

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you're thinking, you're working too hard

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The last few years have shown a rapid emergence in new telecom technology. Google's recent launch of the Android smart phone, with its Linux style open source operating system has followed strong and hard on the coat-tails of the Blackberry and Apple's popular iPhone.

Countless apps and widgets for these devices have improved our lives, saved us time, and reduced any need for us to think for ourselves.

Why get stuck spending an extra five minutes exploring, or risking life and limb speaking to a dangerous stranger when asking directions? Never mind reports of increased emergency room visits due to collisions with telephone poles. That's just left wing extremists trying to promote communist health care!

Besides, with the release of the

newest and most powerful yet "STY" (Smarter Than You) phone, by emerging corporation Tel-Con, physical injuries are only a minor concern. This is thanks in large part to a new proprietary bio-monitor application which will automatically dial 9-1-1 if unconsciousness occurs due to blunt force head trauma. Other accidents are protected against as well, such as heart failure due to excessive fast food consumption.

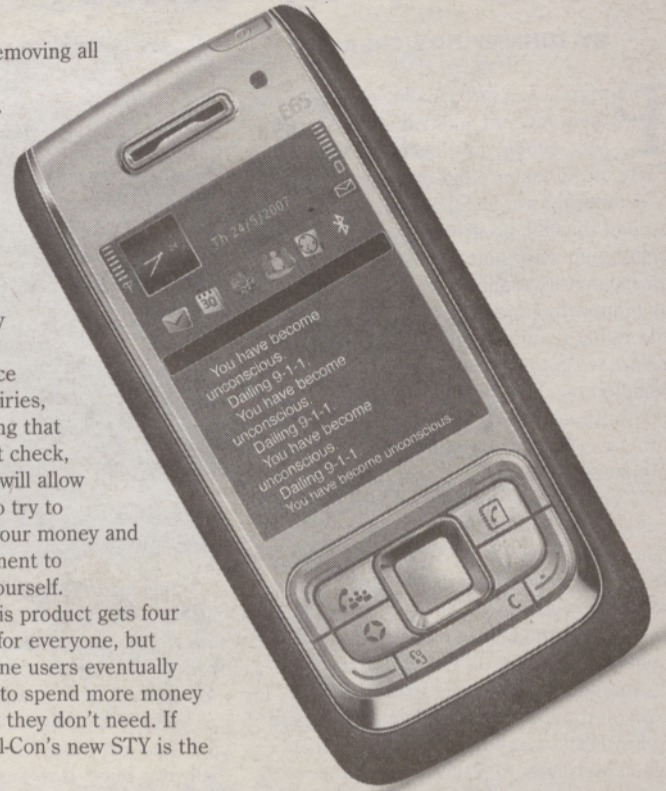
Other applications popular in test markets include Stalk-buster, which will search police databases for previous arrests or restraining orders for potential partners. You simply add their phone number and the phone will look up their history in a flash and respond with a variety of customizable responses, including "surfer", "hood" and "hipster."

Developers of the STY super-smart phone say they're working on other useful applications for the future, that are not limited to just reducing the need to think for

oneself, but removing all need for accountability. The

"Wasn't Me" app will supply an alibi if accused of a crime; "Daddy Lawyer" will intercept police database inquiries, thus preventing that pesky warrant check, and "eBribe" will allow local judges to try to compete for your money and your commitment to rehabilitate yourself.

All in all this product gets four bars. It's not for everyone, but nearly all phone users eventually find a reason to spend more money on something they don't need. If that's you, Tel-Con's new STY is the answer.



State leads charge to support unemployment with own workers

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This year's state budget was altered dramatically when state legislature voted unanimously to increase furloughs of state employees, saving hundreds of millions of dollars of state funding. Each state employee will now be limited to 7.5 hours per week. Oddly, immediately following this vote was a decision against allowing state workers to collect unemployment benefits, in an unprecedented second consecutive unanimous vote.

In conjunction with this voting spree, Street Roots has seen a massive influx of new vendor applicants, many wearing suits and ties with their SR laminates. Contests for street corner turf near city and federal

government buildings, as well as outside union headquarters and gun club facilities, sparked some outbursts.

Street Roots' Executive Director, Israel Bayer, wouldn't comment on the unfamiliar habits of the latest spate of vendors, but he did say that Street Roots sales have increased from 11,000 per edition to nearly 11,022, given the increased productivity. Bayer also noted that the interaction between state employees and readers has formed a positive relationship across class lines. Efforts are being made to increase Street Roots from being a bi-weekly publication to a daily one, though with the massive state employee furloughs, stories and submissions are getting harder and harder to find.

Drugs, hippy-types, inspire new Da Mo

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A new garden theatre "Da Mo" has just opened in downtown Portland showcasing the beautiful fauna and flora of our city. Developed by scientists, artists, and city planners, it is a tribute to the spirit and movement from rain-laden winter to the joys of spring.

A life giving plant new to this area, the igivo, has been planted near Pioneer Square.

The myriad of rainbow colors can be seen through the transparent leaf formations and the buds take shape in the form of spiraling pasta. Other flora designs can be seen while walking this serene path in the form of swaying trees and glistening bushes.

In the midst of this floral masterpiece, a

fauna of delight has developed. Animals with large eyes and soft ways move gently around the garden. Park benches and tables have been placed in strategic locations where everyone can come and share in the beauty of this theatre.

On this opening day, terrorists, homeless, homeowners, gang members, business leaders, journalists, church members, immigrants, politicians, community workers, protestors, city planners, security forces, and labor leaders gather to share in the aura of the theatre and discuss how to create a place of peace. Each asks the other, "What can I give up and still maintain who I am?"

At the Da Mo, Daily Movement Garden, changes were made. It happened this April 1, 2011. It really did!



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