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this bill is to make sure landowners are not penalized and that they can keep that agricultural valuation if they convert their land to a hunting or nature preserve," said Williams.

Williams said that he decided to introduce this legislation after looking at how the issue was handled in Texas.

"They had to pass a constitutional amendment to do this in Texas, so I thought I should look into the situation in Oklahoma," he said. "I don't want the tax issue to discourage landowners from converting agricultural land to hunting or nature preserves and that's why I'm bringing this bill."

Senate Bill 1004 was debated and passed by the Senate on Feb.27. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives.

CULTURAL AWARENESS TOPIC OF PR MEETING

From Oklahoma City Chapter, Public Relations Society of America

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Cultural awareness is the topic of the March meeting of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

The meeting is slated for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 20 at Applewoods Restaurant near Reno and Meridian in Oklahoma City.

The program, entitled, "Tapestry Threads: Weaving Cultural Awareness Into Your Public Relations Tapestry," will focus on increasing public relations professionals' multicultural awareness.

"A panel of speakers from different cultural backgrounds will participate in a question-and-answer session concerning their work in communications," said Kevan Goff-Parker, chair of PRSA's Multicultural Committee. "Language, traditions and other issues probably will be topics of conversation."

The panel will include representatives from the news media, state government, schools, charitable organizations, and corporations. Confirmed to speak are:

- Carla Hinton, staff writer covering multicultural issues for *The Daily Oklahoman*;
- Vinh Tran, administrator of support services for the Oklahoma City Public Schools;
- Ann Dee Lee, marketing communications specialist with the state Commerce Department;
- Sherry Kast, communications director of United National Indian Tribal Youth;
- Jack Karhll, physically challenged customer service supervisor for the American Red Cross Tissue Services; and

-Peter A. Villarreal, external communications specialist, and Susan Harkness, advertising coordinator, from OG&E Electric Services' corporate communications department.

Cost for the meeting, which includes lunch, is \$10 for PRSA members and students while the cost is \$13 for nonmembers. The public is invited.

PROSTATE DISEASE TRIAL TO STUDY 3,000

From U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

■(WASHINGTON) The largest and longest study to test whether drugs can stop noncancerous prostate growth is recruiting 3,000 men at 17 centers, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced today.

The Medical Therapy of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Trial will test whether the oral drugs finasteride (Proscar) and doxazosin (Cardura) will prevent further growth of the prostate that might require more expensive treatment such as surgery.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved finasteride in 1992 and doxazosin in 1995

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