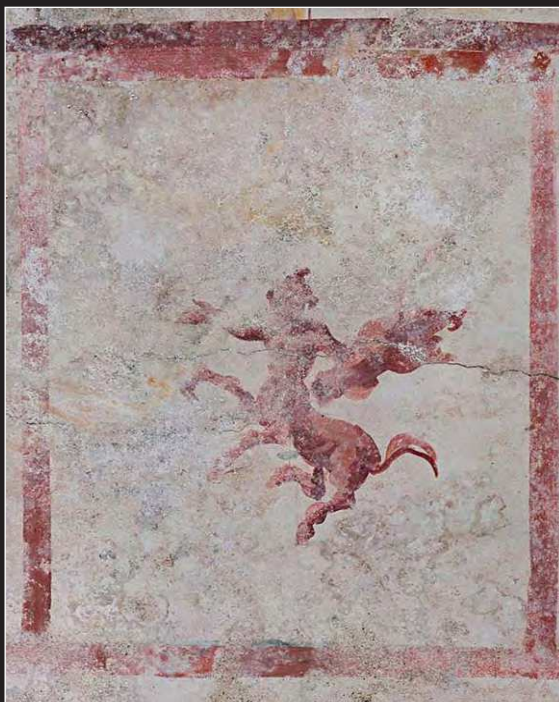




(Above) As reported by CBS News, a mid-19th century shipwreck was accidentally found this past May at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. It was discovered during the testing of underwater drones by the crew of the Okeanos Explorer. Nothing was taken for testing at this time, but it appeared that the 124' ship had caught fire before sinking, given the charred timbers of the ship. (Source: CBSnews.com)



(Left and Below) A rare silver Washington Before Boston Medal recently sold at auction through the Whitman Baltimore Spring Expo for \$156,000. The last reported of the four previously auctioned examples sold at auction was in 2014 when it sold for \$282,000. The medal sold recently is inscribed "Alfred B. Carl" and demonstrated some light surface wear, per the auction house. (Source: Numismatic News Express)



While working on the restoration project of Emperor Nero's palace in Rome, Archaeologists discovered a hidden underground room decorated with wall paintings of many creatures including panthers, centaurs and sea creatures. The room is dated from 65 to 68 AD and was filled with dirt. The archaeologists will not be excavating the room further, as the stability of the palace and restoration projection would be compromised. (Source: Geek.com)



A folk-art piece from 1936 recently sold at Garth Auction in Ohio for \$344. The notable piece of this story is the piece of Patriotic folk-art is a 48-star American flag crocheted from crepe paper, and sold with the original handmade hanging accessory. The flag was preserved carefully after its original display at the Oklahoma family patriotic gathering, and in wonderful condition at auction. (Source: Heraldnet.com, originally reported by Terry and Kim Kovel)



At Christie's Finest and Rarest Wines and Spirits sale in June, two unique bottles of wine will be auctioned. These bottles have been tested to find they contain "powerful red wine" dated between "1670 and 1690." The origin of the wine is unknown, as the bottles, along with 12 others, were found within a shipwreck off the coast of Germany in 2010. The bottles full of wine are estimated to bring between \$32,942 and \$38,010, and will be sold with "specially designed water-filled storage tanks" and the equipment needed to maintain them. (Source: foodandwine.com)



(Above) In Turkey, an archaeologist working with a road construction crew found what is believed to be a 2,300-year-old tablet in schoolyard garden wall. The tablet was removed by museum officials who are authenticating the age of the tablet which is written in ancient Greek and believed to be once attached to a statue honoring a local city serviceman at the time. (Source: Dailysabah.com)



(Above) While studying a bay at Tel Dor along the Mediterranean Sea in Isreal, researchers came across the ruins of an ancient fort believed to be the site of many military battles 2,200 years ago. The site of Tel Dor has given evidence of Phoenician, Hebrew, Roman and Byzantine activity, leading this fort to be a significant find in the study of biblical military strategies. Israeli and American professors have teamed up on the further excavation and research of these ruins. (Source: ancient-origins.net)



(left) A four million dollar piece of quartz found in Arkansas (Source: Facebook)