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RECORD PRICE -- Rembrandt Peale's informal portrait of his younger brother, "Rubens Peale with a Geranium," was sold for \$4,070,000 to the National Gallery of Art during an auction at Sotheby's in New York City. This is the highest price ever paid at auction for an American painting. The artwork shows the artist's 17-year-old brother, who was a fledgling horticulturalist at the time, with the potted plant. J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery in Washington, called the painting "the first American portrait in a truly American style." Rembrandt Peale was born in 1778 and died in 1860. Previous record for an American artwork was the \$3.25 million paid in 1982 for Samuel F. B. Morse's "Gallery of the Louvre." (85-3822-C)

