

Copyright Office Aids State Department

■ *Judith Nierman*

Late one April afternoon this year, the Copyright Office received a request for assistance from the State Department on matters of fair use. In an effort to assist Customs officials and others in identifying works of art stolen from Iraqi museums, the State Department wanted to post photos of types of art works on the Internet. Because of the urgent need to identify stolen works, the State Department did not have time to locate possible copyright owners and obtain their permission to use the photos.

The Office response was written by Principal Legal Advisor **Rob Kasunic**, who stayed late to draft a lengthy analy-

sis, which concluded that the circumstances supported a claim of fair use.

Not only did the State Department appreciate Rob's thoughtful response, but Register of Copyrights **Marybeth Peters** said, "Fantastic! On behalf of the Office and personally, I can't thank you enough."

The State Department's letter of thanks follows.

*Monday
May 5, 2003*

I wanted to express to both of you [Kasunic and Peters] the deep appreciation of those of us here at the State Department who have been working on recovery and resto-

ration of the looted Iraqi artifacts. Your decisiveness and remarkably fast provision of a very thoughtful and helpful letter to us with respect to copyright aspects of posting images of the looted artifacts have made an extremely important contribution to the recovery and restoration efforts. The speed and helpfulness with which you responded is one of the finest examples of one agency helping another that I have seen in my ten years of work in the federal government.

*Thanks so much again,
Orde F. Kittrie
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Recycle Your Toner Cartridges

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When your toner cartridge goes kaput, do not toss it in the trash. Instead, send an email message to recycleprogram@crs.loc.gov. A parent volunteer from the Library's Little Scholars Child Development Center will come for the cartridge. Used cartridges are sold and recycled. Not only will your email promote recycling, it will also provide needed funds for the Little Scholars tuition assistance program. Both printer and fax toner cartridges are accepted. ©

Birth

Senior Certifications and Documents Technician **Jarletta Walls** gave birth on July 6 to Maurice Bryan Holden II. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Jarletta works in the Certifications and Documents Section of the Information and Reference Division. ©

Out & About

On June 27 and June 28, Senior Information Specialist **Cindy Lisec** attended the International Urban Music Conference at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel as a representative of the Public Information Office. She participated on a panel on "Publishing and Performance Rights" and attended the following panels: "Preparing for Longevity in the Music Business," "Power Strategies for Reaching Your Target Audience," "Indie Label Startup," and "Producers Workshop."

Register of Copyrights **Marybeth Peters** attended a bilateral discussion between the United States and Germany in Munich on June 30–July 2. She spoke on the 1201 rulemaking mandated by U.S. law. ©

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■ *Frank Evina*

The very first work registered under the 1790 federal copyright law was *The Philadelphia Spelling Book*. It was registered on June 9, 1790, in the United States District Court of Philadelphia in the name of John Barry.

No complete copies of *The Philadelphia Spelling Book* are known to exist. However, the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress has the printed title page and two pages of text that were deposited by the author. ©