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The money Kevin's law firm has been making off this case for the past two years probably doesn't hinder his ability to put aside his liking for Frog and continue to prosecute him, either.

Harrang Long Watkinson Arnold & Laird are paid by the hour, according to their contract with the city. Kevin couldn't give me an exact figure on how many hours have been put in on this case, but he did go so far as to say some of the court appearances require very little time, and others require quite a bit. Although their rates vary slightly, the firm is paid \$85 per hour for your average service performed by an attorney.

George Kelly, an attorney donating his services on Frog's behalf, said he spends between 30 to 35 hours per appearance. If you multiply 30 by the five court appearances and then multiply that number by \$85 you get \$12,700. This has turned out to be one expensive hunting expedition for the city. But as Kevin said, "It's worth the money to re-establish the city's constitutional ability to regulate business."

Meanwhile Frog is working on getting the city to rethink the ban on humor peddling. And Kevin will continue to earn city money making sure Frog doesn't add to the congestion on 13th Avenue — although he never has in the first place.

I'm confused.

This high-tech frog hunting has gotten too complicated for a simpleton who just wants to feast on a frog's lower extremities. It's just no fun anymore.

In the old-fashioned days of frog hunting, what you got out of it was pretty simple. You might learn the various vocal ranges and intonations of frog communication. And if things went really well, you might even end up with a frog leg or two ready for frying.

But this new form of frog hunting developed by the city and its persistent prosecutors has much more social value than the old-fashioned shoot-'em-and-eat-'em method employed for years.

This frog hunting lesson has provided new insight into things I haven't understood for a long time. I understand now how individuals can do things a truly compassionate human being would find totally repulsive.

How could anyone have worked in the Nazi concentration camps?

"Just doing my job."



How could police and county officials kick a homeless couple — including one pregnant teenager — out of the shelter they had found in a vacant school building, sending them out into the street in the middle of the rainy season?

"Just following the rules."

How could a soldier travel halfway around the world into the desert to unleash some of the world's most lethal weapons on Arab soldiers who have no desire to fight back, and who have, in many cases, been conscripted into service against their will?

"We don't make policy, we just enforce it."

I understand now how modern, decent people can do things that are not so decent. They pretend they are not individuals — rather they are simply tools of a cold, cruel institution that has no use for individual or personal responsibility. People use authority as a scapegoat for carrying out morally repugnant acts.

So while Frog is sitting in jail, as he has vowed to do if he loses his appeals, he can take comfort knowing the people who comprise the cold and cruel institution that put him there think this whole thing is kind of silly. And if it was up to each individual, he would have nothing to worry about.

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pletely non-violent, and women should be able to participate in activities without fear of being attacked.

If women no longer have a safe ride home, campus groups will have fewer female members. Attendance at University events will drop, fewer women will be able to study at the library at night, and fewer wom-

en will be able to take night classes.

Men should be allowed to work with Saferide. The program does not violate equal opportunity laws. Let's make sure that women continue to have equal opportunity access to the University.

Chandra Foote
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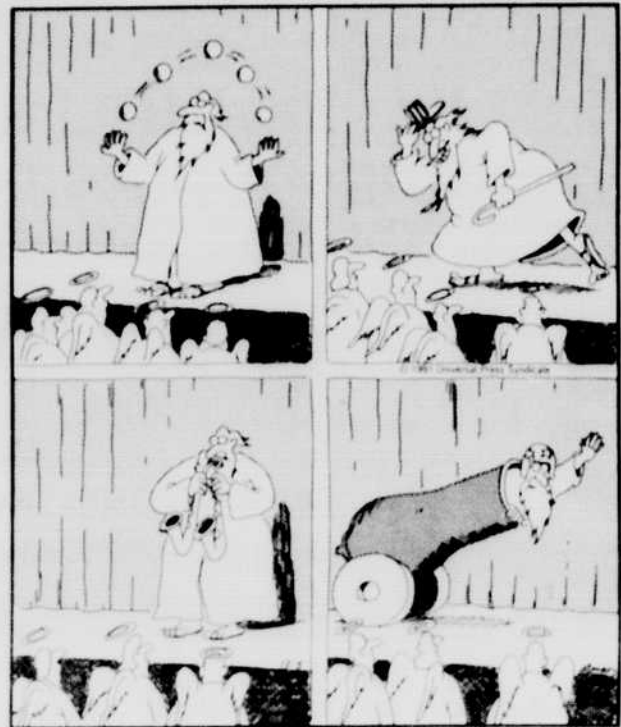
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