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## Choctaw Nation signs military contracts

DURANT, Okla. (AP) — The Choctaw Nation will receive more than \$3.1 million through contracts for medical personnel with U.S. military agencies, the tribe says.

Chief Gregory Pyle announced Monday Choctaw Nation Management/Services Enterprise will provide the U.S. Army with four physician's assistants for five years as part of a \$2.2 million contract.

The physician's assistants will serve at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

He said he also will sign a \$920,000 contract with the Veterans Administration. The agreement calls for the tribe to provide seven medical clerks to Darnell Army Community Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas.

The tribe launched its management and ser-

vice firm last spring, Tommy Harris, administrative assistant for the Choctaw Nation company, said. The tribe is authorized to receive contracts through the Small Business Administration.

"Our main area of expertise is the health-related field," he said.

The tribe hires the medical personnel and handles administrative duties, such as payroll. The government approves the credentials of the firm's medical employees, he said.

"In these times of budget constraints on the government, I think the military sees it as more cost-effective to outsource these services," Harris said.

The Army contract is expected to generate \$440,000 annually for the tribe. The Veterans Administration contract will bring in an average annual income of \$184,000.

## Affirmative action order possible for Texas schools

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Education could order Texas' public universities to use affirmative action in admissions if it is determined segregation still exists at the schools.

Any federal orders issued, however, would be so specific and short-term that they would not clash with the current affirmative action ban at Texas colleges, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Norma Cantu said Monday.

Cantu told about 300 university officials gathered in Washington, D.C. the department would recommend race-blind

solutions first, using affirmative action only as a last resort.

The government is reviewing Texas and other Southern states to determine whether formerly segregated school systems have been integrated.

The review of more than 100 public universities, community colleges and medical schools in Texas began only recently, and its findings will not be known until next year at the earliest, Cantu told the Houston Chronicle.

Texas colleges and professional schools have been using race-neutral policies in admis-

sions and scholarships after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unconstitutional the University of Texas law school's policy of considering black and Hispanic applicants separately from whites.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling to mean the end of affirmative action in admissions and scholarships in public colleges in Texas.

Cantu sparked controversy and confusion on Texas college campuses earlier this year when she said Morales' interpretation was too broad.

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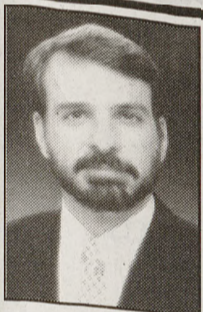
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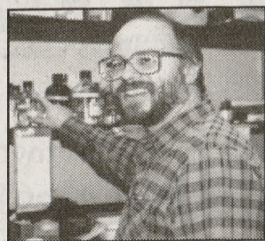
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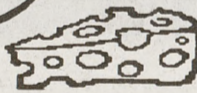
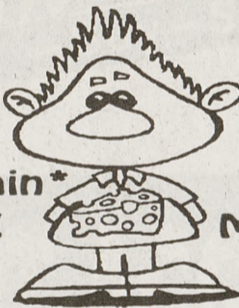
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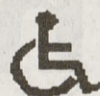
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