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Robbery may be motive in teens' slayings

By Dick Stanley
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Austin police, calling the killings of four teen-age girls in a Northwest Austin yogurt shop among the worst they had ever seen, said Saturday that robbery was the apparent motive.

The girls, each shot in the head and severely injured, were found early Saturday in the "I Can't Believe It's Yogurt" store, 2915 W. Anderson Lane, after firefighters extinguished a fire in the building.

Police, who relied in federal arson investigations for their expertise, said the blame

up Friday night, authorities said. Firefighters and police were shaken by the slayings, describing them as senseless and brutal and, like many other recent homicides in Austin and elsewhere in Texas, possibly drug-related. They brought to 49 the number of homicides in Austin in 1991, equal to the number of homicides for all of 1990.

Investigators said they had no suspects.

The first thing that comes to mind is crack cocaine," said Sgt. Mike Hockaday, a homicide detective. "I've been in homicide a pretty good time and this is the

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Eliza Thomas, 17



Jennifer Harbison, 17



Sarah Harbison, 15

Amy Ayers, 13

WINNERS

U.S., Japan now bonded in partnership born of fire

By T.R. Reid
Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Who won World War II? As Americans from the White House to Waikiki marked the week attack on Pearl Harbor that pulled the United States into World War II exactly 50 years ago, the question at first seems absurdly simple.

Any history text — even in Japan, where World War II gets perfunctory treatment at best — can tell you that an outpouring of U.S. military and manufacturing might reduced Japan to a shattered rubble of abject defeat just 45 months after that surprise Sunday morning raid on Hawaii.

But with the perspective of 50 years' passage, some Americans say Japan has emerged as the real winner. At a time when such icons of Americans as Rockefeller Center, Freedom Tower, Pebble Beach, and 7-Eleven convenience stores have become Japanese property, when the most popular car in America bears the nameplate "Honda," and when the U.S. Treasury extends a lending hand toward Tokyo for billions of dollars in loans every month, the argument is understandable.

Yet scholars, diplomats and business leaders on both sides of the Pacific say the whole question of winners and losers misses the fundamental result of the war: The United States and Japan, erstwhile adversaries, have become inextricably bonded in a vast network of mutual dependence.

With the usual propensity to turn things upside-down, fate has arranged that the same implacable enemies that waged total war under slogans like "Kill Meek Japan" and "Make the Western Barbarians" now have no choice but to work together as partners on the global stage. To



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Pearl Harbor survivors Elmer Childress, left, and Wilbur Blanchette will wear an honor guard made up of Texas Military Institute students at a commemoration ceremony in Fredericksburg. Both received congressional medals. "We aren't done, we're not back," Childress says. "We want to keep America alert."

For Central Texas survivors, a gathering to remember

By Enrique J. Gonzalez
Austin-American-Statesman Staff

FREDERICKSBURG — At the moment almost exactly 49 years to the minute after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, 54 survivors of that infamous day and more than 500 others bowed their heads in silence at a ceremony here.

The survivors, from all over Central Texas and the Hill Country, gathered Saturday morning to remember, to recall old stories and to visit with

other survivors in the courtyard of the Admiral Nimitz Museum. At 11:55 a.m. the crowd marked the 50th anniversary of the attack that propelled the United States into World War II.

During a minute of silence, tears were shed. A 1941 Ryan Primary Trainer painted in Army Air Corps colors flew overhead.

A chime from the naval detachment at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo sang the Navy Hymn and God

Officials say Israel sold Iran U.S. arms

Reagan White House allegedly OK'd sales

By Seymour M. Hersh
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Soon after taking office in 1981, the Reagan administration secretly and abruptly changed U.S. policy and allowed Israel to sell several billion dollars' worth of American-made arms, spare parts and ammunition to the Iranian government, according to former senior Reagan administration officials and Israeli officials.

The flow of arms began just months after the American hostages seized at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 were released on Jan. 20, 1981.

The United States specifically authorized Israel to make the sales to Iran for a period that by different accounts ranged from six to 18 months. But the United States watched them continue after that, even as the Reagan administration aggressively promoted a public campaign to stop worldwide transfers of military goods to Iran.

Reports since 1981 have linked Israel to the sale of some American-made arms and spare parts to Iran in the early 1980s, but no U.S. government authority for those sales has been publicly demonstrated before now.

The change in policy came before the Iran-sponsored seizure of American hostages in Lebanon began in 1982. Those kidnappings eventually led the White House to trade arms for hostages in the Iran-Contra affair.

Iran in the early 1980s was in dire need of arms and spare parts for its American-made arsenal to defend itself against Iraq, which had attacked it in September 1980. Israel was interested in keeping the war between Iran and Iraq going to keep these two potential en-

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Donations, volunteerism down, but charities are hanging tough

By Mary Jacoby
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Increasing unemployment, falling orders for consumer goods, weak housing sales. These are economists' abstract measures of the recession that has dogged the country since the summer.

In human terms, however, the indicators mean suffering for people like Cynthia Bergey, who is living temporarily with her six children in one room at the Salvation Army in downtown Austin.

"I literally have nowhere to go," said Bergey, 35, who returned to Austin from East Texas recently in hope of finding a job that pays more than minimum wage. After a week at a friend's house, Bergey still had not found an apartment she could afford.

No longer able to stay at her friend's, she came to the



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obviously accustomed to a much better lifestyle," said Ron Goughstein executive director of Caritas, which provides emergency rent, utility and other assistance. Bergey, who has been married twice, blames her

Salvation Army for shelter.

As the recession fingers, local social service agencies are seeing more people like Bergey pass through their doors than in previous years. Demand for emergency assistance is up at a time when individual money contributions are down, the agencies say.

And the difference this year is not only in numbers but also in the kinds of people seeking assistance, social workers say.

"We are seeing more families that are in this rut. The people are, frankly, wearing better clothes, and they are obviously accustomed to a much better lifestyle," said Ron Goughstein executive director of Caritas, which provides emergency rent, utility and other assistance. Bergey, who has been married twice, blames her

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Cynthia Bergey is living temporarily with her six children at the Salvation Army in downtown Austin. "I literally have nowhere to go," she says.