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Dear Ivan —

I enjoy your books very much, but thought you needed to know how one of your character's names had been misappropriated. I wonder if she's a fan of yours (see attached article)

On another note, I recently took a grad-level course in publishing and did a major paper and presentation on Clark City Press.

I had a chance to speak with the managing editor and one of the authors, James Crowder (who was my creative writing teacher in 1969 at the Univ of Arkansas).

Best wishes,

— Karl K

Keep up the good work.

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Dear Karl Kunkel --

12 Feb. '93

New York, NY 10014-3827  
to V. King Johnson

Dear Karl Kunkel--

Thanks immensely for passing along that wonderful "Maria Montana, the Polish gypsy scourge of North Carolina" clip. Can a mini-series be far behind?

My wife and I are heading to Missoula for a visit this spring, and we may ~~ex~~ cross paths with Crumley--if so, we'll remember you to him. I hope your own work is thriving.

all best wishes,

Thought I should let you know how much I enjoyed your character's names. I wonder if this is a few of yours (see attached article)

On another note, I recently took a grad-level course - publishing and did a major paper & presentation on Clark's (C. P. Ryan). I had a chance to speak with the managing editor and one of the authors, Thomas Crumley (who was my creative writing teacher - 1987 at the Univ. of Arkansas).

Best wishes,  
Karl K  
Keeping Mr. Good work.

...to pass the Senate.  
 "Before someone begins thinking that \$100 million is unreasonable, I'd simply point out that the federal government estimates that school crime and vandalism are already costing taxpayers over \$200 million a year," Geiger said.

The NEA also is seeking stronger enforcement of the 1990 Gun-Free School Zones Act that made possessing a firearm within the vicinity of a school a federal crime.

The association said in a statement that the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, which is responsible for the regulation of firearms, is responsible for the problem.

Greensboro, N.C.  
 News & Record, Friday, January 15, 1993



Patrick Baz/The Associated Press

Somalia to Camp Pendleton, Calif. She was four days old when he left. Meanwhile, in the Persian Gulf, a sailor bundles up against the cold while aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. U.S. forces in the gulf remained on alert Thursday.

...and 300 airmen and women from Seymour Johnson are assigned to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia — about 200 miles south of Kuwait. Capt. Wes Davis, a spokesman at Seymour Johnson, said it was not known how many of their planes were part of the attack.

The Iraqi military said that the strike had failed. "Our sacrifices in equipment and military hardware were superficial," a military statement said.

Baghdad claimed 19 people, including two civilians, were killed and 15 people were wounded in the air strike. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney dismissed the claims of civilian casualties as "gibberish."

Staff writer Tatiana M. With contributed to this report.

⊕ Clinton says he won't ease up on Saddam; critics say the latest air strike won't do any good/A4

HAS AT LEAST 16 ALIASES

# Well-traveled thief now in city jail

● Greensboro's highest-ever bond was set for an alleged burglar wanted in at least three other states and Poland.

BY BERNIE WOODALL  
 Staff Writer

Greensboro police in November 1991 arrested a nomadic burglar named **Maria Montana**, or what-

ever her name is, but she skipped town after posting \$10,000 bail.

This week, Montana, who has at least 16 aliases, was brought back to Greensboro after being convicted of burglary in Columbia, S.C. To ensure that she stays here until being tried for the 1991 burglary, a Superior Court judge on Wednesday set what local court officials say is the highest bond ever in Guilford County courts: \$5 million.

Greensboro police say Montana is among a "band of gypsies" originally from Poland who roam from city to city burglarizing homes in well-heeled neighborhoods such as Irving Park in Greensboro and Heathwood in Columbia.

The \$5 million bond set by Judge William Z. Wood Jr. pales to a \$25 million bond set last year for Montana in Columbia where she was known as Barbara Pieps.

Montana, or Pieps, or one of the

14 other names police say she has gone by, is accused of breaking into the home of retired Dr. Maurice LeBauer and his wife, Carolyn. She is charged with taking \$10,000 worth of jewelry in the November 1991 burglary.

Sometimes suspected rapists and murderers are released on their own recognizance, so why would a judge place a \$5 million bond on a 45-year-old burglar without a history of violence?

"As I was told by the district attorney (Assistant District Attorney Randy Carroll), the lady has tended to change names quite often," Wood said. "She's not a U.S. citizen and she tends to get arrested, post a bond and then change her name and start doing the same thing somewhere else. The idea (of the high bond) is to put a stop to it so a court can determine whether she is innocent or guilty."

Montana's attorney, Charles Lloyd of Greensboro, had no comment on the bond or whether he will attempt to have it lowered.



The suspect

Carolyn LeBauer, who was livid in 1991 when a magistrate set a \$10,000 bond on such a high-flight risk, said she was pleased that Montana will likely face trial in Greensboro.

"I've been waiting for her," Carolyn LeBauer said Thursday. "I don't really feel good, but I feel we're safer in this area."

The LeBauers live on St. Andrews Road in Irving Park, generally considered Greensboro's most exclusive neighborhood.

While Greensboro police detec-

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A TECHNOLOGY FRONTIER

## Doctors' paper work overwhelms offices

● Computers could help doctors cope with a huge medical paper trail.

BY MARIANN CAPRINO  
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Every time a patient visits a doctor, it generates seven to 10 pieces of paper — even in an advanced age of computers.

The American Medical Association says doctors spend an average

of 17 hours a week on "administrative duties" — filling out patient charts, ordering lab tests, justifying hospital stays to cost-conscious insurers. The vast majority of these tasks are done on paper.

No wonder. Doctors rely on high-tech machinery to test and treat patients, but their offices represent a kind of last frontier for computer technology.

A typical patient visit generates a bill, entries into the patient's record, perhaps an order for a lab test and subsequent lab bill or a prescription, the insurance form, the insurance company's statement to the doctor and an explanation of benefits.

But resistance toward automation is lessening.

InterPractice Systems has created at least on paperless office, putting records on computer. Its system allows a doctor to electronically review patient records, order lab tests and medication, transmit information to insurers, consult other doctors and review guidelines for medical care.

The system is estimated to save more than 25 percent in clinical and administrative costs. It also reduces error and provides a more coherent look at a patient's record.

⊕ Paperless system elusive/A2

## DOCTORS DROWNING IN PAPERWORK

| PROBLEMS   | SOLUTIONS   |
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| 450 different claim forms delay processing. Paper claims have 2 to 3 times more errors than computer ones.                   | Standardized forms let hospitals and doctors submit claims electronically to insurers, cutting errors.                                |
| 25-35 percent of people in many insurer claims departments just handle paper.  | Electronic submission of forms cuts 3-5 days off processing, uses fewer people.   |
| Patient records are lost in almost one third of all medical appointments; 35 percent of prescription refills never recorded. | New computer programs allow doctors to review patient records, order medical tests and medication and review medical care guidelines. |

Bob Bianchini/The Associated Press

