

Howlak Tichum

Vanessa Ann Felix-Lane

Vanessa Ann Felix-Lane, age 18, of Bellingham, Wash., passed away on Friday, June 4, 2004 in Burlington, Wash. She was born on April 23, 1986, to parents Gregory Lane and Janie Felix.

The dressing was held on Monday, June 7 at Ferndale Funeral Home. Prayer services were held on Tuesday June 8 at the Wexliem Community Building, with burial on Wednesday at the Lummi Cemetery.

She is survived by her mother Janie Felix and stepfather Leon Solomon, brothers Jeffery Jefferson of Lummi, Victor Jefferson of Seattle, and Kevin Felix-Solomon of Lummi; sisters Michelle and Misty Plaster and Alysia Felix-Solomon of Lummi. Grandmother is Lillian Cuevas (Frank) of Warm Springs, grandparents Jesse and Ysmael Felix Jr. of Lummi, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins of Warm Springs and Washington.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gregory Lane of Lummi Nation, great-grandfather Delbert Frank Sr. and great-grandmother Cecelia McKinley-Frank of Yakima and Warm Springs.

Apologies

To the Warm Springs community, I am taking this time to apologize for endangering tribal members and others on the road, for my driving around while under the influence of alcohol. I am glad nobody got hurt. **Mark A. Stacona.**

To the community of Warm Springs, I am writing an apology letter for driving under the influence of intoxicants on Feb. 21. And I am writing a letter of apology to the people I ran into that night, while I was under the influence. I am sorry for leaving the scene of the accident. It'll never happen again. **Ronald Thomas.**

I am sincerely sorry for the choice that had made in February 2004. That wrong choice has put me on the six-month probation, community service and to attend drug awareness classes. Time that isn't mine no more. Sorry. **Melvin R. Scott.**

Tribal members, just an apology for my actions that took place on March 8, 2004. All I was trying to do was go home after a disagreement with a "friend" and got turned in for leaving his residence. I'm sorry to the res for my DUI. **Tina Spino.**

I was stopped for a DUI by officer Buren on March 7, 2004. Unfortunately, I was driving in West Hills, after drinking, and blew .12 bac. I am really sorry, cause I could have hit someone or something. I am working on my problem I have. Please accept my apology. Thank you. **Rachel Winishut.**

To the community of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, please accept this apology. To the very hard-working and alert officers, this letter of apology is out to you fellas. Please forgive this apologizer. Thanks. **F. George.**

My apology to the community for my action in about March of this year. I hope you can forgive me. I am sorry to everyone if I hurt anyone, or put any family in danger. Forgive me. **Bonny H. Charley.**

I, H. Florez, would like to take this time to apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and the community of Warm Springs for my actions. I assure you it will not happen again in the future by me. Thank you for your time and again, my apologies. Sincerely, **H. Florez.**

I would like to apologize to officer Buren for my bad driving on the night of Feb. 26, 2004. I was wrong for driving under the influence. Thank you for saving our lives and the many others I put in danger. This will not happen again. I also apologize to the community of Warm Springs. **Tina Polk.** Case No. CR133-04.

To the people of Warm Springs I would like to apologize to you for what happened at the gas station on April 23, 2004. I had a pipe in my jacket pocket. I know it is wrong to have things like that on me. I would like to say that I'm sorry to the reservation, and the gas station. Sincerely, **Jennifer R. Smith.**

I, Marcus J. Crowe, apologize to my mother, my family and the Warm Springs community for my actions on June 9 at about 8:30. It was not right to come to my mother's house to act like a fool. I ask for forgiveness from everyone I hurt and I'm ashamed. **MJC.**

To the people of Warm Springs, to the people or person's lives I have endangered, I am writing this letter of apology so accept my apologies and I am taking full responsibility for my actions on the night of Jan. 19. I am sorry for doing what I did. **J.A.M.**

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Council: discussion touches on many topics

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Randy Smith said, "We know how our kids are treated at 509-J, and then to have them come here and be treated the same way is worse. We shouldn't perpetuate the haves and have-nots on the reservation."

Chief Operations Officer Lauraina Hintsala said, "These are all good points. This is the reason for having these meetings, to bring these issues to Council as priorities."

Councilwoman Rita Squiemphen said she would work toward funding a program that would serve kids who are not in Summer Youth.

Councilman Reuben Henry said that Kah-Nee-Ta may be a place where kids who are not in Summer Youth might find work for the next few months.

Marcia Minthorn said the tribes need to get going with a new casino. The tribes need money to take care of serious problems on the reservation, she said.

"The neighborhoods aren't safe at night. We need to ban drugs and alcohol from our land. It's sad when we have children in jail, threatened with prison, getting kicked out of school," said Minthorn. "We need to take care of this, it's not our way."

During last week's General Council meeting, tribal member Margaret Buckland said she is concerned about the tribal pension fund. The money in this fund should not be dealt with riskily, she said.

Faye Waheneka said that the tribal organization jobs need new job descriptions. The current ones, she said are obsolete.

She said the tribes also need to focus on training young people to join the workforce.

"Kids come to my house trying to sell stolen items," she said. One time they waited until she left and tried to sell the items to Waheneka's mother. "She's 95 years old," said Waheneka.

She also said that the Senior

Citizen Program should be a priority.

This was a point made earlier in the meeting by Charlotte Herkshan.

Herkshan also commented that the Council needs to have more meetings with the membership. There are general and district meetings at budget time but otherwise not very often, said Herkshan.

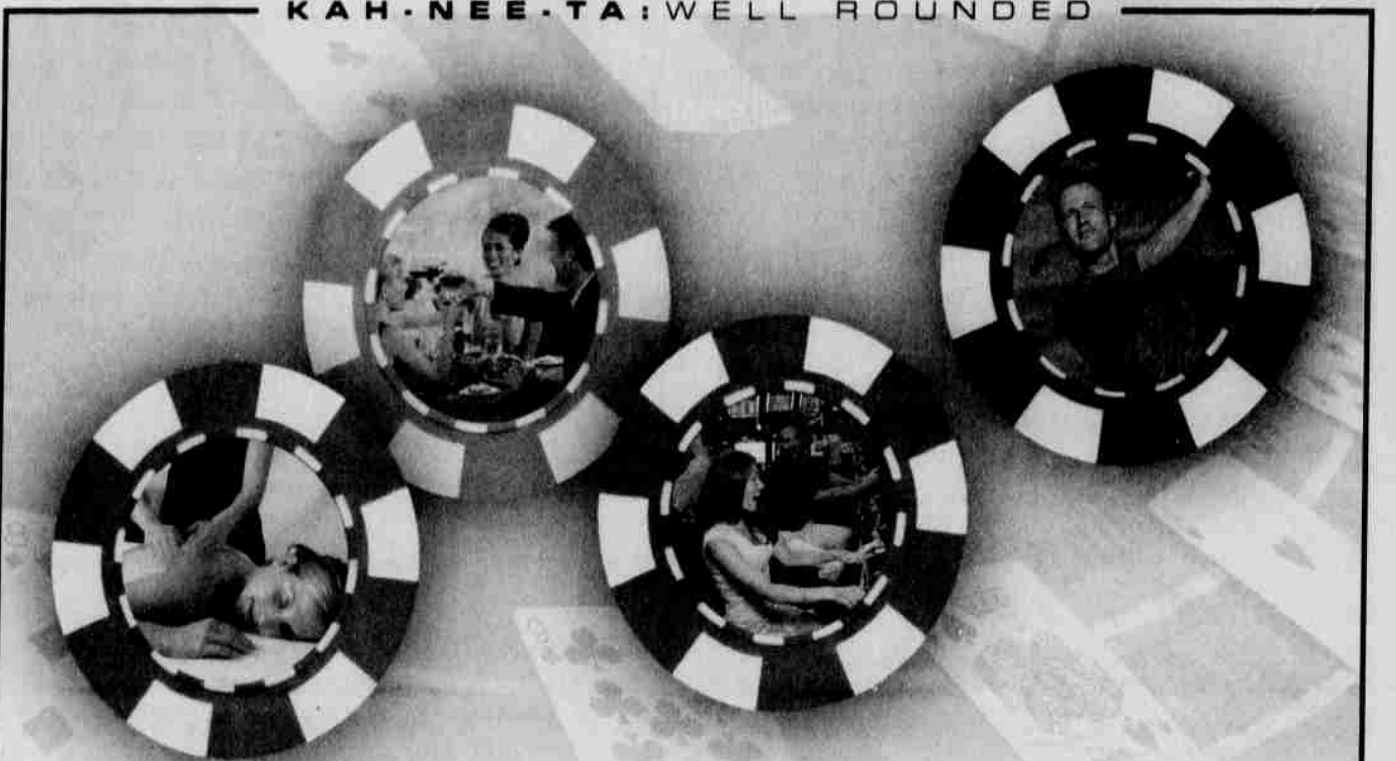
Wilson Wewa commented

that he has heard a lot of talk about the shortage of tribal revenue.

He said that many problems on the reservation will not be solved just by having more money. If you visit wealthy tribes, said Wewa, you see that just a few of the top people in the organization get rich. Wewa also said that Council and committees should justify their travel budgets.

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