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Hanna from Norway, 16 yrs.
Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Hanna hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.

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Klaus from Germany, 17 yrs.
Loves camping and playing soccer. Klaus' dream has been to spend a school year in the USA.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

sists on keeping their archaic beliefs that shelters *can't* save all of the adoptable animals, then the compassionate community of Lane County will have to change their minds for them.

Please see nokillsolutions.com for more info about no-kill communities.

*Molly Sargent
Pleasant Hill*

EDITOR'S NOTE Molly Sargent owns Embarkadero Compassionate Grooming, has worked as a veterinary assistant, managed an emergency veterinary hospital, and fostered, rescued, worked and volunteered to help animals for the past 42 years. We also heard from Sara Taylor who told us her contact information was not out of date, and her cat was killed in less than three days.

THE SINCEREST FORM OF ...

A 44-year career as a science translator especially heightened my enjoyment of Bill Murray in *Lost in Translation*, Nicole Kidman in *The Interpreter*, Molly Ringwald in *The Translator*, and most certainly Honey Huan, Uncle Duke's interpreter in the comic strip "Doonesbury." None of these fine examples, however, wrenched my funnybone like Sally Sheklow's column, "Found in Translation" (8/17). It triggered a second resonance in light of my own recent family visit in Nicaragua, where I expected to hover in the background of my wife's reunion with her several siblings, desperately perusing *Spanish For Dummies*, but instead found myself thrust center stage as the main object of curiosity, the new gringo husband of the expatriate sister.

I've long wanted to transcend my rehashing (essentially) of other people's writing and do a novel about a bumbling translator. Good thing I don't have the skill to do that, because I'd probably be indicted for plagiarism. Sheklow's story would be so tempting to steal, er, I mean, sincerely flatter by imitation.

*James S. Wood
Eugene*

IT'S THE BUDGET, STUPID

Judging from the coverage given to the Democratic primary in Connecticut, the main and perhaps the only issue in November's general election will be the war. I disagree with this as I think the Bush administration's

fiscal failures will be an issue for the Democratic candidates.

Some of these fiscal failures include the increasing trade and budget deficits. The budget deficit, the yearly difference between income and expenditure since Bush took office in 2001, totals over \$8.5 trillion. There was a budget *surplus* of \$5.6 trillion when Bush took office. The interest payments on this national debt are now the third largest single item in the federal budget. To finance the interest payments on this debt, the federal government sells bonds, and since the federal debt is increasing at the rate of \$1.75 billion *every day*, the federal government's demand for borrowing is crowding out businesses and individuals who are seeking to borrow money for use in the private sector of our economy.

This "crowding out" effect reduces the growth rate of our economy and increases the mortgage rates that homeowners must pay. I think voters do and should think about these factors when voting in November. I think they should take into consideration the record trade deficit of \$723 billion in 2005, of which \$202 billion was with China, since this has a negative impact on U.S. employment.

The war failures are important, but so are the Bush administration's fiscal failures and we should remember both in November.

*Dennis Shine
Springfield*

EXPLOIT THE INEVITABLE

Recently the NBC evening news focused on some East Coast towns which have targeted and wooed newly retired "boomers" to settle in their redesigned communities, which offer age and size appropriate housing surrounded by goods and services. Equally important are social amenities such as the arts, entertainment, restaurants, sports, shops, library, parks and opportunities to attend and teach classes (already part of Eugene).

In the June AARP Bulletin, William Novelli, chief executive officer, states "Building Livable Communities" supports the concept of "communities for successful aging." He closes with, "In creating livable communities for people 50 and over, we will create them for all. We are committed to de-

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