

## SALVAGE OF PAPER MONEY FROM THE OCEAN BOTTOM

When the safe of the ocean liner Andrea Doria was opened on live nationwide television in August, several conservators were briefly on camera. Two paper conservators, Mary Todd Glaser and Lois Price, were there to remove the contents of the safe, mostly paper currency. Lawrence Majewski, Rene de la Rie, and Robert Brill were on hand to examine the currency with the paper conservators in a makeshift "laboratory" on the set. After the program, the bundles of currency, mostly small denomination U.S. and Italian bills, were wrapped and placed in a home freezer. The following day Ms. Glaser returned to the safe to supervise removal and freezing of the remaining bills. It is expected that the bills will then be treated at the Northeast Document Conservation Center and the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, which are in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively.