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### Luncheon honors 10 Women of the Year

The Enquirer honored 10 outstanding local volunteers at the Women of the Year luncheon. Among them was Sara Kieffner (above) of Edgewood. **NORTHERN KENTUCKY B3**

### Lane's End Stakes events get rolling

The Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park is a major Kentucky Derby prep event. And the Call to the Post luncheon is a big prep for the stakes. **NORTHERN KENTUCKY B3**

### When it's, er, time for that, um, talk

It's easy to talk about sex ... except with your kids. But new programs help parents decide what to say, and how to say it. **LIFE D1**

### P&G's job cuts below estimate

Procter & Gamble's job cuts as a result of acquiring Gillette will fall below the 6,000 anticipated, CEO A.G. Lafley said. **BUSINESS A17**

### Regional sales up for existing homes

Existing single-family homes sold at a record pace in February, despite rising mortgage rates – or perhaps because of them. **BUSINESS A17**

### Also ...

A fire on a cruise ship in Jamaica killed a passenger and scorched 100 cabins. **WORLD A11**

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# Five Brent Spence plans presented

By Mike Rutledge  
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**COVINGTON** – The Brent Spence Bridge Advisory Committee approved five alternatives Thursday for replacing the span that carries Interstates 75 and 71 across the Ohio River.

One choice – Alternative 5 – would involve new bridges on either side of the Brent

## Four of them envision adding bridges, rehabbing old span

Spence, and possibly a third: a substitute for the overworked Brent Spence itself, which was built in the early 1960s.

Only one plan calls outright for tearing down the bridge, which was designed to carry 80,000 vehicles a day and handles more than 150,000.

Now the five options can be

studied in much greater detail, Fred Craig of the engineering firm Parsons Brinckerhoff told advisory committee members.

Craig, whose firm also led the rebuilding of Fort Washington Way through downtown Cincinnati, predicted to the approximately 50-member panel: "It'll become appar-

ent that a number of those alternatives don't have as good of features as one of those alternatives, or a hybrid alternative that may emerge."

Officials estimate that it will cost \$1.5 billion for design, property acquisition and construction, estimated to

start in 2015.

The five alternatives did not consider what the bridges might look like – that process is about 18 months away, said Stefan Spinosa, technical services engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation's District 8.

Instead, the options are

## The choices

Details of the five options chosen by the Brent Spence advisory committee. **A12**

very rough ideas of routes that transportation officials compare to "crayon drawings."

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# THE SEARCH IS OVER

## UC hires Cronin as Huggins, Kennedy get new jobs

As was typical throughout this season for the University of Cincinnati's basketball team, the end was only just the beginning.

Shortly after the team lost 65-62 to South Carolina in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament, things got really interesting.

UC announced that Mick Cronin, 34, will be its next head coach.

Andy Kennedy, who was serving as UC's coach on an interim basis, is taking over the University of Mississippi's program.

And that was that. There was no formal news conference – it's expected this afternoon. Instead, UC issued a 796-word release about its new coach, who graduated from La Salle High School and UC.

"One of the important qualifications that Mick brings to the program is his previous ties to it," UC athletic director Mike Thomas said in the release. "He has been a part of our great tradition here at Cincinnati."



Mick Cronin has strong local ties. His father, "Hep," is a high school coaching legend in Greater Cincinnati. Cronin graduated from UC and spent time as an assistant for Bob Huggins. Most recently, Cronin was head coach at Murray State.

### Huggs to Kansas St.



Former UC coach Bob Huggins (left) accepts a warm-up jacket from Kansas State President Jon Wefald upon being introduced as coach of the Wildcats Thursday. The Wildcats went 15-13 this season.

### Kennedy to Ole Miss



Andy Kennedy bids farewell to University of Cincinnati basketball fans after Thursday night's NIT loss. He later said he had accepted the head coaching position at the University of Mississippi.

# NIT loss just part of a wild day for Bearcats

## IN SPORTS

■ UC's announcement of a new coach came in a simple news release distributed after the game. **C1**

■ Daugherty: Entire coach episode was amateur hour at UC. **C1**

■ Huggins abandons his old red-and-black for a purple tie. **C1**

■ Kansas State fans excited about Huggins. **C6**

■ Parting ways is best for all, Kennedy says. **C7**

Eric Hicks makes a shot over South Carolina's Terence Kinsey during their NIT game Thursday at Fifth Third Arena. Hicks scored 22 points in the loss.



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In a fittingly dramatic end to a season of high drama, South Carolina defeated the University of Cincinnati 65-62 Thursday night in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament at Fifth Third Arena.

Senior Eric Hicks scored 22 points and closed out what turned out to be a brilliant season under trying circumstances.

The Bearcats lost their head coach in August and lost players through a variety of injuries and ineligibilities. Still, they went on to finish 21-13. **C7**

### Two benched before tipoff



White Muhammad Roughly 90 minutes before tipoff Thursday, UC announced that starters James White and Jihad Muhammad were ineligible, citing "failure to meet the standards set forth by the NCAA." **C7**

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# Hamilton County blocks NCAA Webcasts

By Kimball Perry  
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Hoping to catch a bit of the NCAA basketball tournament at your desk today?

Not if you work for Hamilton County.

"We have blocked our Web access of the general category of sports Web sites," County

Administrator Patrick Thompson said Thursday.

That was done at the suggestion of Bill Hinkle, Communications Center director, who feared that the county's Web site would be compromised by the roughly 5,000 county employees using their computers to watch streaming video of live games.

Because streaming video takes up so much bandwidth, Hinkle said, he was worried that too many workers watching too many games would crash the county's Web site or cause a delay in processing county work done with the help of cyberspace.

CBS this year is allowing Web viewers to watch live

streaming video of the tournament – for free. The same service last year cost \$20.

Hamilton County's ban went into effect March 16, the day the NCAA Tournament started.

Thus far, neither Thompson nor Hinkle has received complaints about the ban.

"We asked anyone who

had a complaint to put it in writing. Nobody has," Hinkle joked.

The access differs for some Hamilton County employees:

■ When Auditor Dusty Rhodes complained, he was given access to ESPN.com.

■ The 25 maintenance workers at Hamilton County-owned Paul Brown Stadium

weren't blocked from all sports sites.

Hamilton County paid \$7,100 for a one-year subscription to a software program that blocks access to sports sites, Ron Bien, the county's telecommunications director, said.

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