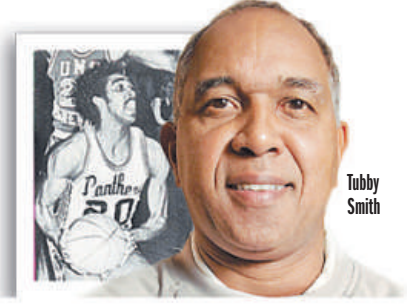


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When *they* played *the* game

CINCINNATI COACH ANDY KENNEDY, KENTUCKY'S TUBBY SMITH AND MORE



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'Born to Run' box set captures dreams and vision

The Bruce Springsteen box set for the 30th anniversary of "Born to Run" includes a remastered CD, a DVD documentary and a concert DVD. The result captures a rock 'n' roll breakthrough.

LIFE D1

St. X playoff moved to Nippert

St. Xavier's football playoff game against Huber Heights Wayne has been moved to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Nippert Stadium at the University of Cincinnati.

SPORTS C1

2 murder charges in woman's death

A man accused in a fatal shooting has been charged with two counts of murder. The woman killed was pregnant.

LOCAL B1

Delta calls strike 'murder-suicide'

Delta Air Lines says that a strike by pilots would be "murder-suicide" and argues in bankruptcy court against the union's right to walk out.

BUSINESS B5

Alito boasted of anti-abortion view

Samuel Alito applied for a Reagan administration job in 1985 by citing his work arguing "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion."

NATION A4

Hurricanes chop sugar output

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita decimated fields of sugar cane, bringing industry troubles and higher prices.

NATION/WORLD A2

COMING WEDNESDAY

One of our Ultimate College Roadtrip contestants reports on her visit to a college football game. Get Molly Linder's take.

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Fans roar for Bengals tickets

By Jessica Brown
Enquirer staff writer

Tickets for this weekend's Bengals-vs.-Indianapolis Colts game might as well be made of gold.

Online auctions and ticket brokers are seeing demand – and prices – skyrocket for what is anticipated to be the biggest game of the season for Cincinnati's 7-2 team.

Seats sell for up to \$650 apiece in game with Colts

"This is probably the biggest game since the '88 playoffs game versus the Bills," said Travis Jackson, marketing director for Ticket Time in Frankfort.

"We've already fielded 1,000 calls today," he said. "It's the talk of the town right now."

Regular ticket prices at Paul Brown Stadium range from \$49 to \$68.

Sunday's game at the 65,535-capacity venue has been sold out since the beginning of the season, but people are paying up to \$650 a seat to be part of the Jungle at a game that could open the door to

the playoffs.

Fans say the demand is no surprise.

"It's the game," said Bengals fan Steve Bradford, 34, of Eastgate. "The Colts are the best team in the AFC. They're 9-0."

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Online

■ How much would you pay for tickets to the game? Tell us at Cincinnati.Com.

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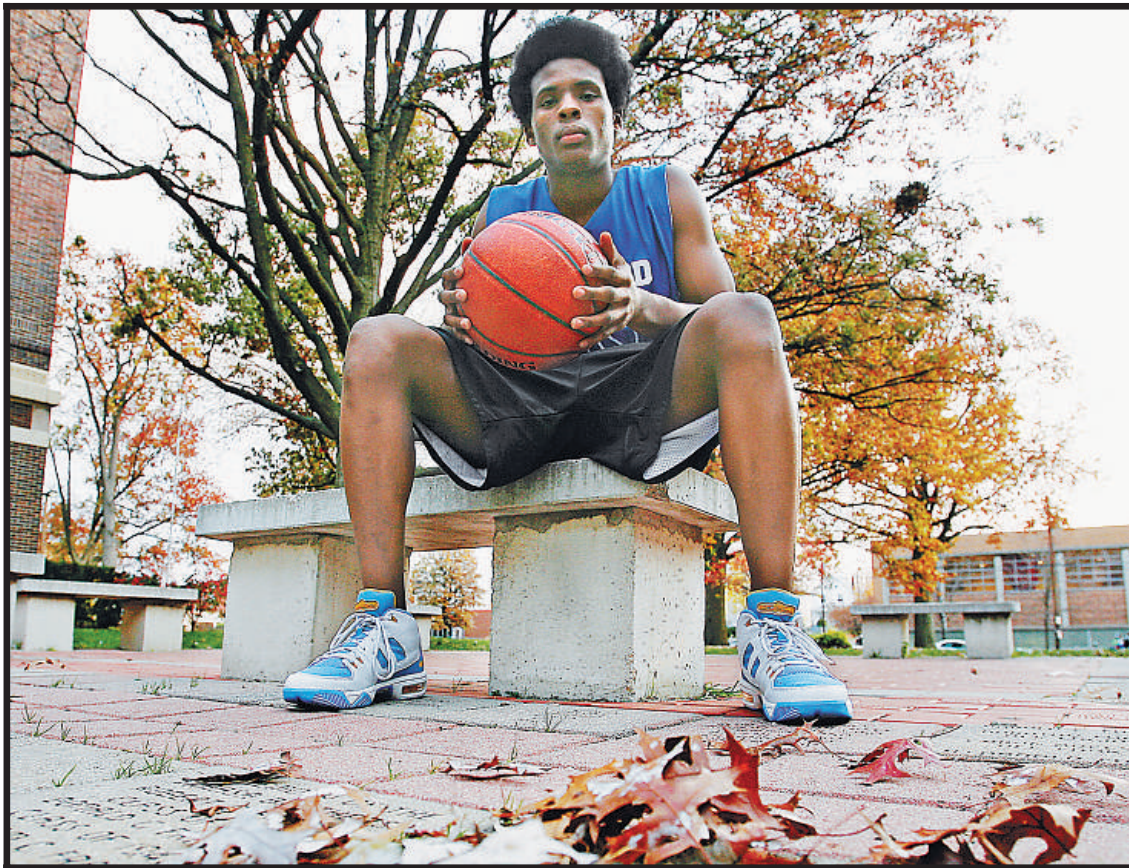
■ Know the best place for Bengals fans without tickets to watch the game on TV? Send us an e-mail at local-news@enquirer.com, and we'll share the top spots.

More inside

■ Indianapolis game brings to mind Bengals' 2003 upset of Kansas City. **C1**

■ Hamilton County officials irked by comments of Bengals coach Marvin Lewis regarding lawsuit. **B2**

SPECIAL REPORT: THE COST TO COMPETE



The Enquirer/Jeff Swinger

DeJon Baker, a junior at Norwood High, aspires to a better life through a scholarship to play college basketball. Reaching that level may require better equipment and training than needy families can afford.

ARE WE CREATING A RICH KID'S GAME?

By Shannon Russell
Enquirer staff writer

DeJon Baker describes his life in one word: "Tough."

The Norwood High School junior is being raised by a single mom. Both his brothers are incarcerated. There were nights, growing up, when the "electricity was cut off for a couple of weeks" and "it was kind of hard for us to pay for stuff," he says.

DeJon is a basketball player who wants to get to college on a scholarship. He just hopes he has the chance.

As the cost to compete climbs to stunning highs, kids from poor families fear falling behind players



The Enquirer/Tony Jones

DeJon Baker gets tips on his game from Matt Tudor, one of his coaches at Shining Stars, a nonprofit that fields AAU teams.

who are better equipped and better trained. Middle-income families worry about keeping up with costs that seem to have no end.

Coaches and others warn that money is creating an elite sports society that favors the rich.

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LAST OF THREE PARTS

SUNDAY: Thirty local families count costs. Average last year for one high school athlete: \$6,100.

MONDAY: Professional services help athletes find scholarships and college programs for a fee.

TODAY ON A6: How to level the playing field.

ONLINE

Go to Cincinnati.Com to hear local teens tell what it takes to be competitive today. Also: Tell us your thoughts by answering our questionnaire.

Keyword: amateur

Medicare Rx sign-up leaves some confused

Local seniors must choose from more than 50 plans

By Peggy O'Farrell
Enquirer staff writer

Beginning today, more than 260,000 adults in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky can sign up for Medicare's first-ever prescription drug coverage plan.

Seniors and their loved ones have asked for help with high prescription drug costs for years. Supporters of Medicare Part D say the program will help cut those costs. But as enrollment for the long-awaited benefit opens, many seniors – and their caregivers – are frustrated by the sheer complexity of trying to sign up.

Some seniors complain that there are too many plans to choose from, including 57 in Cincinnati and its surrounding Ohio counties and 52 in Northern Kentucky.

"We're getting so many

Getting help

Plenty of organizations are standing by to help sort through the available plans. **A6**

Online: For expanded coverage, go to Cincinnati.Com.

Keyword: Medicare

questions, our heads are spinning," said Nancy Hiltibrand, a service coordinator at Panorama Apartments, a complex for seniors in Covington. "Our residents are very confused about the program itself and the number of plans available."

Medicare Part D is a new prescription drug coverage benefit provided by private insurance companies. Enrollees will pay discounted drug prices.

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Brace yourself for cold weather

By Steve Kemme
Enquirer staff writer

Strong winds and storms will whip into the area today, and freezing temperatures will strike later this week – ending Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's long stretch of mild autumn weather.

Winds will be 10 to 20 mph today, with gusts occasionally reaching 30 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Wilmington. Tonight and Wednesday, winds will be 15 to 20 mph and could gust up to 35 mph.

"Those type of winds aren't very dangerous," said Jeffrey Sites, National Weather Service meteorologist. "They might blow some garbage cans around, but they generally don't do any damage."

Winds generally need to be 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 45 mph before they blow down small tree branches, he said.

Still, as a precaution, people should tie down their patio furniture and other loose outdoor objects or take them inside, said Mike Gallagher, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Temperatures are expected to dip below freezing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Some area residents have already prepared for the high winds and colder weather.

What to expect

Showers and storms will usher in much cooler temperatures.

TODAY
Rain; T-storms
High 66, low 40

WEDNESDAY
Showers; flurries
High 42, low 23

THURSDAY
Flurries
High 41, low 27

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Kids at risk for heart disease

By John Fauber
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Study: Dining out too much also linked to diabetes

DALLAS – Kids who eat in restaurants often are more likely to have risk factors for cardiovascular disease and diabetes, according to a novel study presented here.

The study is thought to be the first to link eating out and heart disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure, and diabetes risk factors, such as poor insulin sensitivity. It adds to earlier research showing that children who eat out frequently are more likely to be overweight.

"This is about what is going to happen to kids if we

don't teach them a better way of life," said lead author Karen Olson, a registered nurse and executive director of the Cardiovascular Research and Education Foundation of Wausau, Wis.

The study, which was presented at the American Heart Association's annual scientific sessions, involved 621 Wausau elementary and high school kids.

Among those children, 126 ate out more than four times a week, not counting school lunches.

Compared with the 495

children who eat out fewer than four times, they had more high blood pressure, lower levels of HDL cholesterol (the good kind), smaller LDL cholesterol particle size (an established heart-disease risk factor) and more insulin insensitivity (an early warning sign of Type 2 diabetes).

Most of the differences were modest, but several were statistically significant. For instance, the average blood pressure of the kids who ate out often was 110/70, compared with 106/66 in those who ate out fewer than

four times a week.

The children who ate out often also had diets that were higher in starch, sugar, sodium, fat and cholesterol. In addition, they drank an average of six cups of soda and other sugary soft drinks a week, compared with 3.7 cups for the children who ate out fewer than four times a week.

Olson said most parents were unaware that their children were developing risk factors for heart disease and diabetes. Most parents said they ate out with their kids because of time constraints.

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