

Victims give eavesdropper good earful



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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Conversational Speaking," a reader who complained about being eavesdropped upon in restaurants, you suggested that the couple engage in some "wild dialogue" for entertainment purposes, such as "how to spend their drug money" or which girl you planned to send on the next "call."

As a police officer who has had to waste significant time and resources

perhaps, mention "Cousin Mandy's" little boy throwing up all over the wedding cake at someone's reception. — MARGARET IN SWOOPE, VA.

DEAR MARGARET: That could, indeed, work. Read on:

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DEAR STEPHEN: Your eavesdroppers must not have been fans of the currently popular TV crime series

you for failing to consider the consequences of your ill-advised recommendation. What were you thinking? — DAN HOFFMAN, DEPUTY CHIEF, FAIRBANKS (ALASKA) POLICE DEPT.

DEAR DEPUTY CHIEF HOFFMAN: I was thinking about having some fun, not about homeland security. In the light of the sober times we live in, however, I probably should have played it straighter. On a lighter note, quite a few readers wrote to describe how they have handled the situation. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a suggestion. Talk about "Aunt Tilly's" recent operation with details so graphic that only the strongest stomach could hold its contents. Or,

perhaps, mention "Cousin Mandy's" little boy throwing up all over the wedding cake at someone's reception. — MARGARET IN SWOOPE, VA.

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and their spin-offs.

DEAR ABBY: Some friends and I were eating in a restaurant that featured a large atrium and all kinds of plants hanging from the rafters. When we realized we were being listened to, my friend's wife started telling everyone at the table how — in order to control the bug population in the plants — they had hundreds of lizards living in the foliage. "Nosy Rosy" went screaming from the restaurant with her coat pulled over her head. I guess she was afraid of lizards. — JOHN IN WELLINGTON, OHIO

DEAR JOHN: Leapin' lizards — your friend was creative.

DEAR ABBY: Here's my technique. I lean over to the rude eavesdroppers and smile. Then I invite them

to scoot their chairs a little closer, so they can hear our conversation more easily. It usually embarrasses them into stopping. — MARTHA IN DALHART, TEXAS

DEAR MARTHA: Not everyone is as straightforward as you.

DEAR ABBY: Some people need to be reminded about good manners. When I'm in that situation I confront them and ask, "Are we talking too loud? If not, how about giving us some privacy?" and continuing eye contact until they stop. — AIDA IN RAPID CITY, S.C.

DEAR AIDA: Interesting you should mention it, because several people suggested that the volume of the conversation might have been the problem to begin with.

TUESDAY EVENING		E= Eagle Cable S-S&T Telephone																
		MAR. 22, 2005																
E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30							
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files (N) (R)	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Airline	Airline	Crossing Jordan "Prisoner Exchange"	Cold Case Files									
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez	According to Jim (N)	Rodney (N)	Blind Justice "Rub a Tub Tub" (N) (DVS)	News (R)	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (R)								
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master (R)	Animal X The Beast of Gevaudan (R)	Animal X The Beast of Gevaudan (R)	Animal Precinct Malnourished dogs. (R)	Austin Stevens: Snake-master (R)	Animal X The Beast of Gevaudan (R)	Project Greenlight	The West Wing "Mr. Willis of Ohio" (R)								
63	54	BRAVO	Project Greenlight (R)	Project Greenlight (N)	Project Greenlight (N)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ray S"	Project Greenlight	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ray S"	Project Greenlight (R)	The West Wing "Mr. Willis of Ohio" (R)								
7	11	CBS	NCIS "An Eye for an Eye" (N) (R)	The Amazing Race 7 (N) (R)	The Amazing Race 7 (N) (R)	Judging Amy "The New Normal" (N) (R)	News (R)	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) (R)	Late Late Show (N)	Late Late Show (N)								
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod Problems as deadline looms. (R)	Monster Garage "Peter-built Chopper" (R)	American Chopper "Comanche 3" (R)	American Chopper "Comanche 3" (R)	Undetectables Frat house filth. (R)	Tank School Marine Corps. (R)	Undetectables Frat house filth. (R)	Tank School Marine Corps. (R)								
33	44	DISN	Braceface	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★ ★ ★ "Atlantis: The Lost Voices of Michael J. Fox" (2001, Fantasy)	Empire" (2001, Fantasy)								
49	81	EITV	El! Hollywood Hold 'Em	Style Star	Style Star	Gastineau	Heir	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (R)								
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal								
54	57	ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Second Round								
32	46	FAM	"I Do, They Don't" (2005) Josie Bissett. (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)								
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)	Ultimate Goals (N) (R)								
35	31	FMC	★ ★ "The Nickel Ride" (1975) Jason Miller.	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid	★ ★ ★ "Breaking Away" (1979) Dennis Quaid								
53	68	FOOD	Emeril's New Orleans Easter	Roker on the Road	Roker on the Road	\$40-a-Day "Orlando"	\$40-a-Day "Miami"	Iron Chef "Liver" Korean cuisine.	Emeril's New Orleans Easter	Emeril's New Orleans Easter								
13	7	FOX	American Idol (N) (R)	House "Mob Rules" (N) (R)	House "Mob Rules" (N) (R)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore								
40	38	FX	King of Hill	Fear Factor (R)	King of Hill	King of Hill	★ ★ ★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.	★ ★ ★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.	★ ★ ★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.	★ ★ ★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.								
30	55	FXSP	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	Rockies	American Poker Champ. Best Damn Sports Show	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Best-Sports	Sports List								
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "Le Divorce" (2003) Kate Hudson. (R) PG-13 (R)	★ ★ "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" (2003) Mike Myers. (R) PG (R)	★ ★ "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" (2003) Mike Myers. (R) PG (R)	Real Sports (R)	Deadwood "New Money" (R)	Deadwood "New Money" (R)	Deadwood "New Money" (R)	Deadwood "New Money" (R)								
62	67	HGTV	Designed	Get Color	Decorating	Mission	Designers' Designers'	Design	House	Designed	Get Color							
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech "The Road West" (N) (R)	Breaking Vegas "Card Count King" (N) (R)	Breaking Vegas "Card Count King" (N) (R)	Modern Marvels "Snack-food Tech" (R)	Modern Marvels "Snack-food Tech" (R)	Modern Marvels "Snack-food Tech" (R)	Modern Marvels "Snack-food Tech" (R)	Modern Marvels "Snack-food Tech" (R)								
25	35	IND	Friends (R)	Friends (R)	Sex and the City (R)	Sex and the City (R)	(:10) ★ ★ "Conspiracy Theory" (1997, Suspense)	PA) Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts. A paranoid cabbie's rantings make him a CIA target. (R)	(PA) Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts. A paranoid cabbie's rantings make him a CIA target. (R)	(PA) Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts. A paranoid cabbie's rantings make him a CIA target. (R)								
18	63	LIFE	"Deadly Isolation" (R)	★ ★ ★ "Indecent Proposal" (1993) Robert Redford. Premiere.	★ ★ ★ "Indecent Proposal" (1993) Robert Redford. Premiere.	Golden	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny								
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (R)	Video	Punk'd (R)	Direct Effect (R)	Damage	Damage	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride								
3	9	NBC	News (R)	Ent. Tonight	Will & Grace (R)	(:43) Scrubs Surgeon has a disorder. (R) (R)	(:22) Scrubs Surgeon has a disorder. (R) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Charisma" (R)	News (R)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (R)	Late Night Show							
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34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	School Daze	Full House	Fatherhood	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.						
2	2	PBS	Nova "Dirty Bomb" (R)	Tax Implications of Estate Planning	Tax Implications of Estate Planning	Frontline "Son of Al Qaeda" (R)	BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (R)	Charlie Rose (N) (R)								
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "Riverworld" (R)	★ ★ ★ "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford.	★ ★ ★ "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford.	"Cube 2: Hypercube" (R)	"Cube 2: Hypercube" (R)	"Cube 2: Hypercube" (R)	"Cube 2: Hypercube" (R)	"Cube 2: Hypercube" (R)								
61	41	SPK	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn								
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (R)	Clean Sweep "Hanging On and Letting Go" (R)	Clean Sweep "Hanging On and Letting Go" (R)	In a Fix "Jeweled Retreat" (R)	One Day of War	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart" (R)	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart" (R)	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart" (R)								
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Cavaliers	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Houston	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Houston	Rockets. (Live) (R)	Inside the NBA (R)	Inside the NBA (R)	Inside the NBA (R)	Inside the NBA (R)								
51	86	TRAV	Dollywood (R)	Made	Made	Taste	Taste	Dollywood (R)	Made	Made								
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven (R)	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers (R)	Cheers (R)							
60	89	UNIV	Apuesta por un Amor	La Madrastra	Jugando al Amor	Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora Derbez	La Hora Derbez	La Hora Derbez								
20	34	USA	★ ★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.	Nashville Star (R)	Nashville Star (R)	Law & Order: SVU	The Dead Zone (R)	Law & Order: SVU	The Dead Zone (R)	Law & Order: SVU								
12	3	WB	Friends (R)	Everybody-Raymond	Blue Collar TV "Fame" (R)	Blue Collar TV "Fame" (R)	The Starlet (N) (R)	News (R)	Friends (R)	Will & Grace (R)								
99	36	WGN	★ ★ "Dead in the Water" (1991) Bryan Brown.	WGN News at Nine (R)	Becker (R)	Becker (R)	Home Delivery	Becker (R)	Becker (R)	Home Delivery								

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E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30							
36	53	A&E	The Secret Life of a Serial Killer (R)	Sports Wives Women hold their families together. (R)	Crossing Jordan "Ockham's Razor" (R)	The Secret Life of a Serial Killer (R)												
4	6	ABC	Lost Shannon's life is placed in sudden peril. (R)	(:01) Alias "The Orphan" (N) (R)	(:02) Vacation Swap (N) (R)	News (R)	(:35) Nightline (R)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (R)										
26	48	ANPL	Animal Face-Off "Lion vs. Tiger" (R)	Animal X "Thylacine" Tasmanian tiger. (R)	Animal Precinct Cases of dog abuse. (R)	Animal Face-Off "Lion vs. Tiger" (R)	Animal X "Thylacine" Tasmanian tiger. (R)	Animal Precinct Cases of dog abuse. (R)	Animal Face-Off "Lion vs. Tiger" (R)	Animal X "Thylacine" Tasmanian tiger. (R)								
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Sandi S"	Celebrity Poker Showdown Winners from the previous games compete. (R)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ray S"	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ray S"	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Ray S"	The West Wing "The State Dinner" (R)										
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Palau "Jellyfish N Chips" (TV) (R)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "No More Bets"	CSI: NY "The Dove Commission" (N) (R)	News (R)	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N) (R)	Late Late Show (N)	Late Late Show (N)	Late Late Show (N)								
24	50	DISC	American Hot Rod "65 Mustang 1" (R)	Monster Garage "Jet Boat/Car" (R)	American Chopper "POW/MIA 1" (R)	It Takes a Thief Home improvements. (N)	MythBusters "Cooling a Six-Pack" (N) (R)	It Takes a Thief Home improvements. (N)	MythBusters "Cooling a Six-Pack" (N) (R)	MythBusters "Cooling a Six-Pack" (N) (R)								
33	44	DISN	Braceface	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"Buffalo Dreams" (2005, Drama) Reiley McClendon, Simon R. Baker. (NR)	"Buffalo Dreams" (2005, Drama) Reiley McClendon, Simon R. Baker. (NR)								
49	81	EITV	Eminem: The El THS	Life Great	Crazy Life	Gastineau	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (R)	Saturday Night Live (R)								
22	56	ESPN	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers. (R)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors.								
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live) (R)	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal								
32	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "A Little Princess" (1995) Eleanor Bron.	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)	Who?/Who? (R)								
59	-	FIT TV	FitNation (R)	Low Carb	Low Carb	Low Carb	Low Carb	Low Carb	Low Carb	Low Carb								
35	31	FMC	★ ★ ★ "Blood Feud" (1983, Drama) Robert Blake, Cotter Smith.	Remembering M*A*S*H (R)	Remembering M*A*S*H (R)	"The Commitments" (R)	"The Commitments" (R)	"The Commitments" (R)	"The Commitments" (R)	"The Commitments" (R)								
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Greetings from Lyon, France"	BBQ With Bobby Flay	Foodnation	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef America "Batali vs. Campbell" (R)	Emeril Live "Greetings from Lyon, France"	Emeril Live "Greetings from Lyon, France"								
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)	Simple Life	American Idol (R)	Life on a Stick (R)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore							
40	38	FX	(4:30) "Con Air" (1997)	Fear Factor (R)	King of Hill	King of Hill	★ ★ "Someone Like You" (2001) Ashley Judd.	★ ★ "Someone Like You" (2001) Ashley Judd.	★ ★ "Someone Like You" (2001) Ashley Judd.	★ ★ "Someone Like You" (2001) Ashley Judd.								
30	55	FXSP	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	Fielding	Poker Superstars	Best Damn Sports Show	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Best-Sports								
5	14	HBO	(15) ★ ★ "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" (2003, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. (R) PG (R)	★ ★ "Mailbu's Most Wanted" (2003) Jamie Kennedy. (PG-13) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)	★ ★ "Eurotrip" (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz. (R) (R)								
62	67	HGTV	Renovation/Weekend	Home 2005	Landscap	Curb	Curb	Design	House	Renovation/Weekend								
58	52	HIST	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 9"	Full Throttle 1975 Pontiac Firebird. (R)	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)	Modern Marvels "Dangerous Cargo" (R)								
25	35	IND	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Seinfeld "The Cafe" (R)	Seinfeld "The Tape" (R)	Sex and the City (R)	Sex and the City (R)	(:10) ★ ★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002) Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon. Premiere. (R)	(:10) ★ ★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002) Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon. Premiere. (R)								
18	63	LIFE	"Wander. Soul" (R)	"Verdict in Blood" (2002) Wendy Crewson. (R)	Golden	Golden	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny								
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) (R)	Punk'd (R)	Punk'd (R)	Direct Effect (R)	Power	Power	Newlywed	Newlywed								
3	9	NBC	News (R)	Ent. Tonight	American Dreams "No Satisfaction" (N) (R)	The West Wing "In God We Trust" (N) (R)	Law & Order "Gunplay" (R)	News (R)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (R)	Late Night Show								
8	8	NBC	American Dreams "No Satisfaction" (N) (R)	The West Wing "In God We Trust" (N) (R)	Law & Order "Gunplay" (R)	News (R)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (R)	Late Night Show	Late Night Show	Late Night Show								
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.						
2	2	PBS	Nova "Dirty Bomb" (R)	Tax Implications of Estate Planning	Frontline "Son of Al Qaeda" (R)	BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N) (R)	BBC World News	Two's Company	Charlie Rose (N) (R)	Charlie Rose (N) (R)						
38	83	SCIFI	Ripley-Believe	Ripley-Believe	Ripley-Believe	Ripley-Believe	★ ★ ★ "The Lost Boys" (1987) Jason Patric. (R)	★ ★ ★ "The Lost Boys" (1987) Jason Patric. (R)	★ ★ ★ "The Lost Boys" (1987) Jason Patric. (R)	★ ★ ★ "The Lost Boys" (1987) Jason Patric. (R)								
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39	51	TLC	While You Were Out (R)	Clean Sweep "Living Room of Lost Toys" (N)	Clean Sweep "Living Room of Lost Toys" (N)	In a Fix "Global Treasures" (N)	In a Fix "Global Treasures" (N)	Clean Sweep "Living Room of Lost Toys" (N)	In a Fix "Global Treasures" (N)	In a Fix "Global Treasures" (N)								
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Empire"	★ ★ "Stepmom" (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon.	★ ★ "Stepmom" (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon.	★ ★ "Stepmom" (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon.												