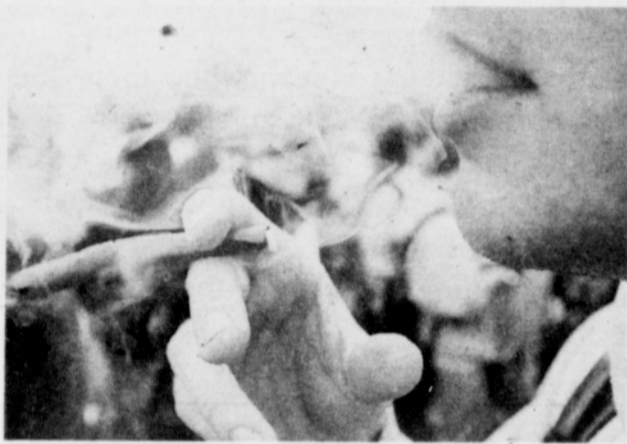


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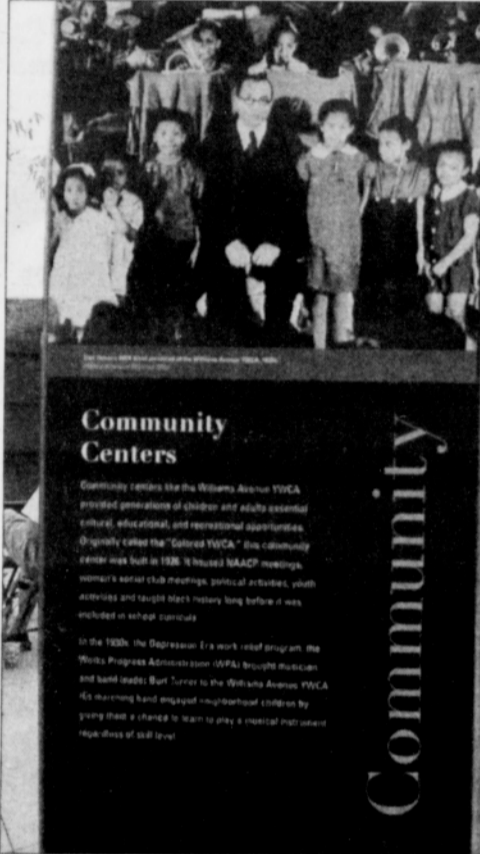


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Neighbors and political leaders gather Monday to celebrate the completion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Gateway and Heritage Markers Project, which honors the cultural heritage of inner north and northeast Portland.

MLK Gateway Unveiled

Plaza honors civil rights, cultural heritage

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A completed Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Gateway and Heritage Markers Project plaza was unveiled at a celebration Monday at Northeast Hancock Street where Grand Avenue merges into Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

First conceived nearly two de-

acades ago, the site honors the multicultural populations and history of inner north and northeast Portland.

"We are completing a project that has been years and years in the making," said Anne Mangan, who works for the Portland Development Commission, the lead agency for the \$650,000 construction process. "The point of the space is to make a more official gateway into northeast neighborhoods and to honor the neighborhood and cultural heritage."

Portland Development Commis-

sioner Charles Wilhoite served as the master of ceremonies. "This is everyone's project, but particularly a project that belongs to the community," he said.

Project manager Irene Bowers was also excited to celebrate the unveiling.

"The heart and soul of this whole project is the four heritage markers, which have 12 interpretive panels," she said. "We had over 100 different stories, and of that, certain themes came out."

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Mom Saves Child from Abductor

Woman hits man with stick; neighbors tackle suspect

A mother took quick action to save her child from an abduction Sunday in southeast Portland.

Portland police responded to the attempted kidnapping with neighbors holding the suspect down just a few blocks from where the incident occurred in the 16900 block of Southeast Lafayette Street.

When Antoinette Robinson heard a muffled scream from the area where her kids were playing, she went outside to see a male with his arm around her child's neck and his hand on the girl's mouth. The man was trying to pull the seven-year-old girl into the bushes.

Police said Robinson ran to help her daughter Xavieria, and yelled at the suspect and hit him with a stick to make

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Antoinette Robinson and her daughter Xavieria. (KATU photo)