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Black History program



Top left, Fatandra Ford as Harriet Tubman and, right, Justin Murphy as a Buffalo soldier. Above, church scene features Crystal Sawyer, right, and Whitney Lovett, left

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J.H. Gunn Elementary's Minority Achievement students staged a series of historical re-enactments last week, culminating their Black History Month celebration. The productions included songs, dance and recitation of

speeches from outstanding African American's, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech by Devon Noel. J.H. Gunn staffer Terri Moore produced the performance, with collaboration from Geoffrey Jordan, Tanna Brown and Jamie Brown. Pictured are Fatandra

Ford as Harriet Tubman, Justin Murphy as a Buffalo soldier and a church scene with Crystal Sawyer, right, and Whitney Lovett, left.

Other characters in the production were Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, Jesse Jackson, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Rosa Parks

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The Moore kids cut up at a recent Kuumba Festival. They are Darius, 8, rest on head of Brodrique, 5, with 4-year-old Maya nearby.

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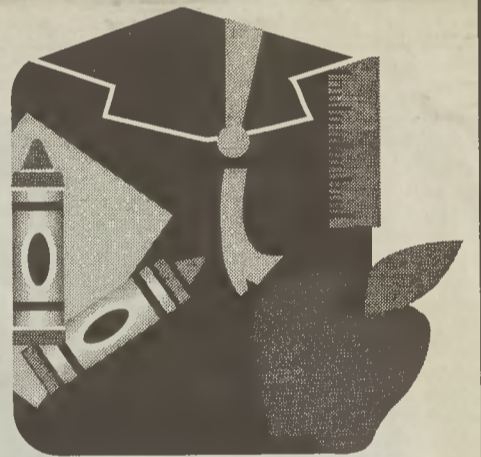
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Learning Landscape



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Youngsters join in groundbreaking for an outdoor "Learning Landscape" at the YWCA Uptown Child Development Center at 415 E. 4th Street. The "Learning Landscape" will include a series of interactive gardens that will introduce children to concepts about plant growth, care of their environment and various climates around the world. It will include giant sunflowers, a sundial, rain gauge and melon patch. Lori Shaffer, YWCA vice president of child and youth development, said "The Learning Landscape is unique because it combines an area for active, gross motor play like running and swinging with more fine motor, manipulative activities involving science and art projects in the gardens."

Bud Ritzel, a parent at the center, designed the gardens and will oversee their creation. Ritzel is president of The Yard Man landscape design company.