

case has been done for some of that very same expensive Fire Rescue gear and training.

It is a unique condition that the local City Council has moved to steal not only from the citizens but also from the federal government, putting the complete status of the existence of the city of Springfield into question. The same people who would threaten that status also feel that if a vote takes place it would allow the surrounding people not of Springfield city to also vote if they want to take Springfield's property.

This is a federal elections crime called "gerrymandering," which could just cause the FBI to be forced to investigate and prosecute in this election year.

Hmm? Anyone listening yet?

*Daniel J. Moore
Former Asst. Fire Chief
Springfield*

POLITICAL CONSUMERISM

People who write letters must occasionally need to be reminded that it is not their responsibility to save the world — at least not by writing letters.

Wake up, America! The problem is not your crooked politicians but your desire for more things and increasingly greater comforts that keeps them in office. At this time, we have a runaway government that leans so far to the right it threatens every living thing on the planet. Resistance to some of the current administration's policies is growing and many of you have vowed to do whatever you can to prevent the president from being re-elected. But most likely, your spending habits will do more to influence the outcome of the coming election.

The fantasy is that government will always protect us, and that technology will eventually solve all our problems. But government thrives on economic growth (destructive to the environment), and technology generally lags a decade or two behind in its

effort to solve the problems that it has created for itself. We have begun to do some really stupid things — like bombing for peace, or cutting down the trees to protect the forests.

Ultimately the solution to the problem of man versus the environment will not come from government or technology. It must come from individuals making better, more conservative, *responsible* choices regarding how they live.

*Kim Richard Smith
Junction City*

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Thank you, Molly Sargent (1/15) from Pleasant Hill. Annie's ignorance of the law and basic humanitarianism toward animals is more than disturbing. Pets are the most innocent, loving, trustworthy beings on earth. They don't steal, lie or cheat. All they do is love and play and sleep. Also, I agree with Amber Dean 100 percent. Pets are the ones that unconditionally love you every single day of their lives (mangy or not). How many people do you know, Annie, that you can say that about?

I own a beautiful dog that I would jump into a burning house to save. She was the unwanted runt of a 13 puppy litter. Two years ago, I adopted and paid \$50 on Christmas eve to adopt a cat from Greenhill (which I support financially among other animal care associations). It was the best Christmas present ever, as I am reminded daily when she purrs peacefully in my stressed out arms after work.

Annie, if you don't know the joy of owning a pet, perhaps you should adopt one and feel what we are trying to convey; or at least you could buy one less latte a month to save a "mangy" dog. Wouldn't the love a pet could give to someone be worth it? What if someone put you to sleep because you were fat or ugly? If you can't grasp this, then you really don't deserve another word.

*Lisa Woodie
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