step down because of another scandal involving a prostitute, announced in Baton Rouge, La., that he had gone back to preaching because God told him to do so.

■ **Marvin Mitchelson**, the long-time celebrity lawyer who said he thought he had seen it all in marital wars, disclosed in Los Angeles that he was representing Dr. Gloria Uboh-Abiola, a prominent New York physician, who wants to divorce Nigerian businessman M. K. O. Abiola on the ground that he has at least a dozen other wives.

■ **David Kay**, a senior U.N. inspector, told members of Congress that Iraq's nuclear know-how was so sophisticated that it could resume its shattered atomic weapons program unless blocked by constant foreign inspections.

■ **Peter Lauriat**, a Superior Court judge, made permanent in Boston an injunction that prohibits anti-abortion activists from blocking access to Massachusetts clinics, warning that violators face up to 30 months in jail.

■ **Leonard Cheshire**, a World War II British flying ace and founder of a disaster relief organization, said in Washington that his group planned to sell pens and pencils containing metal melted down from dismantled U.S. and Soviet missiles.

■ **Roger Craver**, a longtime fund-raiser for Senate Democrats, canceled their contract, contending that the handling of the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination was an affront to women.

■ **President Bush**, who will be in Hawaii Dec. 7 for ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, also will visit Japan, Korea, Singapore and Australia on a Far East trip starting Nov. 26, the White House announced.

■ **Pope John Paul II**, speaking at a Mass attended by 100,000 people in Campo Grande, Brazil, attacked widespread birth-control programs in Latin America's most populous country and accused government officials of undermining the Brazilian family by promoting them.

■ **Joseph Anderson**, a U.S. district judge, ruled in Columbia that South Carolina's 80-year-old criminal libel law, used to arrest or jail at least five journalists in the past four decades, was unconstitutional.

■ **Jim Smith**, a white police officer in Huntsville, Ala., was suspended with pay while officials investigated a videotaped arrest in which Smith was shown punching a black assault suspect in the face.

■ **David Rockefeller** donated \$20 million to Rockefeller University in New York, saying he supported David Baltimore, whose appointment as president upset some faculty because he defended a colleague who faked data in a scientific paper that Baltimore co-authored.

Inside



'Ol' peapicker'

■ **Tennessee Ernie Ford**, the man who possessed the bottomless bass voice on songs like "Sixteen Tons" and "The Ballad of Davy Crockett," died Thursday at the age of 75/5A

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Gazette employee buyout fails

Leaders believe sale to rival, closing near

By David Smith
Gazette Staff

Efforts to put together an employee-investor purchase of the Arkansas Gazette "have been in vain," a Little Rock attorney told the Justice Department Thursday. The concession apparently clears the way for the rival Arkansas Democrat to purchase the Gazette, members of the employee-investor committee said. Leaders of the employee committee said they believed the sale could occur at any time. Most of the committee members believe that will mean the Gazette would cease publication after almost 172 years.

Walter E. Hussman Jr., owner of the Democrat, and the Gannett Co. Inc., owner of the Gazette, have declined to comment on any of the rumors since they began seven weeks ago. Hussman did not return a reporter's telephone call Thursday.

Walter Davidson, a Little Rock attorney with the firm of Davidson, Horne and Hollingsworth, sent the letter to the Justice Department on Thursday. He was hired by Gazette employees last week to study the possibility of an investor group buying the Gazette.

Both Little Rock businessmen Walter Smiley and Los Angeles television producer Harry Thomson studied the financial possibilities of bringing together investors to buy the Gazette.

"We regret to report that due to the current market structure and the inability, short of expensive and complex litigation, to return the market to a realistic state, our clients have concluded that these efforts have been in vain," Davidson said in the letter.

In an interview later Thursday, Davidson said: "I think everybody is more or less anticipating that

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■ Photographer injured/10A



AT GAZETTE FOUNDER WILLIAM E. WOODRUFF'S GRAVE: 'Mr. W: We loved your newspaper for 172 years... We're just so very sad it was not loved enough today so people in the next 172 years [would] have it.' — Readers of the Arkansas Gazette.

State children in psychiatric units increasing

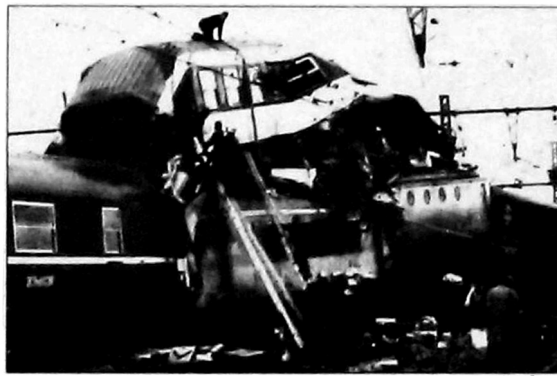
By Phoebe Wall Howard
Gazette Staff

The number of children in psychiatric institutions is climbing in Arkansas, the result of increasing family problems and aggressive advertising campaigns by psychiatric hospitals competing for patients.

"We are seeing an increase," said Ron Summerhill, administrator at Harbor View Mercy Hospital at Fort Smith, which discharged 149 adolescents last year. "We are treating more [children] for shorter stays." Harbor View is one of a growing number of psychiatric hospitals that have opened in the last decade. Since 1984, when Harbor View opened, nine psychiatric treatment centers across Arkansas have begun treating children.

Last year, 2,242 children in the state received inpatient psychiatric care paid for by Medicaid, the federal health program for low-income residents. That was up from 1,704 the year before. Medicaid pays for more than half of the patients under 18

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16 die in train collision in France

Rescuers climb the wreckage of two trains which collided head-on at the Melun railway station near Paris early Thursday killing at least 16 people and injuring dozens more. Officials said a freight train rolled into a passenger train's path. Article on Page 14A.

Chicago consultant to head Clinton campaign

By Max Parker
Gazette Staff

Gov. Bill Clinton on Thursday announced the hiring of David Wilhelm of Chicago as his campaign manager, a move in keeping with the governor's attempt to avoid tying himself too closely with Washington.

Clinton made the announcement at an Illinois State Democratic Party Fund-raising Dinner at Navy Pier in Chicago, the base for Wilhelm's public affairs consulting firm. Wilhelm's hiring comes exactly two weeks after the governor announced his presidential bid.

Wilhelm, 35, brings to the Clinton camp his success at managing Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's last two campaigns, which were run much like national campaigns.

Wilhelm has a reputation of believing strongly in mass mailings for raising money. He also was the Iowa campaign manager for Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden's short-lived 1988

■ Clinton says Bush fosters racial division/14A

presidential bid and managed the 1984 campaign of Illinois Sen. Paul Simon.

"I'm proud of the campaigns I've worked on," Wilhelm said in a telephone interview. "The great thing about this campaign is this candidate has a very clear message and it's my responsibility to put together an organization to help him communicate that message."

Wilhelm said he was offered the job Wednesday. He also said that his first exposure to Clinton occurred a couple of months ago when the governor visited the city as chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council.

"I really felt, here was a guy who had a message the country needed to hear and the Democrats needed to hear," he said. Wilhelm has a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio University. He also has worked as director for the Citizens for Tax Justice and ran the Institute on

Taxation and Economic Policy. Both are Washington-based think tanks.

In addition to gaining Wilhelm's managing expertise, Clinton also will gain an inside track to labor.

Wilhelm was the director of the AFL-CIO public policy department. When he returned to his native Athens, Ohio, in 1988 to try to win the Democratic primary for a congressional seat, a substantial portion of his \$72,000 in contributions came from labor.

"I certainly have a lot of friends who used to work in labor," Wilhelm said. "But this is a campaign that is very much oriented to working families."

Wilhelm said he would be taking a leave of absence from his company, The Strategy Group. He and his wife, Degee, will move to Little Rock next week, Wilhelm said.

Clinton has said that being an outsider to the Washington Beltway would be a plus for his campaign, citing the cynicism among Americans. Already on board the governor's presiden-

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Insights sought to killer

Texas man seemed to hate women deeply

By Mark Wroldstad and Todd J. Gillman
Dallas Morning News

BELTON, Texas — George Hennard had a "very violent temper" and wrote that women were evil. And he was a "beautiful soul."

After the massacre Wednesday at Killen, Texas, that ended in his suicide, Hennard left investigators searching for who he really was and whether a deep-seated hatred for women was behind his attack.

Police said the focus of their investigation was Hennard's references to "treacherous female vipers" and menacing ramblings in a letter he mailed last summer to a neighbor woman and her two adult daughters in Belton, population 12,500.

Hennard had "an evident problem with women for some reason," Killen Police Chief F.L. Giacomozzi said at a news conference Thursday afternoon. "But not all women."

Hennard killed 22 other people, 14 of them women.

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■ House votes down assault weapons ban/7A

Bush pledges to heal hurts

Women's, rights groups bashed

By Ellen Warren
Knight News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday pledged to help heal a nation rubbed raw by the divisive Clarence Thomas hearings, even as he berated civil rights and women's groups who opposed his Supreme Court nominee.

Bush said he was "troubled" by the "graphic sex" discussed on the top-rated television Senate committee hearings, concluding that the senators should have heard the sexual harassment allegations in a closed-door session.

Bush said, however, that some good could emerge

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Sailor not to blame, Navy says

Apologizes to family over USS Iowa incident

By Susanne Schafer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two years after the Navy accused a sailor of causing a deadly explosion aboard the USS Iowa, the service said Thursday there was no "clear and convincing proof" that Clayton Hartwig was to blame and apologized to his family.

"There is no certain answer to the question of what caused the tragedy," that killed 47 people, said Adm. Frank Kelso, the chief of naval operations. "I extend my sincere regrets to the family of [gunner's mate] Hartwig," Kelso said at a Pentagon briefing. "We're sorry Clayton Hartwig was accused of this."

Family members said they were pleased with the apology.

"They gave us the words I wanted to hear," Hartwig's mother, Evelyn, said in Cleveland. "I think they were sorry the way things went."

Kelso, reporting on a second round of investigation into the blast, said he rejects the finding that the 1989 explosion "most probably" was an act of suicidal sabotage brought on by Hartwig's dependency over a failed relationship with another sailor.

Such a finding, Kelso said, is "not conclusively established by the evidence."

But he said the Navy's initial investigation was "an honest attempt" to weigh all the evidence it had at the time. He said he doubted anyone would ever know exactly what happened inside the second gun turret of the World War II-era

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