

Playing on the notion of heavy-weight competition, a copy of Helmut Newton's *Sumo* (right), a record-breaking 66-pound book, gathered \$304,000 at a benefit auction April 6. *Sumo* chronicles Newton's photography career, complete with fashion photos and celebrity portraits. The champion copy spent a year gathering autographs from more than 200 celebrities



featured in the book, including H.R.H. Caroline, Nicolas Cage, Paloma Picasso, Elizabeth Taylor, Billy Wilder, David Hockney and Helmut Newton, among others. Art-book publisher Taschen donated *Sumo* for the auction, which took place at the Museum of Communication in Berlin. It broke records set by the Doves Press Bible auctioned at \$270,000 in 1989 and Henri Matisse's *JAZZ*, auctioned for \$297,000 in 1999. (212) 683-3377.