

The Year in Review



Nelson Mandela has remained one of the world's most influential anti-apartheid leaders in South Africa.

December

- Lech Walesa sweeps to a landslide victory in Poland's first popular presidential vote.
- The tristate is placed under a flood watch as the Ohio River rises to over 50 feet compared to its normal level of 26 feet.
- Obscure political appointee in Dept. of Education announced that college scholarships earmarked for blacks and other minority groups are unconstitutional.

March

- Iraq agrees to all peace terms demanded by the U.N., laying the foundation for a formal end to the Persian Gulf War.
- Fountain Square rally with orange ribbons and waving American flags celebrate the end of the Persian Gulf War.
- Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is the winner in the country's first referendum on national unity.

Summer

- Saddam Hussein's powerful Iraqi army invades Kuwait, causing much unrest throughout the world.
- Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, dies of complications of pneumonia.
- An oil tanker, the Mega Borg, catches fire, spilling flaming oil into the waters off the coast of Texas.

September

- Annual Riverfest fireworks on the Ohio River.
- Charles H. Keating Jr. is blamed by the government for the nation's largest savings and loan collapse, is indicted on charges of fraud.
- The obscenity case of the Contemporary Arts Center and its director, Dennis Barrie, goes to trial and is acquitted for showing the Mapelthorpe exhibit.



George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev are walking together as friends, demonstrating the end of the Cold War between the two super powers.

January

- David Mann is sworn in as Cincinnati's 59th mayor.
- Operation Desert Storm opens January 16th.
- Iraqi missiles strike Tel Aviv, drawing Israel into the war.

In Prague, anti-communist demonstrators place candles and flowers on bloodstained sidewalks where police attacked protestors.

