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Message found in Texas Goddess of Liberty statue

Architect consultants working on the Texas Goddess of Liberty removed from the top of the dome have discovered a message left 100 years ago painted inside the statue, but they haven't figured out what it says.

"And while many statistics and reports can be found now to wrap up 1985, no one is able to decipher just what the crystal ball has in store for Texas in 1986.

The Libyan sanctions involve some six large Texas companies established in that nation and how much their loss will hurt Texas, if it comes, is a question mark.

Other various economic figures released recently include:

• The Bureau of Labor Statistics says new Texas job opportunities will be low because of stress to energy and agriculture sectors. December's unemployment rate was 6.8 percent, a tenth under the national rate.

• Governor Mark White said he can assure Texas employers that their federal unemployment taxes will actually decrease by \$120 million this year.

• Texas local property taxes grew by 12.9 percent last year, for a total of \$82 billion in local property taxes.

• Although the Legislature increased the state's share of school aid by a billion per year, local schools adopted the largest hikes in local school taxes in state history totalling over half a billion dollars.

• A House report says that shutdown of the controversial "white oil" commerce in the Panhandle wouldn't cost the region's economy hundreds of millions of dollars in the next few years, as some have claimed.

But Texas would lose \$18



million a year in production taxes.

Funds, performance

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby last week told a group of educators his idea to get Texas school districts to improve academically.

The state should cut their funds and quit subsidizing poor performance, he said. "That's the way our society works. You reward good performance."

A few days later, Gov. White jumped for the idea, saying the public was demanding more accountability in state spending. But White said he preferred incentives, not penalties, to stimulate better performance.

White also said the state won't have to raise taxes to fund higher education next year.

Polar opposites

The new year promised to be unusual and it already has: Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower finally said something good about U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Butte.

But it was as Block stepped down from the federal post that Hightower praised Block for being sympathetic to farm concerns.

"For his sake, I'm glad he's out of there," Hightower said in painting a gloomy prediction for thousands of Texas farmers.

With the enactment of the new farm act, Hightower has placed himself at polar opposites from President Reagan. Reagan says we have turned the corner on the farm problem and Hightower says it's going to get

worse.

Crisis hotline

In fact, Hightower last week unveiled details of his Farm Crisis Hotline program, funded in part by the Willie Nelson Farm Aid concert.

The Farmer's Home Administration insists it isn't going to turn people out. Some of their insiders say Hightower is drumming up his usual fight-for-the-underdog rhetoric and unjustly making them the bad guys in an election year.

Attorney General race

Texas Republicans held the spotlight in the attorney general election which promises to build to a fever pitch.

State GOP chairman George Strake rejected, as planned, the filing application of state Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, forcing Brown to go to the Texas Supreme Court for a ruling on eligibility.

Brown must resolve the question of whether he would violate the Texas Constitution which forbids legislators from seeking an office for which they voted increased salaries.

Strake's rejection, all staged, frees Brown to go quickly to the high court for a ruling.

Meanwhile, in what Republicans tout is a coup that will attract Hispanics to their party, the son of a former Democratic Secretary of State announced his candidacy as a Republican for attorney general.

State District Judge Roy Barrera Jr., of San Antonio, threw his hat in the ring. His father was Secretary of State under Gov. John Connally.

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Audrey Thibodeaux Davis

Mrs. Audrey Thibodeaux Davis, of Rochester, New York, mother of Alice Dancy of Eagle Lake, passed away.

She was born in New Iberia, Louisiana in 1925, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thibodeaux.

Later in life she was united in Holy Matrimony to Earl Davis and moved to Rochester, New York where she became a member of Peace Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. E.L. Long. She attended faithfully until illness kept her from going.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7 from Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Rochester, New York with Rev. W.G. Harvey, pastor, officiating. Joseph E. Hall Funeral Home, Inc. of Rochester, New York, was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her widower, Earl Davis; five daughters: Cadelia Welcome and Florence Thibodeaux of New

Iberia, Louisiana, Marcello Smith and Mary Thibodeaux of Rochester, New York and Alice Dancy of Eagle Lake; two sons-in-law, Sampson Smith and Stephanie; a stepmother, two step-sisters, Patricia Lipscomb and Vernell Lipscomb; three brothers, Ernest, Clyde and Matthew Thibodeaux; two sisters, twenty grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Palbearers were Moses McCloud, Don Townsend, Ernest Mayes, Sammy Griffin, Ernest Anderson, J.C. Wilson.

Last week in Aubrey Rose's obituary, the Headlight inadvertently stated that James Rose was an uncle of Aubrey Wrench Rose. It should have read that James Rose, of Eagle Lake, was a nephew.

Aubrey Rose

Rev. Robert Hessong is pleased to announce that the Son Shine Ministries will hold a seminar at The First Baptist Church on February 7, 8 and 9. This will be the second one that the church has hosted. More information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Henry J. Hajovsky, et al., to Frank Tello, et al., No. 21, Hajovsky Subdivision, 12.28.85.

Gift Deed, Joe Agello Jr., et al., to Rita Mae Ruffolo, et al., undivided 33 acres, HT&HR Co. Survey No. 8, 12.27.85.

Gift Deed, Florence L. Zajack to Robert A. Zajack, et al., undivided interest in two tracts, John Gillespie One Third Lease, et al., 12.30.85.

Gift Deed, Adolph A. Vasek, et al., to Vickie L. Brown, part of lots 8 and 15, block 75, town of Columbus, 12.30.85.

Deed, Laura Ann Bau to Robert C. Helring, tract of land, E. Tullinsom Survey, 12.29.85.

Deed, Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association to Glen Wilson, 5.801 acres, John Hadden Lease, 12.31.85.

Gift Deed, Isabel Mueller to Henry Charles Mueller Jr., undivided 1/2 interest in lot 6, block 58, 12.4.85.

Gift Deed, Alice Class to J.W. Gola, undivided 1/2 interest in 17.32 acres, J.W. Oden Survey, 160.310 acres, Wm. David Survey, 82 acres, J.W. Buntin Survey, 145.042 acres, J.W. Buntin Survey, 12.30.85.

Deed, L. & N. Drilling Company to Neddie Water, 1.000 acre, lots 13, 14 and 15, block 7, E. Tullinsom Lease, 12.31.85.

Deed, John E. Meisner, et al., to W.A. Schindler, et al., 50.007 acres, John McCook Survey, 12.30.85.

Gift Deed, Hylda Rabel to Vernon Frank Rabel, trustee, undivided 36.0 acre interest in and to 380 acres, H. Austin Lease, 12.27.85.

Deed, Herbert C. Graham to Skull Creek Company, Inc., 6.31 acres, HB&A CRB Company Survey, 12.30.85.

Deed, John Allen Neuhoff, et al., to Dodie Dungen, 0.195 acre, city of Columbus, 12.31.85.

Deed, Mary Ann Cabrera to Vivian Cavazo, certain tract of land, P. Reed's Survey, 35.35, city of Eagle Lake, 12.31.85.

Deed, Trendmark Builders, Inc., to Joe Hernandez Jr., et al., lot 9, Joe Meadows Subdivision, 12.30.85.

Deed, Thomas F. Lynton, et al., to Robert A. Youens, et al., 15.832 acres, J.H. Dancy Lease, 12.30.85.

Deed, Robert A. Zajack, trustee, to Thomas F. Lynton, et al., 5 acres, John Gillespie Survey, 12.30.85.

Deed, Albert Benoit to Lav Margaritis, 129.992 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, 12.30.85.

Deed, Laura E. Brasher to Jack Brasher, et al., undivided 1/2 interest in and to 363.237 acres, William David Survey, 12.24.85.

Gift Deed, Steve Kutach, et al., to Julia Kutach, 2.23 acres, 16GNRR Survey, 12.29.85.

Deed, Randy Garnett to Henry Webb, lots 9 and 10, block 11, Highland Park Addition, 12.16.85.

Deed, Morris Morales, et al., to Fred Cantu, et al., 29.272 sq. ft., block No. 8, city of Eagle Lake and tract of land, block No. 8, city of Eagle Lake, 12.17.85.

Gift Deed, Myrah Jane Draper to Stephen E. Draper, undivided 15 acres, Hugh Curry Survey, 12.19.85.

Gift Deed, Mildred Mayes Austin Campbell, et al., to Bruce Kent Austin, 26.42 acres, W.W. Thompson Lease, 12.19.85.

Gift Deed, Vera M. Mann to Cheryl J. Pellerin, et al., a lot 50 ft. by 150 ft., G.W. White Survey, 12.20.85.

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Gift Deed, Paul H. Minar Sr., et al., to George H. Prucha Sr., et al., 66.956 acres, Thomas Boatwright Survey, 12.20.85.

Gift Deed, Nina Lee Kraft Burt to Walter Stafford Burt, undivided 10 acres, D. Gilliland Lease, 12.23.85.

Gift Deed, Hugh D. Sheridan, et al., to Janie Sheridan Greene, et al., undivided 1/2 interest in and to lot 27, 28, block 26, Garden Villas Addition, 12.19.85.

Deed, Ernest Hencke, et al., to Christine Gospel Church, 1.002 acres, John Hadden Lease, 12.23.85.

Deed, Victor W. Mueller, et al., to John Mueller, et al., 5 acres, John Andrews Lease, 12.25.85.

Deed, P. Ross Hancock, et al., to James A. Jones, et al., 0.113 acre, William Lewis Survey, 12.26.85.

Deed, Christopher Leffly Stein, et al., to Johnnie Kuback, et al., undivided 1/2 of lot 5, block C, Smith and Jones Addition, 12.20.85.

Deed, Elva Louise Untermyer to David Zajack, part of lot 4, block No. 12, city of Columbus, 12.18.85.

Deed, Keith B. Bane to Jerome F. Bane, 0.38 acre, M. Andrews Survey, 12.20.85.

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