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Residents check out the menus at the Gulu-Gulu Cafe during a Central Square celebration on Thursday night.

Central Square rebirth draws large crowds

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Business leaders, city officials and local residents turned out en masse last week to celebrate the rebirth of Central Square.

The event included ribbon cuttings at several new or relocated businesses, such as Columbia Insurance, Omar & Oscar Jewelry, the Central Square Barber Shop, and the Gulu Gulu Café.

The Lynn Chamber of

Commerce called attention to the millions of dollars developers have invested in the neighborhood over the past two years, resulting in the conversion of former industrial buildings into street-level stores and upper-story residential condominiums. The Keith Loft condominiums was among the new addresses officially opened, featuring spacious interiors and large windows looking out at Central Square.

LynnArts, Raw Art Works and other organizations headquartered in the downtown square also hosted special events, such as an art auction and a film festival.

The revelers also gathered at the Atomic Clock in the heart of the square, adjacent to the railroad bridge. The clock, which has an antique appearance, is actually a state-of-the-art timepiece connected by satellite to a global GPS system.