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In July 1988, Pynchon--"a novelist noted for his power of language and theme, and for his mastery of history, the sciences, politics, and art"--was awarded a \$310,000, five-year fellowship by the MacArthur Foundation. He apparently accepted it. "MacArthur Fellowships have no strings attached. Recipients are free to use the awards as they wish. The MacArthur Foundation imposes no reporting requirements or restrictions on MacArthur Fellows." The Foundation's initial press release said that Pynchon lived in Boston, but that statement was later said to be an error.

Pynchon's next novel, Vineland, will be published by Little, Brown in February 1990. So ran the brief, early reports in Book World on March 12, 1989, and USA Today on March 14. Little, Brown's recently published catalogue for September 1989-March 1990 contains a description of Vineland which makes it sound entirely different from either of the novels Pynchon has generally been rumored to be working on. J. O. Tate was quick to point out that Vineland will be "V-3."

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