

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST 1851-1852

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

## 1851

- ◆ Indiana adopts new State Constitution.
- ◆ United States postage reduced to 3 cents.
- ◆ First railway locomotive brought to Fort Wayne on flatboat over the canal.
- ◆ Great San Francisco fire destroys 2,500 buildings.
- ◆ City Council adopts ordinance for the numbering of the businesses and residences along Columbia Street.
- ◆ The first "bloomers" worn by women appear on the streets of Fort Wayne.
- ◆ Fire destroys more than half the collection at the Library of Congress.

## 1852

- ◆ Franklin Pierce elected 14th president.
- ◆ The last remaining blockhouse of the old fort is demolished.
- ◆ Construction of the city's first railroad begins.
- ◆ Dr. Philip G. Jones wins election for mayor.
- ◆ Courts of common pleas created in all counties of the state by act of the General Assembly.
- ◆ Louis Napoleon becomes Emperor of France as Napoleon III.
- ◆ Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, dies.

- ◆ First presentation of Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."
  - ◆ Henry Clay, former U.S. congressman and presidential candidate, dies.
  - ◆ Daniel Webster, former U.S. Secretary of State, dies.
  - ◆ Elisha Graves Otis invents an elevator brake, leading to his invention of the safe passenger elevator.
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