



Commonly referred to as "tugboat" inks, this labelled example shared by Mike Shanker shows a different motif: a horseshoe. Great find and thanks for sharing, Mike! (Facebook)



Another thrift store shopping success! In Kitty Hawk, NC, a shopper wisely purchased a woodcut print found out to be by Salvador Dalí. The print was a part of a series created by Dalí showing Dante's "Divine Comedy" and was authenticated after the purchase. (source: kovels.com)



This 2,000 year old silver dagger was excavated along with its sheath and belt at the archaeological site of Haltern at the Lake in Germany. It is believed to be of Roman origin, and used during a Roman/German war in the first century A.D. The discovery was made by a 19 year old intern, and took 9 months of excavating and sandblasting to finally get it revealed. It will on display at Haltern's Roman Museum in 2022. (Source: Smithsonian Magazine, www.smithsonianmag.org)



Rare American notes sold for high prices at a much-anticipated auction this past March. Despite COVID-19 changes looming on the horizon and a change in location, the notes brought record prices. The 2 notes pictured here were the two highest sales: a "Spread Eagle" Friedberg 167a Series 1863 \$100 legal tender note graded Gem Uncirculated 65 Exceptional Paper Quality by Paper Money Guaranty for \$432,000, and a F-151 \$50 United States note graded Gem Uncirculated 65 EPQ that sold for \$300,000. (Source: Coin World, www.coinworld.com)



Setting yet again more auction records this year at the auction house Profiles in History: the original artwork for the first appearance of Flash Gordon published on January 7, 1934. The gavel hammered at \$480,000 when the auction closed at the end of March 2020.



Bottle pieces turn up in all kinds of excavation projects. The archaeological site of a Tasmanian prison dating from 1838-1847 has unearthed a surprising amount of alcohol bottles from case gin bottles to beer bottles. Further excavations of the site are set to continue through next year. (Source: Howarth, Carla. ABC News. Abc.net.au)



(left) Egypt re-opens Djoser pyramid to the public after restorations closed access starting in 2006.

(right) Home renovations can be a tricky thing when your home is located in the city of the first Civil War conflicts. This artillery shell that could have produced a 100-foot blast radius was found in the basement of a Charleston, SC home by electricians. (source: Kovel.com)

