# State launches new '511' traveler information service

travel information in Kansas is now as easy as dialing 511, state officials said Thursday.

The Kansas Department of Transportation now offers 511 ser-

By dialing 511 on any phone (wireline or wireless), travelers can access this new traveler information system offering road conditions, construction detours and weather information for the State

Getting the most up-to-date Highway System.

The Federal Communications erts. Commission assigned 511 as the abbreviated dialing code for na- cess to information about road contional travel information services and the new line will eventually replace KDOT's current Road Condition Hot Line 1-(800) 585-ROAD).

"We think 511 is a big improvement over what we've been able to phone. For most wireless users, the offer Kansas travelers up until now. We hope people will give it a try," said Kansas Department of Trans-

portation spokesperson Krista Rob-

By calling 511, callers will get acditions, construction, closures, detours, and weather conditions. Information is available all day, every

The call is free from a landline call will count against their cellular minutes, but no roaming fee should be involved.

In changing to 511, callers will now be able to get information for specific roads on the State Highway System.

The old hot line could only provide regional information which callers had to wade through to see if the road they wanted to know about was affected," she said.

"One of the big advantages of the new system is that more specific information can be accessed more quickly.

It's a plus for everyone and espe- Roberts said. cially for cellular users who have limited minutes on their plans."

The 511 weather and road condition information will be updated every fifteen minutes, which will offer callers more accurate and detailed information than the old line did. "The 511 callers will also be able to request information for the Nebraska State highway system (the only surrounding state currently with an active 511 system),"

Another added feature of the new 511 system is the option to get information by using voice commands or pressing the keypad on a touch-tone phone.

The new 511 is currently accessible from all wireless providers except Verizon.

The state's transportation department is negotiating with Verizon and hopes to provide this service to these customers in the near future.

## Couple hides from uninvited mom

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, 'Larry," and I have been together four years. Two years ago, his mother moved into the same apartment complex.

Every weekend, Larry's mother walks over to our apartment and bangs on the door. If we don't anshe spots a light on in our apartment, she goes back to hers and starts call-

We are trapped! Weekends are our quiet time, and Larry has asked his mother to call before coming over. She ignores his request.

I like to sleep late on Saturday and Sunday. I'm tempted to say something to her the next time she pounds on our door uninvited and wakes us, but I need to be sure she will listen and know I am serious.

-TRAPPED

DEAR TRAPPED: Your boyfriend's mother has the hide of a rhino. She sees her son as an extension of herself, so according to her logic, why should she be shut out? Your best bet would be to move to a security building where this woman will not have the kind of access to you that she does now. Make it "Larry's idea," because if his mother gets the impression that you're standing between her and her "cub," she'll try to devour you.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the unnamed heroes who provide hospice care. They are well aware that, in spite of the many gestures of compassion and the kindness they bestow, the patient to whom they have become attached is eventually going to die. Yet that never stops hospice workers from being there sician can refer you. In addition,

Abigail Van Buren Dear

swer, she peeks in the windows. If for their patients and their patients' families. Hospice workers make sure the patient doesn't experience pain, is emotionally supported, and that the caregivers have time to run have our disagreements, but neither errands and take much-needed

Abby

When the patient passes away, it's the hospice workers who comfort family members and friends. My own family was blessed with three wonderful ladies and a priest who were there to the end for my grandmother. I will always be grateful for their emotional and spiritual support. I hope my letter will encourage other families facing the terminal illness of a loved one to grant him or her quality of life by allowing that person to die with the dignity that hospice care provides. — GRATEFUL

accept my deepest sympathy for person you are today — and neithe loss of your beloved grand-

I have long been a supporter of hospice care. It provides physician services, nurses, home health aides, social workers, clergy, specially trained volunteers and bereavement counselors.

As long as a patient is eligible, hospice is covered by Medicare, most private insurers and, in most states, Medicaid.

For more information about hospice care, contact one of your local hospice programs. You phy-

call the National Hospice and **Palliative Care Organization** (NHPCO) toll-free: (800) 658-8898, or visit the Web site, www.nhpco.org.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19. My boyfriend and I have been together for a year and a half. Eventually we want to be married. Our relationship is great. We are committed to each other in every way. Of course, we of us has ever cheated.

I'm considering marriage now rather than later because I will be moving to Florida for school next fall, and he won't be coming with me right away. Abby, is it silly to think about marriage as a way to ensure that the distance between us won't tear up apart? Or should I wait till I finish school?

**THINKING** 

**DEARTHINKING: Wait until** you finish school. The college years represent a significant intellectual and emotional growth spurt for most people. There is the possibility that by the time you've DEAR GRATEFUL: Please graduated, you won't be the same ther will he. Please don't be afraid of this. Growth is positive.



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#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 25**

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	KSNK/NBC	Rebecca Gdn	Martha Stewart	Today (CC	;)	Meet the F (CC)	ress	Paid Program	Paid Program	Your Bible	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
	KBSL/CBS	Messiah E Church	Baptist	First Family	It Is Written	CBS News (CC)	Sunday N	lorning	Face the Nation	Paid Program	Health To Heart	700 Club	Telethon
Ī	K15CG 3	Classical Stretch	It's an Age	Zoboom- afoo (EI)	Sagwa- the Cat	Anne of Green	Jay Jay the Jet	Dragon Tales	Real Wheels	Book of Virtues	Small Busi-	11th Hour	Health Diary
I	WGN 13	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Singsa- tion!	Key of David	Ronnie Floyd	Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Home Improve.	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	BeastMas (CC)	ter Seer	Movie: Angels
Ī	NICK 29	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Chalk- Zone	Spon- geBob	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!
I	FAM 30	Digimon (CC)	Bey- blade	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Bey- blade	Digimon (CC)	Digimon (CC)	Meda- bots	Power Rangers	Jett Jackson	700 Club (	(CC)
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Ī	A&E (47)	All Year Round	Old House			rts "Maria ( ne opera di		America's Castles The Colonial Era		Star Treatment/ Paparazzi (CC)		Movie: No Mercy ★★ (1986) (CC)	
Ī	ESPN (49)	SportsCer	SportsCenter (CC) SportsCenter (CC)			Sports- Center	Outside Lines				Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)		
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KSNK/NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Skiing: US Freestyle (			<b>g</b> : PBR Bui ies. Phoeni		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS	(11:00) 70	0 Club Tele	ethon		College Basketball: College Bas Mich. St. at Purdue Dame. (Live				Kentucky at	Notre	News (CC)	CBS News
K15CG	On the Record	McLaug- hlin	McLaug- hlin		School Ba League Cha				ool Basketh nampionship		ontinent	Kansas Spotlight
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FAM 30	(11:00) 70	0 Club (CC	;)									
USA 31)	(11:00) Movie:				spense) Viol t plane. <i>Nic</i>	lent olas Cage.	Movie: Ca play for po	<b>sino ★★★</b> ¹ wer in 1970	½ (1995, Dra S Las Vega	ama) A mol as. <i>Robert L</i>	o employee De Niro. (CC	makes a
TBS 37	(10:30) Mo Lethal We		Movie: Bla does battle	ade ★★ (19 e with a vici	98) A vamp ous bloodsı	ire hunter ıcker.			95) Two Mi len police e	Movie: Deep Blue Sea ★★½ (1999)		
TNT 38	(10:30) Movie:		e Quick an stern) Shar			Movie: Mo to let his w	nte Walsh ay of life fa	★★½ (200) de into the	3) A cowboy past. <i>Tom</i> S	Movie: Crossfire Trail ★★★ (2001)		
DSC 42	More Than A Mighty V		Monster C	arage	Monster Garage Radical vehicles.			Aztec Temple			Building t Pyramid (	
A&E <b>47</b> )	(11:00) Mo Mercy **		House of (CC)	Dreams	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Old House	Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Sell This House	Sell This House	Makeovr Mama
ESPN 49	PBA Bowl (Live) (CC)	ing: ABC N	Nasters. Re	no, Nev.	Winter X-0	Games Asp	en, Colo. (L	ive) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		
HBO	Movie: Mr beau prove	. Wrong (1 es to be the	996) A wom boyfriend f	nan's new rom hell.	Movie: The Time Machine ★★½ (2002) Guy Pearce. (CC)			Movie: Mi predict tha	nority Repo	(2002) Psychics nit a murder. (CC)		
DISN 17	Barbar- ian	Kim Possible	That's- Raven	Lizzie McGuire	Even Stevens	Proud Family	Lilo & Stitch	Recess (CC)	Kim Possible	Barbar- ian	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
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KLBY/ABC 4 6	America's Home Vide		10-8 Love and the Inr		Nobody; Th	ne Wild	Practice ( Home (N)		News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Diamond Adv.
KSNK/NBC	Golden Gl Arrival Sp		61st Annu television.		Globe Awa	ı <b>rds</b> Honors	in film and		News	West Wing at Home (		Inside Edition
KBSL/CBS	60 Minute	s (CC)	Cold Case Letter (N) (		Movie: De deadly coll	<b>ep Impact</b> ision with a	comet. Ro	Earth prepa bert Duvall.	res for a	News (CC)	News	Outer Limits
K15CG 3	American Mexican R		Nature Po Invasion (C		Masterpie Theatre	ce	DNA Curir (N) (CC)	ng Cancer	Globe Tre Pakistan (		Mystery! T Bradley M	
WGN 13	Mutant X Estranged twin brother. (CC)  Andromeda (N) (CC)				X-Files Yo Heart (CC)		News (CC)	Instant Replay	Matlock T (CC)	he Gigolo	In the Heat of the Night Indiscretion	
NICK 29	Teenage Robot	Romeo!	Brothers Garcia	Sabrina- Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM 30	700 Club (	(CC)	700 Club (	CC)							Lake. Church	Feed the Children
USA 31)	(3:00) Mov Casino (19				001) A small-time pot dealer aine supplier. <i>Johnny Depp.</i> (CC) Special V					Law & Ord Special Vi		L.A. Dragnet
TBS (37)	(5:00) Mov Blue Sea (	<b>/ie: Deep</b> (1999)	Movie: Th cloned with	e 6th Day a	<b>k</b> ★½ (2000) A helicopter pilot is sent. <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger.</i> <b>Movie: Th</b> cloned with			e 6th Day hout his cor	★★½ (2000 nsent. <i>Arnoi</i>	) A helicopt Id Schwarze	er pilot is enegger.	
TNT 38	(5:00) Mov Crossfire							Movie: American Outlaws ★½ Western) Colin Farrell, Scott Cas				Movie:
DSC (42)	Noah's Ar True Story		MythBusto Breakstep		Southern Chopper (N)				MythBusters Breakstep Bridge			Chopper
A&E (47)	Crossing Born to Ru				as The lives of actors d Bridget Fonda. (N)				Dreams Biograph Fondas (C			
ESPN (49)		asketball: I e. (Live) (CO	Louisville at		Winter X-Games Aspen, Colo. (L						CC)	Sports- Center
HBO	Movie: The First Wives Club ★★★ (1996,										(CC)	Real Sports
DISN (17)	That's- Raven	Lizzie McGuire			Animated. a clan of ap		Barbar- ian	That's- Raven	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MΔX	(5.45) Max									Movie: Er	otio	

### **MONDAY JANUARY 26**

agent protects a witness from gunrunners.

(2002) Jennifer Aniston. (CC)

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Movie: Armageddon ★½ (1998, Action) Misf destroy an earthbound asteroid. Bruce Willis.						News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kii (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News	Wheel of Fortune	Fear Facto Couples (F		Las Vegas	(N) (CC)	Average J Hawaii (N)		News	Tonight S	how (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Yes, Dear	Still Standing	Ray- mond	Two/Half Men	CSI: Miam Prix (iTV) (		News (CC)	Late Show	v (CC)	Late Late	
K15CG	NewsHou Jim Lehre		Antiques Roadshov	v (N) (CC)	American Brown's H	Experience oly War (CC		Mixed Feelings	As Time Goes By	May- Dec.	Charlie Ro (CC)	ose (N)	
WGN (13)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Movie: An Drama) Ed	Movie: American History X *** (1998, Drama) Edward Norton. (CC)			News (CC	)	Becker (CC)	Will & Grace	The Shard Osbourne		
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Sabrina- Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM (30)	7th Heave	n (CC)			189) A hous hful husban		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	700 Club	(CC)	Home Videos	Home Videos	
USA (31)	Law & Ord Special Vi		Law & Ord Special Vi				g trade ties three sets (Part 1 of 3) (CC) Traffic The illegal drug trade ties three sets of characters together. (Part 1 of 3) (CC)						
TBS (37)		Friends (CC)			he Fall ★★¹/ destroy a l				e Quick and the Dead (1995) A female enters a deadly quick-draw competition.				
TNT (38)	Law & Ord Cherished	der	Law & Ord Baby Burn	aw & Order Burn aby Burn Law & Order Maritime (CC) (DVS)			Law & Ord Hitman (Co			Law & Order Forgiveness		X-Files The Beginning (CC)	
DSC (42)	MythBust	ers				American Chopper POW/MIA 3 (N)		Monster House Fright House (CC)		<b>Monster Garage</b> Jet Boat/Car			
A&E (47)					House of (CC)	Dreams	Airline Airline (N) (CC)		Third Watch The Relay (CC)		Biography John Stamos (CC)		
ESPN (49)	College B (Live) (CC)		Texas at Te	xas Tech.	Winter X-0	Games Asp	en, Colo. (L	ive) (CC)	SportsCe Winter X	nter at the Games	College Basketball: BYU at New Mexico		
HBO	(5:30) Movie: Chain Reaction  **\psi (1996) Keanu Reeves. (CC) (2002) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)						Wild Ride Bowl I (N)		Movie: Just Married Comedy) Ashton Kuto				
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire			1998) An in-line		Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	
MAX 21	(5:15) Mov Ricochet			nite Oleand ison Lohma	ler ★★½ (2) n. (CC)	002,					Movie: Te Lies (2000		