

les Lakers, announces that he will retire from basketball because of the HIV virus.

## WINTER

December 1991

-Terry Anderson, the last American hostage to be held, is finally released after six and a half years in captivity.

-Sam Wyche, head coach of the 3-13 Cincinnati Bengals, claims he is fired as Bengal head coach; Mike Brown, general manager, says Wyche quit.

-David Shula, son of legendary Don Shula, is hired as coach of the Bengals.

-William Kennedy Smith is acquitted of rape charges.

-Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev dissolve the Soviet Union and proclaim a new commonwealth.

January 1992

The Washington Redskins defeat the Buffalo Bills to win the Super Bowl.



February 1992

-Boxer Mike Tyson is found guilty of rape charges and is sent to jail.

-Goalie Ray LeBlanc leads the U.S. Hockey team to its run for the gold medal, only to settle for fourth place.

## SPRING

March 1992

-The University of Cincinnati basketball team makes it all the way to the NCAA Final Four, only to lose to Michigan; Duke then defeats Michigan for the title.

April/May 1992

-Johnny Carson steps down as host of "The Tonight Show."

-The long-running television shows "The Golden Girls", "The Cosby Show", "Growing Pains", "Night Court", "Who's the Boss", and "MacGyver" all leave.

-Murphy Brown has a baby on the television show "Murphy Brown", but vice-president Dan Quayle objects saying that it is wrong for an unwed mother to have a baby.

