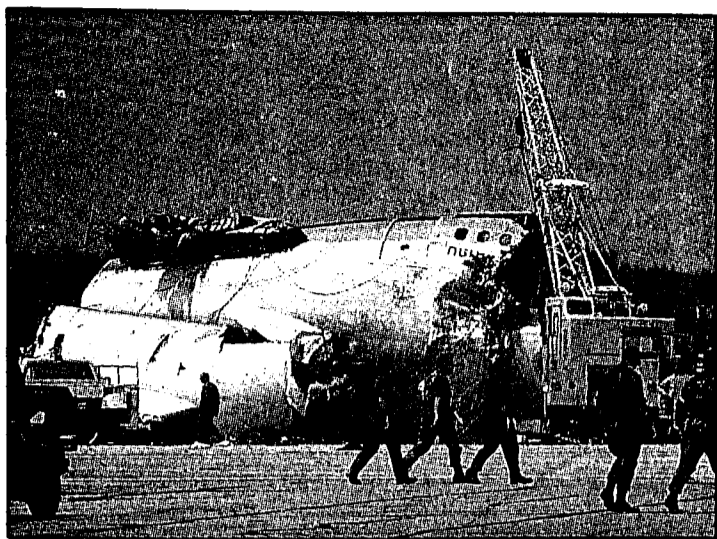


TOP 10

Here are the Top 10 news stories of 1989 as selected by Gazette editors and writers.



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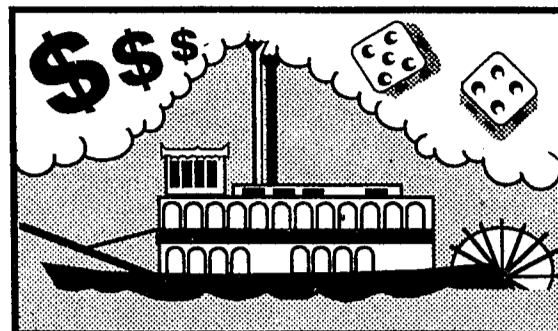
1. The crash of a United Airlines jet at the Sioux City airport July 19 killed 112 people. A total of 184 people survived the disaster.

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Turmoil continued within the Cedar Rapids Police Department and Public Safety Commissioner Robert Jaeger was defeated in the November municipal election.



Gazette file photos



6. Riverboat gambling in Iowa was legalized by the Legislature, prompting heated debate.



7.

The debate over abortion was seen in rallies in Eastern Iowa. In one instance, those opposed to unrestricted abortion clashed with supporters of legalized abortion in protests at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where abortions are performed.



By Dale Kueter
Gazette staff writer

News comes in all shapes and forms, and 1989 witnessed a bundle of it in all categories around the world and in Iowa. As they say in newsrooms, there was a heavy run of copy all year long. Internationally, it may turn out to be the most historic news year since World War II. Unbelievable and profound change has occurred in the Communist world, bolstering the prospects for lasting peace.

IN IOWA, THERE were big stories, like the crash of the United Airlines DC-10 at Sioux City, and little stories, such as the episode of the diving mules at the All-Iowa Fair.

The plane crash, and the amazing response of Sioux City emergency personnel, was selected by Gazette writers and editors as Iowa's No. 1 story in the newspaper's annual end-of-the-year rankings of top events.

As in past years, Gazette journalists were asked to rate the state's top stories from an Eastern Iowa perspective. But the crash of the DC-10 overwhelmed any regional outlook.

The Sioux City story was as much about 184 surviving as it was about 112 being killed. That so many should live was almost deemed a miracle.

Adding to the story's drama was the 40 minutes of struggle prior to the crash, how this huge aircraft, robbed of its steering because of severed hydraulic lines, circled over northwest Iowa with the lives of 296 in the balance.

The heroic crew tried all means of guiding the jet, "making it up as we went along" as one said, before the plane's wing dipped at the last moment just before landing at the Sioux City airport, causing the plane to tumble down the runway and into a cornfield. General Electric, makers of the plane's disintegrating engine, offered thousands of dollars in rewards for engine parts. The finders of the largest chunk gave much of their reward to charities.

Now the focus of the story shifts to government investigations and survivor lawsuits.

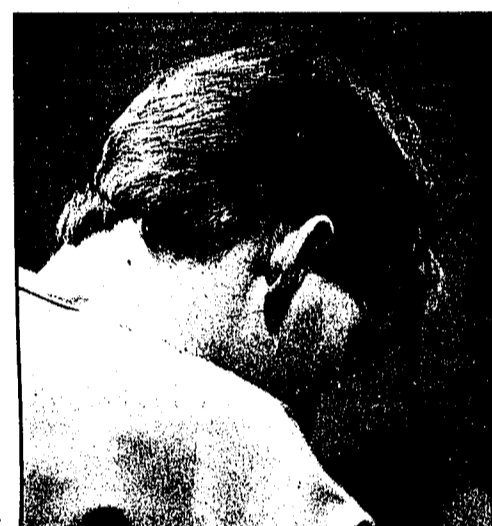
RANKED AS THE No. 2 story by The Gazette was the continuing turmoil within the Cedar Rapids Police Department, culminated by the defeat of controversial Public Safety Commissioner Robert Jaeger in the November municipal election.

While many officers are neutral, the year continued to see a square-off between pro and anti-Jaeger elements. Jaeger named acting chiefs for three-month increments rather than nominating a permanent chief to the City Council.

The entire affair heated up during the campaign. Jaeger survived the primary, but was defeated in the general election by J.D. Smith, an investigator for the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Jaeger has returned to the Police Department, where he served 25 years before being elected commissioner in 1987.

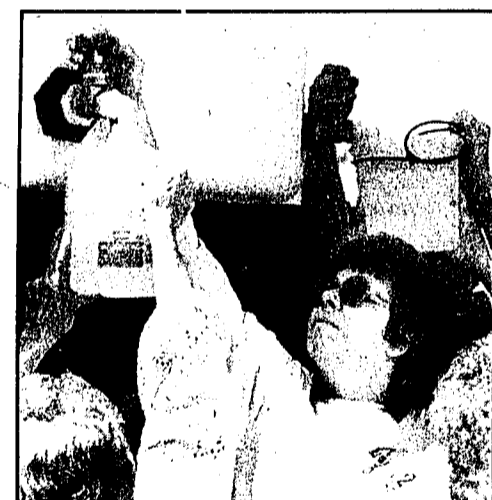
The No. 3 story of the year involved the arrest and prosecution of five Cedar Rapids area businessmen on drug charges. Two of the defendants pleaded guilty and testified in federal court against three others. The three were found guilty during a trial speckled with testimony about sex and cocaine parties. The



8. (TIE) Jeffrey Hass was convicted of the May 7 slaying of high school senior Leah Wara.



Brian Schappert, 22, was stabbed to death Sept. 8 while working at a convenience store on Mount Vernon Road SE. The killing is unsolved.



AP photo

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Iowa's drought continued, with overall moisture reserves critically low. But opportune rains allowed farmers to harvest a decent crop. Dry wells also forced some Iowa towns to truck in water for residents.



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10. The efforts of Czechoslovakia in removing its Communist leadership were closely watched by Eastern Iowa Czechs.

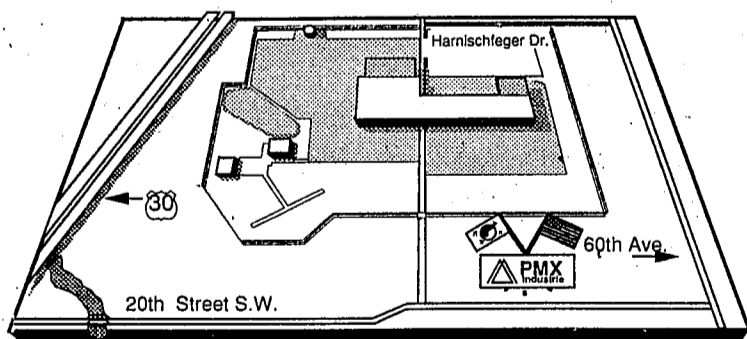
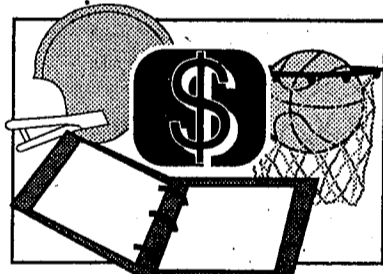
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3. Five Cedar Rapids area businessmen were arrested on drug charges. Three were convicted: Thomas Vogt (left), Larry Regennitter (center) and Harry Ambrose. Two others pleaded guilty and cooperated with authorities.

4.

The trial of two sports agents in Chicago sparked an uproar over athletics and academics at the University of Iowa.



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5. A Korean company announced PMX Industries would open a new brass and copper mill at the former Harnischfeger plant, eventually employing 700.



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Viola Regenwether, owner of Maquoketa Bottling Works, holds one of the last bottles of Goody pop to be made by the Jackson County company. Her son, Jim, and his daughter, Tina, also work at the plant.

Good ol' Goody is gone

Popular E. Iowa pop now only a memory

By Dave Gosch

Gazette Eastern Iowa reporter

MAQUOKETA — Only a few cases of Goody soda pop remain at the Maquoketa Bottling Works and those won't be there for long.

"We have a few cases for some kids from the school," said Jim Regenwether, who manages the business. "I have some cases for my kids. About all we've got is empties."

For 43 years, the Regenwether family has been producing Goody for Jackson County residents. But with their equipment aging and costs of production rising, the family decided to discontinue the popular soda.

"It's not in the books for us to make that kind of investment," Regenwether said of the new equipment that would have to be purchased.

Since word got out that production of Goody would end, there has been somewhat of a run on it, said Regenwether.

"(Customers) really came in to buy it," he said. "I'm sure they wanted it for their kids" who were back home for the holidays.

Regenwether explained that many kids who grew up in Maquoketa probably grew up with Goody. The city ballpark is located across the street from the plant and thirsty ballplayers would always show up after practice or a game.

VIOLA REGENWETHER, Jim's mother, is the current owner. She and her husband, Leo, bought it in 1946 from Leo's father, Michael, who purchased it in 1916. A fourth generation, Jim's daughter, Tina, also helps out at the plant.

"Every day they would practice, I'd have three or four different coaches bring them over for a treat," Viola recalled. "The coach would treat them to one bottle. After that,

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POLITICAL NOTES

Resolution for politicians: Practice what you preach

Within a day or so, we'll be finished with the annual flurry of tongue-in-cheek New Year's resolutions.

You know. Those gag promises people like to conjure up for somebody else: Like Manuel Noriega vowing to attend mass every Sunday, or Tammy Faye Bakker resolving to swap makeup to Imelda Marcos for shoes.

We should be serious about this resolution business. Like me. I don't make any, because they wouldn't be kept anyway. But, it just so happens that I keep a few on hand for emergencies, in case a politician gets so wrapped up in campaigning that he or she comes up short in the resolution department on New Year's Eve.

For example, wouldn't it be a nice gesture for Terry Branstad to promise to share the secrets of his remarkable fund-raising success with other Republican candidates — and the Iowa Republican Party? Actually, it might be easier if he'd just give the party a little something out of his petty cash drawer. And, with a lively campaign ahead, it seems Tom Harkin might vow to take a break to enroll in an interpretive reading program so he can be absolutely certain when Republicans are saying bad things about him. The only textbook he'd need for the course is a dictionary containing his definition of "negative campaigning."

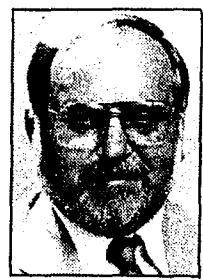
In fact, that could pave the way for a more amicable relationship with his probable opponent, Tom Tauke. Frequent social visits would be the result, since Tauke probably would want to borrow Harkin's dictionary.

OBSERVING THAT the polls aren't being too kind to Don Avenson (affectionately known around the Statehouse as the "lead sled dog"), I propose he reach back into the old bag of tricks and produce a few catchy names (i.e. "twerp" and Branstad being muttered in the same breath) for other Democratic gubernatorial candidates so voters will remember at least some of what he's saying.

In truth, rather than have each candidate dedicate the next year to their own narrow interests, I'd rather see the whole batch of them concentrate on one reasonably simple pledge.

All of us would be the beneficiaries if the politicians would just practice what they preach?

(1) Avoid negative campaigning and (2) spend money like it was their own and not somebody else's.



KEN SULLIVAN
Gazette
senior editor

Most agree those are laudable goals, but they're usually the first standards to go down the tubes. Why? "Because the other guy started it." Or "Because I have to spend so much money because the other guy is."

Wouldn't it be refreshing, just this once, to see campaigns for at least the two statewide races waged on the highest possible plane, and with the contenders getting out the message in person rather than by shelling out staggering amounts of cash on "sound bites?"

I don't mean to pick on Harkin and Tauke, but that's where most of the noise about "negative campaigning" is being generated for the moment. The race has been brewing

period of more than 10 years. The passages presumably were chosen because they conveyed an impression Democrats hope will reflect poorly on Tauke.

Another Harkin foe tried to make a case that the senator was being wishy-washy. He dredged up the roll call vote in 1986 on a proposal to permit CIA involvement in the drug investigation in Panama. Although Harkin opposed the amendment, it was adopted. The second damning bit of evidence was an interview this fall in which Harkin told a wire service reporter that the U.S. should "go further than the use of the military in combatting drug lords." The presumption taken by the GOP was that Harkin now wants to use the CIA.

And then there was this zinger from Citizens for Harkin: "Tauke effort fails in his own back yard," it declared. By some convoluted logic, Democrats tried to paint Tauke as a loser because a Democrat won the special election to fill the House seat vacated when Rep. Mike Connolly, D-Dubuque, moved to the Senate. Tauke began his political career with that Iowa House seat — in 1975 — but it's been occupied by a Democrat since 1978 when Tauke won the U.S. House seat.



Sen. Harkin



Sen. Grassley

for far longer than just this year, so it's almost impossible to determine when — or if — the campaign officially broke the negative barrier.

Oddly enough, it's not so much what the candidates have said or done that gives validity to the complaint, but what partisan supporters have said. It's generally acknowledged that a factual review of a candidate's record should not be construed as "negative campaigning." What happens is when certain liberties are taken with interpreting such records.

Just a few examples on the Harkin-Tauke tussle:

"Tom Harkin turned his back on tenants of public housing," declared Iowa GOP Chairman Richard Schwarm in a news release. The rationale? Harkin's vote in the Senate against an idea for paying tenants of public housing to repair their homes. It was immediately translated by the GOP into a horrible boner by Harkin. By exaggerating the importance of a single vote, foes try to plant seeds of doubt in the minds of voters.

About the time Schwarm was taking that shot, Harkin's forces rolled out the cannons in the form of a memorandum to political reporters from Joe Shannahan, communications director at the Iowa Democratic Party.

It was an advisory titled: "How to watch for Tom Tauke's waffling on abortion."

The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Excerpts from speeches, interviews and congressional activity over a

IN THESE AND other instances, partisan troops attach their own "spin" to items meticulously selected with a single purpose in mind — discredit the opposition.

Sometimes, however, the hype pumped out by political spin merchants is almost laughable.

This thing showed up the other day, for example, talking about George Bush's Republican Presidential Task Force. It's a request for money obviously, with a nice color photo of Bush and Ronald Reagan adorning the brochure.

The caption told us: "Ronald Reagan discusses with George Bush the 1989 strategy for the Republican Presidential Task Force and then, in an act of genuine sacrifice and patriotism, writes out his own personal check to the Task Force."

Come on. A \$120 check is "genuine sacrifice" for a guy who just banked a cool \$2 million after a trip to Japan?

Footnotes

Dr. Wayne Moldenhauer, candidate for the Republican nomination for the 2nd District U.S. House seat, will be the guest at a New Year/New Face fund-raiser from 6:30 to 8:30 tonight at the Robert Casper residence in Dubuque.

Jones County Democrats will host a Meet the Candidate event at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Youth Center at the Jones County Fairground in Monticello. Candidates for 2nd District Congress and governor have been invited.

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Conference to discuss youth homosexuality

Iowa Newspaper Association

DES MOINES — Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa aims to educate young professionals about homosexual youths through a conference that will draw on experts from across the nation.

The conference will benefit homosexual youths in Iowa by providing informed people to help adolescents.

"We had teachers who said, 'We don't know anything. We don't know where to get information,'" said Pat Peterson, convenor of the committee dealing with youth homosexuality.

Although the committee was set up to deal with homosexuality needs in Des Moines, the conference — set for February — has expanded beyond the city's borders.

The conference, entitled "A Matter of Justice and Compassion: Serving Gay and Lesbian Youth," will include an audience of health care, education or counseling people from throughout Iowa who deal with youths and could face questions of homosexuality, Peterson said.

PETERSON, community education and training coordinator of Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa in Des Moines, said she talked to schools about sexuality education and realized there was no information for the estimated 10 percent of the children who are homosexual.

"We don't say anything to those children who are gay and lesbian," she said. "We talk about relationships between boy and girl. We talk about contraception, which really leaves gays and lesbians out. We talk about a lot of things that really don't have anything to

do with their experience."

A goal of the conference is to help professionals understand so they can answer questions concerning youth homosexuality. The people adolescents can turn to do not always know how to deal with the questions or do not lend a sympathetic ear.

FOR EXAMPLE, ministers may raise contradictions found in the Bible and teachers may be reluctant to broach the subject because people will believe they are encouraging homosexuality, Peterson said.

Another factor isolating the youths is derogatory treatment. "It's a conspiracy of silence on the one hand and a conspiracy of meanness on the other," she said.

"What we're saying is that (homosexuality) doesn't begin in adulthood and that youth are frequently isolated without (support)," she said. A possible product of the isolation is the higher percentage of homosexual adoles-

cents than heterosexual adolescents who commit suicide, she said.

A Department of Health and Human Services report lists suicide as the leading cause of death among homosexual, bisexual and transsexual youths, Peterson said. The report concluded that homosexual youths may compose 30 percent of the suicides each year, she said.

The conference, which will be at Drake University in Des Moines on Feb. 23, will feature many speakers and a youth panel. The subject of the youth panel is "Growing Up Gay in Iowa."

People think homosexual youths do not exist, but they do, Peterson said. "We grow them here, too, just like in other places."

A trend is occurring with young homosexuals deciding they cannot stay in Iowa without the support they need and going to New York City where they can make connections more easily, she said.

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Top 10: Diving mules not on list

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trial became the focal point of a year that saw several drug raids and an overall crackdown by metro narcotics officials.

Ranked as the 4th biggest story was last spring's uproar over university athletics and academics. The hubbub was triggered by a sports agents' trial in Chicago where claims were made that two former University of Iowa football players had taken cushy courses.

The pot began to boil when U of I President Hunter Rawlings said he would push for freshmen ineligibility, and take unilateral action if he didn't win support in the Big Ten.

In a year that saw general economic improvement in Iowa, announcement in early November that a Korean company would open a new brass and copper mill in Cedar Rapids was ranked as the 5th biggest story of the year.

PMX Industries said it would take over the former Harnischfeger plant in southwest Cedar Rapids, and would eventually employ 700 persons in jobs that average \$11-an-hour pay. The announcement also led to speculation that spinoff industries would develop in that area.

Ranked as the No. 6 story was the legalization of riverboat gambling in Iowa. The law was adopted with mixed feelings. On one side was the romanticism of old-fashioned riverboats. Others pictured the floating casinos as potential for abuse and organized crime. Voters in Allamakee and Clayton counties rejected such operations.

The No. 7 story involves the continued debate over abortion. Those opposed to unrestricted abortion clashed with supporters of legalized abortion in protests at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where abortions are done.

The abortion debate made an early entrance in the Democratic primary race for governor, and is likely to be a central factor in the election next June. Some abortion groups have specifically targeted for defeat Democrat Attorney General Tom Miller, who is running for governor, and Republican Congressman Tom Tauke, who is a candidate for U.S. Senate.

Tied for 8th in the top 10 listing were the murder conviction of Jeffrey Hass, and the slaying of Coe College senior Brian Schappert.

Hass, 19, was convicted in October of the May 7 murder of Leah Wara, a Kennedy High School senior. He was sentenced to life in prison on the first-degree murder conviction, but an appeal is expected.

Schappert, 22, was stabbed to death Sept. 8 while working at a convenience store on Mount Vernon Road SE. The killing remains unsolved.

Listed 9th was Iowa's continuing drought, a story that was the run-away top story in 1988. Time-lapse rains during 1989 helped farmers produce a decent crop, but overall moisture reserves are critically low.

No. 10 on the list were stories involving the jubilant reaction of Iowa Czechs to news from Europe that Czechoslovakia, too, would be among those nations where the old yoke of Communist leadership was being thrown off in historic fashion.

Some 30 stories were nominated by Gazette newsroom people for the Top 10 runoff.

Incidentally, the diving mules finished far down the list, but still one point ahead of that summer-long saga involving the stationing of peregrine falcons in downtown Cedar Rapids.

Goody: Business opened in 1860

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they'd have to treat themselves."

The bottling works is one of Maquoketa's oldest businesses. It opened in 1860 and was later sold to John Dostal in 1865. He added a brewery and it produced beer until 1916 when Iowa became a dry state.

Had Prohibition not been implemented, Jim said the company "might be competing with Dubuque Star" today.

The end of Goody will not bring about the death of Maquoketa Bottling Works, Jim said. The company will continue to distribute juices, bar mixes and Dad's Root Beer.

"People in a small town like to see local things going," said Jim, adding that local retailers have said they will provide him space for the products he is distributing.

For those who really crave a "Rockin' Rye" (it's a cherry cola,

not a liquor) or a Goody Cream Soda, they can get it in Omaha, where a franchise still exists.

But the loss of Goody to Jackson County has had an effect on people who have grown up with it.

"A lot of older people liked it because they grew up on it," said Jim, who has received several letters from people offering condolences for the demise of Goody.

"Mother got a letter from an insurance man signed by his eight kids who said they missed it over the holidays."

And Goody will be missed next baseball season when the hot sun bakes the players and fans. Baseball will go on, but no longer will Jim Regenwether bring over a case of ice-cold Goody to the ballpark.

"There are a lot of generations who went through that," said Jim.

Snowmobile safety course slated

MANCHESTER — The Snow Pioneers, a snowmobile club, will sponsor a snowmobile safety course at Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank in Manchester Saturday.

The session will begin at 8:30 a.m. (use south door).

The course will be taught by club members Gary Bryant, Larry Childs and Toby Werner. The driving test will be conducted at

the Delaware County Fish and Game Club.

To enroll, call Childs, 311 Prospect St., Manchester, 927-5934, or Werner, 927-2804. There will be a \$10 charge to offset costs of materials and administration.

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