

line-up



Mike Naylor researched credit card interest, p16. He says: 'Cards with low rates can cost more than cards with higher rates.'



Victoria Pearson researched carpet cleaners, p60. She says: 'Some carpet stain removers are barely better than washing up liquid or soda water.'

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EDITORIAL



Phone cool

An American answering a London phone number is not that unusual. Him saying he couldn't talk as he was just about to get his flight from Chile to the USA is. Eh?

It turns out I'd made my first phone call to someone using VoIP – voice-over-internet protocol. He'd picked up the call using his laptop, a microphone, a headset and the airport's wireless network.

Experts predict that VoIP will revolutionise phone calls – it's cheap (or even free) and you can make and answer calls anywhere there's a broadband connection.

We explain the pros and cons of VoIP on p32. But watch out for BT Fusion (p36), which combines a home phone and mobile in one. The home bit uses cheap VoIP technology – but charges the same as a traditional phone for UK calls and expensive mobile rates for international calls. Other BT packages using VoIP have lower call rates – but the Fusion clobbers customers with excessive charges that miss the money-saving point of calling over the internet.

Malcolm

Malcolm Coles, Editor

IN THE WASH

Hot news and lukewarm responses

CARS, CARS AND MORE CARS

A record 120 new car ranges will be launched in the UK in 2006, double the number last year



WORLD CUP STADIUMS

Four have serious safety problems, reveals Stiftung Warentest, the German equivalent of Which?



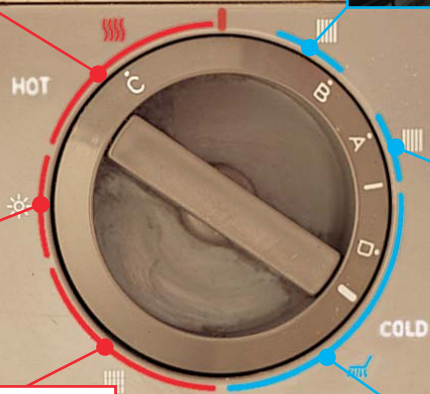
APPLE LAPTOPS

The new MacBook Pro is four to five times faster than its predecessor, claims Apple



PHOTOS ON MOBILES

One in three of us uses our phones to send or receive pictures, according to research by Enpocket



MAGNET THERAPY

Magnet therapies to treat conditions like arthritis have no proven benefits, says an article in the *British Medical Journal*

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CARS, CARS AND FEWER CARS

13% of drivers in their late 20s still use their parents' car as they can't afford their own, a Direct Line survey has found

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