

H-T biased on I-69

To the editor:

It's too bad the H-T can't tell the difference between an INDOT public relations stunt from real news. Printing the proposed I-69 corridor on INDOT's state highway map isn't worthy of a front page headline. And neither makes I-69 real in spite of the biased reporter's glibness. What it does do is emphasize "how hand in glove" the H-T has been all along carrying INDOT's outrageous baggage. From conducting questionable I-69 surveys, not printing timely or detailed route maps or factual information about real costs and real impact of this beast, the H-T has sided with INDOT snake oil salesmen from the start. I wonder why.

Clark Sorensen Bloomington

Targets misguided

To the editor:

The Washington Post reported (July 30) that it obtained an e-mail from a TSA official directing air marshals to cancel flight plans involving overnight hotel stays because of "monetary considerations" the day before the government issued a new hijacking alert.

That directive was subsequently reversed but it is mind-boggling that it was issued in the first place. We are putting our young men and women in harm's way in Iraq at a cost of about \$1 billion a week as a follow on to a war that had almost nothing to do with our national security. And yet our government is concerned about hotel bills for air marshals!

The presence of marshals aboard flights is definitely a deterrent to terrorist attacks and provides an immediate response if an attack occurs. Israel's El Al airline relies on air marshals and they seem to know what they're doing.

We should also be concentrating on hunting down Osama bin Laden and destroying al-Qaida. There is little doubt in anyone's mind that Osama masterminded the 9-11 attack on our country and he is a real threat to our security, yet we seem to have forgotten him as we waged a war the reasons for which were at best oversold or at worst misleading.

Alex R. Dzierba Bloomfield

Reasonable solution

To the editor:

Finally! A reasonable solution to an old problem has been offered. The Exmin property is the answer, and I sincerely hope the county will take advantage of this opportunity.

Kevin Knotts Bloomington

Be tougher on parents

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