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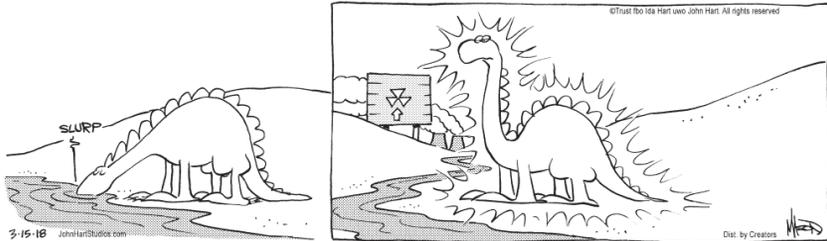
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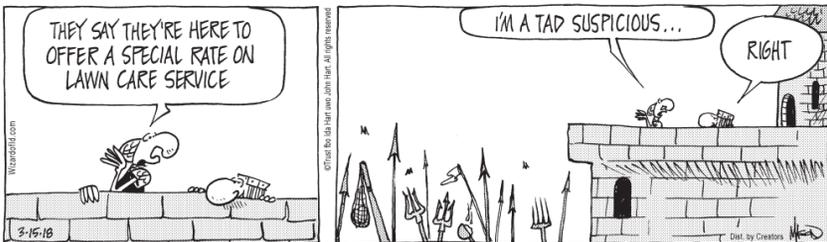
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DEAR ABBY

Son throws a tantrum after wedding gift is cut in half



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I was working out of town in a position that paid a good salary. When my adult son proposed to his girlfriend, I told him I would try and give him \$10,000 for the wedding. Well, things changed. I had to return home for good, and my salary was cut. When I told my son I wouldn't be able to give him \$10,000, but could give him only \$5,000 instead, he became very upset and said, "You promised that amount and we were counting on that money!"

apparent they're having an affair. It made me so uncomfortable I quit working there.

We still live in the same community. He has a beautiful, kind and very pregnant wife. Should I tell her? Should I tell anyone, or stay quiet and let him get away with it? It makes me sick, and I don't know what to do at this point.

— Uncomfortable In The West

Dear Uncomfortable: Allow me to suggest that what you do is remain silent, at least for now. The kind and

I feel a gift is a gift, and they should be happy with whatever I can manage. After talking it over with several friends, they all agreed that he is behaving inappropriately. I am single and trying to retire in 10 years. Please help. — Salary Cut In Pennsylvania

Dear Salary Cut: Your son's reaction was immature. He should understand that sometimes circumstances can change. If you haven't already explained why you need to cut back on the sum you planned to give him, do it now. How he reacts to your explanation will tell you whether you want to give him even \$5,000.

Dear Abby: I recently took a job working for someone I knew. He was a neighbor and attended my church for several years, but we were never more than acquaintances.

After I began working there, I saw things going on with other girls in the office that were very inappropriate. Then I stumbled across a sexual online chat he was having with one of them. As I scrolled through the feed, it became

very pregnant wife does not need to be told that her husband is cheating with an employee at this juncture. After the baby is born, perhaps she should be told — if she doesn't know already — but NOT NOW.

Dear Abby: Please help! How do I politely tell my partner — without hurting his feelings — that I don't like his cooking and I should be the one doing the cooking because I'm more "seasoned" in the kitchen than he is? I am usually the "chef" and he is the "second-in-command," which in the past has worked.

— Seasoned In California

Dear Seasoned: Here's how: Skip the part about not liking his cooking, which could be hurtful. Ease into it by telling him you consider cooking together to be a bonding experience. Then say how much you enjoy taking the lead when the two of you do it, how meaningful it is when he helps you, and how much you'd appreciate it if he would continue to let you be the chef.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 15, 1918

Because he expressed pro-German inclinations and was likewise affiliated with the Bible Students, a transitman named Zimmerman, working with the state highway party at Spray, was unceremoniously fired today by M.O. Bennett, assistant state engineer in charge of the work in eastern Oregon. It appears that the disloyal talk of Zimmerman so incensed one of the other members of the crew, named Short, that he fought with him. Without fully learning the cause of the trouble the foreman then discharged Short. Mr. Bennett's order reverses that ruling and ousts the pro-German from the state employ. Young Short has since enlisted in the army but by action of the assistant engineer his record is cleared and he is given a mark of merit for having resented an apparent act of disloyalty.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 15, 1968

The County Court and the Hermiston City Council talked over an hour Wednesday night about the roadside appearance between Hermiston and north to the Highway 730 junction, but nothing developed that indicates any immediate action toward cleaning up the area. Recently Mayor Walter Pearson described this stretch of Highway 32 as "Oregon's ugliest five miles." Judge D.R. "Sam" Cook came up with

a suggestion that the initiative be taken through the Oregon Association of Counties to bring the proposal up to the state legislature that would curb unsightly conditions along state highways. The County Court chairman made this proposal after the court's legal counsel, Arthur Barrows, told the council and court members "after a trip through the area to look at the problem there is little help that the county can offer." He added that the sanitation and sheriff's departments may be able to help.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 15, 1993

A two-year-old's birthday card was torn in half and a gift made by his grandfather was damaged by whoever broke in and ransacked the Adams Post Office early Friday morning. The post office, which serves about 150 families on mail routes and another 130 with boxes in town, is back to some semblance of order today, said Postmaster Carolyn Skoubo. However, Skoubo said she'll have to ask folks if they were expecting items, since the contents of many packages were removed from their boxes and scattered about the place. Federal postal inspectors, the Oregon State Police and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office are involved in the investigation. Police have identified a suspect in the post office break-in as well as the burglary the same night at the Adams Store, in which more than \$600 in groceries was taken.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 15, 1493, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus arrived back in the Spanish harbor of Palos de la Frontera, two months after concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in the Waxhaw settlement along the North Carolina-South Carolina border.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1917, Czar Nicholas II abdicated in favor of his brother, Grand Duke Mikhail Alexandrovich, who declined the crown, marking the end of imperial rule in Russia.

In 1922, Sultan Fuad I proclaimed himself the first king of modern Egypt.

In 1937, America's first hospital blood bank was opened at Cook County Hospital in Illinois.

In 1944, during World War

II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," based on Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second. (They divorced in 1974, remarried in 1975, then divorced again in 1976.)

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day closed-circuit test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television. The situation comedy "Three's Company," starring John Ritter, Joyce DeWitt and Suzanne Somers, premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1985, the first internet domain name, symbolics.com, was registered by the Symbolics Computer Corp. of Massachusetts.

In 1998, CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an interview with former White House employee Kathleen Willey,

who said President Bill Clinton had made unwelcome sexual advances toward her in the Oval Office in 1993, a charge denied by the president. Dr. Benjamin Spock, whose child care guidance spanned half a century, died in San Diego at 94.

Today's Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 85. Actor Judd Hirsch is 83. Jazz musician Charles Lloyd is 80. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 78. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 77. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 75. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 63. Actress Eva Longoria is 43. Rapper Young Buck is 37. Actor Sean Biggerstaff is 35. Rock musician Ethan Mentzer is 35. Actor Kellan Lutz is 33. Actress Caitlin Wachs is 29.

Thought for Today: "Life's meaning has always eluded me and I guess it always will. But I love it just the same." — E.B. White, American author and humorist (1899-1985).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

