FROM THE AUGEAN STABLE of notes to ourself, many undecipherable or unintelligible, we find one involving a story on Benito Juarez from Andy Horcasitas Jr., trade specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce. And the grapevine advises that whirlwind Roy R. Theriot, the state comptroller, will be presented the coveted French Legion of Honor by the French Consul General in New Orleans Jean LeCanneller at a ceremony in the Theriot’s Abbeville home in May. Awarded to Theriot in recognition of his services to the preservation of the French language and culture, the medal is the highest honor awarded a civilian by the French government.

EAVESDROPPINGS: Riding the earie at a French Quarter spa, Ben Dineer caught this bon mot: “It couldn’t happen to a nastier guy.”

A GIANT STEP toward preservation and expansion of the French language and culture in Louisiana will take place Thursday at a luncheon-meeting in Evangeline State Park Lodge honoring a delegation representing the French government. James L. Domengeaux, chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, said the visit is a major step in CODOFIL’s efforts to obtain the cooperation of France to achieve its goals.

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