Teenager's odd compulsion demands parental attention Abigail Other people have been offended that she cannot shrug off — and down a full-time job, and still finds

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and I suffer from a condition where the person has a strong, persistent desire to have one or more limbs amputated. This happens every day, and I don't understand it, but I want to have my leg amputated.

I have researched prosthetics on the Internet and have found that life as an amputee is not that different. But I'm afraid if I tell my parents they will think I'm crazy. What should I do? Please answer this. It is ripping me apart.

- WANNABE AMPUTEE IN BERKELEY

DEAR WANNABE: The compulsion you have described is, I don't have to tell vou, an unusual one. Please find the courage to tell your parents what is on your mind. Your parents may want you to explore this issue with a psychotherapist. Do not be afraid to do so: it does not mean vou are "crazy." However, it would be this. She has also had encounters house and everything in it.



extremely helpful for you to understand what is driving this

DEAR ABBY: In my line of work I come in contact with a lot of bring up the subject of race and make unacceptable comments.

I have two beautiful biracial children and I feel I need to defend their honor and tell these people I do not approve of the comments. However, I have been informed by management that I am not allowed to say anything to the clients.

Van Buren

Abby

Dear

How can I handle this tastefully and still keep my job?

- OFFENDED IN OBERLIN,

DEAR OFFENDED: A picture is worth a thousand words. If there are no rules against displaying family photographs, bring a lovely framed picture of your little ones to work and display it on your desk. Should anyone ask who the children are, smile sweetly and say, "They're mine." Unpeople. Occasionally, my clients less the person is deliberately trying to be obnoxious, that should put an end to the comments.

DEAR ABBY: My 75-year-old paternal grandmother, "Granny Claire," smells like mothballs and she's totally unaware of it. She stores her winter clothes in a basement storage area filled with moth-I have spoken to a friend about balls, and the odor has saturated her

by it and have made comments to my sister and me. We have tried to **pany her to an ear, nose and** in whatever extra activities they can tell Granny nicely, but she acts like throat specialist for an evalua- do. She is now filling the roles of we're exaggerating and shrugs it off. No one can stay in her home for long periods.

At a recent function, people commented about the "funny odor" in the next room.

It was Granny Claire! What can

we do to help her? — HOLDING MY NOSE IN

DEAR HOLDING: Your problem is not as uncommon as vou might think. As people age their senses dull, and the senses of hearing, taste and smell can be affected. (Example: I recently heard from a man who was worried because his elderly mother did not seem to notice when food had spoiled in her refrigerator.)

In your grandmother's case, I recommend a family intervention helps them with homework, holds

that her son, your father, accom- time to keep our children enrolled

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to tell you about some of the bravest, strongest, most resilient people I know - military spouses. So often people write you about problems, troubles or issues. Perhaps my letter will bring a smile to someone's

I am in the Army, currently deployed in Iraq. Here, all I have to worry about are my soldiers and myself.

They are great guys who make it easy for me, as they all act maturely and professionally.

While I am here, my wife is back

home worrying about me. She does all the chores around the house, cooks, takes care of our three sons.

both mother and father. Her strength amazes me. Once she went away for 10 days to attend a wedding, and I had to take vacation time to keep up

with the house and the kids. I'm not saying my wife walks on water — although she swims well —but a lot of people send messages over here to the soldiers saying, "Thank you for your service." I personally think the unsung heroes are the ones who fill the shoes of the soldiers when they are deployed.

I have been gone for a year and can't wait to return home.

I'm planning family time, Mom and Dad time, and I'm also going to let my wife have some time of her own. I just want your readers to know that soldiers have people we look up to, too, and who we think are true American heroes.

— LOVING SOLDIER IN

IRAQ DEAR SOLDIER: I'm printing your love letter because I know you speak for many of those serving their country far from home. I agree that it takes a special kind of person to be a military spouse, someone with strength, courage and self-reliance. Military spouses are, indeed, unsung heroes. Thank you for pointing it

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Program scheduled in April to support area caregivers

Kansas, like many other states, has an aging population, according to the current Kansas Statistical

And, with the aging Baby Boomer population this number will rise drastically in the coming years.

For those who are the care taker of an aging parent, or an aging person facing life decisions, like moving to a care facility, this program Hays at the First Presbyterian scription Drug programs.

is could be for them.

Caregivers are faced with issues from paper work, to finances, to health care on a daily basis.

This is a difficult life stage for all

A pair of educational programs designed to educate caregivers is set for Thursday, April 21, at the Gate-

Church, said Byron Hale, one of the organizers.

The program, Full Circle—an Aging Expo, with its two locations, has been designed to provide information to caregivers in Northwest Kansas, he said.

There are many topics on the program ranging from Dementia, to way in Oberlin and on April 22, in Long Term Care Insurance, to Pre-

The keynote speaker is Scott available for caregivers needing Teeselink, from Kansas Farm Bu-

"His keynote address is about Identity Theft and Personal Safety. A trade show will offer additional opportunities to gather information and develop networks," said Cynthia Dixson, also organizing the

Continuing education credit is

The registration deadline for

both locations is April 12, 2005. "Check with local county trans-

portation authority to see if transportation arrangements can be made to attend this program," Hale Also, with advance arrange-

ments, adult daycare may be provided at local nursing facilities, so caregivers may attend this program.

For registration or other general information about *Full Circle—an* Aging Expo, call the Decatur County Extension Office at 785-475-8121, or the Ellis County Extension Office at 785-628-9430. Locally, questions can be directed to the Northwest Area Extension Center in Colby at 785-462-6281.

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Federal office says Air Force favored Boeing Force conducted discussions in a the award to Boeing. WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air

Force improperly favored The Boeing Co. on a \$4 billion contract to upgrade C-130 cargo planes, congressional investigators said Thurs-

The Government Accountability Office sided with Lockheed Martin Corp., BAE Systems and L-3 Communications Inc., which complained last year that the C-130 contract award was tainted by the involvement of a former senior Air Force official who has admitted giving special treatment to Boeing.

Darleen Druyun, who later took a job at the Chicago-based airplane maker, is serving nine months in prison for violating federal conflict of interest laws.

"The record ... shows that the Air

manner that favored Boeing," according to a two-page summary Thursday the company was pleased from the GAO, the investigative by the GAO report. arm of Congress. "On the basis of the record pre-

sented, the Air Force has failed to demonstrate that Druyun's acknowledged bias did not prejudice decision on GAO's recommendathe three protesters," the report said.

The GAO said it normally would have recommended an entirely new competition. But because much of the C-130 contract has been in place for more than three years, that may not be practical, the agency said.

The report recommended that the Air Force hold new competitions for the remaining parts the contract and look into how to compensate tinue moving forward in repairing the three companies that protested the harm caused to its acquisition

A Lockheed spokesman said

Boeing said in a statement that its work on the C-130 modernization contract continues on schedule

'We will await the Air Force's tions. In the meantime, Boeing will continue to support the Air Force's requirement to field a vastly more capable and modernized C-130 fleet under the current development contract," Boeing spokesman Paul Guse said.

Doug Karas, an Air Force spokesman, said the resolution of the protest allows the Air Force "to con-

system by the illegal and unethical actions of Miss Druyun. We commend GAO's prompt adjudication of the protest and will address their ruling accordingly.' Last week, the GAO upheld

Lockheed's protest of a \$2.5 billion Air Force contract awarded to Boeing to build precision bombs that can be launched from a fighter plane, bomber or unmanned aircraft. Lockheed had protested the award because of Boeing's ties to Boeing's ex-chief financial of-

ficer, Michael Sears, was sentenced to four months in prison last week for his role in hiring Druyun.

It was unclear Thursday how much of the \$4 billion contract would be reopened for competition.

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TNT 37		g Bully ★★ victimized							Movie: Wild Wild West ★ (1999, Western) Will Smith, Kevin Kline.				
NICK 43	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Oddpar- ents	Danny Phantom	Grown Up	Barbie: Fairytopia (N)		
FAM 46	Digimon- Digital	Shinzo			Super Robot	W.I.T.C H. (CC)	Digimon- Digital	Dragon Booster	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Full House	Full House	
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A&E (53)	Old House	Ask This Old	Breakfast Stewart. (C				Biography Robert Re Outlaw (CC)		edford: Hollywood		Movie: The Man in the Iron Mask ★★		
ESPN 56	Sports- Center	SportsCei	iter (CC) NBA Matchup		Sports- Center	Outside Lines	Sports Reportrs	SportsCei	nter (Live) ((CC)		PBA Bowling	
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DSC (50)	American Chopper		American '63 Chevy		American '63 Chevy		American '63 Chevy		American '63 Chevy		American '63 Chevy			
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NICK 43	Jimmy Neutron	Oddpar- ents	Spon- geBob	Drake & Josh	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Murphy Brown	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
FAM 46	Smallville (CC)	Stray	Whose Line?			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
DSC 50	American Chopper Biketober (CC)				Monster Garage DC High School Build				Power Tool Drag Racing		Monster Garage DC High School Build	
A&E (53)	Cold Case Files (CC)					Growing Up Gotti	Caesars 24/7 Dream On (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)		Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)
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