Archaeological find in BR

By ANNE PRICE

No more dirt on the floor

Four-year-old Piper Lea Skillman picked one of the relics that are part of the site: a pottery sherd. "Piper is very excited," said her mother, Ben Skillman. "She picked it up and put it in her pocket." Ben Skillman, who is an assistant professor of anthropology at LSU, said the child's discovery is significant. "It's a rare find," she said. "We're very excited." The child's find is one of many that have been made at the site. A total of 130 artifacts have been recovered, including pottery, bone, and stone tools. The site is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, which was a major trade route in the region.

The site is one of many that are being studied by researchers at LSU. The university has a long history of archaeological research, and its faculty and students have made significant contributions to the field. The site has been designated a National Historic Landmark, and its preservation is critical for understanding the history of the region.

The site is open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to explore the area. The site is located at 1234 Mississippi Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For more information, please visit the website of the National Park Service.
TV treasures

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Of course, the value of collectibles depends on condition. If you've kept your Napoleon Solo doll in its original box, untouched by human hands, you should be able to get $75 for it. If, however, your little brother has used indelible ink to grace Solo with glasses and a beard, it's not worth a dime.

Well-preserved TV collectibles can be found not only through mail-order dealers but also at antique shops and toy collectors' shows. Conventions have been held for some series, including "Star Trek", "The Honeymooners", "Dr. Who" and "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.".

From any of those sources, bargains are about as hard to find as "The Fugitive"'s one-armed man. But many enterprising aficionados save a fortune on their collectibles by hitting the flea markets, garage sales, thrift shops and store close-out bins, ferreting out rarities at a fraction of their retail value.

Albert also paid more than $50 for an old TV game, but when she spotted a sealed "Untouchables" board game at a yard sale, she reluctantly paid $2.50. She held on to it until the right collector came alone and then sold it for $50. That's a profit margin even J. Beresford Tipton would envy.

Unblushingly, Albert reveals another method of discovering buried treasure. "My husband has been known to go through people's garbage," she confides. "He's found all sorts of good items.

While the odds of finding '50s or '60s goodies for little or no money are getting slimmer all the time, there's no dearth of '70s and '80s material.

Deciding which items are worth saving requires a bit of research, a measure of common sense, and a lot of luck. "A person who can guess what the public's inter-

Memorabilia by mail

Should you decide to join the ranks of collectors—or if you simply want to augment your already existing assortment of TV memorabilia—this list may aid you in your search. Alfredia Gabiou carries books, games, puzzles, magazines, lunch boxes, biographies and other miscellaneous items. She keeps a file of customers' wants. She will send you a list of stock items if you send her SASE to: Wanelander, Box 2821, Minneapolis, Minn. 55402.

Ted Hake releases four impression collection catalogs per year, with more than 100 TV items in each. This showcase for rarities is a collector's heaven. The illustrations alone are worth the price of the catalogs. Send $3 for the upcoming edition to Ted Hake's American & Collectibles, P.O. Box 1444, York, Pa. 17405.

You can get an extensive catalog of magazine comic books, paperbacks, gum cards, premium items and promotional stuff for $1 from Howard Rogofsky, Box 107, Glen Oaks, N.Y. 11004. Diane and Stephen Albert offer not only plenty of TV news and nostalgia but a wealth of promising classified ads as well. It's $5 for a six-issue, yearly subscription and $3 for the current copy. Send a check or money order to The TV Collector, P.O. Box 388, Needham, Mass. 02192. For a 20-page catalog of TV, radio, movie and music memorabilia, send $2 to Ken Mitchell, 710 Conoahk Drive, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M3M 3N6.

If you're looking for back issues of TV Guide, from 1953 to 1996, send $2.75 for a catalog from Jim's TV Guide, 3755 Alondra St., No. 4, San Diego, Calif. 92104.

Movie Collector's World focuses on movie memorabilia, with emphasis on movie memorabilia. A member offers million meter film and video tapes in the following categories: 1986 price list, $25. Send $5 for a six-month, 13-subscription to MCW, Box 120, Fairfield, Iowa 52555.

The Antique Trader Weekly (P.O. Box 1050, Dubuque, Iowa 52001) features in every issue thousands of classifieds selling all types of collectibles, many relating to TV. Send $12 for a six-month, 26-issue subscription.

The uncertainty of hoarding new items makes you uneasy, channel your funds into classic TV memorabilia. Hake predicts that "these items are going to keep rising in price, because there's less and less of them out there." Sixties items have just begun to exhibit their ascent in value. It's definitely not too late to start going into it for investment.

Rogofsky suggests that you buy things you like. Let your eye and uptown sentiment as well as dollar signs. "A real collector doesn't care if the value goes up," he claims. "It's the joy of having it. It means something to you. It's part of your childhood. There are people who wouldn't part with their collections if you put a gun to their head."