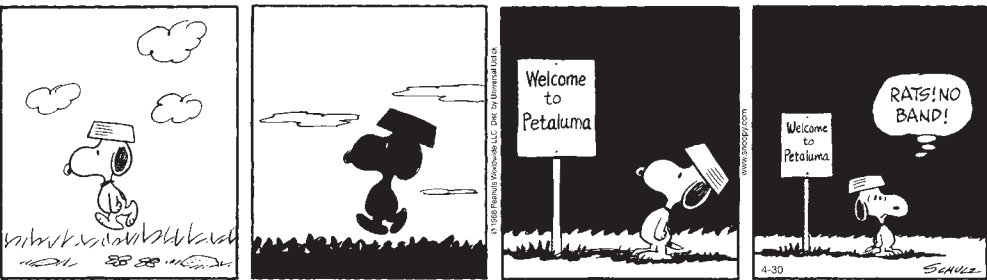


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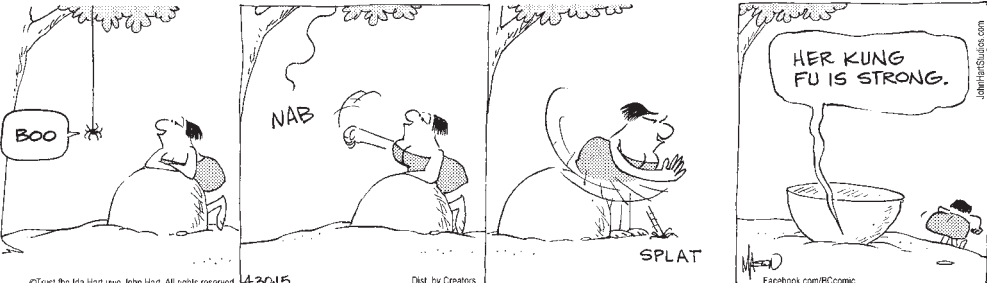
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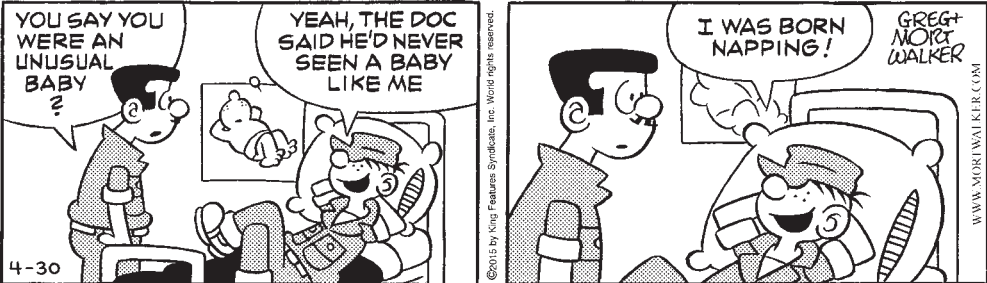
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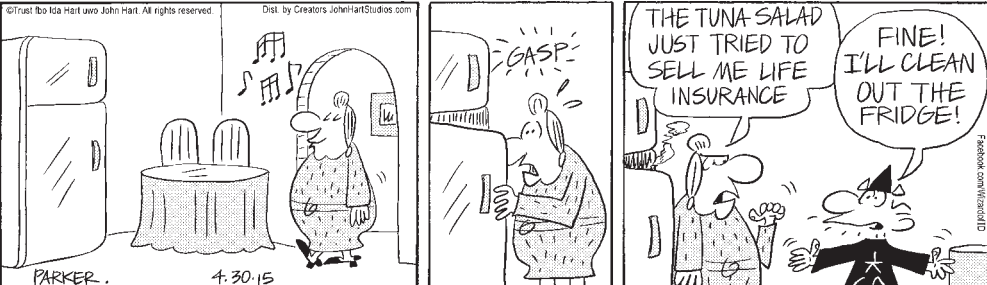
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DEAR ABBY

Life of contentment doesn't seem normal by comparison

Dear Abby: I'm 45, employed and earning plenty of money. I'm in a great relationship, my kids and grand-kids are healthy and happy, and my parents are alive and well. I enjoy the small things in life, fishing, reading, the beach, mini vacations, bowling, etc. I raise funds to feed the homeless.

So what's my problem, you ask? Abby, I'm not really sure what my purpose is in life or if the way my life is, is normal. I feel content — even happy at times — but I'm troubled because it seems a lot of people do the exact opposite of what I am doing and they all have a purpose. Some of them are going to school, raising kids, having relationship problems, money issues, etc. They seem to be doing so much, and I feel like I'm doing so little.

What is normal for my age? Should I be doing more? Most times I feel happy, but on a day like today I feel unfulfilled. Do I need to do more? — **What Is Normal?**

Dear What: Doing so little? Count your blessings! You hold a job, have a family I presume you regularly interact with, have a great relationship, hobbies you enjoy and contribute to those who have less than you. I would say you are productive and successful.

However, if YOU think you need to do more, then it's possible you do. Take some time, decide what it is and reallocate your time if you feel you need something more to fulfill you. But please stop measuring yourself by anyone else's yardstick because people who do that are rarely happy.

Dear Abby: I fell in love with "Alex" during my last year of college. We had known each other for 18 months. One month before our wedding, he broke up with me. He says I was verbally abusive.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I admit I had anger issues. I had to plan most of the wedding alone because we were four hours apart. When we argued, he would say one thing and then something different later. He would also tell his mom stuff about me and our relationship that I considered private. After the breakup, I found out he had lied to me about his religion.

I had a hard time with the breakup. I tried hard to reconcile or find solutions, but he rejected all of them. Now he's blaming me and throwing things in my face.

I am heartbroken and depressed. I don't know if I should be mad at him for the lies and the heartache he has caused me, or mad at myself for messing up. I have lost my confidence and self-esteem. What do I do? — **Still In Love**

Dear Still In Love: Take off the rose-colored glasses for a moment and consider what the reality of a marriage to Alex would have been like. You would have had a mama's boy for a husband, one you couldn't count on to tell the truth and who blamed you for anything that went wrong.

Don't you realize you dodged a bullet? If things had turned out differently, you'd be writing me as an unhappy wife, probably with children to support.

Let it go, get help for your anger issues and don't waste more time brooding. There are times it is better that we don't get the things we wish for, and this may be one of them.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 30, 1915

The providential aid that is supposed to shelter the shorn lamb was not in evidence in Umatilla county yesterday and as a result some heavy losses were inflicted upon sheepmen, particularly in the Echo country. These losses while not as serious as given by wild rumors in circulation are the worst in years. After a careful inquiry among the sheepmen of the west end country the *East Oregonian's* Echo correspondent reported by telephone this afternoon as follows: The most serious loss actually reported is by Joseph Menesse who gives his loss at 1000 ewes. The Stanfield brothers loss will probably exceed this but a definite statements to the loss was not obtainable. It is feared the Stanfield loss will be in the thousands, as they run many sheep. Will Pedro gives his loss at from 400 to 500 head. The losses are confined almost entirely to the shorn ewes.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 30, 1965

An employe of Percy Jellum Construction Co. was treated at St. Anthony Hospital for injuries received today when a glue barrel he was working on blew up. Jack Cowie,

49, of Pendleton was taken to the hospital at 8:30 a.m. for treatment of injuries received following the explosion. The accident occurred at the construction company shops. Cowie apparently received facial injuries as well as a broken right arm and other possible injuries. He was using a blow torch on the glue barrel trying to cut into it at the time of the explosion.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 30, 1990

A 16-year-old Hermiston High School student beaten and robbed of \$2 Saturday night while leaving his school prom is recovering today at home from head injuries. Aloysius N. Fobi was robbed by a group of young Hispanic men in the school parking lot, police said. Fobi said today he was putting his keys in his car door when he was struck from behind — apparently by a lead pipe — by one of three men standing near his car. The blow knocked him unconscious and he fell, Fobi said. When he came to about 30 seconds later, "one guy was yelling at me to give him my money." Fobi gave the man his wallet with \$2 in cash, a credit card and vehicle keys. Fobi is recovering today from a concussion, hairline skull fracture and problems with his equilibrium that make it hard for him to walk, he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 120th day of 2015. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

On this date:

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near

Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened with a ceremony that included an address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, the radio show "Queen for Today" (later "Queen for a Day") premiered on the Mutual Network.

In 1958, the American Association of Retired Persons (later simply AARP) was founded in Washington, D.C., by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.

In 1968, New York City police forcibly removed student demonstrators occupying five buildings at Columbia University.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Cloris Leachman is 89. Singer Willie Nelson is 82. Actor Burt Young is 75. Singer Bobby Vee is 72. Movie director Allan Arkush is 67. Actor Perry King is 67. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 67. Singer Merrill Osmond is 62. Movie director Jane Campion is 61. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 56. Actor Paul Gross is 56. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 54. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 44. Singer Akon is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 42. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 33. Actress Dianna Agron is 29.

Thought for Today:

"The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination." — Louis Kronenberger, American author (1904-1980).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

