

## Project

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of federal interest in the historical corridor," Canoso said. "Indirectly, more funds may be available for preservation of these buildings."

Paul Delinsky, principal architect with the Historical American Buildings Survey, recently took a three-day tour of many of the historical corridor, and was impressed with what he saw.

"The Los Caninos corridor is truly impressive," Delinsky said. "After traveling through the corridor area, I saw a number of structures that were of transcendental interest and was quite taken by the reverence South Texans have for their buildings."

The Historic American Buildings Survey was created in 1933 to provide unemployed architects, draftsmen and photographers with jobs, according to Texas Historical Commission architect Mario Sanchez.

"They came down here and visited buildings in Brownsville, Rio Grande City and San Ygnacio," Sanchez said. "Everything you can think of was drawn and measured, and they even traced the keyholes in the doors to see what the keys looked like."

Additional documentation work in the project proposed by the Historic American Buildings Survey would be tremendously valuable, according to Sanchez.

"It's the correct first step to take in building restoration," Sanchez said. "I am extremely enthusiastic about the favorable response and

the comments about the quality of the buildings in the corridor." Ideally, groups of 30 to 40 architecture students each — representing both the United States and Mexico — would be assigned to areas along the corridor, Sanchez said.

For example, on the United States side, there would be four regions. They would each concentrate in the Laredo-San Ygnacio area, the Rio Grande City-Roma area, Hidalgo County, and Cameron County, Sanchez said.

Schools of architecture in both the United States and in Mexico will be culled and top students will be selected for the project, Delinsky said.

"It's an ambitious effort and one we are hoping to achieve this summer," Delinsky said.

During the project, each of the buildings and sites selected for the survey would be documented through drawings, photography and a historical narrative, Delinsky said. The buildings could number more than 20.

Los Caninos Del Rio will focus on the development of historical resources in the Texas border towns of Laredo, San Ygnacio, Zapata, Roma, Rio Grande City, Los Ebanos, Hidalgo and Brownsville.

On the Mexico side, the focus will be on the communities of Colombia, Nuevo Laredo, Guerrero Victoria, Mier, Camargo, Ciudad Diaz Ordaz, Reynosa, Nuevo Progreso and Matamoros.

## AUSTIN

### Executed teens found in charred yogurt store

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The bodies of four teen-age girls were found early Saturday in a yogurt store, each shot in the head and badly burned from a fire inside the establishment, police said.

Their bodies were discovered shortly after midnight after firefighters extinguished a two-alarm blaze at the store. Police said robbery may have been a motive for the slayings and fire.

Police said they have to suspect in the case and were asking any customers who were in the store at the time to come forward and talk to them.

"I've been on the force 10 years and lived in Austin 20 years and this is the worst I remember," said Sgt. Scott Cary.

The victims, all from Austin, were identified as Jennifer Harbison, 14; her sister, Sarah Harbison, 15; Eliza Thomas, 17; and Amy

Will, someone who's high on drugs," homicide detective John Jones said KLBZ Radio.

"I certainly hope so, because it doesn't look like the set of a sane, national individual," he said.

Cary said police had not ruled out the possibility that the small, or someone knew one or more of the victims.

A police officer on patrol late Friday night noticed the flames at

the store. About 50 firefighters arrived. Officials said Jennifer Harbison and Eliza Thomas were store employees and that Miss Ayres was a friend.

Autopsies were being conducted. "Based on preliminary investigation work, robbery is being considered as a possible motive for the killings," according to a statement from police.

"Is our try for a why we like to find out how they were being robbed, I don't know that for sure, that's a possibility out there, but I don't know if we're dealing

responded to the blaze, and the girls' bodies were discovered shortly after midnight near the back door to the store."

The store is two blocks from a county-westerns nightclub from which a woman was previously abducted and killed, authorities said.

I Can't Believe It's Yogurt has stores in 45 states and about 700 locations in 10 countries, company officials said. There are three stores in the Austin area and about 100 in Texas.

We are shocked, saddened and outraged at this heinous incident," said Patty Ruppel, the company's director of marketing. "Our first thoughts are with the families. We don't know just any additional details. We are in contact with the police awaiting further information."

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