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Supporters pose in front of the first sign, created by students in 1968, unveiling Martin Luther King Jr. as the new name for the former Highland School, during a 50th anniversary community celebration on Friday night honoring the school's legacy. Shei'Meka Owens, King Parent Teacher Association president, and the daughter of Ronda Chiles, who as a sixth grade student at King 50 years ago helped lobby for the name change, is pictured (second from right). Owens now has two daughters that attend King. The others pictured are King PTA leaders Paul Manson, May Wang, Megan Newell-Ching and Kenny Butler. (See additional photos on page)

50 Years of King

Martin Luther King Jr. School celebrates legacy

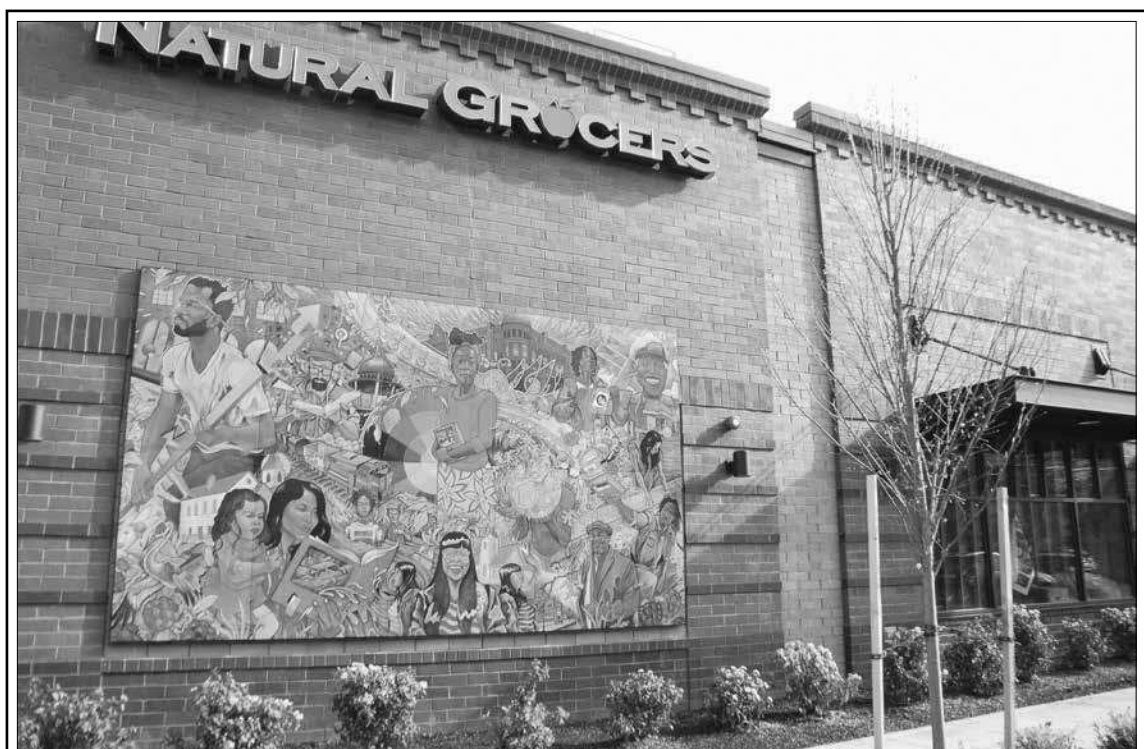
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rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. championed were honored Friday during a community celebration on the 50th anniversary of the power of education that civil

school in his honor.

A student-led movement in 1968 successfully lobbied the

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Natural Grocers Opens at Alberta and MLK

PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

One of two murals celebrating Portland's African American history and future, created by local artists Mehran Heard and Arvie Smith, adorn the new Natural Grocers at Alberta Commons. The new store, built in a public-private partnership to bring jobs and a healthy, affordable grocery to the underserved King Neighborhood, was preparing for Wednesday's grand opening with a full day of events, giveaways, food samples and an ice cream social from 4 to 6 p.m.