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## U.N. inspectors find Iraqi nuclear documents

### Iraqi soldiers detain team from leaving building with papers

By VICTORIA GRAHAM  
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**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** - U.N. inspectors in Baghdad today found documents apparently proving that Iraq was developing nuclear weapons, but Iraqi soldiers prevented them from leaving a building with the papers, a U.N. official said.

The incident, which came during a surprise search by the inspectors, occurred as the U.N. Security Council began debating whether to endorse a U.S. offer to provide military escorts for U.N. inspectors who are searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq under terms of the Gulf War cease-fire.

U.N. inspectors have accused Iraq of trying to hide some of its long-range missiles and chemical weapons and thwart the search for research and production facilities for biological and nuclear weapons.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III deplored the

detection of the U.N. team and hinted the United States would use military force to compel Saddam Hussein's government to cooperate with the inspections.

"We saw earlier the tragic consequences of failure to comply with Security Council resolutions," Baker said, referring to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq after Saddam refused to reverse his annexation of Kuwait. Baker spoke at the United Nations, where President Bush was to speak later today.

Rolf Ekeus, the head of the U.N. special commission in charge of finding and demolishing the Iraqi weapons, said: "This is a very serious situation. Our team isn't allowed to move material. There's a standoff."

Ekeus provided no other details as he entered the U.N. Security Council chambers for consultations on Iraq's compliance with U.N. inspections.

However, David Kydd, chief spokesman of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, said in an interview that the soldiers were preventing his agency's team from removing "several carloads" of documents.

He said 13 inspectors found the papers during a surprise search of the Iraqi Unions Building in downtown Baghdad.

He declined to elaborate, saying agency experts needed to first evaluate the evidence. But he said the papers appeared to confirm for the first time that Iraq

was "working on the development of a (nuclear) weapons capability." U.N. inspectors previously found nuclear fuel that they said could have been used for warheads.

Iraq has denied its nuclear research was intended to produce weapons.

In Washington, a U.S. government source said the team still possessed the documents but the Iraqis would not let them leave with the papers. The inspectors planned to try to leave without permission if the Iraqis did not back down soon, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kydd said the team's U.N. inspector, David Kay, reported that Iraqi soldiers were outside the building but planned to move inside.

Asked about the team's safety, Kydd said: "I have no indication that they are threatened right now, but they are not finding it easy to take control of the documentation."

Another source in Washington said the team was communicating directly with U.N. headquarters in New York with satellite telephone equipment that could not be intercepted or cut off by the Iraqis.

The United States offered last week to provide military escorts for U.N. teams after the Iraqis refused to allow the teams to use U.N. helicopters for surprise inspections in Iraq.

Diplomats said earlier that Baghdad's response Sunday to U.N. demands for unrestricted weapons searches was inadequate and that U.N. surveillance flights backed by allied warplanes could come as early as this week.

The 15-member Security Council held closed-door consultations today.

The council's president, French Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee, said as the other members gathered today that Iraq's response was "not very helpful."

Iraqi Foreign Minister Ahmad Hussein met with Merimee for 40 minutes Sunday, but neither would discuss specifics of the Iraqi response. Western diplomats said the response fell short of U.N. demands for unconditional acceptance of the flights.

Iraq previously agreed to U.N. flights in principle but then imposed conditions unacceptable to the council. Those included a ban on photography, flights over Baghdad, a demand that Iraqi crewmen be aboard and that time limits be placed on inspections.

Cease-fire terms set by the United Nations at the end of the Gulf War require the destruction of Iraqi long-range missiles as well as any nuclear, chemical or biological weapons potential. U.N. officials say Iraq has hidden weapons and hindered searches, thus requiring surprise helicopter searches.

## Bush pushing repeal of resolution which equated Zionism with racism

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - President Bush is seeking to build momentum for a Middle East peace conference as he shares his vision of the post-communist world with the United Nations General Assembly.

Administration officials said Bush, in a speech today at U.N. headquarters in New York, would prod the assembly to disavow its 1975 resolution that equated Zionism with racism.

He also was expected to reaffirm U.S. determination to make Iraq fully open its weapons programs to U.N. inspection, but the address contains "no ultimatum" for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, a White House official said Sunday.

Bush warned last week that he would send U.S. warplanes back to the Persian Gulf if necessary as escorts for U.N. helicopters inspecting Iraqi nuclear, chemical and biological warfare sites.

Presidential press secretary Martin Fitzwater called the address "a post-communism look at the world" following the disintegration of central authority in the Soviet Union.

The president planned to pay tribute to the United Nations for its steadfastness in the liberation of Kuwait and to "take a look ahead as to the role of the U.N. in the unfinished business" of shaping a new, more peaceful world order, said a White House official who requested anonymity.

Bush would acknowledge the obstacles that remain, including terrorism and "non-peaceful nationalism," but he would not offer a country-by-country analysis, the official said.

In one late draft of the speech, Bush made no mention by name of Yugoslavia, now being torn apart by ethnic conflict unleashed after it escaped the confines of communism.

Bush's call to repeal the 16-year-old resolution that branded Zionism "a form of racism and racial discrimination" is meant to resolve a longstanding sore point between Israel and the Arab world.

White House officials denied it was an attempt to repair U.S.-Israeli relations strained by Bush's insistence that Congress delay considering \$10 billion in housing loan guarantees for Israel until

after a peace conference is under way.

The repeal move is "not a payback," said one official who asked not to be identified. "It's part of a strategic move for preparing the ground for a serious Middle East peace negotiation."

Bush hopes the peace talks will start next month, but Secretary of State James A. Baker III returned over the weekend from a sixth trip to the Middle East without clearing the last barriers, and the squabble over the loan guarantees had only complicated the picture.

The United States has long opposed Israeli settlements on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Bush wants that issue worked out a peace conference before proffering more help for the 1 million Soviet Jews who have flooded into Israel.

After addressing the General Assembly and lurching with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Bush was beginning a two-day marathon of diplomacy from his Waldorf Astoria Hotel suite with a string of presidents and prime ministers.

### These little piggies...



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

These little Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs probably will never go to market, but more likely will become someone's pet when they get old enough. J. E. Montgomery of Pampa, owner, reaches in to pet the three-day old porkers in their pen here. Right now, they weigh less than a pound, but will weigh considerably more by the time they're grown.

## Gunman threatened to 'start shooting babies', hospital hostages recall

By MIKE CARTER  
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**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - A gunman angry because his wife

couldn't have more children threatened to "start shooting babies" in a maternity ward unless the doctor who sterilized her was brought in, witnesses said.

A nurse was killed in the 18-hour standoff, during which the gunman took nine hostages - including a baby born during the ordeal - and threatened to blow up the hospital.

Some of the hostages hugged their despondent captor just before he surrendered to police late Saturday.

"At the end, we just didn't think he was going to hurt us anymore," said nurse Margie Wyler, who delivered a baby in a booby-trapped office during the siege and was credited with persuading Richard L. Worthington to surrender.

Wyler said Worthington became despondent after talking to one of his children near the end and asked her to cut off his finger and take it to his wife.

"I said, 'I don't know if I can cut that finger off,' and he said, 'Oh hell, let's just get out of here,'" she said in a telephone interview Sunday.

Prosecutors anticipated screening the case today, but it was not known when formal charges would be filed and when Worthington would be arraigned, said Bud Ellett, chief deputy Salt Lake County attorney.

Worthington, 39, was booked for investigation of aggravated murder, possession of an infernal machine - a dynamite bomb - and eight counts of aggravated kidnapping.

He was held in the psychiatric unit of the county jail after trying to commit suicide late Sunday by jumping backward off a desk-high table, said Sheriff's Lt. Roger Taylor. Worthington suffered a cut on his head and received stitches at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

Just after midnight Saturday, Worthington stormed the Women's Health Center at Alta View Hospital in Sandy, 15 miles south of Salt Lake City, police said. He intended

to kill Dr. Glade Curtis, an obstetrician who performed a tubal ligation on his wife, Karen, two years ago, police said. Curtis escaped.

The couple have eight children and two others died shortly after birth. Alice Whitmore, a family friend, said Mrs. Worthington had several difficult pregnancies.

Another neighbor, Karen Kadleck, said Worthington once told her his wife had disobeyed his authority as family patriarch by having the surgery.

"I do believe that was the catalyst of the whole thing. But this wasn't anything that was sprung on him. He knew about it," said Kadleck.

At one point, Worthington held a gun to the belly of Christian Downey, 22, who was in labor, and ordered the baby's father, Adam Cisneros, to brave police snipers and retrieve a package hidden in bushes outside the hospital, witnesses said.

Cisneros did it; the package turned out to be an 18-pound dynamite bomb that federal agents said had enough power to level half a block. Worthington also carried a .357-caliber handgun and a shotgun, authorities said.

Wyler, 37, a nurse with 17 years experience and 12 children of her own, helped Downey give birth to a daughter, Caitlin. Wyler said Downey had been ready to deliver since the ordeal began, but held off for 3 1/2 hours.

"She thought the child was safer inside of her," Wyler said.

During the birth, Worthington paced the hall, occasionally peeking in the room. He told the hostages they would be blown up if they opened the door.

Downey credited Wyler, another nurse and her 19-year-old sister

for keeping Mr. Worthington calm."

Jaec Lowder, 35, said she feared for her 2-day-old son, Bryan, who was a hostage.

"I also heard him say that if they didn't get Glade Curtis up there that he was going to start shooting babies," she said.

Before taking over Downey's birthing room, Worthington led nurses Karla Roth and Susan Woolley outside. According to Wyler, Worthington shot and killed

Roth, 37, after she tried to wrest the gun away.

Curtis has an unlisted telephone number. Calls to his office were unanswered Sunday, as were calls to the Worthington's home.

About four hours after Worthington's arrest, his 16-year-old son Aaron was critically injured in a motorcycle accident near the family's home. The teen-ager suffered head injuries when his motorcycle collided with a car, said a nursing supervisor at LDS Hospital.

## Recycling, waste disposal to be topics for meeting of city officials Tuesday

Recycling and waste disposal will be key topics Tuesday when city commissioners meet during a 3:30 p.m. work session and 6 p.m. regular meeting.

During the work session, commissioners will discuss proposed plans to permit a baling operation at the city landfill.

City Manager Glen Hackler said the permitting process could take 24 to 36 months to complete, but would greatly increase the life of the landfill.

He said 15 years of life remains in the landfill space currently permitted for use by the state.

During the regular session, commissioners will be asked to authorize an agreement between Scrap Processing Co. of Amarillo and the city for recycling of certain goods from the landfill.

Hackler said during a three-month trial period the company was able to remove 150 tons of materials from the landfill for recycling.

Other items on the agenda include considering the calling of a Nov. 5 referendum on whether Sunday beer sales should be permitted in the city limits and appointment of two persons to fill vacancies on the Cable Advisory Commission.

The 3:30 work session will begin with a tour of the M.K. Brown Civic Center by commissioners.

A new auditorium manager and electronic sign have been approved by commissioners, along with several internal upgrades, in an attempt to increase utilization of the facility and bring more people to Pampa.



(AP Laserphoto)

Christian Downey holds her one-day-old baby girl, Caitlin, as father of the baby, Adam Cisneros, looks on during a press conference in Salt Lake City Sunday.



# 'Farmland' tax breaks costing local governments thousands

HOUSTON (AP) — A state property tax loophole allows landowners to have prime real estate taxed at a fraction of its market value by growing crops or harvesting timber on a small part of the property.

The practice is legal but is costing local governments thousands of dollars for each property appraised as farmland.

In Harris County, Friendswood Development Co. owns 271 acres near Greenspoint Mall with a market value of \$4.31 million. But because hay is grown on the property, the appraisal district values the land at

\$16,280 for tax purposes. The difference costs Harris County \$23,600 a year.

Catellus Development Corp. owns 314 acres at 31 locations with a total market value of \$8.43 million. It is appraised at \$22,400 for taxing purposes. The Houston Independent School District loses \$84,100 a year in this case.

Texas A&M University, Houston Lighting & Power Co., Exxon Corp., The Woodlands Corp., the Resolution Trust Corp. and thousands of other property owners take advantage of a state constitutional

amendment approved in 1966 to protect rural farmers from high taxes.

The landowners — often wealthy developers or companies — grow hay, raise cattle or harvest timber, allowing them to receive agricultural and timber exemptions until the property is developed.

"It doesn't seem right to a lot of people," said Jim Robinson, chief appraiser for the Harris County Appraisal District. "But under state law, it's very easy to get an agricultural or timber exemption. It really helps developers hold onto their

property and wait for a profitable time to use it."

Before 1966, rural land owners complained that high appraisals were driving them out of business. The law was changed that year to tie property values of such land to its productivity.

Lawmakers believed that if an acre of land can produce \$480 worth of rice, it doesn't make sense to value the same acre at \$4,000 for tax purposes.

State voters approved a second constitutional change in 1978, allowing corporations to apply for

the exemptions. The law was needed because more and more companies were taking up the farming and timber businesses, Robinson said.

Since then, Robinson said, a growing number of property owners have sought the exemptions in Harris County. The number of exemptions granted in the county increased by 50 percent, to 6,200, between 1984 and 1989.

During the same period, the number of agricultural and timber exemptions approved inside the Houston city limits jumped 37 percent, to slightly over 600.

While developers are profiting, the exemptions create higher taxes on other property owners and the burden of running local governments is shifted, said John Privett, president of the Tax Research Association of Houston and Harris County.

In 1990, Harris County taxing entities could have shared a total \$38.9 million in taxes that land owners saved through agricultural and timber exemptions. That represents about 1.4 percent of the \$2.81 billion in taxes paid in the county last year.

## Dentist launches letter campaign in attempt to dispel AIDS rumor

BAYTOWN (AP) — Health care officials say doctors and dentists shouldn't have to explain they don't have AIDS, but a Baytown dentist says he had no choice when 3,000 families he treats heard he had the fatal and communicable disease.

Dr. David R. Wooten decided to mail 3,000 letters describing his personal health and office sterilization procedures to patients and colleagues to stem rumors he was dying of AIDS.

"The U.S. mail is not any faster than a Baytown rumor," said Wooten, who has been in practice 20 years. "I felt open communication was the best solution to everything, rather than just sticking my head in the sand. Because of the nature of AIDS, it is a blank screen for people to project their fears."

The American Medical Association and American Dental Association have assailed such practices as unseemly concessions to a growing paranoia and, if the health care worker has recently become infected, not necessarily reliable.

"There is a sort of hysteria in the public at this point. We're worried about the growing epidemic of fear,

which has overshadowed science," said Philip Weintraub of the Chicago-based dental association.

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta says the chance of contracting AIDS through a dental procedure is about 1 in 2.6 million.

Wooten said dentists are getting a bum rap since a Florida dentist, Dr. David Acer, became the first health professional known to have infected patients with AIDS before dying of it himself in September 1990. Some experts blamed the transmission of the disease on inadequate sterilization procedures.

Scientific studies concluded that there is a nearly 100 percent likelihood Acer infected five of his patients.

The Baytown rumors had Wooten being ill lately, losing a lot of weight and watching his staff walk out.

None of it was true, said Wooten, who is married and the father of three.

"I still have no earthly idea how the rumor started," he said.

"I had not seen any detrimental effect on my patient caseload from the rumor, but I didn't want to take any chances," Wooten said. "Some-

times I might not see some of them for six months or a year."

Though his mass-mailing was unusual, some health care workers have begun providing signed guarantees that they are AIDS-free, running advertisements assuring patients they do not have AIDS or regularly posting their blood test results.

Wooten says his letter helped to set the record straight for those who might be too shy to inquire or who simply took the rumor as gospel.

In the letter, he told how he had been recently tested for disease and was shown to be HIV-negative. He also detailed his strict sterilization procedures for his patients' protection. He asked his patients to immediately correct any rumors they might hear to the contrary.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," he said. "My phone has been ringing off the wall."

"Some (patients) said they never would have believed it. Others told me not to worry about a few rotten citizens. It has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my career."

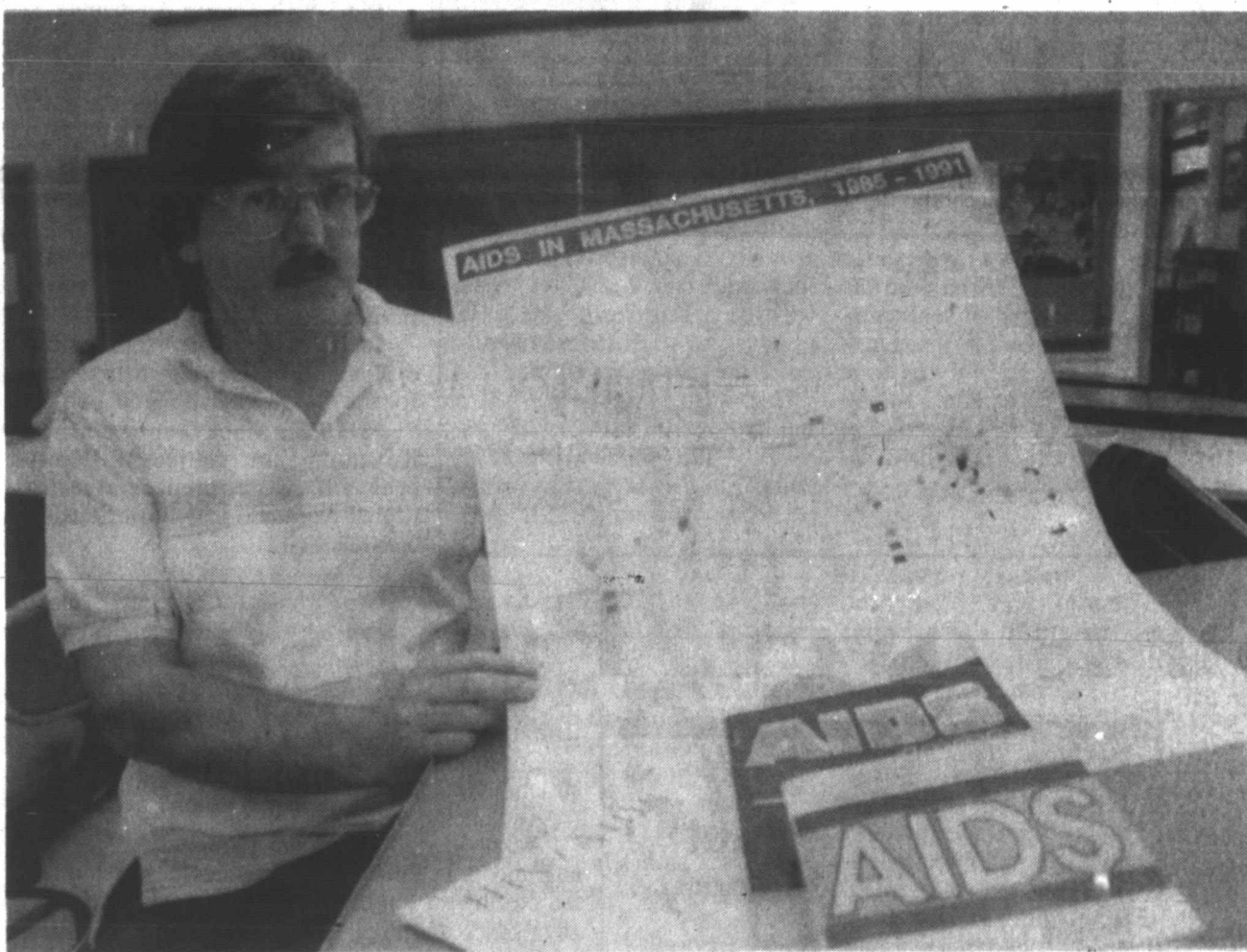
### Planting a pole



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Journeymen Jack Avent and Randy Heckman work on replacing a street light on the corner of Fisher and Sloan streets recently, while Tom Corcoran operates the truck. While fall may be harvest time for most people, its time to plant a (light) pole for these utility workers.

## Map charting spread of AIDS worries image-conscious communities



(AP Laserphoto)

Roy Doyon, a cartographer at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., is seen in a recent interview holding up a set of maps depicting the rout of AIDS across the state from 1985 through last February and the impact on the state's 351 cities and towns.

### Smokers' airline would designate back of plane for non-smokers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Dallas entrepreneur says he is starting a smokers' airline as a reaction to the negative treatment smokers have been getting recently.

"It's getting to the point that everyone is discriminating against us smokers," said Kay Cohlma.

His personal view of smoking, he said, is "If you smoke, that's your business."

"If I smoke, that's my business. If we both smoke, that's our business."

Cohlma is preparing to offer flights for smokers from Oklahoma City and Dallas to Las Vegas. He says service will begin at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City on Oct. 1 regardless of a U.S. Department of Transportation prohibition against smoking on airline flights of less than six hours' duration.

But Will Rogers airport officials say Cohlma has not advised them of his plans.

"We'll contact one of the airlines already in Oklahoma City to get a boarding gate at Will Rogers," Cohlma said.

As for advising Will Rogers officials of his plans, he said, "Las Vegas welcomed me and DFW (the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport) welcomed me. Why not Oklahoma City?"

Although he calls his proposed

operation an airline, Cohlma also refers to it as a smoking club, which he says can operate under less restrictive charter flight smoking rules.

Cohlma says he will charge passengers a \$10 annual fee for flying privileges to justify calling his American Smokers' Airline a club.

Then, as he envisions it, a traveler yearning for gambling casino pleasures can report to the boarding gate at the Oklahoma City airport, flash a membership card and buy a low-rate ticket to Las Vegas on American Smokers' Airline.

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- 1 Whale
- 4 — wine
- 9 Gold (Sp.)
- 12 Companion of ash
- 13 Motor vehicles
- 14 Curtain pole
- 15 Deafening quality
- 17 Boy
- 18 Tiny bottle
- 19 Paradises
- 21 Spotted fish
- 25 Food scrap
- 28 Words of denial
- 29 Arfery's kin
- 33 Over (poet.)
- 34 Encircled
- 35 This (Sp.)
- 36 Reimbursed
- 38 Eulogize
- 40 vegetable
- 41 Blackthorn fruit

- 42 Grafted, in heraldry
- 43 Canine cry
- 44 School exam
- 47 Moving mechanical part
- 50 Vine-covered
- 54 Openings
- 55 Expose to X-rays
- 59 Naval abbr.
- 60 Military encirclement
- 61 Chatter
- 62 Dress up
- 63 Abhors
- 64 Baseball player Mel

**DOWN**

- 1 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 2 Leeway
- 3 Poker money
- 4 Balustrade
- 5 One of Attila's followers

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- 6 Inhabitant
- 7 Numbers (abbr.)
- 8 Ancient chariot
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- 10 Horse color
- 11 Betting factor
- 16 Enjoy a meal
- 20 Symbol of peace
- 22 Fastened
- 23 Despot
- 24 Shrewd
- 25 Fumbler's exclamation
- 26 Authentic
- 27 Musical group
- 30 Look at
- 31 Virginia willow
- 32 Tide type
- 37 Promo tape
- 39 Mocks
- 45 People of Dublin
- 46 1006, Roman
- 47 Chase away
- 48 Approximately (2 wds.)
- 49 Strong taste
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# Pulitzer prize winners celebrate 75th anniversary of the awards

By **ROBERT HARDT Jr.**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Literary greats including Norman Mailer and John Updike reminisced with the giants of journalism as more than 300 Pulitzer Prize winners gathered to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the prestigious awards.

Keynote speaker and two-time Pulitzer winner Russell Baker of The New York Times addressed the audience Sunday afternoon by telling them it was a "macabre experience."

"I know how the obituaries of one half of you will begin," he said. "They'll start with a descriptive three-word phrase beloved by all obituary writers. That phrase of course is 'Pulitzer Prize winning...'"

Baker praised the prizes, but added that important figures such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington never won one.

"For all their lapses and foolishness, we recognize that the jurors and the board got it right a lot more often than they got it wrong," Baker told an audience of 1,200.

Past winners at Sunday's ceremo-

ny included Mailer, who won Pulitzers for fiction and non-fiction, one in 1969 and one in 1980; Peter Arnett, now of Cable News Network, who won a Pulitzer for international reporting in 1966 for The Associated Press; and New York Newsday columnist Jimmy Breslin, who won for commentary in 1986 when he was with the New York Daily News.

Among the oldest winners present was Herbert L. Block, also known as Herblock, the syndicated Washington Post cartoonist who has won the Pulitzer three times, in 1942, 1954 and 1979.

Gwendolyn Brooks, the first black woman to win when she was awarded the Pulitzer for poetry in 1950, also was there.

Columbia University President Michael Sovern lauded all Pulitzer winners, saying they embodied much of what is good about American society.

"I believe that the greatest force for the public good in America today is to be found in the powerful triad of scholars, journalists, and artists represented by the people and the work we honor today," Sovern said.

Some 1991 winners appeared awed by past winners.

"I feel like I'm wearing a brown shirt in a sea of tuxedos," said Ron Casey, editorial page editor for The Birmingham (Ala.) News, which was honored for editorials about the inequities of Alabama's tax system.

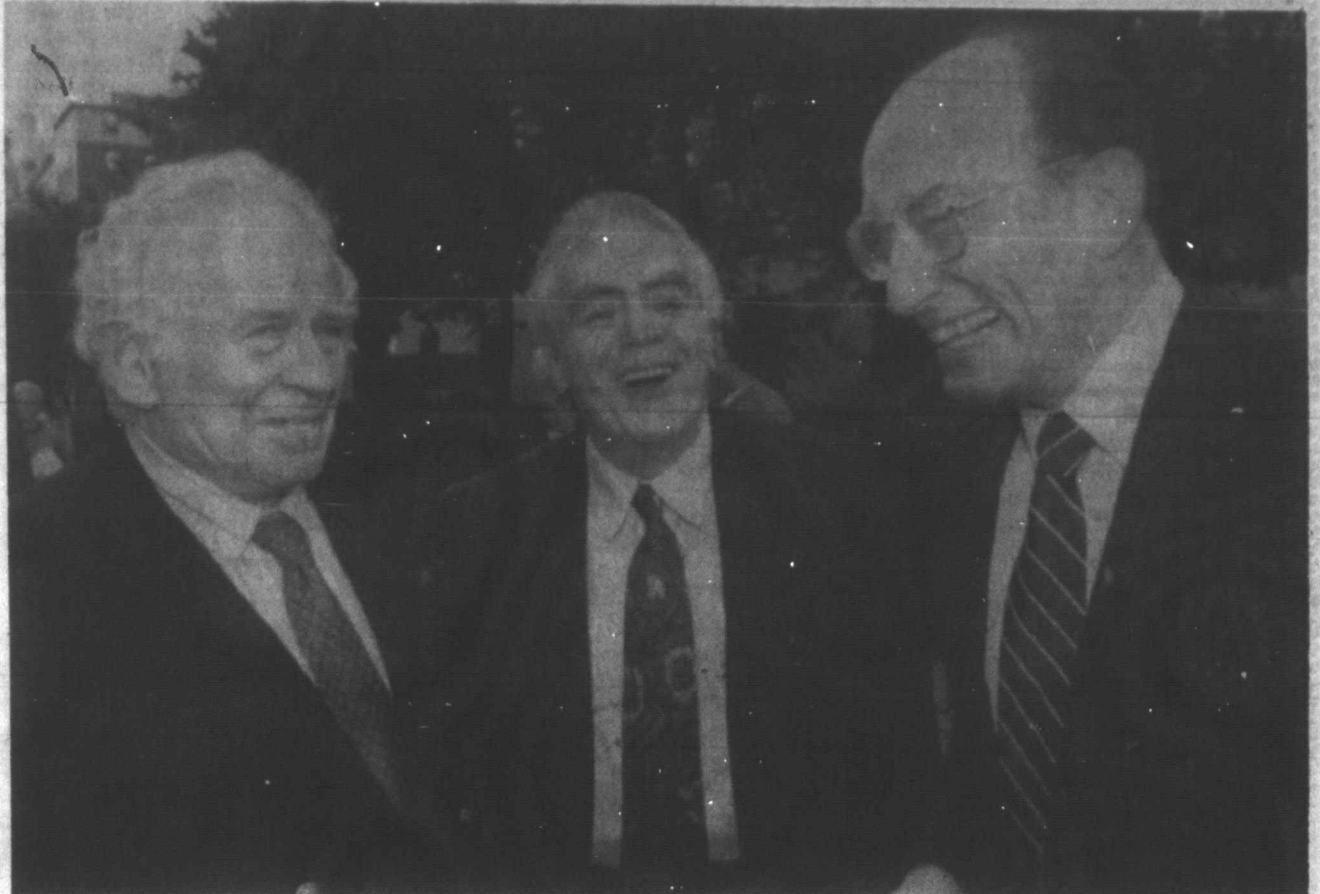
"You're talking about giants," Los Angeles Times media critic David Shaw said, gesturing at the crowd. "This is not a convention of Avon salesmen." Shaw was honored for criticism.

The awards are given each year under a trust established by the late Joseph Pulitzer, who published the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the New York World, among other newspapers. The award for public service carries a gold medal; other categories carry a \$3,000 prize.

Sunday's ceremony also included the formal awarding of Pulitzers to this year's 22 winners, who learned they had won in April.

Author John Updike was trying to absorb abundant praise from well-wishers for winning a second Pulitzer in fiction for his novel "Rabbit at Rest."

"It's nice to be here," Updike said, "in a frantic sort of way."



(AP Laserphoto)

Author Norman Mailer, left, shares a laugh with Newsday columnist and author Jimmy Breslin, center, and Columbia University President Michael I. Sovern after the 1991 Pulitzer Prizes ceremony in New York Sunday.

## Museum allows access to Dead Sea Scrolls

By **THERESE LEE**  
Associated Press Writer

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) — The secrecy surrounding the Dead Sea Scrolls has been pierced again, this time by a research library that opened its record of the archaeological treasure despite warnings from Israel.

"If we had sat quietly we would have violated our own policy of unrestricted access," William A. Moffett, director of the Huntington Library, said at a news conference Sunday. "When you free the scrolls, you free the scholars."

The animal-skin and papyrus scrolls were found in caves near the Dead Sea between 1947 and the early 1950s. They are stored at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem under the control of Israel's Antiquities Authority.

The scrolls were written by members of a Jewish sect during the time of Jesus, and contain the oldest known version of the Old Testament, biblical writings and information about the beginnings of Christianity and modern Judaism.

A small circle of scholars oversees the scrolls and other researchers have long complained that access is too limited and publication too slow.

Earlier this month, two scholars at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati created an uproar when they released a bootleg version of previously unpublished text from the scrolls. It was put together with a desk-top computer and a five-volume reference to the scrolls.

Many researchers were elated then, and again on Sunday. But scholars who devoted years to translating the documents from Hebrew and Aramaic fear their work will be stolen.

Israel on Sunday warned the library not to allow patrons to view microfilms of the scrolls.

Amir Drori, director of Israel's Antiquities Authority, said the library would violate a contract under which fragments of 800 scrolls were photographed in 1980.

The photographs were given to several foreign institutions with the "written understanding that they would not be allowed to use them without our agreement," Drori said.

Moffett said he had heard from Israeli authorities, but that there was no legal reason to block access.

"We are not set up to be a rival of the Department of Antiquities," he said. "We are not in the publishing business."



(AP Laserphoto)

A fragment of the Dead Sea Scrolls shown here is part of a complete photographic set to be made available to scholars by the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.

He questioned whether anyone had a legitimate claim to control access, noting that the scrolls were found in territory not occupied by Israel until the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Moffett said he doesn't believe Israel wants to control interpretation of the scrolls.

"They have more a role of being custodian of the original documents," he said. "It's natural that they would have proprietary instincts."

"The difference is that we don't require a litmus test to see if you are in the club or out of the club," he said. "I can't think of a better way to puncture the paranoia than to declare that the monopoly is at an end."

Outside scholars have published 300 of the 800 scrolls.

But access to the other 500 has been limited to a small group of scholars with exclusive authorization from Israel to assemble, translate and publish the texts. About 100 of those 500 have been published.

Drori said any scholar wishing to see unpublished material need only obtain permission through proper channels.

He said early publication was unethical because the scholars who dedicated years to deciphering the fragments should have first rights to release the material.

The Antiquities Authority has 40 researchers working to publish the remaining scrolls by the end of 1997.

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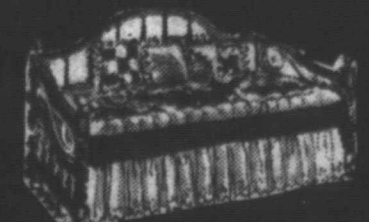


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