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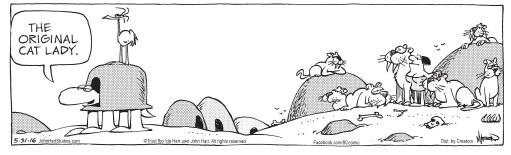
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# **DEAR ABBY** Gay man doesn't welcome attention from female friend

Dear Abby: I'm a 51-year-old gay male. I have a sweet, dear friend I'll call "Samantha" who is slightly older. The problem is, she wants more than friendship. She insists on spending time with me and calls me daily. She hugs me repeatedly when she goes to leave, and kisses my neck or cheek whichever she can get to.

Samantha has touched me in a way that makes me uncomfortable. She places herself so her body touches my hand or arm. When she does, I

quickly remove it. She says I remind her of her brother, but I'm not feeling a sibling relationship here. She invites herself over and gets mad if I tell her I have other plans

I don't think I should have to discuss my orientation with anyone — including her. It is my personal business. I have never done anything to make Samantha think I have an interest in her. I have spoken to her and made it clear that I'm not interested in a relationship with her. I have told her not to stop by without calling first. If she calls and I don't answer, she still shows up at my door saying she called. What can I do? — End Of My **Rope In Virginia** 

Dear End Of Your Rope: You have two choices. Because she is a "dear friend," the first would be to make an exception in Samantha's case and level with her about the fact that you're homosexual and have no interest in a close relationship with any



Advice

female because you relate better to men. During this truth session you should also say that her demonstrations of affection and apparent need for emotional and physical closeness make you uncomfortable. (It's surprising she hasn't picked up on it by now because of your body language.)

The alternative is to end this friendship without giving her an explanation. Either way, expect Samantha to be hurt and disappointed, but if you

explain that being gay is simply part of who you are and has no bearing on her, she may be less so.

Dear Abby: The year I graduated from high school I witnessed a horrific car accident that claimed the lives of five of my classmates. Since then, I have been involved in two accidents (I was in the passenger seat both times) and a number of close calls. This has caused me to develop extreme anxiety about driving - both as the driver and as a passenger.

I work 50 miles from where I live. Every day is stressful because of the drive. Moving is not an option. Is there anything I can do to help my anxiety? — Too Many Close Calls

Dear Too Many: Treatment for your problem is available. Consult your physician and ask for a referral to a psychologist who specializes in patients who suffer from phobias.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 30-31, 1916

Sheriff Tillman D. Taylor, president of the Round-Up will be King Joy of the Portland Rose Festival. This afternoon he accepted the honor from the publicity committee of the Commercial association which was empowered by the Rose Festival association to select the man to share with Queen Muriel the throne of Rosaria. Because of his position as head of the Round-Up, because of his popularity at home and over the state and because of other qualities which made him peculiarly fitted for the position of honor, Sheriff Taylor has from the first been the choice of the committee. However, considerable difficulty was encountered in gaining his consent to act, his natural modesty making him hesitant about accepting a position that would make him at once the representative of Pendleton, Umatilla County and the Round-Up and one of the chief figures of Portland's annual festival.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 30-31, 1966

Rieth Elementary School will cease to exist following the end of school this year. And the 46 youngsters, who will transfer to Pendleton schools next fall, have been having a last fling as an independent school. Three separate excursions have taken place, financed by a \$25 gift to each room by the Rieth PTA. The 18-member group had \$105 left in the treasury this month, and since the

PTA will be discontinued, it was decided to give the money to the pupils for field trips. The fifth and sixth graders voted to make an automobile excursion to Maryhill Museum. The third and fourth grade children chose an exciting excursion by airplane! They were transport to Walla Walla by car, where they visited the Whitman Mission and had a picnic in Pioneer Park. Then they boarded a plane at Walla Walla Airport for the flight to Pendleton. A train ride was the treat for the first and second graders. They went to La Grande from the depot at Pendleton.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 30-31, 1991

Senior tradition, both formal and informal, was carried out once again by the Pendleton High School Class of '91 as it approached and carried out graduation ceremonies. Among other traditions, Pendleton seniors give gag gifts to administrators and faculty during the ceremonies. Wednesday night, Principal James Krout was given a Mickey Mouse fishing pole, alluding to his preference for the term "Mickey Mousing around" when chastising students, and Bob McMillan, assistant principal and activities director, received some protective underwear from seniors Chanda Windham and Tom Demianew. The senior T-shirt has traditionally bemoaned 12 years of public school education or exulted in the termination of those 12 years. This year's T-shirt carries the names of the graduating







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### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 152nd day of 2016. There are 214 days left in the year.

Highlight in Today's History:

On May 31, 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water rushing through the town.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1935, movie studio 20th Century Fox was created through a merger of the Fox Film Corp. and Twentieth Century Pictures.

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In 1941, "Tobacco Road," a play about an impoverished Southern family based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell, closed on Broadway after a run of 3,182 performances.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic as it withdrew from the British Commonwealth.

In 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1985, 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an 8-hour period.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

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**Today's Birthdays**: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 86. Singer Peter Yarrow is 78. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 77. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 76. Actress Sharon Gless is 73. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 73. Broadcast journalist/commentator Bernard Goldberg is 71. Actor Tom Berenger is 66. Actor Gregory Harrison is 66. Actor Julio Oscar Mechoso is 61. Actor Kyle Secor is 59. Rapper DMC is 52. Actress Brooke Shields is 51. Actor Colin Farreall is 40. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 39. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 36. Rapper Waka Flocka Flame is 30.

Thought for Today: "The future is no more uncertain than the present." - Walt Whitman, American poet (born this date in 1819, died 1892).

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BY DANA SIMPSON

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