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THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES OKLAHOMA'S J.C. WATTS ONE OF TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG AMERICANS FOR 1996

■(WASHINGTON) The USJCC have announced the ten outstanding young Americans for 1996. Among them is Oklahoma's own J.C. Watts Jr., 38, of Eufaula. Watts is a former Oklahoma University football player and Canadian Football League player who became the first African-American Republican since Reconstruction to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from a state south of the Mason-Dixon line. Oklahoma is proud to have one of its own, listed as one of ten in the United States receiving this great honor.

Others named with Mr. Watts include: Jon Christensen, Omaha, Nebraska; Charles E. Davis, Nashville, Tennessee; Robin Louann Davis, Opp, Alabama; John Ingram deLashment, Jr., High Point, North Carolina; Scott F. O'Grady, Seattle, Washington; Harold Craig Reynolds, Eugene, Oregon; Neil Smith, Kansas City, Missouri; Susan Leigh Still, Augusta, Georgia; Theodore Waitt, Sioux City, Iowa.

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MEDICINE

PROSTATE DISEASE TRIAL TO STUDY 3,000

■(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.

BPH is an expensive disease. About 7.5 million men have BPH, with about 250,000 men needing prostate surgery each year. All forms of treatment for BPH cost an estimated \$5 billion each year, and as the U.S. population ages, these costs will increase.

"By the year 2000, the number of men over 50 will have increased by 25 percent, and we estimate that about 9 million men will have symptoms of BPH," says Steven Kaplan, M.D., a trial physician at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in the New York City.

Men can call toll-free 1-800-BPH-1221 to locate the nearest participating medical center.

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