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Consol. Fund

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budget for the 1981 drive. Notices had been sent to organizations funded to get requests and get information concerning administration cost as it compares to help given but very little response was received.

Melburn Sibley, Consolidated Fund President, presided.

The directors, after considerable discussion, voted to adopt a \$12,000 budget for the 1981 drive with the same participating agencies, but with some adjustments made in allocations to the respective participants.

The budget adopted included tentative allocations to agencies as follows: Boy Scouts \$1000, Youth Development

- ★ Thursday, Aug. 6 - **Southfork Beer Bust**
- ★ Friday, Aug. 7 - **Backstage and Brown Sugar**
- ★ Saturday, Aug. 8 - **Carlos Miranda**

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Benavidez

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Cuero Aug. 5, 1985 but moved to El Campo to live with an aunt and uncle following death of his parents. In El Campo schools he lettered in track and participated on the state level in Golden Gloves competition.

He began his military career in the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard at El Campo, and enlisted into the active Army at the age of 18. After completing infantry basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. and Fort Carson, Colo. He served as a rifleman and squad leader with the 7th Infantry Division, 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea. He later served with the 6th Infantry Regiment in Berlin.

After some state-side duty with the Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Ga. in 1968, Sergeant Benavidez volunteered for Special Forces Training and was assigned to the 325th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

With the build-up in Vietnam, he was sent to that country with the Military Advisory Group and was wounded and temporarily paralyzed from the waist down.

After recovery at Brooke Army Medical Center, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne and Staff Sergeant Benavidez volunteered for Special Forces Training and attended Operational and Intelligence School. He returned to Vietnam in early 1968 and on May 2, 1968 Benavidez distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty by the valorous action that won him the Distinguished Service Cross.

He continued in the service until Sept. of 1976 at which time he was given a medical discharge with 80 percent disability and this is being considered for change to 100 percent disability.

Master Sergeant Benavidez's decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, three Purple Hearts (with two more earned but not issued), Army Commendation, Good Conduct, Army Occupation, and Vietnam Service Medal. U.S. Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Parachutist Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, the Vietnamese State Presidential Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Army Expeditionary Medal.

He and his wife and two children reside in El Campo and he is pursuing an associate of arts degree at Wharton County Junior College and spending much time in speaking engagements throughout the country.

The President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, as authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1963,

(local youth activities) \$1000, Girl Scouts \$100, Little League \$500, Little League Capital Improvements \$1000, Texas Rehabilitation Center \$250, Salvation Army \$1300, Red Cross \$1300, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research \$1000, Alcoholism Council \$250, Mental Health and Mental Retardation \$750, USO \$100, CROP \$750, and Local Relief \$2200. Also \$500 was set aside for supplies and advertising.

The 1981 drive quota is only \$119 more than the 1980 quota of \$11,881.

Agencies will be notified again to provide the board with information concerning administrative costs and prospective use of funds allocated for consideration at the time of final allocation at the completion of the 1981 drive.

Victor A. Scott has volunteered to serve as chairman of the fund drive.

The board voted to disburse \$500 allocated in the 1980 drive to youth development as follows: \$250 to the Little League and \$250 to local scouting activities.

Since the Consolidated Fund is a member of The United Way, the board voted to incorporate into its advertising and promotion the symbols of the open hands used by The United Way.

Truck Demolished in Wreck



Driver of this demolished 1978 Mack Truck walked away with only minor injuries before it burst into flames.

Serious injuries to one person and minor injuries to another resulted in an awesome head-on collision on Farm to Market Road 102 in Bonus community south of Eagle Lake in Wharton County, about 7:50 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The accident, according to investigating officer DPS Trooper Tom Wilson of the Wharton station, involved a 1978 Oldsmobile driven by Luis Mendoza of Eagle Lake and a 1978 Mack truck and trailer, driven by gravel, driven by Douglas Richey of Glen Flora.

According to Wilson's report, Richey was headed south on FM 102 and Mendoza had just turned north onto FM 102 off of County Road 240. Richey attempted to avoid the collision hitting his brakes and swerving to the left but the Mendoza vehicle continued on across the center stripe and a head-on collision resulted in the northbound lane, said the report.

Skid marks indicated that the Mack truck skidded approximately 60 feet before

the impact and that the Mendoza vehicle was knocked backwards another 38 feet before coming to a stop, said the report, adding that Richey's truck continued on into a field, overturned and caught fire.

Mendoza was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps and later transferred by Life Flight helicopter to Hermann Hospital in Houston. She was reported to be in serious condition with numerous internal injuries.

Richey incredibly escaped serious injury despite devastating damage to his truck and the ensuing fire that completely destroyed the cab. He was able to exit from the vehicle before the blaze erupted and was taken to the Eagle Lake hospital about 45 minutes later by a private vehicle.

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department dispatched four units to the scene of the accident, which was about four miles south of the Colorado County line, to extinguish the blaze and clear debris from the highway.

Driver Hurt In Head-on Crash



Luis Mendoza of Rt. 1 Eagle Lake remains in serious condition in a Houston hospital from injuries received when her car, shown above, turned into the path of an oncoming gravel truck on FM 102 South Tuesday about 7:50 a.m.

awarded in the name of the Congress the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Benavidez earlier this year for "exceptional gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

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ABOUT TOWN

* In our story last week on "Benchmarks" for 1981-82 School Budgets we transported a couple of numbers which we would like to correct. The average salary for Columbus Independent School District teachers was listed at \$13,242 and should have been \$13,424. This compares with the average salary for teachers in the Rice District for the 1979-80 year of \$13,368 and for Weimar, \$13,393. We're happy to make this correction pointed out to us by Columbus ISD Supt. John Saul.

* Mary Canaris was pleasantly surprised last week to receive a letter from the Johnny Carson "Tonight" Show acknowledging the fact that Mary sent in some interesting information from recent Dear Abby columns in the Houston Post.

The note said in part, "we enjoy hearing from our viewers and we appreciate your interest in the Tonight Show." The letter went on to say that due to last minute contingencies, we are unable to notify you when and if your submission will be used on the air."

Mary noted that Johnny Carson and her brother John Canaris were in U.S. Navy Officers' training program together during World War II. Since their surnames were near each other alphabetically, John and Johnny usually mustered side by side while attending the Naval training at Millspaugh College in Jackson, Mississippi.

Master Joseph Grigar of Lockhart spent Wednesday through Saturday here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Frink. On Thursday evening, they enjoyed the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in the Summit in Houston.

* Paula Baumgarten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baumgarten of Garwood and a member of the Colorado 4-H Horse Club, recently participated in the Texas 4-H Horse Show held in Waco. Paula's efforts earned her a 17th place award in the barrel racing event. There were 90 entrants in this event.

* Sgt. Benavidez's gallant choice to join voluntarily his comrades who were in critical straits, to expose himself constantly to withering enemy fire, and his refusal to be stopped despite numerous severe wounds, saved the lives of at least eight men.

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* It's a mixed-up world. It took two months to bring the baseball players strike to a successful conclusion and a strike by postal workers was averted by last-minute action. But now the flight controllers are on strike throwing many of the nation's airports into a turmoil.

The 1981 baseball season resumes with the all-star game in Cleveland Sunday and on Monday the regular schedule continues.

2 Hospitalized In Accident East Of EL On 3013 Wed.

Two persons were hospitalized with serious injuries when the flatbed truck in which they were riding collided with a trailer being pulled by a pickup truck and then rolled over several times coming to a stop on the vehicle's top. The accident occurred at 5:20 p.m. on Wednesday of last week, July 29th, four miles east of Eagle Lake on Farm to Market Road 3013.

Highway Patrolman Ray Munsell of Eagle Lake station investigated the accident. His report showed that a flatbed truck was being driven east on 3013 by Tony Martin of Brenham and attempted to pass a pickup truck pulling a trailer, also headed east, on 3013, when Martin spotted an oncoming vehicle and in getting back into his lane, collided with the trailer being pulled by the pickup and the flatbed truck went out of control and rolled over several times, throwing the three occupants of the truck from the vehicle.

Martin and Larry White of Brenham were transported to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Ambulance and the Fire Department's emergency vehicle. Martin was later transferred to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. White was confined to the hospital here for treatment of severe lacerations about the face. The third passenger in the truck was not injured.

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Rice Cheerleaders Win Awards AT SWT Camp



Leading the cheers for the 1981-82 Rice High School Raiders football season will be these six young ladies. They are: left to right, Cindy Rodriguez, Karen Buska, Becky

Benge, Lisa Parker, Leslie Harrison and Laurie Bubala. They were awarded five blue superior ribbons, 2 red excellent ribbons, and five spirit sticks for their performances at the

Universal Cheerleading Association camp at Southwest Texas State University from Aug. 3-7. Photo by Bert Tine. See story on page 6.

Project Director Authorized To Complete Ct. House Restoration

Willrodt To Direct Completion; Costs To Be Deducted From Contract

Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday moved toward a quick completion of the courthouse restoration project when the court authorized the project director, Arthur J. Willrodt of Associates of Columbus, to hire personnel needed to complete deficiencies which had been reported to the contractor on several occasions during the past six months and to deduct such costs from the funds being withheld from the original \$66,700 contract price.

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in the courthouse. He pointed out that the alarm went off once Saturday and again on Sunday.

The contractor assigned a master electrician to test all cancer units in the courthouse recently and he

spent a night in the courthouse at which time the alarm sounded twice from the area of the vault in the county clerk's office. The electrician reported that he

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Rice CISD School Lunch Prices Are Increased For 1981-82

The cost of school lunches and breakfasts in the Rice School District will be going up in the 1981-82 school year as the result of increases approved by the board of education in session Monday night.

The increases approved by the board were: adult lunches up from \$1.10 to \$1.35; high school students, up from 75c to \$1.00; elementary and junior high students, up from 65c to 85c; paid breakfasts up from 10c to 30c; reduced price lunches up from 20c to 40c; but cost of extra milk will remain the same at 25c.

Supt. Harold King reminded the board members that the district received a 3c lunch cut back in government funds last December and he

is anticipating a further cut back of 8c per lunch.

"We would have lost money in 1980-81 if it were not for the Rice High School's snack bar," said the superintendent. "As it was, we came out in the black by \$171.74."

He added that the recommended lunch prices are a sizeable increase but are in line with most area schools and "are a necessary unless we prefer to supplement the lunchroom with other funds."

The superintendent and board praised the work of Mrs. Mabel Franklin, director of food services for the Rice District, for her work in keeping the lunchroom program operating as efficiently as possible in order to keep lunchroom prices as low as possible.

Gas Producers At Rock Is., Altair; E.L. Area Tests Slated

Three oil and gas explorations in the Eagle Lake area and successful completions in the Altair and Rock Island areas highlight oil and gas activities this week.

Sue-Ann Operating Co. of Houston will drill a shallow wildcat 2.5 miles west of Chesterville in the No. 1 Clara M. Anderson. The well is projected to a depth of 2,175 feet and is in a 320-acre tract in the George McCormick Survey of Colorado County.

Another area location is the Pomeroy Co. of Houston No. 1 Loma Dixon et al to be drilled in the Ramsey Field six miles north of Eagle Lake. The well is projected to a maximum depth of 10,500 feet and will be in a 844-acre lease in the Peter K. Bartleson Survey.

New drilling locations seven miles west of Garwood and 3.5 miles southwest of Nada, are also reported.

Paul E. Cameron, Jr., Inc. of Houston has been issued permit to drill a 3,750-foot wildcat west of Garwood. The No. 1 Lehrer-Roberts is in a 452-acre lease in the T&G-NR Survey.

Sandlin Development Inc. of Sugar Land has staked 7,500-ft. wildcat southwest of Nada in the No. 2 L. E. Engstrom. The test will be in the G&HRR Survey.

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County Tax Officer Henry J. Hajovsky had submitted to the court a calculated rate of 27.146 cents per \$100 which would have brought revenue equal to the 1980 tax income. Adjusting the tax rate to the 100% of market value, now required under state statute, the calculated rate for the additional ad valorem tax was 7.162c per \$100 valuation and the calculated rate for debt service and general operation was 19.984 cents per \$100, or a total of 27.146c.

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For the purpose of considering the 3c percent increase the calculated rate for additional ad valorem was 8c and for ad valorem 20c. Adding three percent to these rounded off rates, enabled the court to approve an 8.2c per \$100 rate for additional ad valorem and 20.6c per \$100 rate for ad valorem taxes for 1981 without a public hearing required.

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New Rate Is 28.8%; Public Hearing Will Not Be Necessary

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