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The Bengals hold the second wild card playoff spot after their bitter rivals, the Browns, defeated Kansas City (go figure). **SPORTS C1**

Clifton church may gain immortality

Clifton United Methodist Church has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. Its stained-glass windows date to 1895 and are of great artistic significance. **LOCAL B1**

Retailers hiring their customers

Retailers are finding their best hires for the holidays can be found among their best customers. **BUSINESS A9**

Youth orchestra tunes up for show

The Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra strikes the right note for a lot of the area's best student musicians. They have a concert Saturday at Corbett Auditorium. **LIFE D1**

Hillary Clinton setting her sights

The line of Democrats who want to become president seems to be getting longer as Sen. Hillary Clinton said she is in "extensive" talks about a candidacy, and Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh has formed an exploratory committee to evaluate his chances. **NATIONAL A3**

Also...

The American Academy of Pediatrics says kids are being exposed to inappropriate advertising about sex, alcohol and eating. **HEALTH A6**

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UC hires Central Mich. coach

By Bill Koch
Enquirer staff writer

University of Cincinnati football fans who have clamored for an offensive-minded head coach are finally getting their wish.

UC announced Sunday night that Brian Kelly, head coach at Central Michigan for the last three years, will be introduced today at a 4 p.m. news conference as the Bearcats' new head coach, replacing Mark Dantonio, who left a week ago for Michigan State.

"It's going to be nice to be able to do some different things on offense," said UC sophomore quarterback Dustin Grutza. "Both our offense and defense are going to change. We have to be ready to embrace it and do the best we can."

Grutza said he didn't know much about Kelly, but said he had heard that UC officials were seeking an offensive-minded coach.

"Sometimes, I did feel like we were conservative," Grutza said. "I wanted to get the

Bucks face Gators; UC goes to Toronto

- Ohio State will face Florida for the national championship. C1
- Cincinnati will play Western Michigan in International Bowl. C1

ball out and do more with the offense, but I knew our coaches' philosophies. When they were here we were just following their philosophy.

"I think an aggressive style might be a little more exciting. I think it will be a good thing for us."

During Kelly's three years at Central Michigan, the Chip-

pewas went 19-16. This season they were 8-4 before beating Ohio, 31-10, Thursday in the Mid-American Conference championship game.

They're scheduled to play Middle Tennessee in the Motor City Bowl in Detroit on Dec. 26.

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The Associated Press/Carlos Osorio
Brian Kelly hugs his son, Patrick, at midfield after his Central Michigan team beat Ohio 31-10 in the Mid-American Conference championship game Thursday in Detroit.

PREMIUM IN THIS EDITION: WISH LIST

Ailing child is home, with new needs



Photos by Cara Owsley/The Enquirer
Sarita Wallace, 26, and her son, Hayden, who was born with heart and lung problems, in their Silverton home. The ventilator at left keeps Hayden alive by pumping air through a tube attached to his throat.

You can help Hayden get things he lacks

By John Johnston / Enquirer staff writer

In her small Silverton apartment, Sarita Wallace caresses her baby. His name is Hayden, and he breathes with the help of a portable ventilator connected to a tube in his throat.

It is Hayden's first full day home after spending the first nine months of his life in the hospital.

"He's fought so hard," Wallace, 26, said. "He's just fought his way through life. Every challenge, he's overcome."

Bringing him home "was all I've ever dreamed about," she said.

But what they came home to isn't much. They lack household items most people take for granted.

And that's where the Wish List can help.

Today marks the start of the 21st annual Wish List campaign, a project sponsored by The Enquirer and administered by



Hayden came home from the hospital in November for the first time - at 9 months old. He sleeps on the futon in the living room.

United Way. Each year the newspaper profiles disadvantaged people in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, and readers respond with donations.

All donations go to participating social-service agencies so that the holidays can be brighter for less fortunate people in the community.

Last year 1,175 donors contributed

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- A look at more people's wishes. B2-3
- How you can help. B2

COMING UP

See the Local News section throughout December for stories of wishes from around the region.

ONLINE

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Keyword: wishlist

\$176,409, the fourth-highest amount since the project began in 1986.

Over its 20-year history, the campaign has raised \$2,863,179, plus in-kind donations.

This year's Wish List stories reflect a range of hardship and various needs:

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Homicides already equal to last year's

Two new killings raise possibility of record

By Jessica Brown
Enquirer staff writer

With two shooting deaths Sunday, the city has tied last year's number with 79 homicides, the highest in more than three decades.

The city's yearly modern record for homicides is 82, set in 1967, according to police records that date to 1950. Only two other years have experienced more homicides - 1968 and 1971 - with 81.

"It's incredibly disturbing," Councilwoman Leslie Ghiz said about this year's homicide rate. "I'm just really saddened by it. It just leaves you speechless."

Deadly numbers

Year	Homicides
2000	40
2001	63
2002	66
2003	75
2004	68
2005	79
2006 (to Sunday)	79

Source: Cincinnati Police Department

One homicide was discovered at 2:15 a.m. Sunday. Police responded to a report of a person shot at 515 E. 12th St. in Over-the-Rhine. They found the victim, Michael Shane Miller, 26, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The other homicide was discovered hours later in Kennedy Heights. Police responded at 5 a.m. to a report of a person shot at 3643 Northdale Place and found David Slaughter, 17. He had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The homicide rate has nearly doubled since 2000. Combating the violence will continue to be a priority of the city, Ghiz said.

Community groups have also made it their goal.

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In millions of chests

Drug-coated stents for arteries questioned

The long-term safety of drug-coated stents, tiny coils that keep arteries open and ooze medicine, is now in doubt.

The devices had been considered a major advance and have been implanted in millions of heart patients. Now doctors think the stents may raise the risk of blood clots.

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Teachers' advocate Tom Mooney dies

By Steve Kemme
Enquirer staff writer

Tom Mooney, a strong and passionate force in public education in Cincinnati and throughout Ohio, died Sunday of an apparent heart attack in his apartment in Columbus.

Mooney, 52, had been presi-

dent of the Ohio Federation of Teachers for the past six years. He was president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers for the previous 21 years.

His death shocked and saddened his family, friends and professional colleagues.

"We're just devastated by this," said his brother, Don Moo-

ney, a Cincinnati attorney and a local Democratic Party activist. "We're just stunned and disappointed that somebody who had so much to give to his friends, his family and his profession would die so young."

Sue Taylor, current president of the CFT, praised Mooney's leadership and his concern

about the quality of public education.

"So many of us learned so much from Tom," she said.

John Gilligan, former Ohio governor who is a member of the Cincinnati Board of Education, called Mooney "an enormously effective and charismatic leader. He's going to be badly missed."

A graduate of McNicholas High School in Mount Washington and Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Mooney started his career as a Cincinnati high school government teacher. He quickly became active in the teachers union.

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Tom Mooney led the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers for 21 years.

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