



Lake Forest: Mom Makes \$77/hr Online!

Unemployed Mom Makes \$6,397/Month Working Online! Read How She Did It.



Obey: 1 Trick To a Flat, Sexy Stomach!

Acai Berry Diet EXPOSED by News Reporter. Her Results will Shock you!

SOUTHTOWNSTAR®

southtownstar.com

Member of the Sun-Times News Group



79°F

Mostly Cloudy

[Traffic](#) • [Weather](#)

[Home](#) | [News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Business](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Lifestyles](#) | [Ebert](#) | [Search](#)

The Not-So-Mighty Dollar

A case for prepaid cell phones

By [Lauren FitzPatrick](#) on **May 24, 2010 4:00 PM** | [Permalink](#) | [Comments \(2\)](#) | [TrackBacks \(0\)](#)

For the first time ever, ([reads this column in the SouthtownStar](#)) in the fourth quarter of 2009, the number prepaid wireless customers outnumbered customers signing up for more traditional contract-based plans. A staffer at the New Millennium Research Council, an independent telecom think tank, chalked it up to the economy, claiming "the era of cell phone penny pinching is officially here."

Personally, I am a total penny pincher and I have a contract. My whole family is on the same company so we c other for free. And my cell phone is my telephone. I'm a pretty big talker.

But for all those people who just want an emergency phone, or only need a little bit of cell time a month, I feel t they've been wasting their money on the big companies.

The Citizens Utility Board -- whose executive director Dave Kolata was behind that column -- has a [pretty good here](#) about prepaid cell phones and has done some research about the best deals.

Because why pay for service you don't use? That's a waste of hard-earned cash.

Categories: [Bank some bucks](#), [How to do it for less](#), [Making saving easier](#), [You can do it yourself](#)

Tags: [advice](#), [bill](#), [cell phone](#), [cheaper](#), [Citizens Utility Board](#), [CUB](#), [deal](#), [money](#), [save](#)

0 TrackBacks

Listed below are links to blogs that reference this entry: [A case for prepaid cell phones](#).

TrackBack URL for this entry: <http://blogs.southtownstar.com/cgi-bin/mt-tb.cgi/3962>

2 Comments

By **Kevin C** on **May 25, 2010 8:59 AM**

For years I also thought that prepaid is more expensive when looking at actual per-minute rates, but recently I I was mistaken. The prepaid industry seems to have undergone a bit of a transformation while nobody was looki there is no contract that doesn't have a cheaper prepaid alternative available. Even for heavy talkers and textin number of unlimited prepaid options available at the \$45 to \$50 range!

I am not a huge talker and get by with a NET10 prepaid plan for \$15 to \$30 per month. No contract at all available much (little) money...

By Henry on [May 25, 2010 3:31 PM](#)

I am one of those people that don't talk very much on my mobile phone, I use it more for texting which is exactl on Net10 prepaid which allows me to buy minutes when I need them otherwise most of the time I just send text Net10 it only costs me 5 cents per text.

Leave a comment

Name (I understand that the information I provide here will be published with my comment)

Email Address

URL

Comments *(Your comment needs to be approved before it will appear. Thanks for waiting. You may use HTML tags for style.)*

Captcha:



Type the characters you see in the picture above.

PAGES

[Coupon recycling](#)

[Meet the cheapskates](#)

[Mr. Tightwad's Meal Deals](#)

 [Subscribe to this blog's feed](#)

southtownstar.com: [Feedback](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [About Us](#) | [Advertise With Us](#) | [Media Kit](#) | [Make us your Home Page](#) | [Sub](#)
Affiliates: [RogerEbert.com](#) | [SearchChicago - Autos](#) | [SearchChicago - Homes](#) | [SearchChicago - Jobs](#) | [Cen](#)



You May Qualify For A Grant To Go Bac

See Degrees Now
classesUSA™

If you have completed some college credits or are looking to start a new degree, online courses provide an opportunity to finish your coursework in as fast as 2 years.

And, if you make less than \$ year, you may qualify for gra scholarships which can mak education much more afford



Sun-Times Media, LLC | [Terms of Use](#) • [Privacy Policy](#) • [Submission Guide](#)