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Investigators tie Clinton to foreign money

Memo from 1992 shows Indonesian banker took 'car ride' with then-nominee

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WASHINGTON — In the earliest evidence linking President Clinton to a foreign donation, investigators have unearthed a 1992 memo indicating James Riady took a coveted private car ride with Clinton just before the Indonesian banker began writing checks that totaled half a million dollars.

Riady "will be giving \$500,000 to this event and has the potential to give much more," Clinton was told in a memo Aug. 14, 1992, that advised he "would share a car ride that day with the Indonesian billionaire after a fund-raiser. Clinton was then the Democratic presidential nominee."

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"Mr. Riady — owned and continues to own American financial institutions who get the rate U.S. income." White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said. "In 1992, he was a lawful permanent resident and eligible to contribute to any political party."

"There was no basis for anyone to believe that Mr. Riady's contributions to the DNC might be illegal. To suggest that, based upon the routine briefing memo to then-Gov. Clinton is truly absurd."

The AP made a weeklong effort to reach Riady but a spokesman said Monday he still was unavailable for comment. In the past, Riady has said he believes his donations were legal.

Federal law forbids U.S. candidates and parties from accepting foreign money. The law allows foreigners who are legally and permanently residing in the United States to make donations. U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies can donate only if they use funds generated inside the United States.

The memo to Clinton clearly noted Riady had moved from the United States. "He has flown all the way from Indonesia, where he is now based, to attend the fund-raiser," it said. And some of the donations were written from Lippo Bank in California, which appears to be a starter or counter check lacking the normal numbering of a personal checkbook.

On the first floor. Instead of study hall, students are allowed to have a free period in which they can go to the library, computer lab or cafeteria without having to get passes from a teacher.

"If you want, you can sit and do nothing," Mackie said. "But after the first semester, a lot of the students started to get involved in sports. That was the point."

While a lot of the students said they liked the policy, not everyone said it worked the way it was supposed to.

While the school seems to be trying to promote students to be responsible and take initiative, junior Crysta Anderson says that was not always the case.

"Everybody here wants everything to be done for them, no want to accept responsibility," Anderson said, adding while the commonsense gives students some freedom, it also can be disruptive.

"You can see your friends and do homework," Anderson said. "But sometimes in the hall, you can see a student who is not in a quiet place. Sometimes, there's not enough quiet."

For the most part, though, students seem to have grown into the school, slowly making it their own. "I like the freedom here. I like the fact that everyone has worked together to get things started," Vargo said. "I don't regret coming here for my last year in high school."

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Latest news from McHenry County

Cary: Parents asked

Maplewood Principal Kevin O'Connor to wait on some changes for the upcoming school year, and he has responded.

As a result of two recent meetings with parents, O'Connor and other members of Maplewood's staff are modifying the plans for a multi-age "village" setting for the next school year.

"The staff and I feel that our plan reflects parents' concerns by providing for mixed-age and grade-level groupings, as well as creating opportunities for many of the first-, second- and multiage students to share their lunch and recess times," O'Connor said.

Crystal Lake: A subdivision with 132 homes soon may be built on the city's north side.

Reserve One Homes of Cary will ask city council members next month for permission to build the single-family homes on 60 acres west of Western Acres Park and Walkway Avenue.

"This is just a straightforward subdivision" said Joe Gottscheller, the attorney representing Reserve One. "We're complying with all the city ordinances and not asking for anything special."

The development, referred to as Crystal Ridge, would be built on a grassy field and the site is not filled with low-lying wetlands like other recent controversial developments before the council.

Johnsburg: Village officials are pursuing plans for a November referendum to institute a police and municipal employee pension program.

The referendum would ask voters to add about \$100,000 a year to village coffers to institute the program, village Finance Committee Chairman Rich Quinn said.

State law requires municipalities with more than 5,000 residents to provide pension plans for their employees, and village officials created the 2000 census will show Johnsburg has attained that

population.

Riley Township: Coon Creek cleanup efforts are under way.

"But we're not moving as fast as we'd really like to be," said Robert C. Moehring, Riley Township highway commissioner. Moehring is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove two silt bars from the creek, near the Grange Road Bridge.

(The water) is going up into farmers' fields and tearing up abutment walls," Moehring said. The sediment piles stick up nearly 3 feet above the normal water level. And officials will divert the stream's flow, pushing water up the abutment walls that support the bridge.

From staff reports

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Illinois Lottery

Pick Three Midday: 0-7-8
Pick Three Evening: 4-3-2
Pick Four Midday: 3-4-1-4
Pick Four Evening: 0-6-7-3
Little Lotto: 3-6-11-13-24
Lotto Jackpot: \$1 million

Big Game
Estimated Jackpot: \$22 million

Wisconsin Lottery

Pick 3: 8-3-9
Pick 4: 9-2-1-9
SuperGame: 1-10-14-23-35

Indiana Lottery

Daily Three: 4-6-5
Daily Four: 1-5-2-6
Lucky 5: 10-16-17-19-25
Est. Hoosier Jackpot: \$4.5 million

Poweball

Estimated Jackpot: \$1 million

Corcoran Gallery receives Picasso still-life

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Corcoran Gallery of Art has received a still-life painting by Pablo Picasso.

The small oil painting, "A Glass on a Table," is being donated by the artist's widow, Jacqueline Picasso, and her family.

Museum officials declined to estimate the value of the work, which is the first Picasso painting in its collection.

The dark painting, completed in 1913, is in the cubist style. Ex-

pects see a fruit bowl, a newspaper and a fainted glass.

Leeds-Hurwitz said the painting came from her grandmother, Lise Bernheimer Rheinstrom, who bought it for her fleeing Nazi Germany for Cuba in 1941.

The painting will be displayed until June 22, with a Picasso etching titled "The Tragic Repast" and several American paintings influenced by the cubist movement.

help Les open Woods Creek. "She's a phenomenal leader."

Les gives her staff a lot of the credit.

"When the team works well together, it makes the whole process go smoothly," she said.

Woods Creek, she will not ask to be the one leaving the district's new southside school whenever it is built.

"We worked so hard to build such a strong sense of community here," Les said.

That was evident Monday. As Les stopped students to say goodbye, students made plans to spend some summer time together and teachers piled into cars for a last day lunch.

"It really was a dream," Hyma said. "A dream come true."

Prairie Ridge

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While there is a developing pride at Prairie Ridge, seniors admitted to feeling a bit awkward during the fall Homecoming game against Central, since many of them had attended Central for three years.

"I think some of the kids almost still felt loyal to Central and would talk about it when the school year started. They get that (school pride) back into their heads for years and it's hard to change," English teacher Shelly Hartnett said. "But now I hardly hear it at all."

The 170 graduating seniors were stretched to the limits this year. From sports and academic clubs to the student paper, everything had to be built from the ground up with a relatively small class.

"I wanted to do something different," said senior Del Leistriz, who came from Central and will attend the University of Idaho and study physics. "I miss my friends a lot and some of my teachers. But I knew I needed a change."

"I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity," said senior Sarah Vargo, who is editor of the student paper and will go to the University of Illinois to study journalism. "There was something exciting about starting from scratch."

Mackie has been through this

Valley Hi

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"I think he could have been very positive for Valley Hi," Schuster said. "But bigger and better things move you on, so I guess we have to accept that."

Besides Bracken, the list of appointed officials who have left since December includes the former administrator, finance director, planning and development director, public health administrator and information services director.

Board members disagree whether those departures are the result of a wide-open job market or stem from simmering tensions on the county board.

Klemm said last fall's budget process has created some uneasiness among appointed department heads. Faced with declining cash reserves, the board narrowly approved a controversial budget that cut \$2.5 million and more than two dozen employees.

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Some dissenting board members criticized the finance department and former Administrator Bill Barron, saying they did not keep board members informed of the county's financial shape.

Barron, who Klemm supported, resigned in January. Finance Director Kathy Reinertsen left in April, shortly before her department was reduced in size and power.

"I think many of us on the county board are worried about that," Klemm said. "There was so much finger-pointing going on. I think that the county department heads are looking at that, and wondering who's next."

But Schuster said there is not one overarching reason why department heads are leaving, other than their own career advancement.

"Some, it's healthy for McHenry County that they left; others, I'm very saddened by it," Schuster said. "It's normal that in such a large operation, you're going to have turnover, especially with the market the way it is."

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Woods Creek

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"It's very, very hard," Lynn Burghart said. "I remember him going into kindergarten and now he's going into sixth grade."

Hyma, who said incoming fifth-graders have a hard act to follow, found saying goodbye difficult.

"It's a sad feeling when the kids leave," Hyma said. "You pour so much into them and see them come so far."

"They're like a family member," Hyma said. "You pour so much into them and see them come so far."

Hyma spent the last five minutes of class thanking her students for a great year and telling them to root for the Bulls. Hyma is a huge Bulls fan, which is obvious to anyone who walks into her room.

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