

Onassis estate sale fuels fierce bidding

NEW YORK (AP) — A rocking horse from Caroline Kennedy's White House nursery sold for \$86,250, soaring far above its pre-sale estimate of \$3,000 as the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis went on the auction block.

The Camelot mystique fueled fierce bidding as a celebrity-studded crowd at Sotheby's battled over a lifetime of acquisitions owned by the former first lady.

A mahogany foot stool young Caroline used to climb to a window seat in her White House bedroom sold for \$33,350. The estimated price: \$100 to \$150.

Shouts and sighs came from the crowd as the prices soared upward. Comedian Joan Rivers compared the sale to the arrival of Haley's Comet. Her explanation for the outrageous bids? "She was a lady and no one wants to be a lady anymore," Rivers said.

The collection runs the gamut from pricey jewelry like her diamond engagement ring from her second husband, Greek ty-



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comedian



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coon Aristotle Onassis (\$500,000 to \$600,000), to mundane ceramic cookie jars and sofa cushions.

The items are being sold by Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr. Proceeds will go to the estate of their mother, who died of cancer in 1994.

Items like Onassis' three-strand faux pearls (estimated \$500 to \$700), golf clubs belonging to President Kennedy (\$700-\$900); and the 19th-century mahogany stool Caroline Kennedy used to look out a White House window (\$100-\$150) already have up to 400 written bids, the spokesman said.

On Wednesday, Onassis' jewelry goes on sale. Items later in the week include the wedding gown from her marriage to Kennedy, Onassis' 1992 BMW and even the doors from her White House dressing room.

Judge orders serial killer's effects released for auction

Jeffrey Dahmer's only items not for sale are pictures of his victims

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) — The refrigerator where serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer stored skulls and the drill bits he used on his victims are among the items to be turned over to a lawyer for auction, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Attorney Robert Steurer will use the money to settle claims by the families of some of Dahmer's victims.

Dahmer was beaten to death in November 1994, at the state prison at Portage, where he was serving life terms for the murders of 17 young men and boys. A jury had rejected his insanity plea.

Steurer has said the only items not being sought for the auction were pictures taken by Dahmer of his victims. He also has said the sale could be scheduled as early as this summer.

The personal items, including hammers, drill bits, furniture and appliances have been held by Milwaukee police since Dahmer's arrest.

Circuit Judge Dan George ordered Milwaukee police keep custody of some items related to a case involving two officers who were fired for aggressively investigating Dahmer after a naked, bleeding teenager was reported outside his apartment building two months before his arrest. The items were to be held until all legal proceedings are completed, then destroyed.



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