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CLIFF GETS INTERVIEWS

TAX TIME AGAIN

NEW STAFF IN OR

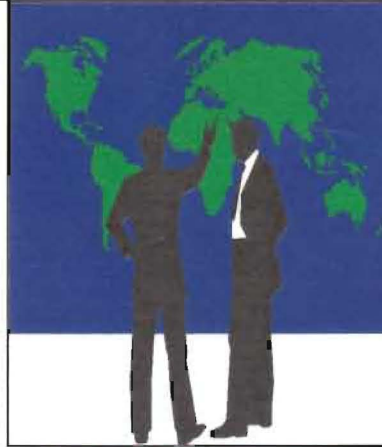
Cliff Says No Garden

Due to several offers of job interviews by a recruiter, Mr. Cliff Dick has announced that he will not be planting a garden this year. This unexpected turn around came Tuesday after a phone call from California. Said Dr. Heath "He's higher than a kite!" The OR staff are hoping for his good mood to continue.

Tax time brought an increase in salesmen coming through Chinle Hospital as people scrambled for cash. Unfortunately there was also a decrease in buying for the same reason. The Post Office was not particularly busy, however, showing that many had prepared ahead this year.

Dr. Heath is reported to be absolutely delighted with her new 1.275 gig hard drive. "I *love* it" she said, adding "I have almost 2 gigs now!" She obtained the drive in Phoenix, at CompUSA, and despite a slightly rocky start, now has the computer up and running smoothly.

Thanks to the purchase of an electronic guitar tuner (in Phoenix) Dr. Heath has also discovered the joy of playing guitar. She now spends at least an hour a night practicing. "It actually sounds *good*," she said with amazement. "Before I would spend HOURS trying to tune it, & it STILL sounded bad." Shadow, however, is unsure that it sounds improved.



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Cows, horses, and sheep were all in happy states this month as the green grass continued, much to the surprise of locals. Despite an unexpected blizzard all the plants are doing well this year, with bulbs in particular abundance.

Easter was fairly quiet on the Reservation, although marking the start of a new round of Hopi rain dances.

Juanita Preston's birthday was celebrated in style in the OR this year with a "red shoe" cake and ice cream. Although a chocolate cake *was* ordered, it turned out to be a white cake. Ms Finlay stated "Somehow it just figures!" Juanita saved the red shoe drawing in the icing. "I *knew* you were a wild one" said Mr. Dick with a laugh.

Bob quote "Uh huh..."

May Brings New Blood

Beverly started this month. She is a new Navaho RN working in the OR at Chinle. So far, despite rumors to the contrary engendered by months of delay in agreeing to come, she seems a very pleasant individual. Certainly her courage cannot be faulted with taking on the OR crew here.

New TV shows seem to be having variable starts this year. Star Trek: Voyager has potential, but as Ms Finlay wailed "They're *already* having repeats! And it just *started!*" The Marshal seems to be doing much better, but is changing time slots for no known reason.



Certainly the female contingent watching has had no complaints and the stories have been both varied and interesting. VR5 is another new show with a promising (& different) look.

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JCAH REVIEWS CHINLE

ANESTHESIA MEETING

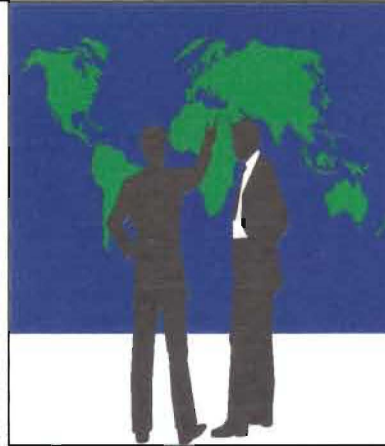
MORE MOVIES!

Chinle Hospital Reviewed

Dismay flooded Chinle Hospital as employees struggled to prepare for JCAH's review. Gloria was asking for valium and planning on a weekend migraine attack. Secretaries were humming trying to complete last minute paperwork. Reviewers seemed less than pleased with what they found, particularly the fact that the hospital had left the position of infectious disease officer vacant for over a year. Rumor has it that Chinle will receive at least two Type I deficiencies. Mr. Tso, however, seemed to be totally oblivious to what this could mean.

Bob quote: "Somehow that figures."

Although the OR managed to pull together for the JCAH review, tensions are expected to rise soon. Beverly, the new Navaho RN is fitting in well so far (she starts taking solo call soon) but as Ms. Finlay is putting in her notice, the OR will once again be short staffed soon and looking for applicants. One hopes it takes less time to find a replacement this time. Mr. Dick alternately threatens to return to ER, quit, or remain in the Chinle OR forever. One is uncertain which threat is supposed to be the most terrible.



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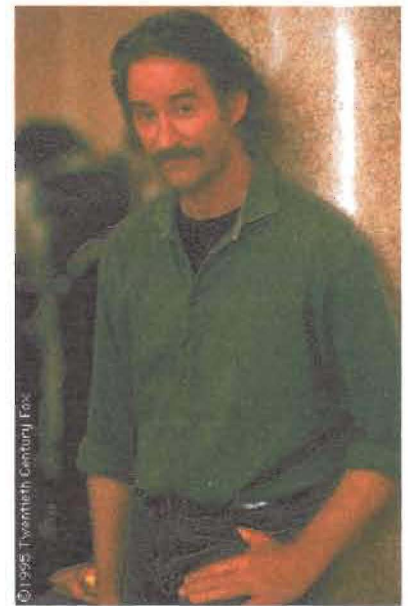
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Cows, have been particularly active on the roads to the dismay of unwary tourists. A full weed crop is in, thanks to the rain earlier this year. If any crops were planted this year they are not visible. Dr. Heath does however report a good turnout of daffodils.

Dr. Heath is off to Chicago for a full week of anesthesia review May 12th-20th. She is also taking off from the 3rd to the 12th off. "I just need a break from this place" she said. She is expecting guests from out-of-town during this time and has been busy cleaning the house and mowing the yard. She is planning only short day trips around the area with her guests. She is also hoping to catch a few of the new summer movies during her time off.

A Good Year for Movies

Summer movies are here and it is already looking like a promising year for the big screen. Already out is "While You Were Sleeping" is a delightful little romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman, two stars with great chemistry together. I give it ****. Likewise our hopes are high for romantic comedy *French Kiss* which opens next week. Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan star. Kevin is nearly unrecognizable as the Frenchman. Previews look extremely promising.



Batman Returns is also comes to theaters this June. Between the tremendously talented actors hired and the incredible set designs one can only hope that the budget for

writers was not nonexistent. Of course with the talents that have been assembled, a lot of poor writing could be glossed over.



Val Kilmer and Chris O'Donnell
in "Batman Forever."

On the TV front, **Babylon 5** continues its new season shows (after a brief run of repeats) with an escalation in the battle with the Shadows. Speculation on the relationship of the Vorlons to Captain Sheridan is rampant, but so far the clues have been sparse. The Babylon 5 soundtrack is available on CD now, and the information for ordering it can be obtained via Compuserve.



The Marshall had one episode on Monday night and then quietly disappeared. There is no word as to what happened to it or whether it will be back. **Star Trek: Voyager** is gaining in strength and popularity. Consensus is that the Captain is good, and the holographic doctor is fun. Unlike **Deep Space Nine** it has had some good writing and shows promise of being as popular ultimately as its predecessors. "Only time will tell, though" sighed Dr. Heath.

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Dr. Heath was out pounding in fence this weekend. "Ever since they replaced the fence with a 6 inch gap at the bottom I've had dogs in and out of my yard constantly and I'm SICK of it" she said grimly. It is to be hoped that the addition will be successful.

It's that time of year again. The weather was warm enough that Dr. Heath finally hung up her hummingbird feeder.

Gary Russell King has finally made the move to Shiprock. His last day was the last day of the JCAH review. Although he was noted to look quite grim during the review, it was thought that he really was looking forward to his transfer. As Chinle was the first Navaho Area Hospital reviewed, Dr. Heath has noted that this means he will also be running Shiprock's medical records department when it goes up for it's visit from JCAH. "He must be a glutton for punishment" she stated, "but at least he knows exactly what they will be looking for."

Obituary: The OR microwave finally died last Thursday. Those familiar with it said it had a hard life. Towards the end, the smell of burning wiring/insulation got pretty bad. "It smelled like a burning cigarette" was Ms. Finlay's comment. Drs. Adams, Petrick, Poellot and Heath have replaced it with an 800 watt Sharp Microwave. It is hoped it will have a long and productive life.

Dr. Heath continues to practice her guitar much to the dismay of her cat. "I don't know why she runs out of the room every time I reach for the guitar case...it's even in tune now thanks to the electronic tuner."

There are rumors of a gremlin living inside Mr. Dick's computer. "Things just disappear...first parts of one program, then another and now I've lost my sound card." Although he keeps saying he's going to have Dr. Heath come over

and troubleshoot his machine, he keeps putting it off. She has suggested he just try reloading.



The old Mr. Coffee machine (with the broken pot) has finally been replaced (the day before the JCAH review) with a brand new Mr. Coffee from Sam's Club with a spigot, so no pot is required. Many have commented on its attractive and professional appearance.

After months in the shop, Mr. Dicks very own Res Rocket is said to be fully repaired and ready to return to Chinle for sale. Ms. Preston is discussing its possible purchase for her mother. "I want my truck back!" she stated emphatically. "If my family has another ride they won't always be borrowing mine!"

It looks like another summer with roads torn up for construction here in Chinle. Work has finally begun to prepare for widening Route 7. New drains and telephone poles have been placed an extra 8 feet back from the edge of the old road. Those living in the old PHS housing are glum about trying to drive through the construction area.

Dr. Frank Mendoza was pleased to announce that he has passed his written pediatric dental board exam. This is part two of three parts to become fully boarded. "Now I just have to send in some case reviews." He stated. He is celebrating by buying a new DX4 computer with 16 MB RAM and a double speed CD-ROM.

Dr. Heath finally replaced her GO VIDEO VCR with a Mitsubishi S-VHS machine. "It really looks nice" she said, "and now I can edit from my B&O VCR (also S-VHS).