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## Sheriff considering GOP primary run against Helmke in '95

FORT WAYNE - Allen County Sheriff Joe Squadrito is being courted to run against Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke in next year's Republican mayoral primary.

Squadrito responded to the overtures by saying Monday, "I've got to make a tough decision."

What makes this a compelling political story is that it is yet another milestone in the free-fall of Helmke's once meteoric political career that had him on the fast-track for the 1996 Republican gubernatorial nomination. And it has the potential to create a political tempest as the result of social catastrophe brought on by the trafficking of crack cocaine that emerged in Fort Wayne back in 1985. Regardless of who runs, crime will be the cornerstone issue in Indiana's second largest city in the 1996 elections.

Squadrito confirmed for *HPR* that he has been approached by Republicans "across the spectrum" about challenging Helmke in the May 1995 GOP primary.

"Yes, I have been approached. They have battered me, barged me. It's come from a lot of the old schoolers and a lot of the young schoolers," he said of Fort Wayne Republicans.

"When you see a jail full of criminals and old Germans selling their property for pennies on the dollar, it just breaks your heart," Squadrito said of the city's erosion of neighborhoods brought on by the violence associated with crack cocaine trafficking. "I saw my parents go through that in Lawrence, Massachusetts. There has to be a line drawn.

"I've got a tough decision to make. Under normal circumstances, I would be flattered. But these aren't normal circumstances."

There are several dilemmas facing Squadrito. He is seeking a second term as sheriff against a little-known Democrat. He stands to lose significant pension money if he does not serve a full term. And he would be challenging an incumbent mayor - part of a family dynasty where Helmke's father and grandfather have been active in

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## Quote Of The Week:

"This was one of the more interesting stories to come down the pike in Indiana in several years...."

- Jack Crawford to APME on his affair with Mary Cartwright.

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GOP politics for most of this century.

Helmke responded to a potential Squadrito challenge by saying late Monday night, "I was under the impression that Joe Squadrito was running for sheriff and I wish him well. I would hope he would not look beyond." Helmke noted that the last time a sheriff ran for mayor - Bud Meeks in 1983 - "He received 27 percent of the vote in the general election."

The mayor was an unsuccessful congressional candidate in 1980. Seven years later, he challenged scandal-beset Mayor Winfield Moses. In one of the most heated mayoral campaigns in the city's history, Helmke upset Moses two years after the Democrat had resigned for 10 days over campaign finance law violations.

In 1991, Helmke defeated Democrat Charlie Belch with a landslide 58 percent of the vote, prompting then-Republican State Chairman Rexford Early to anoint Helmke a "rising star" in the party and a future gubernatorial candidate. In 1992, Helmke conferred with governor nominee Linley Pearson about running for lieutenant governor.

But Helmke's fortunes within the Republican Party began to dissipate when his Yale classmates, Bill and Hillary Clinton, ascended to the White House in 1992. On Feb. 23, 1993, Helmke appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs and endorsed the Clinton economic stimulus plan.

"I am here today to lend my support as mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on behalf of the people in cities large and small all across the country for the principles embodied in the Clinton economic recovery plan," he said.

"The plan enunciated by President Clinton last week is tough medicine. Nobody likes taxes, but if they are administered on an equitable and fair basis, if they are truly used to enhance the future of our country and its citizens, if they will provide a better tomorrow for generations to come, then we must in good conscience accept them."

The mayor's testimony, however, brought an unprecedented and stinging rebuke from Early in the final hours of his chairmanship. In a March 10, 1993, letter made available to the public, Early wrote, "I feel strong about the fact that I haven't burned my blood sugar and labored for the Republican Party, as its chairman, for the last two years, so that a president more liberal than George McGovern could saddle Hoosiers with a confiscatory tax plan.

"Paul, it's a darn thin pancake that don't have two sides, but on this particular issue, I appeal to you to re-examine your position."

Helmke stuck to his guns in supporting the Clinton plan. He explained that since 1980, federal grants and federal revenue sharing had ended, creating a reduction of 67 percent in federal aid to cities. The stimulus package, Helmke explained, would provide jobs and address urban needs.

"There are times when political partisanship must be put aside," Helmke said. "My job is to fight for this city.

As a Republican, I believe in fiscal responsibility. We have to pay for things we ask government to provide. We haven't done that in the past."

There have been other strains between Helmke and his party. He vetoed \$750,000 in city budget cuts in January 1993. He advocated and won a County Option Income Tax in his first term, a County Economic Development Income Tax and a \$5-a-month garbage collection fee in his second term. He currently is seeking a storm water collection fee. Meanwhile, the city tax rate has remained static.

While taxes have put a strain on Helmke's relations with the state party, Republicans on the city council and the party rank and file, two other elements may have sent past GOP supporters in Squadrito's direction.

The biggest is crime. Fort Wayne and Allen County have seen an explosion in crime since 1985, impacting the judicial and welfare systems. Fort Wayne had a record homicide rate in 1993 and is on pace to break that this year. The city has had a record 17 bank robberies so far this year. The city's middle class in neighborhoods near the encroaching blight brought on by the crack epidemic is growing increasingly wary.

In 1993, city police invited Squadrito's department in to try to help control thriving crack districts. He operated concentrated or "saturation" controls that pinpointed activity with secondary areas patrolled for those fleeing the primary concentrations. Squadrito reported that when the county took part in patrolling Fort Wayne's crack districts, the level of crime dropped dramatically.

Said one Republican, "The perception is that with the crime problems affecting the city, what's needed isn't a mayor but a general. That's what makes a Squadrito candidacy for mayor intriguing."

Helmke appeared with Attorney General Janet Reno in July in support of the crime bill, a move that further alienated him with some Republicans. Monday night, Helmke said that the crime rate is dropping, down in the first six months of 1994 from the same period in 1993. "I think we're making a lot of progress," Helmke said.

Helmke said he would make a decision on whether to seek a third term possibly by the end of the year, although it could come as late as February.

Like Helmke, Squadrito is a proven vote-getter, winning his first election by a landslide. He is expected to be re-elected easily Nov. 8. Squadrito can be brash and profane. He is viewed suspiciously by the community's liberal and moderate elements, such as the *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette's* editorial board.

Squadrito has aligned himself with the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a severe critic of Helmke's tenure as mayor. It recently described the mayor as an "ombudsman" and the "last of the go-go mayors" for his travel policy.

Squadrito has written on crime issues for its magazine. The question involving a "Mayor" Squadrito is

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## The Horse Race

US. SENATE	STATUS	COMMENTS
Jontz (D) v. Lugar (R)	Safe R	Jontz hits airwaves with "international" tour. Trying to draw Lugar blood on foreign aid v. job training programs. Too little, too late.
2ND CD Hogsett (D) v. McIntosh (R)	LEANING D	Vargus poll gives Hogsett 31-24 percent lead. Enough to tip this race into a "Leaning D." Why? Hogsett dollars, Clinton diplomatic success in Haiti. Still time for McIntosh to recover, though.
4TH CD Long (D) v. Souder (R)	Leaning D	Still waiting for this 'un to warm up. It's going to be Guns and Roses. Souder to hit Long on gun ban. Question is, will it be a pop gun against steel petals?
5TH CD Beatty (D) v. Buyer (R)	Leaning R	Buyer attempts to show Beatty waffling on employer mandates. Beatty made contradictory statements in Munster's Times and WILL radio in Urbana, Ill.,
7th CD Harmless (D) v. Myra (R)	Leaning R	Clinton diplomatic success in Haiti may help Harmless most. He's the Democrat most closely aligned with Clinton record. But the mayor has to do everything right from here on out to win.
15TH INDIANA SENATE Bradbury (D) v. Wye (R)	Leaning R	Wyss begins radio saturation "fighting" for us. TV to follow soon. Bradbury awfully quiet. ISTA vanguard on the way? Also, any issues here besides Wyss record?
74TH INDIANA HOUSE Phillip (D) v. Lambert (R)	Leaning D	Sally Rideout Lambert makes major hay over MKP's leisurely Crescent City amblings. J. Roberts Daily syndrome? Don't bet the ranch. It's still Warrick County, folks.
<b>TRENDLINE: Comeback Kid Clinton and Jimmy C. put a new bloom on frail notion of small state southern governors. Clinton saying "Pack 'em" reminds us of Harry.</b>		

## Hogsett takes big lead over McIntosh in Star/WISH poll

**INDIANAPOLIS** - The first horse race results are in from the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory and it represented good news for Secretary of State Jog Hogsett.

The results, showing Hogsett with a 31-24 point lead over Republican David McIntosh in the 2nd CD, were broadcast by WISH-TV Monday evening and published in Tuesday's *Indianapolis Star*. The undecided stood at 45 percent. Hogsett's margin was within the statistical margin of error.

The poll was conducted prior to visits by former vice president Dan Quayle in Muncie, House Majority Leader Newt Gingrich in Richmond and U.S. Sen. Dan Coats on behalf of McIntosh last week.

Hogsett tried to downplay the results. "I don't believe too many people are focused on the issues of the race yet," Hogsett told WISH. But the Democrat did call the poll results "historic" because it was the first time he had ever led an independent poll.

In his 1990 race for secretary of state against former Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut, Hogsett came from behind to score an upset. In his attempt to unseat U.S. Sen. Dan Coats in 1992, Hogsett trailed badly throughout the race.

McIntosh told WISH that "90 percent of the voters in the district know who Joe Hogsett is, so that means only a third of them say they would vote for him."

But pollster Brian Vargus of the IU Public Opinion Laboratory explained, "Joe Hogsett is holding his base and is pulling some Republicans as well as independents."

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## Election Forecast

## Clinton's Haitian breakthrough could curtail GOP tidal wave

Indiana Democrats had to be breathing a sigh of relief late Sunday night and Monday

With President Clinton ordering the Pentagon to "pack 'em" as former President Jimmy Carter, U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn and Gen. Colin Powell continued their negotiations in Port-Au-Prince, a dramatic diplomatic breakthrough reminiscent of the Kissinger era emerged.

Americans this autumn were exhibiting a low threshold for what some called the "Delaware Factor" - GIs returning from a foreign engagement in body bags at Dover AFB. Clinton, having averted a potentially costly invasion in terms of American lives, has emerged with what appears to be a diplomatic triumph. While it won't end the nation's questions about his leadership, it goes a long way toward negating a potentially crippling issue facing Democrats.

"It defuses the issue," said Jim Jontz, the Democratic senatorial candidate facing U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. "It removes that issue as a problem for the president. I hope it goes as smoothly as it did today."

With the Haitian factor defused, Democrats have an opening to reassert the notion that there have been a number of successes accompanying an aggressive congressional agenda. The economy is thriving, and it gives Democratic candidates a chance to point to examples where gridlock has ended. Without the Haitian peril, the re-election chances of U.S. Reps. Frank McCloskey and Jill Long improve. It also helps Joe Hogsett in his race with David McIntosh, where the Republican is attempting to handcuff the Democrat to Bill Clinton. Most dramatically, however, it has the potential to help Michael Harmless in his race against U.S. Rep. John Myers in the 7th CD. Harmless has emerged as the Democrat who has most closely linked himself to the president.

**On the legislative front**, any improvement in the Clinton stance has to be helpful to a half dozen Democrats targeted by the Republicans in the Indiana House.

Their potential plight was typified by Elkhart County GOP Chairman Roy Rogers Jr. at the Indiana Republican State Dinner Saturday night.

"I think people are just going to go in and vote straight Republican," Rogers said, anticipating the Haitian invasion.

That might have been an accurate prediction had a Haitian invasion led to many casualties or if U.S. troops had gotten bogged down in a war of attrition. Clinton would also have been open to criticism that he "cornered" himself into an invasion. Now the diplomatic success eases the Clinton burden throughout the ballot, where the residuals might have been felt profoundly by legislative candidates

Indiana House Democrats now can turn their attention to other worries, such as having to defend themselves from Speaker Michael K. Phillips and his chief public defender State Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, after the National Legislative Conference fiasco in New Orleans that surfaced last week. But even that little tempest may not cling to Democrats.

Said State Sen. Tom Wyss, "People tend to paint politicians with a broad brush. When something like that happens, it's more likely to affect all of us than just one party."

The danger for Republicans is that notions of a "tidal wave" that gave them dreams of making Newt Gingrich speaker of the House and regaining control of the Senate may have crested too early.

**And thoughts of a tidal wave** may have been based on wishful thinking. In 1982, Ronald Reagan's approval rating was lower than Bill Clinton's is now. The Republicans lost 26 seats that year, but that came toward the end of a harrowing recession. History suggests that Democrats may fare better. In elections after the Democrats reclaimed the White House in 1862 and 1878, the Democrats lost four and 15 seats, respectively.

True, Americans seem to have lost a sense of purpose after the Cold War, causing them to doubt their leaders. But the other book end to that notion is simply that many Americans seem to be turned off by politics, and aemic voter turnouts don't tend to translate into dramatic shifts in either Congress or the legislature.

### Jontz hits the airwaves with his "travel" videos

**FORT WAYNE** - Jim Jontz has been traveling lately - to Peru, Scotland, Moscow, Mexico, and so on. He's got some pictures he'll be willing to sit down in your living room and show you, too.

It's part of Jontz's TV ad campaign that began airing this week. His dig at Lugar is that while the senator voted for \$173 billion in foreign aid, he also voted against a \$450 million "School-to-Work" bill which he maintains gets "at the heart of the problem" in Indiana.

Jontz is quick to point out the *Indianapolis Star/WISH* poll that shows that 67 percent of Hoosiers would like to see less foreign aid.

"This connects," Jontz said of the ad. "It's getting the message out."

The key question is whether the Democrat will be able to stay on the air through the rest of the campaign to have any chance at making the race competitive. He poses the question himself: "Can we convince the folks who have the resources? I believe when we show the message, it will reinforce what we've been saying."

## HPR Interview

## Souder on 4th CD: 'I will win' race against Jill Long

**GRABILL** - It was a scene one might have seen during a 1930s congressional campaign.

The Souder for Congress headquarters is situated in a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse at the rear of the family's antique mall. The Grabill Days festival was thriving outside and smells of smoke, bratwurst and apple butter permeated the air. The candidate, Republican Mark Souder, was wearing suspenders and seated at a table under portraits of Calvin Coolidge and Robert Taft.

He talked about his attempt to unseat U.S. Rep. Jill Long in what HPR has called "the stealth campaign" up to this point:

**HPR:** What do you need to do over the next month or so to be competitive with Jill Long?

**Souder:** It's definitely more fun being an incumbent over being a challenger. Our goal was to be in the hunt by Labor Day and by any standards, I think we are. Sample polling looks good and my goal is to close it within 10 (points) by October first. I think I have to tell them who I am, which the last two Republican contenders didn't do, and you have to show why the incumbent shouldn't be there; what voter records Jill Long has that deserve to have her out. And then you have to counter your opponent's counter. And that's really where this campaign will go. A lot of it will be the function of money. Over the last three elections, my opponent has spent \$1.5 million and that's a lot of name ID. Part of the reason I have tried to tie my campaign to my family and my Grabill roots is to make that connection because if I can tie into my family business ID, which is as high as any politician's, I can try and leapfrog this \$1.5 million.

**HPR:** Chris Sautter, who advises Long, has been critical of your radio ad techniques, saying it's dangerous for the candidate to deliver negatives.

**Souder:** I think there are a couple of different things about that. One is I don't like candidates who hide behind negatives. That is, if you're going to say something negative, have the guts and stand up and say it yourself. This is kind of a sore point with me because people have said that criticizing Jill Long...she's a real nice person. That's because she has other people do her negatives. That's one of the problems we have. You have a bunch of hired guns who come in and trash people and then the candidate comes in and smiles.

**HPR:** You are going to concentrate on Long's voting record where you've said she votes in the same percentile as Joe Kennedy. How are you going to make that point with the voters?

**Souder:** We've done a computer analysis of five and a half years of votes - every vote she's taken. So Mark Souder will say, 'Jill Long's a liberal.' One of her comebacks is, a lot of those are procedural votes. And then my comeback is, I've been in Washington too, and procedural votes are the game. The rules votes - that's what leadership wants because that's how you maintain power. Look at the budget process. She voted against the budget, but she voted for the rule which prohibited any amendment except the Republican alternative. She stuck with the rule and that was the critical vote. Then she voted against the budget target, then she voted for the stimulus package and she voted for most of the appropriations. The bottom line is the rule, the stimulus package and the appropriations are the real money. And the media pays attention to only one part of it - only the symbolic votes. That's because people want a contest that's clear-cut with winners and losers while the rule is kind of a messy process. That's why so many newspapers and TV are going to soft news. People want to see shootings, and automobile wrecks, and they want to see winners and losers in politics, like a sport.

**HPR:** Will you have enough money to deliver the message?

**Souder:** I think I proved in the primary I can win with less money. If you know what you're doing and are creative, you can win with less money. As I move this race closer, Democrats have to defend so many places right now, if they see this seat move, and it's basically a Republican seat, they're likely to abandon ship. They've held it for about as long as they can hold it and Jill Long is one of the best politicians I've ever watched.

**HPR:** There has been talk that resources will go into races like the 2nd and 8th CDs instead of the 4th. How can you convince them to take your race more seriously.

**Souder:** They look at the 2nd because it's an open seat. And the 8th because it's a true swing district. But even in a poll I deem inaccurate (WPTA-TV), I'm still six points ahead of where the last Republican wound up. And I'm doing that while I still have a softness in my Republican base. But we are really going strong with the independents. I will in this race in the 4th District, not by impressing people in other parts of the state. After the primary, other candidates were trotting out to Washington. Why? It's won back here. I hope that the national committee puts some money in and the state committee puts some money in. But they are not necessarily pleased, because I am not doing what candidates usually do. I don't have Republican on my signs. I didn't do that on purpose because if there was ever a year I should have done that, it's this year. I did that instinctively because that's what Quayle and Coats had always done. I want to be more connected, but I'm not going to have them come in here and tell me how to run a campaign.

## Columnists (on Indiana)

**Margaret Ankenbruck**, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - "I'm old enough to remember the time when teen-age girls who got pregnant left school. Some of these young women undoubtedly finished high school through night classes, but they never came back to regular high school. Today, you will see pregnant young women even in middle schools. I think removing the stigma of illegitimacy from children raised by their unwed mothers was a positive development. But our society has gone far beyond that. It now accepts out-of-wedlock pregnancy even among teenagers, without recriminations. This change in society's attitudes has had predictable results. Illegitimacy is more common. Today 30 percent of all births in America are to unwed mothers. Former Vice President Dan Quayle addressed this topic last week. I think he hit the nail on the head. But it's going to require another change in society's attitudes for this disastrous upward trend in out-of-wedlock births to turn around."

**Jack Colwell**, *South Bend Tribune* - "What's at the heart of the invasion criticism? That the invasion is 'directed by the wrong president.' That's what I say, or rather, what I said. That was in a column on Nov. 4, 1983, after President Reagan directed the invasion of Grenada. Democratic presidential hopefuls then were criticizing Reagan for invading Grenada. So were Democratic senators, who said, among other things, that there is no way to bring a democracy at the end of a bayonet. Couldn't you hear a Bill Clinton, if he had lost in 1992 but still had presidential ambitions, criticizing President Bush for a reckless policy on Haiti? And what of the Republicans who now are so upset about a Clinton intervention in Haiti. They would be defending President Bush. Yes, views on an invasion to restore democracy seem to vary, depending on whether it is the 'right' president or the 'wrong' president directing the operation."

**David Haase**, *Indianapolis News* - "Obscure. Not a word we often use to describe those silver-tongued public savants we dispatch to Congress every two years. Well, stand back, because Indiana now has a lawmaker on the 'Obscurity Caucus.' It's Pete Visclosky. You know, the guy from up around Chicago. Democrat. Skinny guy, couple of kids, wife works outside the home. A Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call, picked out the 10 folks in Congress who never get their names in the paper, who just take care of constituents and get re-elected by huge margins. It's called the Obscurity Caucus. Roll Call describes Visclosky as 'a number cruncher who is one of the smartest members of the House.'"

**David Broder**, *Washington Post* - "Bill Clinton is obviously struggling in the presidency; that's been clear to

everyone, including Clinton himself, for some time. But only recently have we been able to see that his struggle has historical roots as much as personal. The first problem is generational. That factor was dramatized last week when Dan Quayle and Clinton gave speeches on successive days about the crisis in values afflicting the American family and society. Both were serious, sensible speeches, but their resonance was limited - at least in the reaction I read and the comments I heard - by listeners' sense that neither man possessed the moral authority to be offering commentary and exhortation on such values questions. The point is, that no one from their baby-boomer generation who has attained or come close to the presidency has yet been able to establish the bond of trust with the American people that has lifted and sustained past occupants of the Oval Office."

**Jeff Gillaspay**, *Elkhart Truth* - As this is being written in the depths of my home, I am wearing my St. Louis Cardinals baseball cap (bill toward the front, of course, as all real guys wear their caps). Once the column is finished, the cap will be put away with the remainder of this Major League baseball season. Perhaps the cap will be taken out again next spring. Perhaps not. In the meantime, let's hope the players and owners get low-grade - but painful - sunburns on their yachts over the winter. Remember, friends, the comeuppance is coming. They'll want you back in the ballpark in the spring of '95, and they'll have all fall and winter to figure out how to lure you. And keep in mind, no matter what the concessions they make to one another curing the negotiations, they owe some concessions to you as well. Make sure you get some, or don't go back."

**Gordon Durnil**, *Indianapolis Star* - "Hypocrisy is at the heart of voter alienation, and that alienation is broader than just candidates and elected officials. The public is turned off by the total leadership in our society, whether it be in government, business, education, church and certainly the reporting profession. The people who set policy and those who define it for us are the targeted culprits of public disdain."

**Bill Moor**, *South Bend Tribune* - "Steve Luecke knows which label will be hung on him with all the thoughtfulness of a grade-school 'kick me' sign. The South Bend city councilman has certainly been called worse. Luecke, as wholesome and as thoughtful as any politician you will ever find, brings up the word himself. 'I don't want to be a prude, but...' but darn it, he doesn't want South Bend to have to be the site of an off-track betting parlor. 'I just don't see the spin-off effect where money will be spent elsewhere in the city. People are going to come in and gamble and leave.'"

## Musings and Meanderings

Hous Speaker **Michael K. Phillips'** decision to repay the state money for the national legislative conference in New Orleans last summer did not quell the indignation. Here's a sampling: Indianapolis News readers on the InfoLine question were asked if criticism of Phillips was fair and whether it was wrong for him to return the money. Of 92 callers, 23 said yes and 69 said no. Said **Howard Smith** of Indianapolis, "I'm glad they caught the sucker." Speedway's **Paul Brading** was a little more diplomatic: "The criticism was correct and fair. The rest of the legislators should follow suit." And The Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette* editorialized under the headline "Shame on Phillips...."

Indiana has a new publishing powerhouse: former Chicago Bear running back **Gale Sayers**. He has opened *The Wakarusa Journal*, a weekly newspaper that will compete with *The Wakarusa Tribune*, owned by Elkhart County Democratic Chairman **Al Nich** (Jeff Kurowski, *South Bend Tribune*). Sayers plans to live in Wakarusa permanently within three years.

Former Hoosier Lottery director **Jack Crawford** told Associated Press managing editors about life on the receiving end of a scandal. "I would hope the press understands this: you get a person in that context and they're really on the edge. And I don't know if there's a professional responsibility, but there's a personal responsibility to treat them kind of carefully." Crawford resigned after he was accused of sexual harassment by former lover Mary Cartwright. "You lose everything. You really get to the point where you're almost broken."

Elkhart City Councilwoman **Carol McDowell** is gearing up to challenge three-term Democrat Mayor **James P. Iron** next year. McDowell is a three-term Republican.

Likely Fort Wayne mayoral challenger **Steve Corona**, a Democrat, didn't have a real great week in the press. He and other board members were accused of "racism" over the handling of Dr. **James Easton** and his candidacy to be superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools. Said Corona of Easton, "He has embraced discord and turned his back on harmony." (Tracy Van Moorlehem, *Journal-Gazette*). Later, Corona added, "People can say what they want to say...and call us names. I don't think it happens to be true."

More hospital downsizing: St. Anthony's in

Michigan City is facing a \$6 million budget cut, with as many as 20 management positions eliminated (Henry Lange, *Michigan City News-Dispatch*).

A **D.J. Beatty** fund-raiser on Sept. 22 will feature former Reagan White House press secretary **Jim Brady**. "J.D. and I have both been victims of violent crime," Brady explained. "I admire J.D.'s leadership in the national fight against crime and violence."

One last note from the 5th CD: Buyer and Beatty have agreed to debate sometime after Congress recesses on Oct. 8. "Our answer is yes," said Buyer press aide **Pat Hinton**. "The details just have to be worked out." Hinton has moved out of Buyer's House office and over to the campaign in Kokomo.

Signs of a vigorous economy: Elkhart has placed job ads in newspapers across the country seeking workers. And a Rally's hamburger restaurant in Seymour is advertising jobs at \$7 an hour.

U.S. Rep. **Tim Roemer** has hooked on to the Internet (his address is: troemer@hr.house.gov). But his only mail he's gotten is from several professors at Notre Dame and a handful of constituents (Hugh Vandivier, *Michigan City News-Dispatch*). U.S. Rep. **Pete Visclosky's** office hasn't moved passed the "interest stage," according to press secretary **Jeff O'Mara**, who went on to explain the staff is divided between those who don't want Internet and those who do "but don't understand it." U.S. Sens. **Richard Lugar** and **Dan Coats** will not be hooked up to Internet until January.

**Alan Girton** of the *Frankfort Times* interviewed 1992 Republican gubernatorial candidate **Linley Pearson** on **Shannon Faulkner's** desire to attend his alma mater, The Citadel. "I don't know why she would want to go other than to prove she can do something," Pearson said. "I don't know if she knows what she's getting into." Pearson described the plebe system as "degrading someone down to the lowest common denominator. It's a Catch 22. No matter what you do, you lose. You're always in trouble." Kind of sounds like Linley's '92 campaign...."

**Lee P. Brown**, director of the White House National Drug Control Policy, told 100 people at the Madame Walker Urban Life Center in Indianapolis, "For the first time in our history, the children are killing children." (Skip Hess, *Indianapolis News*). Brown added, "We have a tremendous fight ahead of us."

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whether attempting to win that role in a community would allow him to achieve his goals. As sheriff, Squadrito has been critical of throwing money at the crime problem.

"Putting \$20 billion into a sinking ship just won't solve the problem," Squadrito wrote in the April edition of the *Indiana Policy Review* magazine. "One hundred thou-

sand more cops won't solve it either. In fact, more money and more cops will probably only result in an accelerated rate of re-cycling the problem."

Instead, he wrote, the system has become convoluted when legislation is circumvented. The mayor's office might give Squadrito a bully pulpit from which to expound his views.

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