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## These doughnuts beckon: less guilt

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

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

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### AVONDALE - America's children are so fat that they could be the nation's first generation not to outlive their parents, an American Heart Association official warned

By Peggy O'Farrell

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Wednesday. "In the last 20 years, childhood obesity rates have tripled," said John Meiners, executive vice president of the association's Great Rivers region. "It's a significant in-

crease in a risk factor for the leading cause of death in the United

Overweight children are likely to become overweight adults, putting them at risk for heart disease, diabetes and other serious illnesses. Almost four out of every 10 Ham-

ilton County third-graders – about

38 percent - are overweight, Meiners said.

To combat those expanding youthful waistlines, the American Heart Association and Cincinnati

### **Coming Sunday**

Find out about treatments for people who are 100 or more pounds overweight. In Forum

Fitness plan aims for slimmer kids

Public Schools announced a fitness initiative Wednesday to help elementary students shape up.

Under the Partners for School Health initiative, 15 CPS schools have adopted a physical education initiative that measures students' fitness and helps them improve.

CPS already works with other agencies to teach healthy eating. Fitness was the missing piece.

Students at Rockdale Academy in Avondale demonstrated Wednesday the kinds of activities students will be tested on, including paced push-ups, curl-ups, abdominal lifts and running.

Ohio is the only state with no minimum requirement for physical education in schools.

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The Enquirer/Cara Owsley

Sixth-grader Mysia Walker shows push-ups at Rockdale Academy.

# CENTER OF ATTENTION



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 lbernard@enquirer.com

s 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-

Italian bistro Via Vite (it

means Vine Street) will open

soon in square's pavilion. A8

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 façade on the Fifth Third Center building, which includes a dra-

matic, 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 go-

ing on, and a lot more life on the street." See **SQUARE**, Page **A4** 

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.

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

# Lifeway loses case on license

## Most charges rejected, but the rest are enough

By Sheila McLaughlin smclaughlin@enquirer.com

A hearing examiner criticized the state's investigation and threw out two-thirds of the state violations against Lifeway For Youth Inc.

Wednesday.

But he still gave state officials what they wanted - a recommendation to revoke the private foster care company's Ohio license.

The public has been misled into believing Lifeway was properly evaluating people and homes prior to certifying them as qualified to provide foster services. The department has been misled about the training Lifeway provided to its foster caregivers," Worthington attorney Christopher McNeil wrote in his 93-page report.

The evidence suggests systemic failures on the part of Lifeway's managers, failures that cast doubt on the integrity and efficacy of the internal operations of this foster care agency.

McNeil dismissed about 48 of 72 remaining violations the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services had filed against Lifeway after 3year-old Marcus Fiesel's death in foster care.

Lifeway foster parents Liz and David Carroll Jr. of Clermont County are in prison af-

*'Our priority* was the license revocation.

It further thickens the shield that we want to place around Ohio's children.

Scarlett Bouder, spokeswoman for state child protection agency

ter being convicted of murder for placing Marcus, bound in blankets and strapping tape, in a closet while they left town for two days to attend a family reunion.

At the time, state officials said they uncovered a series of problems at Lifeway, including inadequate training for foster parents, failing to conduct proper criminal background checks and billing the state for foster parent training it didn't provide.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services cited Lifeway for 147 violations involving 40 foster homes. Those charges were reduced to 72 before the case was reviewed by McNeil.

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

Tell us what you think of the

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renovations and see past coverage.

**By Ryan Nakashima** The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - In a scene of legal deia vu, a graver, 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

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

tracked his every move.

Circus gathers as he makes \$125,000 bail

star who beat a double-murder rap re- that he was retrieving items stolen ally 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

"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.

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

The Associated Press/

