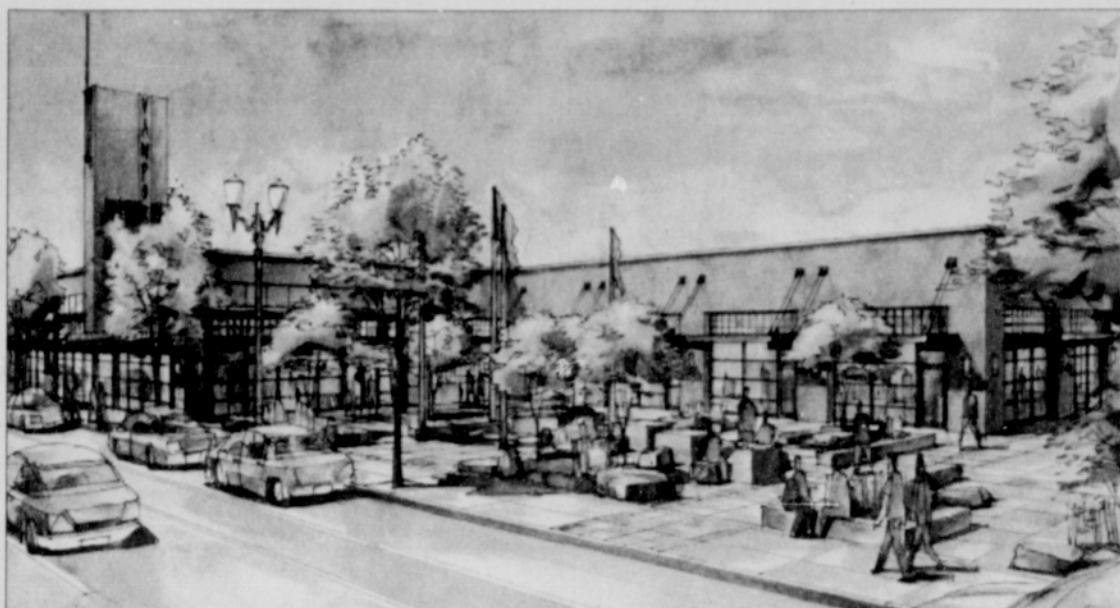




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An artist's rendering shows Vanport Village, a major economic development project in the heart of the African American community, being backed by black developers.

**The Vanguard of Northeast**

**Ground broken for Vanport Village on MLK**

Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard has come a long way from its humble beginnings as a state highway to the busy thoroughfare it is today. Community supporters recently celebrated a new construction project to hit the boulevard, a 42,000 square foot commercial space and condominium complex called the Vanport Project.

The renovated Marco Manufacturing building at 5225 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd. will join other new landmarks on the thoroughfare like the Standard Dairy building and Nike Factory Outlet.

The Vanport Project broke ground on Tuesday with a ceremony drawing Mayor Tom Potter and two prominent African Americans, Portland Family of Funds Chair Carl Talton and Ray Leary, Vanport Project's principal developer.

The Vanport Project is expected to bring up to 75 jobs to the community along with a \$7 million public investment in street improvements along the street. The center is expected to open in the fall of 2007.



PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Ray Leary (from left) joins Mayor Tom Potter and developer Jeanna Woolley at a groundbreaking ceremony marking the new Vanport Project, a commercial space and condominium complex coming to Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

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**World Can't Wait Rally**

Ginger Gouveira (left) and Bonnie Tinker express their dismay with the right wing and the military budget during a "World Can't Wait - Drive Out the Bush Regime" rally Thursday, downtown. Twelve arrests were made after a splinter group broke off from the peaceful protest and police accused them of trying to block freeway traffic. Officers also sprayed a chemical agent and fired beanbag rounds in an attempt to control the breakaway protesters.

**Author Book Signing Saturday**

Local author and educator J.W. Doncan will sign her book "Fatherless Boys and Mothers On Their Own" during a public speaking event Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at Talking Drum Bookstore and Coffee Shop, also known as Reflections, located near the corner of Northeast Killingsworth Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.



The title "Fatherless Boys and Mothers On Their Own," may suggest the need for rescue. But the poems within this book demonstrate

determination that is anything but a cry for help.

Doncan, a single parent raised by a single parent, celebrates the love that has inspired her, and the support that has repeatedly returned her to her feet. Her book questions the widely circulated and

wildly popular media image of young men today. It shares a view of strength and unwavering commitment mothers on their own find in their desperation to push children through societal landmines.

**Madam Speaker Would Drain Swamp**

(AP) -- Franklin Roosevelt had his first hundred days. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi is thinking 100 hours. Time enough, she says, to begin to "drain the swamp" after more than a decade of Repub-



Rep. Nancy Pelosi

lican rule.

As in the first 100 hours the House meets after Democrats—in her fondest wish—win control in the Nov. 7 midterm elections and Pelosi takes the gavel as the first Madam Speaker in history.