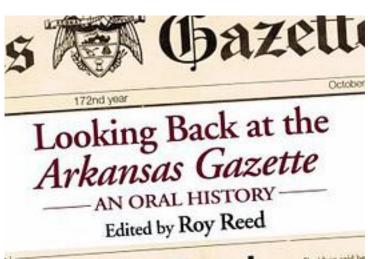
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Walter E. Hausman Jr., owner of the Itemocrat, and the Gazette, have declined to comment on any of the runsors since they began seven weeks up. Hussaan fild not return weeks up. Hussaan fild not return weeks up. Hussaan fild not return

Walter Davidson, a Little Rock attency with the firm of Davidson, Horne and Hollingworth, sept the letter to the Justice Department on Thursday. He was hired by Gazetie employers have week to study the possibility of an investor group buying the Gazetie. Both Little Rock businessman Walter Smiley and Los Angeles televisions producer Harry Thomason studied the financial possibilities of bringing together investors to buy the Gazetie.

Davidson said he with John Carley. of Garnett, about players' efforts to "[Curley] was ve they were pleased, eas had talom th had," Davidson as he appreciated all the employees."

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In an interview later Thursday, Davidson and "I think corrybody in more or less articipating that (the sale) will be pretty quick. "But neither the Justice Department nor anybody else wa've talked to his any information on that and they apparently don't plan to pot that information out." Davidson

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With a legendary beginning as a printing press floated up the Arkansas River in 1819, the Arkansas Gazette is inextricably linked with the stateas history, reporting on every major Arkansas event until the paperas demise in 1991 after a long, bitter, and very public newspaper war. Looking Back at the Arkansas Gazette, knowledgeably and intimately edited by longtime Gazette reporter Roy Reed, comprises interviews from over a hundred former Gazette staffers recalling the stories they reported on and the people they worked with from the late forties to the paperas end. The result is a nostalgic and justifiably admiring look back at a publication known for its progressive stance in a conservative Southern state, a newspaper that, after winning two Pulitzers for its brave rule-of-law stance during the Little Rock Central High Crisis, was considered one of the country as greatest. The interviews, collected from archives at the David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History at the University of Arkansas, provide fascinating details on renowned editors and reporters such as Harry Ashmore, Orville Henry, and Charles Portis, journalists who wrote daily on Arkansasas always-colorful politicians, its tragic disasters and sensational crimes, its civil rights crises, Bill Clinton, the Razorbacks sports teams, and much more. Full of humor and little-known details, Looking Back at the Arkansas Gazette is a fascinating remembrance of a great newspaper.

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