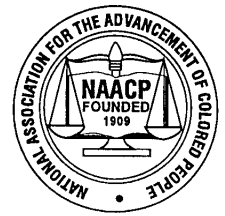


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Here is the complete text of my June letter to the Mayor, the City Council, and City Manager urging them to not prejudge Chief Reeves as I believe the Colombian Newspaper has done. Even though Chief Reeves has decided to remove himself from the debacle, we wanted you our members to know where your Board stood on this issue.

June 9, 2002

To: Honorable Mayor Royce Pollard and City Council

I recently completed my review of several Colombian articles on Chief Stan Reeves. I was once again disappointed with this type of tabloid or yellow journalism treatment in our local paper. These articles were not news. They were innuendo and allegations of the type that should be left to day time (Jerry Springer type) talk shows.

The 911 article was perhaps the most biased piece of journalism that I have seen in some time. The Colombian along with the help of the Acting Chief worked hard to interpret the meaning of the 911 transcript for the reader. But, the transcript and the Colombian article seem to be miles apart and even leave more unanswered questions. For example, how did this woman make a series of phone calls if she was in handcuffs as the Acting Chief asserts? Or if the woman was under arrest why did they stay on the road for over and hour? This story just does not add up.

The thing that puzzles me most is why this rush to drag the good name of Chief Reeves through the mud? Chief Reeves is a man with an impeccable military and police service

record. Yet, the Colombian failed to mention this man's record and his outstanding character. They also failed to mention the character and record of his accuser. Does this person have a past history of unsubstantiated allegations?

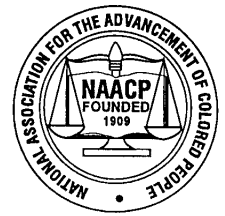
I have been involved in Equal Employment Complaints for more than 20 years both as an EEO Counselor and an EEO Advocate. The one thing that I have found of harassers is a pattern of harassment. Look at the military investigations of several years back. Women who were victims of harassment come out of the woodwork. The same is true for women and men. It seems amazing to me that a good investigative reporter found no information about the character of either person to be worth reporting.

There are too many unanswered questions about character and past history that should be a matter of record. What the Colombian reported only makes one wonder about how much of the rest of the story that is being withheld.

As I have stated earlier Chief Reeves has raised the bar of community policing in Vancouver. He has consistently met with members of Community of Color, implemented a racial profiling policy and cleaned up the rift raft in the department. Unlike his predecessors, Chief Reeves has created an atmosphere of trust and cooperation in the African American Community, and the community in general.

I am again encouraging the management of the City of Vancouver to pursue this investigation to its conclusion, wherever it leads, and report the facts in a public forum. If these allegations against the Chief prove to

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be unfounded, as we believe they are, then the Chief should be reinstated.

And even if this allegation is proven to be true, the punishment should fit the crime. If Chief Reeves should be held to this high standard, so should the head of every department in the City and every police officer.

EARL W. FORD, President

GENERAL MEMBER MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2002, 10:00 AM
COMMUNITY AME ZION CHURCH,
COMMUNITY ROOM, 3605 E 13TH ST

SEAFARERS 33rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL:
July 28, 11:00 – 4:00 PM Ester Short Park.
The Branch is looking for volunteers too run a soul food BBQ booth for this event. We will sell fried chicken and grilled ribs and hot links sandwiches as well as sell desserts such as peach cobbler, sweet potato pie, and cake, etc.

If you are interested contact President Ford, or Pat Arnold, Special Projects Coordinator, at the number listed in this newsletter. This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. You do not want to miss this mouth watering assortment of desserts and soul food dishes.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

We currently have 13 young people, placed on jobs through the Youth Employment Program (Y.E.P) according to Chad Clark and Brenda Simmons, Branch Youth Work Co-Chairs.

The City of Vancouver provided 6 positions, the Forest Service provided 3, and Safeway, Inc. has 5 placements so far, with one termination.

City of Vancouver: Congratulations are in order to **Joshua Connolly**, who is with the Operations Center, **Veronica Connolly**, Solid Waste Services, **Jananda Fisher**, Fire Dept., **Yaida Ford**, City Attorney's Office, **Frank Newsome**, City of Vancouver, Media Services, and **Sequoia Westbrooks**, Vancouver Police Department.

Safeway Stores: Karen Siefert, Placement Coordinator at Safeway continues to be a strong supporter of our youth. Three students are employed there, including one adult placed in the Battleground Safeway. The students at Safeway are: **Utomi Odum**, **Niki Vigorito**, and **Ronny Wiggins**.

Gifford Pinchot National Forest, USDA Forest Service: Three of our students are employed by our primary partner in the YEP, they are: **Genevieve Fisher**, Botany intern **Jason Ligons**, Urban Youth intern, and **Brittany Zapata**, Forestry Aid, Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument.

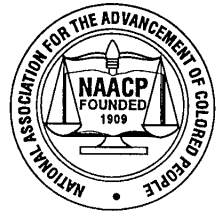
Again, Congratulations! We wish you all a successful summer work experience.

LARCH CORRECTIONAL CENTER NAACP LISTENING SESSION:

Sid Clark and Bob Andrews, Co-Chairs, NAACP Labor and Industries Committee arranged a listening session for Larch Correctional Facility employees.

The session was held Friday May 14, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Parks and Recreation's Parsley Center, and was attended by 30 Larch employees, 13 of which spoke about incidents in

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which they believe that their civil rights were violated.

Of the 13 Larch attendees, 6 were Caucasian males, three were Caucasian females, one Hispanic, one Asian and one African American spoke of threats, intimidation and harassment as common place at the facility.

The session was chaired by DOC Regional Administrator, Tom McIntyre, NAACP President, Earl Ford, and Tony Orange, Ex-Director of Washington State Commission on African American Affairs, and DOC State Union representative James Paulson, Chaired the Listening Session.

The entire session was audio taped. We are currently looking for a transcriber to convert the audio tape to print. We will make the transcript available in a future newsletter.

Much work remains to be done before an environment of fairness is achieved at Larch. We will continue to work with the employees of Larch in their quest for fairness on the job.

VANCOUVER BRANCH WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING: Thanks to the efforts of our Web Master, Otha Terry, generous contribution of computer equipment by Hewlett Packard our website up. <http://naacpvancorg.powweb.com>, will get you to the website. This is just the draft and the powweb server is also temporary. We need your critiques and contributions. We are looking for historical pictures and stories to add to the website

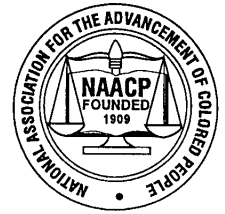
Find information from the national as well as history, national, regional and local, and information on the leadership, structure, founders, foundation and other programs.

Visit the site, get the latest news, membership information, calendar of events and other activities, give us feedback, on how we can continue the struggle for civil rights in our local communities and at our nation's capital.

FINAL NOTE: Many of you will receive this issue after the general membership meeting. We apologize for our tardy delivery. We are in the process of transitioning the preparation of the newsletter into the able leadership of Joyce Swarn. As with all transitions they take time. We ask that you bear with us as we make this transition.

The board wishes to thank Joyce for stepping us and agreeing to help us with this effort to keep you informed.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are in the process of updating our membership roles and we need your help. You, our members are the critical link in managing a successful Branch. Your continued financial supports (membership dues) are essential to the maintenance of the Branch. For each \$30 membership we receive \$11.90 (40%) remains with the Branch.

mail, phones, website, scholarships,). Your board members receive no financial support for mileage or travel to national meeting. Yet we remain on the forefront of the struggle for civil rights in Vancouver and Clark County.

If you are not sure of your membership renewal date, call our Membership Chair, Ms Laura Smith (360) 693-0072.

We are strictly a volunteer organization with no salaried employees. The forty percent of your dues that remain in the community pay for local programs (newsletter, office supplies,

The Vancouver Branch has been serving this community since 1945. You can help us continue this powerful legacy.....

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Check your choices and return this form to the Branch address shown below

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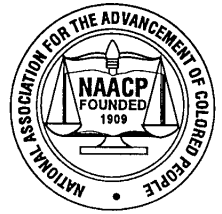
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