



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

March 29, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor, and Members
San Antonio City Council

RE: Item No. 26: A Resolution initiating historic landmark designation for 905 Nogalitos
(parcel includes 901, 903, 905 and 911 Nogalitos, and 118, 120 and 122 Ralph)

Built in 1934, this is the only surviving station from San Antonio's Pure Oil Company. It has architectural integrity and meets six of the criteria for designation. It is one of the top 30 most significant stations identified in a survey of over 1500 historic gas stations that the San Antonio Conservation Society began in 1983.

Designation of the gas station affects roughly one-eighth of a large piece of property, providing a wide range of economically viable redevelopment options for the owner. In a city with so many successfully preserved gas stations, this building adds value to the site.


We were asked in January to withdraw our request for designation so that negotiations for the site could proceed in good faith. This has not happened.

We strongly urge you to prevent the demolition of this important community landmark.

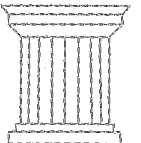
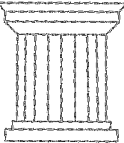
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The Purpose of this Society is to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs, relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty, and all that is admirably distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow, with knowledge of our inherited regional values.





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October 11, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: The Honorable Ron Nirenberg, Mayor, and Members
San Antonio City Council

RE: Item No. 20: Resolution initiating historic landmark designation for 901
Nogalitos Street

The San Antonio Conservation Society urges the landmark designation of this historic building. Built in 1934, this is the only surviving station from San Antonio's Pure Oil company. It has architectural integrity and meets six of the criteria for designation. It is one of the top 30 most significant stations identified in a survey of over 1500 that the San Antonio Conservation Society began in 1983.

Designation of the gas station affects roughly 12% of a large piece of property, providing a wide range of economically viable options for the owner. In a city with so many successfully preserved gas stations, this building adds value to the site, making it a prime candidate for redevelopment.

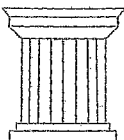
Under the recommendation of Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, the Society made a generous offer to buy this property and engaged architects to illustrate a plan for the site's redevelopment and preservation of the gas station.

We remain ready to assist in the improvement of this site and hope that you will support this resolution.

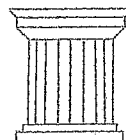
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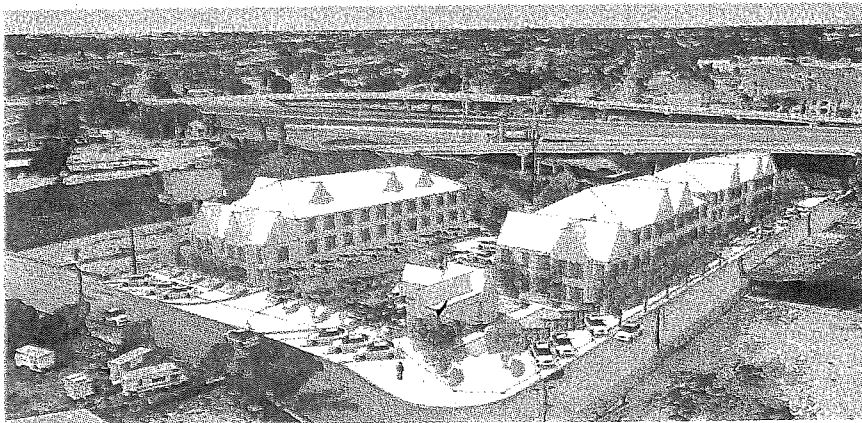
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Historic Preservation is a decision about the future, not the past.

The San Antonio Conservation Society began its survey of San Antonio gas stations in 1983. Over 1500 were surveyed and the best 30 were proposed as landmarks. One of these was subject to a demolition permit so the Society worked with Alamo Architects to develop a redevelopment for the site that would add new homes along San Pedro Creek while saving the gas station as a boutique restaurant or shop. The Society also made an offer to undertake the development of the site.

Following this effort, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales urged the landmark designation of the gas station, insuring its future preservation.



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Army punishes in ill-fated Niger

Two who fought reprimanded, but not senior officers

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff
NEW YORK TIMES



Soldiers from Niger the country's cap U.S. troops raised

The Army has punished two members of the Special Forces team ambushed in Niger in October 2017 for their decisions before the mission and for insufficient training alongside their Nigerien allies in advance, according to military officials. Four others in their chain of command were also disciplined.

Some of those punished in recent weeks included the Green Beret team leader, Capt. Mike Perozeni, and his second in command, a master sergeant. Those absent from the six letters of reprimand include the two senior officers who approved the mission and who then oversaw the operation as it went fatally awry.

The punishments appear to run counter to another narrative the Army has pushed in past months: the heroism displayed by the troops under fire. Almost all of the soldiers on the 11-man team, including those who were killed, have been nominated for valor awards, though they have yet to be approved. According to one official, senior officers at Special Operations Command believe that members of the team can be held responsible for failures before the mission and still be awarded commendations for their actions during the ambush.

Capt. Jason Salata, a spokesman for Special Operations Command, said in a statement that he would not discuss "any accountability actions." But he added that "we remain committed to

ambush as a way to honor the sacrifice of our soldiers."

The events that led to the ambush are the three missions.

The first, which took place on Oct. 3, began with the Beret-led unit, Team 3212, departing from an outpost in Oullam and heading to the Niger-Mali border. The team's stated initial mission was to visit a vulnerable point of Nigerien troops and speak with the soldiers. The investigation of the mission was misrepresented to higher-ups by a ranking officer. According to Pentagon officials, the team failed to disclose its actual plan to the Pentagon after an Islamic State named Doundoun C.

The second mission, which was launched on the night of Oct. 3 after intelligence located the leader's camp, involved an operation in which the leader's camp was hit by a team of U.S. Army Special Forces commandos and counterterrorism forces from the town of Ar

with Team 3212. Because of bad weather, the helicopter mission was canceled. Team 3212 was to go to the campsite to kill the leader, but what was the third mission?