Best-selling author David Gillespie did his research

I SAVED $1.3M

Private art up for sale

A NEW York City auction house says paintings by Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir are among 400 items that will be sold from a reclusive copper heiress’s private trove this northern spring.

The Huguenot Clark collection sale at Christie’s comes after a feud over her estate was settled last year.

Some of pieces were acquired by her father, a Montana copper king and senator who founded Las Vegas.

A pair from Monet’s Water Lilies series is estimated to bring $28.55-39.96 million.

Another masterpiece in the sale is Renoir’s Young Women Playing Badminton.

Biker buried with Harley

A MOTORCYCLE enthusiast’s family is finding his dying wish — to be buried inside his beloved Harley-Davidson.

But it hasn’t been easy.

The project required an extra-large cemetery plot to accommodate a Plexiglass casket for Billy Stanley and his 1967 Electra Glide cruiser.

Five enhancers worked to prepare his body with a metal back brace and straps to ensure he’ll never lose his seat.

Stanley’s family said he’d been talking about it for years.

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Rodman offers swap
FORMER basketball star Dennis Rodman has offered to take the place of an imprisoned Korean-American in North Korea.
Rodman, 52, appeared on CNN after his fourth trip within 12 months to North Korea, where he sang Happy Birthday to supreme leader Kim Jong-un, whom he calls a friend. Rodman said he felt for the family of Kenneth Bae, 45, a Christian tour operator arrested in 2012 and sentenced to 15 years of hard labour for allegedly importing "inflammatory" material.

Burns kill woman
A WOMAN found with burns and injuries in bushland in Sydney's west has died.
Residents backing on to bushland at West Hoxton heard cries for help before police found Monika Chetty, with burns to 80 per cent of her body, on January 5.
Ms Chetty, 39, told police someone had thrown chemicals on her in Liverpool about a week earlier.
She was placed in the Concord Hospital burns unit but died on Friday.
Police are appealing for information on how Ms Chetty was injured.

Immun EAT FEAT CAN’T BE BEAT
A WOMAN skinny enough to fit into an icy billy bin has baffled her face with 303 chicken wings in 30 minutes.
Mother of four Molly Schuyler beat the favourites in the year's Wing Bowl 22 in Philadelphia to win $22,000.
She also surpassed the previous record of 337, set by Takis Koubayashi in 2012.
Asked to reveal her game plan, the 59kg champ said it was simple: "Just don't stop and don't throw up."
To qualify for the contest, Schuyler ate 4kg of cottage cheese in 114 seconds.

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