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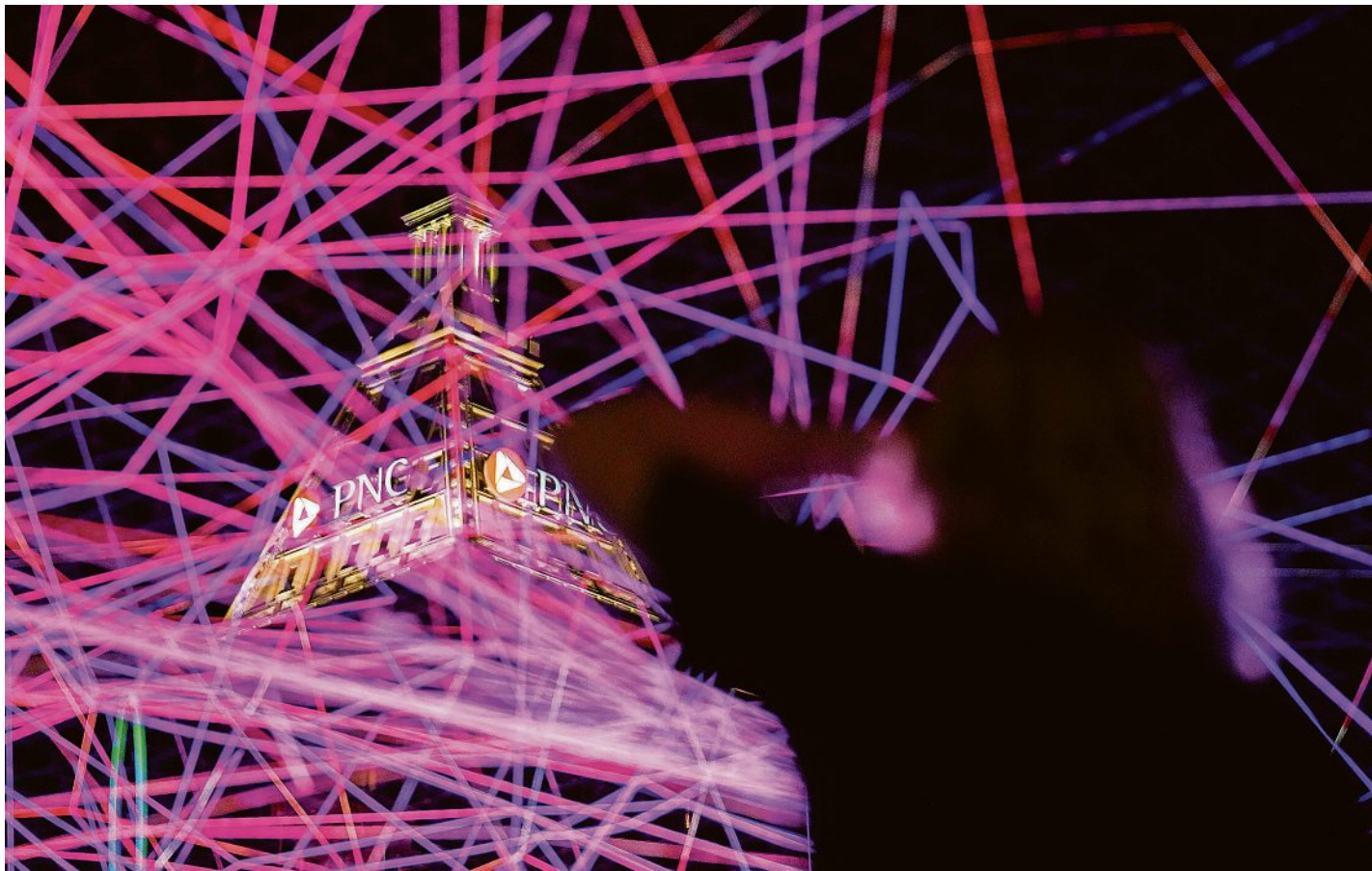
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Expert advice for navigating Blink



People interact with an art installation at Elm Street Plaza during Blink: Run the Night on Oct. 6. FRANK BOWEN IV/THE ENQUIRER

Visitors who are prepared, patient will benefit most

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It's almost time for the nation's largest light, art and projection-mapping festival. Are you ready? • Blink Cincinnati returns Oct. 8-11, bringing more than 80 blow-your-mind installations to downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Whether you're a Blink veteran or planning your first visit, a little preparation can go a long way before heading to the four-day festival. • To help you make the most of the experience, The Enquirer asked Amy Fitzgibbons, vice president of marketing and communications for the Cincinnati Regional Chamber, which organizes Blink, to share her top tips for navigating the event. **See BLINK, Page 6A**

EXCLUSIVE

Mayor: Addyston plant will be sold

Local buyer redevelops contaminated properties

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ADDYSTON, OH – A Cincinnati real estate firm specializing in contaminated property will buy the village of Addyston's now-closed giant chemical maker.

Addyston Mayor Lisa Mear told The Enquirer that CERTA Environmental will purchase the 120-acre Ineos Styrolyt facility, located on U.S. Route 50 about 13 miles west of downtown Cincinnati.

"Finally some good news," she said. "I feel like the cards went our way."

Purchase should happen before year's end

CERTA should complete the purchase by the end of the year, Mear told members of the Addyston Village Council during a September public meeting. The village hopes the site will then be turned over to a new user that will generate new payroll and property tax dollars.

"I don't know about you guys (but) that doesn't sound like a bad thing," she said then.

Village Clerk Margaret Dozier referenced the coming sale during council's Oct. 5 meeting after resident Ed Cain voiced concerns about village budget woes.

"We're down to skin and bones

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Sales surge for Kroger-branded goods

Shoppers' switch from big labels spurs \$7B growth

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As Kroger seeks to lure back cash-strapped shoppers, the supermarket giant has a not-so-secret weapon: its house-branded goods.

Last year, Kroger barely grew its sales 0.3% to just under \$148 billion as inflation and economic uncertainty forced consumers to pinch every penny. Beneath that flat sales figure, Kroger shoppers revealed something else about their new spending habits: the grocer's house-

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Kroger to bring back Boar's head products. **Nation & World, 5C**

branded goods saw sales surge 28% to \$39 billion, up from \$32 billion in the previous year.

That means legions of customers abandoned name brands. They bought Kroger ketchup instead of Heinz. They bought Big K soda pop instead of Coke or Pepsi. They drank Private Selection coffee instead of Starbucks. They switched from McCormick spices to

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Teriyaki sauce bottles on the production line at Kroger's Lower Price Hill plant. ALBERT CESARE/THE ENQUIRER

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