

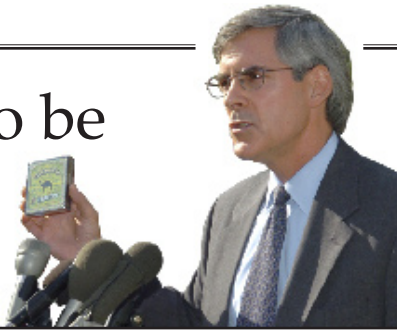


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## Governors race turns personal, discussion heats up

By MIKE SMITH  
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INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Joe Kernan says Republican Mitch Daniels has been attacking him for months, so now is the time to seriously question his opponent's role in the sale of Indianapolis utility IPALCO Enterprises to a Virginia-based company.

"I am not going to sit back and get beat about the head and shoulders without responding," Kernan said.

In person and through new television commercials, Kernan criticized Daniels on Tuesday for backing the 2001 sale of Indianapolis

utility IPALCO to AES, an energy conglomerate.

Daniels, a member of IPALCO's board, called it an attack without merit and a sign that Kernan was behind in the race.

Kernan said Daniels has attacked him and his administration on many fronts for months. Kernan said he was compelled to respond by emphasizing a deal that resulted in the loss of 400 jobs in Indiana and a stock plummet that cost many IPALCO workers, retirees and shareholders tens of millions of dollars. Daniels was among several IPALCO board members or directors who sold their stock in the months before the sale was

completed. A large debt and world-wide drop in power prices caused AES shares to plummet from \$49.60 in March 2001, when the merger closed, to 92 cents in October 2002.

"I'm not saying he's a bad person. I'm just saying he's made bad judgments along the way," Kernan said. He said he was not alleging that Daniels did anything illegal.

Daniels defended the IPALCO sale as he has in the past and said

he was not surprised by Kernan's stepped-up criticism.

"They have been twitching on the trigger to do what is natural, which is smear people," Daniels said. "So far they have done it covertly or indirectly. It's best that this come out in the open — the negative attack politics in the open — so voters can see the contrast."

Kernan began airing two television commercials featuring IPALCO retirees who, according

to the campaign, either lost tens of thousands of dollars in retirement savings or cashed in early because many among IPALCO's top brass were selling their stock.

One commercial has a voice-over saying Daniels and "other insiders got \$71 million by dumping their stock early."

"He just seen an opportunity to get out, make a bunch of money and leave," a retiree says.

A retiree in the other 30-second commercial says the board of directors was "living high" after the merger, but "there is not one of them that's lost a home, couldn't support their families or anything." Another retiree says, "If he could

do that to the working man ... it's hard to tell what he'll do if he's governor."

Daniels has said he backed the sale in the best interests of the utility and its shareholders. He said he sold his stock to meet federal conflict-of-interest guidelines because President Bush appointed him White House budget director in early 2001.

He sold millions of dollars worth of various stocks, including 60,000 shares of IPALCO in January 2001 for a profit of \$552,540. Much of the other stock was sold in April, but his campaign said it was within the 90 days he agreed to when

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## Suicide bombing hits Israel

By PETER ENAV  
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JERUSALEM — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew herself up in Jerusalem yesterday, killing two Israeli policemen who had stopped her as she approached a crowded bus stop, authorities said. At least 16 people were wounded, authorities said.

Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon reversed an earlier decision to speed up his planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in the face of considerable opposition, including from within his own party.

Sharon said it would begin next summer and take about 12 weeks. Sharon said several weeks ago that the evacuation of the 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza and four in the West Bank would be carried out at the same time, aiming for the beginning of 2005.

Wednesday's bombing came two days before the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, the fast of Yom Kippur, and at a time of heightened police presence throughout the country. Israel has imposed a closure on the West Bank since last week.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack, the first in Jerusalem since Feb. 22. The group identified the bomber as Zainab Abu Salem, a woman from the Askar refugee camp near Nablus in the West Bank. Relatives said she was 19 years old.

The bomber was headed for a crowded bus stop when two paramilitary officers approached her and stopped her, witnesses and emergency officials said.

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## Indian Museum opens

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WASHINGTON — As a child, William Walker was sent off to boarding school and forbidden to speak his native Mono Indian tribe language.

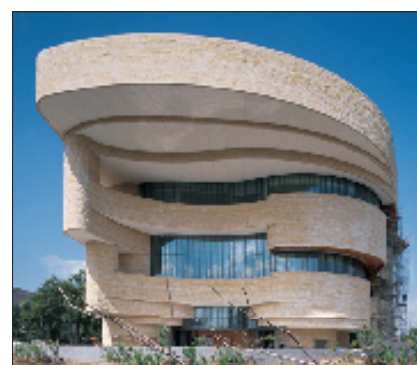
So it was with a sense of vindication that Walker watched colorful pageantry of Indian culture mark yesterday's opening of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, located at the foot of the Capitol. "This represents freedom, recognition," said Walker, 75, whose tribe is from central California. "It's long overdue."

Walker joined thousands of Indians from Alaska to South America in a half-mile procession along the National Mall. The flags, feathers and bright native clothing made for a multi-colored display, and the air was filled with the smell of burned sage and the sounds of drums, bells and music.

Museum officials estimated the crowd at 30,000 to 40,000 people.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, who sponsored the Senate bill authorizing the museum, said he was motivated by a sense that Indians had been unrecognized in the nation's capital.

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AP Photos by J. Scott Applewhite

Big: Bay Area Aztec Jorge Medina  
Small: The new National Museum of the American Indian (NAMI)

## Presidential Debates up coming

By TERENCE HUNT  
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DERRY, N.H. — Negotiators for President Bush and Democrat John Kerry agreed Monday to three 90-minute debates beginning Sept. 30, including one town-hall format with questions from undecided voters.

The two campaigns essentially went along with recommendations from the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates — except for the proposed subject matter of the first and third debates.

The topic of the first meeting will be foreign policy and homeland security, rather than the economy as the commission had suggested. The final debate, which was to be on foreign policy, will now be about the economy.

Details of the agreement were announced by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, the chief negotiator for Bush, and attorney Vernon Jordan for Kerry.

The first debate will be Sept. 30 at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. The second, a town-hall style format, will be Oct. 8 at Washington University in St. Louis, and the third will be held Oct. 13 at Arizona State University in Tempe.

One vice presidential debate between Vice President Dick Cheney and Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards takes place Oct. 5 at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Bush and Kerry "are pleased with today's announcement and look forward to the debates," Baker and Jordan said in a joint statement. Details were outlined in an accompanying 32-page document.

Kerry's campaign agreed to the commission's proposal for venues, dates and moderators in July, about a month after the commission released its schedule. Bush's campaign at first sought only to limit the scope to two presidential debates and one vice presidential debate, according to those familiar with the negotiations.

The campaigns also agreed to the

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## Iraqi germ-warfare scientist free?

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A senior Iraqi official said yesterday that a decision had been made to release a top female germ-warfare scientist for Saddam Hussein, but Iraq's leader and U.S. officials moved quickly to squelch the idea that she would be freed soon. Iraqi militants who beheaded two Americans have threatened to kill a Briton unless female detainees are let go.

A videotape posted on an Islamic Web site later yesterday showed a man identifying himself as British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to help save his life.

"To Mr. Blair, my name is Ken Bigley, from Liverpool," the man said in the grainy



AP Photo by Jim MacMillan

U.S. Army soldiers take cover during continuing shootouts in Sadr City section of Baghdad, yesterday.

videotape. "I think this is possibly my last chance. I don't want to die."

"Please, please, release the female prisoners that are held in Iraqi prisons," the speaker said. "Please help them. I need you to help me Mr. Blair because you are the only person now on God's Earth that I can speak to. Please, please help me see my wife, who cannot go on without me."

The speaker wore an orange jumpsuit, the kind that kidnapers put on their hostages before killing them. He sobbed in the middle of his message and wiped his forehead.

The kidnapers had not released such videos for the American hostages, whose deaths were announced promptly after deadlines set by the militants had past on

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## Hurricanes damage

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GULF BREEZE, Fla. — At first glance, you'd never know what a pounding this place just took.

Three days after Hurricane Ivan, some of the one-story ranch houses in this neighborhood about a half-mile from the water have lost patches of shingles. There are a few piles of broken branches dotting the lanes and cul de sacs. But everybody's windows are intact, the spindly trees are upright and kids are playing in their yards.

Then Mary Kort throws open her front door with a flourish, revealing a scene that would render cable TV's perkiest home makeover queen catatonic. Slabs of soggy ceiling sit in the middle of the living room.

Pink insulation coats everything. Overhead, slivers of sunlight cut through gaps in the roof.

"I never knew this would happen," says Kort. "It's trashed."

Dave Prevatt smiles ruefully and shakes his head. He's heard words like those before. A professor of civil engineering at Clemson University, Prevatt is here to see which houses withstood the tremendous forces of Hurricane Ivan, and how they differed from the ones that didn't.

Unlike many of her neighbors, Kort stayed put the night Ivan rolled through. So she can tell Prevatt exactly how this happened.

With her husband and a friend, she watched Ivan's winds accelerate to more

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