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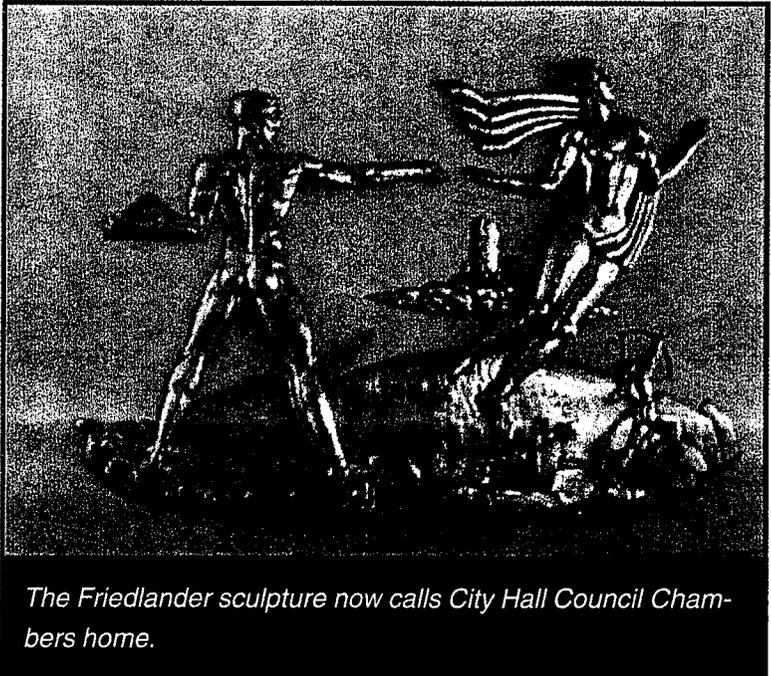
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## Art Deco to Deck the Walls of City Hall



*The Friedlander sculpture now calls City Hall Council Chambers home.*

The artistry of Leo Friedlander (1890-1966) now adorns the City Council Chambers at the refurbished City Hall. An 8.5 x 13-foot sculpture previously housed at the Music Hall was approved by Council last summer for transport to 901 Bagby. The sculpture will complement the art deco motifs at City Hall.

The highly stylized, symbolic relief was commissioned by Houston architect Kenneth Franzheim for the Conoco and Texas Commerce Bank Building in the 1940's. Friedlander had an international reputation for spectacular works, including the monumental figures adorning the entrance to Rockefeller Center in Manhattan.

BankOne gave the work to the City in 1992, after it had passed through four bank owners. The piece was in storage for nearly 15 years prior to BankOne's ownership. A second, smaller companion sculpture has disappeared.

Visit Council Chambers and catch a glimpse of the brilliant Friedlander!