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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Voice of the people: Politics all over the place!

"Your Vote Counts," This has been one of the closest races for Presidency I can remember. Usually when the voting is taking place the results are almost evident before the Western part of the country has completed voting and the losing individual concedes.

When that happens many people in the west feel that it is really not necessary to vote. They should withhold all results until all results until all of the country has completed voting, make no announcements until the next day. This way all the votes would be counted. The way it is with everyone eager to know who the President will be causes too much

confusion. Sometime the reporters and commentators get everything out of whack and screwed up. Gore and Bush, It was a tight race but it was finally settled. Some say there were a lot of tampering with the votes during the hand counting. It is a Federal offense if one would get caught tampering with votes.

The background check would also have some critical impression on an individual. It was said that Bush had a D.U.I. earlier in his life but that didn't slow him up trying for the Presidency. The Courts have stepped in to try to solve the close race. There were several absentee ballots to be counted. Gore gained some votes from the absentee ballots. No matter what kind of vote it is the vote should be counted because every person has that right to vote for who they want for President.

There should be a way to eliminate these no count candidates like all the independent candidates. They just waste the time and sometime cause confusion. People like Ralph Nader, who had no chance of any kind to win. Perhaps he is the one who tool some votes away from the two main candidates.

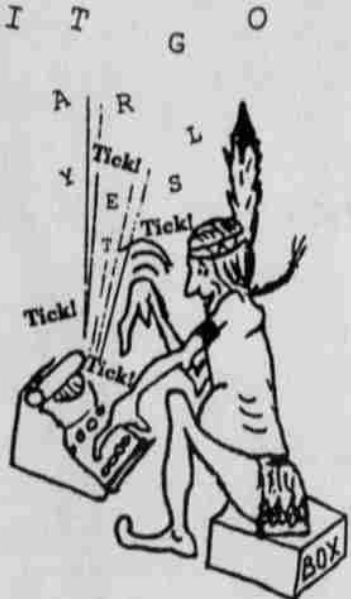
At every election there should be a primary voting and take the two with the most votes run for the presidency. This way there would only be the ones with the most votes to run and get rid of the unfit candidates. Today is 12/12/00, and we still don't know who the president will be.

No matter how the final vote comes out, I hope we have a good President.

Well, there are just a few days left until Christmas and all the towns are buzzing with Christmas shoppers. There are all kinds of sales going on, all merchants trying to out do each other for that "Buck".

At night it really is a sight to see all the homes all lit up. Some people really have ability to decorate their homes. There is a contest for the best decorated house and it will be tough for the judges whoever they are.

Well, at this time I would like this opportunity to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas, and a Most Prosperous New Year."



To the editor,
Politics all over the place! At last glance, the lawyers outnumbered the alligators two-to-one in Florida. Law-suits sprung up faster than you could say anaconda.

Does this country really want a president who has such a poor record of human rights, and led the nation in number of executions in Texas? To top it all off, one of his campaign promises was to appoint like-minded human rights people for lifetime positions to the nation's highest court.

Enough of the national scene; let's go instead to local stuff. It seems the new Madras mayor has taken it upon himself to go to Washington D.C. and try to mind the tribe's dam business. Luckily for the tribe, the agreement was already signed and down in black and white.

We made a good decision by signing this agreement for the future of our younger generations. Tribal members, remember that your vote does count, and if we all stick together and make good decisions, Warm Springs will set the stage for a really good future for generations.

Concerning the 2001 budget, it seems the people attended a couple meetings in November and had the budget explained to them. When the budget was posted on December 1, there were totally different figures than those presented to the people. Lo and behold on November 22, council

came up with a different budget and posted that on December 1.

After all the hints the people gave council about traveling too much, this December 1 budget added another \$27,000 to the council budget! Why hold meetings on the budget with the people if you're going to do as you please anyway?

Council has its meeting chambers in the Admin. Building, so why do they have to hold meetings and retreats in other states?

Under economic development there is a line item called New Revenues/Job Investments—this has not been explained to the people. Who is going to benefit from it? Is there a plan in place on how to spend this allocation?

Here is something else, council, to think about for the future of the casino: Bush has said he will shut down all Indian casinos located off reservation. Now doesn't that give council a better sense of direction on where to build a casino? Many people don't want Indian Head merged with Kahneetah Lodge. They want it built on Highway 26 on our own tribal land.

Currently, certain staff at Indian Head are evidently using selective drawings. They will pull a ticket from the cage, say it's "unreadable" then pull a different one out. There is no one there to verify that a ticket is not readable, only the person who drew

it. We see there are funds added to the budget for a fire hall for Seekseequa. Simnasho has had one for years, in addition to medic services. Sidwalter has been requesting both for at least 20 years. When is council going to start thinking about that request?

Also, Sidwalter has no designated council representative—out of the three elected, are there any volunteers?

We have heard that tribal members and MIT's are going to picket WSFPI. Maybe this will send a message loud and clear to council and WSFPI management of how they are affecting our people, and those who support tribal members. There were 72 letters sent out as part of the 60-day notice of layoff on December 8. The least number of people being laid off are non-Indians.

This is out of compliance with the affirmative action plan. Tribal members in supervisory positions are being replaced by the general manager with non-Indian supervisors. Many mill workers have told us if they are caught talking to any of our support group, or talking to Earl or Zane, they will be fired. Is this coercion or is this coercion?

Concerning credit policy, some of these need to be changed so more tribal members qualify. If they fall right on the borderline of qualifying,

give them the benefit of the doubt. We have been requested by people to remind council the 11 points in the Public Safety referendum still need to be met. Do what you know to be right.

Why is there a \$150,000 difference in the COLA line item? Tribal employees have not received a COLA for years, so why is it put in the budget every year? Is it a possible "slush fund"?

Council if you're not going to use for a tribal employee COLA, then don't put it in the budget and label it COLA. What happened to the other COLA's in previous years' budgets? Who benefited?

Also, here's something else to think about: How many good employees have we lost and how many will we lose as a result of not being up to snuff in cost of living? In the past, it has been given out several years ago as a one-time payment. Be realistic here—that is not a true COLA. After an employee is given a lump sum, they return to their regular salary.

These are the concerns tribal members have been giving to us. If you have one, don't hesitate to contact one of us. Take care and have a Great Holiday.

Daisy Ike, Shirley Sanders, Rita Squiemphen, Ginger Smith

Consider goals for yourself

To the editor,
Goals! Hey you all, it's the coming end of another year and I think it's pretty cool if we set goals for ourselves, for the New Year coming on its way.

I know I'm very fortunate, lucky I'm talented to write with my other hand.

One of my main goals for the New Year is to write more letters then to use a phone to communicate with those I know and who area a long ways from where I now am. It will save me more money to write then to

use a phone. I say writing is more convenient and cheaper to communicate with those you know and love then to use a phone.

Writing is very good to relieve stress and hurt emotions.

I want you all to have a "blessing" welcoming the New Year 2001!

Make a goal for the New Year and be a new person!

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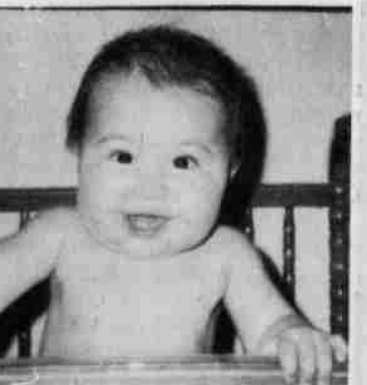
Spino Family Reunion And Birthday Dinner in honor of Lewis Spino December 16, 2000

At the Mission Longhouse, Pendleton, OR
Descendents and family of the Spino clan are invited to meet mingle and visit. The descendents of Jim and Mary Spino late of Husum, WA (George, Roy and Wesley Spino and Linton, Emily, and Mary Anne Winishut, etc.)

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Look who's 3!!!!
You are quite the character and make us all laugh. You've grown quite a bit this past year, and never seem to stop amazing us. **Happy 3rd Birthday Dalton!!!!**
Love, Mom, Dad, Paul, Nicole, Tianna, Rachelle and Charliann



Happy Birthday to our beautiful, happy, baby girl-Ellise Rose David!
We can't believe its been 1 year since you were born. It's been a good year-a fun one!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations to the new parents of a very bouncing baby boy, Eliza "Hot Dog" Greene and Albert Redhouse. **Wesley Dean Redhouse born November 29, 2000 6 lbs. 12 oz.**
Love ya, Mother & Father Neda & Jimmy



Have a swell birthday, To Ellise David
From your brother Julian

Happy 1st Birthday, Cheesie!
Love, Wheezie

Happy Belated Birthday To my first "Next door Neighbor" Chad Thurby.
We have lots of rodeos and bowling tournaments to look forward to, pal!
Love, Ellise David

Happy 1st Birthday, Chad "Scooter" Thurby!
We look forward to watching you grow up!
Love ya, Butch, Angie, Julian and Ellise David

Best wishes on your 1st Birthday Tyrese Jones!
Love you lots, little turkey boy!
Uncle Butch, Auntie Angie, Julian and Ellise

Happy 3rd Birthday Kandace
From Mom, Dad, & Uncle Earl

Happy 11th Birthday AJ
We love you lots, Mom, Dad, Kandace & Uncle Earl

Happy Anniversary to Jessie & Zack
With Love, Christine Johnson & Tyrone Ike

Happy Sweet 16 Birthday to my favorite nephew, Clay, who's never been missed!
Love, Auntie Sherri

Happy Sweet 16 Birthday to my cuz buz, Clay!
I love you will all my heart!
Love always, Juanita Lynn

Happy Birthday to my other sonny boy, Bobby Thurby, Jr.!
I love you with all my heart! Keep up your good work in school!
Love, Nanie Peters



Happy Birthday, Cuz!
Think of all the mischief we'll get into next year!
Love, Ellise

To Daisy Ike & Derrick Tasymp
Happy Birthday With lots of Love Christine Johnson

Happy Birthday Melissa Bryant Leann Wolfe Eileen Dick Angie Blackwolf JuJu Blackwolf Tasheena George Tilda Walsey Julia Begay Slood Johnson Lola Dick & Josie RedFox
With Lotsa Love Christine



Happy 12th Birthday to our son, Bobby Thurby, Jr. We love you very much and hope you have a Great Day on December 16. Thanks for always helping take care of your baby brother.
Love you always, Mom and Dad.

Happy 12th Birthday to our Yaya Bobby Thurby. We love you very much. Love Dot and Chad.

Happy Belated Birthday to Larry Scott, Sr. Glad you had a good Birthday December 5th.
Love Dena, Bobby, Dot, Jr., and Chad Thurby.

Happy Birthday to the best darn cowboy in Warm Springs, Bobby Thurby, Jr. Love, Auntie Sherri.

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It makes no difference who you vote for—the two parties are really one party representing four percent of the people.
Gore Vidal (b. 1925)

If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.
Graffiti, seen in London, 1979.

The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. this Christmas. This isn't for any religious reason. They simply have not been able to find three wise men and a virgin in the Nation's capitol.

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An old cowboy dressed to kill with cowboy shirt, hat, jeans, spurs and chaps went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat there sipping his whisky, a young lady sat down next to him.

After she ordered her drink she turned to the cowboy and asked him, "Are you a real cowboy?" "Well, I have spent my whole life on the ranch herding cows, breaking horses, mending fences... I guess I am," replied the cowboy.

After a short while he asked her what she was. "I've never been on a ranch so I'm not a cowboy," said the young woman, "but I am a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning I think of women. When I eat, shower, watch TV, everything seems to make me think of women." A short while later she left and the cowboy ordered another drink.

A couple sat down next to him and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?" "I always thought I was, but I just found out that I'm a lesbian."

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