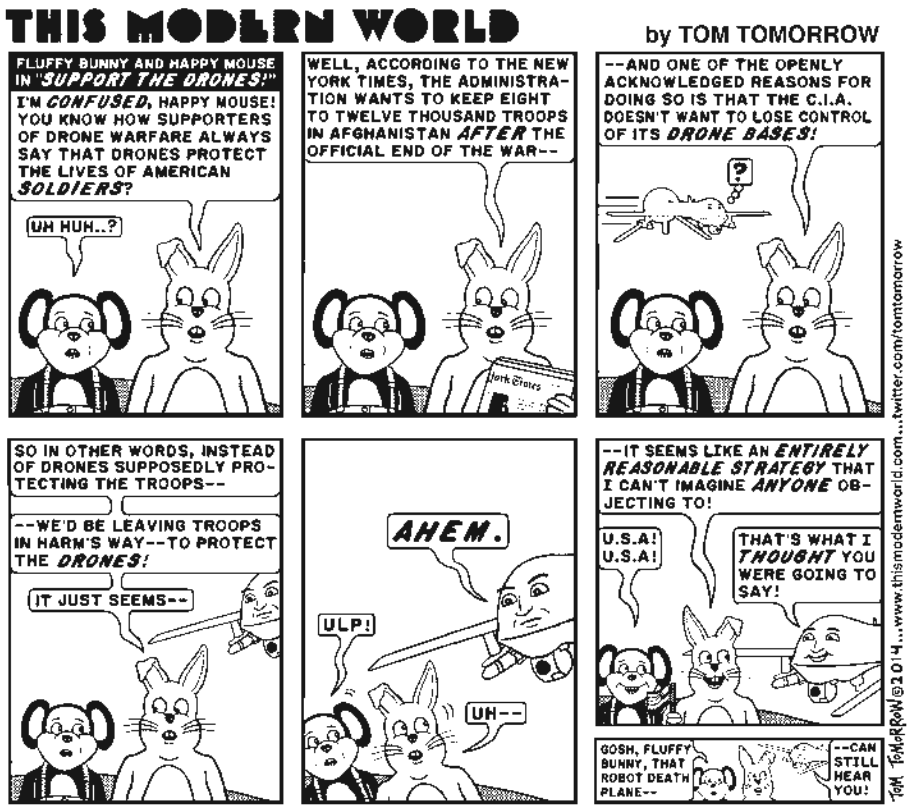

NO-KILL SUCCESS

Through the recent publication of misinformation, twisted facts and outright lies coming from the half dozen or so people who speak against Greenhill Humane Society, it is clear that the term nokill means different things to different people and that the use of the words no kill creates controversy. Most factions do agree, however, that no-kill success is defined by saving 90 percent or more animals in a shelter.

Greenhill Humane Society and 1st Avenue Shelter surpass that success, saving over 90 percent of the animals coming into their care. Both shelters never put a time limit on how long an animal can be in the shelter and both provide extensive extra care and medical attention for those animals in need. By most people's definition, Greenhill and 1st Avenue exceed the criteria of a no-kill organization.

This has been accomplished through the capable and compassionate leadership of Greenhill's Director Cary Lieberman, who in his six years as director has brought Greenhill's live release rate up from under 75 percent to today's over 90 percent. Our community can be proud to support our shelters and know we are fortunate in having expert leadership guiding their success.

Diana Huntington
Eugene

QUESTION THE BUDGET

The municipal corporation known as the city of Eugene manages 21 funds. Each one of these funds has a budget. In combination, all these funds, as a whole, show the financial health of the city. The budget for the General Fund is actually only a small part of the picture of the overall financial stability of the city.

You see, there is a fiscal year-end report generated by the city that is called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The 2013 CAFR shows that the city is in excellent financial health and in fact had a whopping $195.7 million surplus after all its assets and liabilities were accounted for. All of this surplus is useable by the city; $83.9 million has restricted use, but $111.8 million is unrestricted and can be used for anything the city wants, like filling General Fund Budget gaps. Our civil servants don't use it for that, so what do they use it for? Instead, they threaten to raise our taxes, or take away or reduce important services. The Budget Committee is looking for answers. Let's give them a few questions instead.

Abraham Likwornik
Eugene

SILLY WHINERS

Ah, the internet. The most narcissistic, exhibitionist platform ever devised by man. And now everyone whines about spying — piffle!

Ramona McCall
Eugene

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