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Edgewood has signed up for emergency dispatch service provided by Erlanger, the first Kenton County suburb to do so. **NORTHERN KENTUCKY B1**

### These doughnuts beckon: less guilt

Kroger will sell nutritionally fortified doughnuts with Madieu Williams' picture. **BUSINESS A8**

### Ah-choo season getting closer

Plenty of flu shots are available this fall. **NATION/WORLD A2**

### Fewer marriages last for long haul

After 25 years, more than half of those who said "I do" are divorced, widowed or separated. **NATION A3**

### Also ...

We cover auto racing, from NASCAR to the local tracks. **SPORTS C4, C5**

Cubs beat the Reds 3-2. **SPORTS C7**

## WEATHER



High 88°  
Low 59°  
Mostly sunny

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# GOP has dueling fundraisers

By Patrick Crowley  
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Last year, Trey Grayson was considering challenging Gov. Ernie Fletcher in the GOP gubernatorial primary.

Now Grayson, the Kentucky secretary of state and a Boone County resident, and Fletcher are running for re-election and sharing space on the statewide ballot. Each claim that any friction or disagreements have evaporated as they pursue re-election.

So why have the Fletcher and Grayson



campaigns scheduled their major Northern Kentucky fundraisers on the same night - Tuesday - at roughly the same time and in the same county?

The campaigns claim it's nothing more than the difficulty of coordinating fundraisers, the availability of hosts and contributors, and a simple mix-up.

Democrats say the conflicting events

are at best a case of poor communications and at worst lingering animosity between the two candidates.

"I don't see how two candidates on the same ticket schedule on top of each other; it's unheard of," said Edgewood lawyer Mark Guilfoyle, an adviser to Fletcher's opponent, Democratic Steve Beshear.

"They can't be talking to each other if

something like this happened," Guilfoyle said.

Even some Northern Kentucky Republicans have privately scratched their heads, wondering how the situation arose.

Some wonder if there is a concern by the Grayson camp that Fletcher's poor polling numbers are a drag on the rest of the GOP ticket and Grayson may be distancing himself from the incumbent governor.

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**Trey Grayson** has a fundraiser Tuesday night. So does Ernie Fletcher.

## CENTER OF ATTENTION



Jeff Haller for the Enquirer

**At last week's Thursday Night Dance Out**, Nancy Broermann and Daryl Rhodes danced on Fountain Square, where a renovation project is just about done. "Downtown's the best-kept secret," Broermann said.

## Fountain Square ready for Oktoberfest close-up

By Lisa Bernard-Kuhn  
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As hundreds of thousands of people prepare to flock downtown this weekend for the city's 32nd Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, construction crews are moving feverishly to finish the final bit of work on the more than \$42 million makeover of Fountain Square.

For many local residents, the annual event will be their first glimpse of the nearly completed square - a project undertaken by Cincinnati Center City Development Corp., 3CDC, two years ago. "For those who haven't been down-

town in awhile, I think they'll be very pleased with what they can see," said Bill Donabedian, 3CDC's managing director of the square. "The difference is night and day."

People in the square now see a new \$16.5 million facade on the Fifth Third Center building, which includes a dramatic, changing lighting scheme at night.

When employees at Tiffany's leave at night, "the sidewalks are filled," said Susanne Halmi, a regional vice president for the jeweler. "There's just a lot more going on, and a lot more life on the street."

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## IF YOU GO

**What:** Oktoberfest Zinzinnati

**Where:** Fifth Street, from Race to Broadway

**When:** 11 a.m.-midnight Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

**Cost:** Free

**Stores:** Downtown retailers will keep normal weekend hours

**Information:** 513-579-3100; www.oktoberfest-zinzinnati.com

## INSIDE

Italian bistro Via Vite (it means Vine Street) will open soon in square's pavilion. **A8**

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## COMING FRIDAY

Your complete guide to the food, fun and music at this year's Oktoberfest. **In Weekend**

## Old, familiar sight: O.J. in court

By Ryan Nakashima  
The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** - In a scene of legal deja vu, a grayer, heavier O.J. Simpson stood handcuffed in court Wednesday to face charges that could put him behind bars for life. The prosecutor who failed to get him a dozen years ago was there to watch, and news cameras tracked his every move.

But as Simpson made his \$125,000 bail on charges including kidnapping and armed robbery, legal experts were questioning: Could the former football

## Circus gathers as he makes \$125,000 bail

star who beat a double-murder rap really do hard time for a crime that sounds like a bad movie?

Police call Simpson, 60, the leader of an armed holdup of sports memorabilia collectors, and they arrested a fifth suspect Wednesday. But some facts - including a curious recording of the confrontation - don't seem clear-cut.

Legal experts say issues such as who owned the goods and the reputation of witnesses could cloud the prosecution's case. Simpson has insisted

that he was retrieving items stolen from him.

"You can't rob something that is yours," his lawyer, Yale Galanter, said.

Alfred Beardsley, one of the collectors, was arrested on a parole violation Wednesday. The man who arranged the meeting, Tom Riccio, has a criminal record.

The case has attracted a swarm of reporters, including "Entertainment Tonight's" Marcia Clark, who prosecuted Simpson for the 1994 murders.



**Borgman's view**  
Cartoonist Jim Borgman imagines a new collection. **Community Forum, B6**

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**O.J. Simpson appears** for his arraignment Wednesday in Las Vegas. He made bail and flew home to Florida.

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Jae C. Hong, pool

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