

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST 1836-1838

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look  
at our history and the world around us  
through News-Sentinel archives.*

## 1836

- ◆ Martin Van Buren of New York elected eighth president.
- ◆ First cook stove brought to Fort Wayne.
- ◆ Alamo captured by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Nearly 200 Texans massacred.
- ◆ Legislature passed act to provide for general system of internal improvements.

## 1837

- ◆ Victoria becomes Queen of England after death of King William IV.
- ◆ Abolitionist Elijah Parish Lovejoy assassinated.
- ◆ Michigan admitted to the Union as the 26th state.
- ◆ Canadian rebellion at St. Denis, near Montreal.
- ◆ Financial panic in U.S.; panic did not end until 1843.

## 1838

- ◆ Steamer Moselle exploded on the Ohio River near Cincinnati; 100 people killed.
  - ◆ Steamer Pulaski exploded off coast of North Carolina; 140 people killed.
  - ◆ Pioneer William Rockhill began construction on the luxury hotel, Rockhill House.
  - ◆ David Wallace becomes governor of Indiana.
  - ◆ Terrible drought in Fort Wayne from July until Christmas.
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