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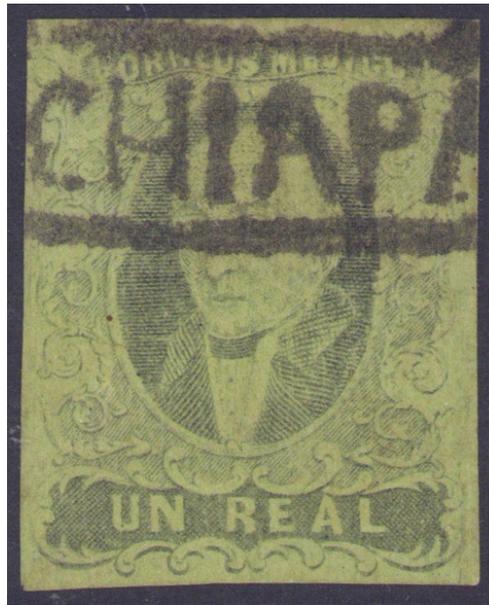
Today's Collector  
New Opportunities

What Happened to Bubba?



ey72 #28 25ctv Guanajuato 92.1866 / Sub 16 Leon Sz 503 Fine  
est \$40-60 Bid right now \$23.50

Reading this, you may wonder why Bubba was so late this week. Stamps are a big part of my life, but not everything. Over the past month, I discovered a slab leak in my house. Most of you know what that is, but for those who have not lived in the Southwestern United States, most homes here are built on a concrete slab foundation. Sure, other places have this type of construction, but when they started building homes like this, the water and sewer lines were laid under the slab, poking through the cement to run throughout the home. Copper pipe was supposed to be the material of choice. Many areas, like mine, have high lime levels in the water. Lime builds up, new chemicals are added to the water, and the holes that did not bleed previously find a way out.



sr20 #7b 1R (Chiapas)Sz 119 30pts VF est \$40-60 Great post mark

Price \$37.50

My tardiness is due to moving boxes to another area to make way for the worker installing new modern flex material to pipe the house. As I type this message, looking at stamps on my desk that will have to wait, workers are making noise in the hall. They will be done sometime this afternoon. They arrived around 8:00 am PT, so they have been here for just over an hour. I am not sure how much work I can do after I send this message, but all week I spent a lot of time preparing the house for them. Why, you may ask, am I talking about my house duties? Because some things interfere with our hobby. Not only am I late sending my weekly message, but I haven't added anything new to my auction lots either. I have lots that will be at the end of the bidding period on Sunday morning. I have BIN lots from past auctions, and I will turn the unsold lot into a BIN this weekend.



sr34 #9 4R Chiapsa/ Pincucalco Sz 127A 40pts VF est \$150=200

Price \$120.50

Like everything else, life goes on. My lots will be there, but many of you reading this show no interest in even opening my eBay pages. Most pass up opportunities to add to their collections. But, fortunately, I have a few readers who make it worth helping them with their collections. Yes, I know that things get in the way of collecting stamps, but I also know that when you set aside your collections, you miss out on having fun. Just remember back to the early days of collecting. Oh, the thrill you had to find something new, wanted, or just unexpected.

Enjoy!

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