

# Rude cellular phone use requires new etiquette rules

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about cell phone conversations in a public eatery. Granted, most of the time it can be avoided — and should be. However, there are exceptions, and bystanders should not be so judgmental. I'm a hospice nurse and am often on call, yet not at the office. I must take the calls I receive and often work through complex problems on the phone, no matter where we are or what we are doing. Sometimes the calls are quite lengthy; sometimes there are none at all.



**Abigail Van Buren**

• Dear Abby

Bystanders who might judge my cell phone use do me a great disservice, and likewise people in other professions.

My family is just glad that I can go out and enjoy time with them, even when I'm "working." They appreciate what I do and are proud that I give these worthy patients attention when they need it. Please consider that when you are a bystander, you might not know the "rest of the story."

— NURSE IN ADA, OKLA.  
**DEAR NURSE: While your cell phone use in restaurants might be necessary, you know as well as I do that most conversations aren't. You are the exception. Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: After reading about obnoxious cell phone use in your column, I had to share something I saw. I was waiting in line at a bank while a mother on a cell phone was doing her transactions. Her 10-year-old daughter was at her side.

The mother was in not one, but two conversations: "Yeah, yeah, that's right. No, no, I was talking to HIM. OK, fine! No, no, I was talking to HER." Finally finished and still talking, the woman walked outside, and I went to the teller's window.

I quickly finished my business and noticed the daughter was still standing next to me. I took her outside and found the mother getting into a convertible, still on the cell phone, as was the (male) driver. As the child and I neared the car, I realized the two adults were talking to each other!

— ANDY IN TUCSON

DEAR ABBY: I informed my 17-year-old daughter that when we are together, it's offensive and rude for her to be on the cell phone. I don't mind a quick, "I'm having dinner with my mom; I'll get back to you later." I give her the same respect, even when her father calls me. In other words, all members of this family extend the same courtesy to each other.

— THERESA IN SUGARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I work in retail, and this has happened to me. When a customer approaches me while talking on a cell phone and tries to hand me the merchandise, I smile and say, "No, don't give it to me yet! Finish your call. It must be important." Then I just stand there. I'm always polite and cordial, and you'd be amazed how quickly they get the "hint."

— LOVES MY JOB

DEAR ABBY: An old boss invited me out to lunch; however, within only a few minutes of our being seated, he took a cell phone call. I sat there for 20 minutes trying not to listen in, then finally I got up, walked out and went home. He called me later, upset that I had "abandoned" him.

My response: "I thought we were having lunch together, but you were busy."

We've had lunch several times since, and he always turns his cell phone off as we take our seats.

— READER IN THE SOUTH-WEST

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion. If you notice someone ignoring his or her dinner companion and talking at length on a cell phone, it might be a kindness to invite the ignored person to join you. Not only could you make a friend, the rude person might get the hint that such behavior is unacceptable.

— TERI IN LYNN, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I

recently went to my brother's home for a family get-together. During our visit, my wife was told that our nephew was being married. Our nephew then announced that he is going to have all those who plan on attending submit a 75-word essay stating why we should be invited. I said, "Why?" My wife and I were appalled.

What do you think of this, Abby? — APPALLED IN THE U.S.A.

**DEAR APPALLED: If your nephew is trying to keep his wedding a small and intimate affair, he's doing a great job of it. I have never heard of an essay contest to determine who will be allowed to attend a wedding. (Will those people whose essays don't get a passing grade be excluded?) If I were you, I'd send your nephew and his bride a lovely congratulatory card and skip the "contest."**

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a wonderful 1 1/2-year-old son, the love of our lives. Sadly, my father passed away before he was born and never got to see him.

Recently, my family — including my mother — took a vacation together. We took some wonderful pictures of my mother holding her grandson.

We're considering having one of the pictures enlarged professionally as a birthday gift to my mother, and my wife suggested we Photoshop a picture of my father into the picture so that there is a portrait of both my parents and their grandson.

I like the idea; however, I am concerned that it may make my mother sad and be a reminder that my father is no longer here. What do you think?

— TRYING TO BE THOUGHTFUL

**DEAR TRYING TO BE THOUGHTFUL: I think the sentiment is nice, but it would be wrong. When in doubt — don't.**

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# 'Get Caught Recycling' program started this week across Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment launched an exciting new campaign on Monday, to be seen statewide in the days and months ahead, called 'Get Caught Recycling.'

The program is a public awareness campaign featuring prominent Kansans 'caught' in the act of recycling. Kansans featured in the initial series are former Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden; veteran broadcaster Bill Kurtis; former basketball All-American Kendra Wecker; Kansas State University; former basketball All-American Wayne Simien, University of Kansas; and famous crop artist, Stan Herd.

Local heroes from several communities across the state will also be featured in the campaign including state spelling bee champions, Kent and Scott Toland (brothers) of Iola; president and chief executive officer of Wolf Creek Generating Station, Rick Muench; and Fiesta Mexicana Queen, Melissa Cooper of Topeka.

More Kansans are in the creative phase for 2006 to get caught.

'Get Caught Recycling' is a series of TV commercials, print ads and posters featuring prominent Kansans recycling. The TV commercials and print ads will run in Kansas media outlets beginning today and run through the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

"We're grateful to every Kansan who recycles in our state and we're excited to see the potential this campaign has for making recycling a habit for all of us," said secretary Roderick L. Bremby, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"Recycling helps keep material from filling our landfills and offers a new life or purpose to these unwanted items."

"Each year Kansans recycle and compost more than 710,000 tons of materials, enough to completely fill approximately four large football stadiums," said

The Division of Environment Director Ron Hammerschmidt. "If each of us would do a little more, the improvement to our environment would be tremendous."

"Our goal with this campaign is

to reinforce the recycling behavior of Kansans who currently recycle and encourage those who don't to join with these well-known Kansans and 'Get Caught Recycling,'" says Bill Bider, director of Bureau of Waste Management. "The initial statewide release features familiar faces that most Kansans will recognize and connect with and hopefully be influenced by to improve their recycling behaviors."

Plans for 2006 call for 'Get Caught Recycling' to include more local efforts where the state agency will encourage local officials to promote their own recycling heroes, the department of health and environment will work through its statewide network of recycling organizations to create posters to promote these recycling heroes in Kansas communities.

An interesting element to the creation of this campaign was the use

of state staff to perform all the creative phases including making the TV commercials and posters.

A small group, whose daily duties usually involve public education, technical training, and various technical support duties performed script-writing, storyboarding, video direction and shooting, video editing, still photography and graphic design.

This collaboration saved the agency thousands of dollars on production costs, and allowed the agency to purchase more advertising time and space.

Kansans can learn more about recycling opportunities by watching the 'Get Caught Recycling' videos, and see who'll be next in 2006.

For those interested, log onto — www.getcaughtrecycling.org, or by contacting the Bureau of Waste Management at (785) 291-3132 or www.kdheks.gov/kdsi/index.html,

# Attorney general says he has support of sheriffs

TOPEKA (AP) — Attorney General Phill Kline is racking up endorsements even though he hasn't announced a bid for a second term. Kline said Monday in Topeka that he has the support of 89 of the state's 104 county sheriffs, including eight of 13 Democrats. Kline, a Republican, was elected to his first term in 2002.

He was joined in a brief news conference by sheriffs from Shawnee and Pratt counties, as well as former Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan.

"It's really humbling for me," Kline said of the re-election support.

So far, Kline doesn't have any Republican challengers in the August primary, but he does have a Democratic opponent for the November general election.

Johnson County District Attorney Paul Morrison announced last month that he'll seek the Democratic nomination for attorney general, switching parties to run against Kline. Johnson County Sheriff

Frank Denning was not one of the 89 sheriffs endorsing Kline.

"I don't find that to be particularly surprising, because those are political endorsements," Morrison said. "I think many of them, in the end, are going to support me."

Morrison said many law enforcement officials, especially in rural areas, are heavily dependent on the attorney general's office for support and may feel obligated to endorse the person currently in office. Morrison said he expects to have "solid support" from a number of county prosecutors in the election.

"I won't have everybody, but I anticipate having a majority of the prosecutors," he said. "Most would support a professional prosecutor over a professional politician."

Kline says he'll make a formal announcement about his campaign in the coming months. He said Monday that he will focus on the efforts of his office to protect children, crack down on the production of methamphetamines and extend the statute of limitations for crimes.

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## WEEKDAYS NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News Cont'd		Today				Varied Programs		Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Jakers!-Winks	Barney-Friends	Teletub-bies	Mister Rogers	Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Sesame Street	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Varied Programs	
USA (37)	Coach	Coach	Movie		Varied Programs							
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie	Varied Programs			Becker	Becker
WGN (39)	Changing-Voice	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (40)	Angel		NYPD Blue	Varied	NYPD Blue		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs							
A&E (47)	Varied Programs											City Confidential
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Varied Programs				Lazy-Town		Varied Programs	
DISN (56)	Breakfast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Einsteins
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls	Step by Step		Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	New Morning	Paid Program	The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		The Waltons	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital	Varied	Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	World Trn	Varied	Guiding Light	Varied	Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Maya & Miguel	Arthur	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Business
ESPN (28)	Varied Programs											
USA (37)	Varied Programs											
TBS (38)	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN (39)	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT (40)	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Alias		Charmed		Varied Programs	
DSC (42)	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs		It Takes a Thief		Varied Programs	
A&E (47)	Varied Programs											
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels											
NICK (55)	Varied Programs										SpongeBob	Varied Programs
DISN (56)	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs				Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Phil of Future
FAM (58)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL (60)	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

	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 (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Charlie Brown	Movie: Finding Nemo *** (2003) Animated. A fish searches for his missing son. <i>Voices of Albert Brooks.</i>			News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)			
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Joey (N) (CC)	Will & Grace	The Apprentice Clip Show (N) (CC)	The Apprentice Shaniagans (N) (CC)	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Guatemala -- Maya		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)	Without a Trace Freefall (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	High School Football: Kansas Division I 8-Man Championship -- Teams TBA.		High School Football: Kansas Division II 8-Man Championship -- Teams TBA.								Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	2005 World Series of Poker Las Vegas.		College Football: Pittsburgh at West Virginia. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		Outside-Lines	
USA (37)	(5:00) Movie: Meet the Parents (2000)		Movie: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ** (2003, Romance-Comedy) <i>Kate Hudson.</i> (CC)		Movie: American Pie 2 ** 1/2 (2001, Comedy) <i>Jason Biggs.</i> (CC)							Movie:
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Sister Act ** (1992, Comedy) (PA) <i>Whoopi Goldberg.</i> (CC)		Movie: Sister Act ** (1992, Comedy) (PA) <i>Whoopi Goldberg.</i> (CC)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Vegas Vacation 1/2 (1997, Comedy) <i>Chey Chase.</i> (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)			
TNT (40)	Law & Order Nullification		NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers. Consecro Fieldhouse. (Live) (CC)		NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Los Angeles Lakers. Staples Center. (Live) (CC)							
DSC (42)	Deadliest Catch High Hopes (CC)		Deadliest Catch Good Fishing (CC)		Deadliest Catch The Clock's Ticking		Deadliest Catch Off-load. (CC)		Deadliest Catch Special (CC)		Deadliest Catch Good Fishing (CC)	
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)		The First 48 Twisted Honor: Vultures (CC)		Crossing Jordan Secrets & Lies (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		The Presidents 1865-1885 (CC)		The Presidents The Gilded Age. (CC)		The Presidents 1913-1945 (CC)		The Big Build The Speakeasy (N) (CC)		The Presidents 1865-1885 (CC)	
NICK (55)	Cats-cratch	Cats-cratch	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House	Fresh Prince	Full House	Fatherhood	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Rose-anne	Who's Boss?
DISN (56)	(5:25) Movie: Stuck in the Suburbs		That's So Raven Country Cousins		Movie: The Even Stevens Movie ** (2003, Comedy) <i>Shia LaBeouf.</i>				That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible
FAM (58)	Smallville Vortex		Movie: Jingle All the Way ** (1996, Comedy) <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad.</i>		Whose Line? Whose Line?				The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL (60)	Movie: Love's Enduring Promise (2004, Romance) <i>Katherine Heigl.</i> (CC)		Movie: A Time to Remember ** (2003, Drama) <i>Dana Delany, Doris Roberts.</i> (CC)						Movie: The Long Shot (2004) An accident blinds an equestrian's horse. <i>Julie Benz.</i>			

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

	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 (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Supernanny Tsrionis Family (CC)		Hope & Faith (N)	Properties	20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Movie: The Family Man *** (2000, Comedy-Drama) A man gets a glimpse of the life that could have been his. <i>Nicolas Cage.</i>						News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Ghost Whisperer Ghost Bride (N) (CC)		Close to Home Under Threat (CC)		NUMB3RS Toxin (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Wash. Week	Mad Cow	Market-Market	America's Hrtl	Pioneers of Primetime (CC)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center		NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Miami Heat. AmericanAirlines Arena. (Live) (CC)		NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Phoenix Suns. America West Arena. (Live) (CC)							
USA (37)	(4:00) Movie: The Mummy Returns		Movie: Friday After Next ** 1/2 (2002, Comedy) <i>Ice Cube.</i> (Premiere) (CC)		Monk Mr. Monk and the Other Woman		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Jurassic Park III ** 1/2 (2001, Adventure) <i>Sam Neill.</i> (CC)		Movie: Jurassic Park III ** 1/2 (2001, Adventure) (PA) <i>Sam Neill.</i> (CC)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Down Will Come Baby 1/2 (1999, Suspense) <i>Meredith Baxter.</i> (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City (CC)	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)			
TNT (40)	Law & Order Girl Most Likely		Law & Order Ill-Conceived		Law & Order Coming Down Hard		Law & Order Blaze (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Twister (1996) Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.			
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Shrimper Shrimp Season		I Shouldn't Be Alive Jaws of Death		I Shouldn't Be Alive Swept Away		I Shouldn't Be Alive Shark Survivor		Dirty Jobs Shrimper Shrimp season.		I Shouldn't Be Alive Jaws of Death	
A&E (47)	24 9:00PM - 9:00PM (CC)		24 9:00PM - 10:00PM (CC)		24 10:00PM - 11:00PM (CC)		24 11:00PM - Midnight (CC)		Inside Harry Potter		24 9:00	