

Hello? I'm the phone

A MOBILE phone that talks to users is being developed by experts.

The BlindSight handset has its keypad on the back - meaning people can use its functions even when they are on a call.

Makers Microsoft say the phone will give "audio clues" to help users press the correct buttons.

Engineer Dr Roope Takala explained: "GPS devices already use audio to give directions when people are multi-tasking."

Dr Patrick Baudish, building the prototype in Washington, added in New Scientist: "It's a shame to miss what's going on around because you're looking at your phone."

3 jailed in CSI killing

TWO men who killed their half-brother and chopped up his body were jailed yesterday.

Mark and James Baigent hacked off Andrew Scanlan's head and hands and buried them in two woodland graves - tips they had seen on the TV crime show CSI.

They were helped by pal Jeff Woods.

Mark, 26, and brother James, 29 were jealous of Scanlan, 35, Cambridge crown court heard.

They killed him near Aldershot, Hants, a month after their mother died.

James Baigent got 24 years, Mark 22 years and Woods 20 years' jail.

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Bath baby mum dies

A BABY was born alive after his mum lay drowning in a hospital bath during labour, an inquest heard.

Lorraine Maddi was left alone for 45 minutes despite midwives being told she was prone to fainting.

Baby Jaydem was born by caesarean after his mum was found unconscious but Lorraine, 31, died eight days later.

Coroner Dr Nigel Chapman recorded an open verdict but Bassetlaw Hospital in Worksop, Notts, promised new guidelines for staff.

Husband Phaninder, who is taking legal action, said: "My son will never know his mother."

IN DETENTION..FOR REFUSING TO PLAN HER OWN FUNERAL

By RICHARD SMITH

A SCHOOLGIRL near Bridgend got into trouble for refusing to do a project planning her own funeral.

Lauren Vaughan, 12, was put in detention after her mum said the homework, to choose music and mourners' dress, was inappropriate after the suicides of 17

PUPIL'S BRIDGEND SHOCK

youngsters near the South Wales town. Sharon, 39, said: "I felt quite sick about it. I wrote a letter excusing Lauren, but she came home and said she had detention."

"I spoke to her head of year and they said they tried to make it

light-hearted as possible. With everything going on in Bridgend we shouldn't be putting ideas into their heads."

Other pupils at Treochy comprehensive, 10 miles from Bridgend, South Wales, were given a fact sheet to fill in on funerals.

The school, which had a 13-year-old pupil hang herself in December, has apologised.

The Mirror told yesterday how English students at Radyr comp near Cardiff, were asked to write suicide notes.

Police also confirmed that a man of 41 hanged himself in the town last Friday.

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ROW: Lauren's school



OLD DOG.. CUE TRICKS



C'MON... what do I have to do to get a doggy treat around here?

Eight-year-old spaniel Cindy shows off by balancing balls, yoghurt pots and beer mats.

Owner Ron Bucknell, 75, of Wolverhampton, chuckled: "Not a hair on her body moves, but a couple of times she's dozed off."



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