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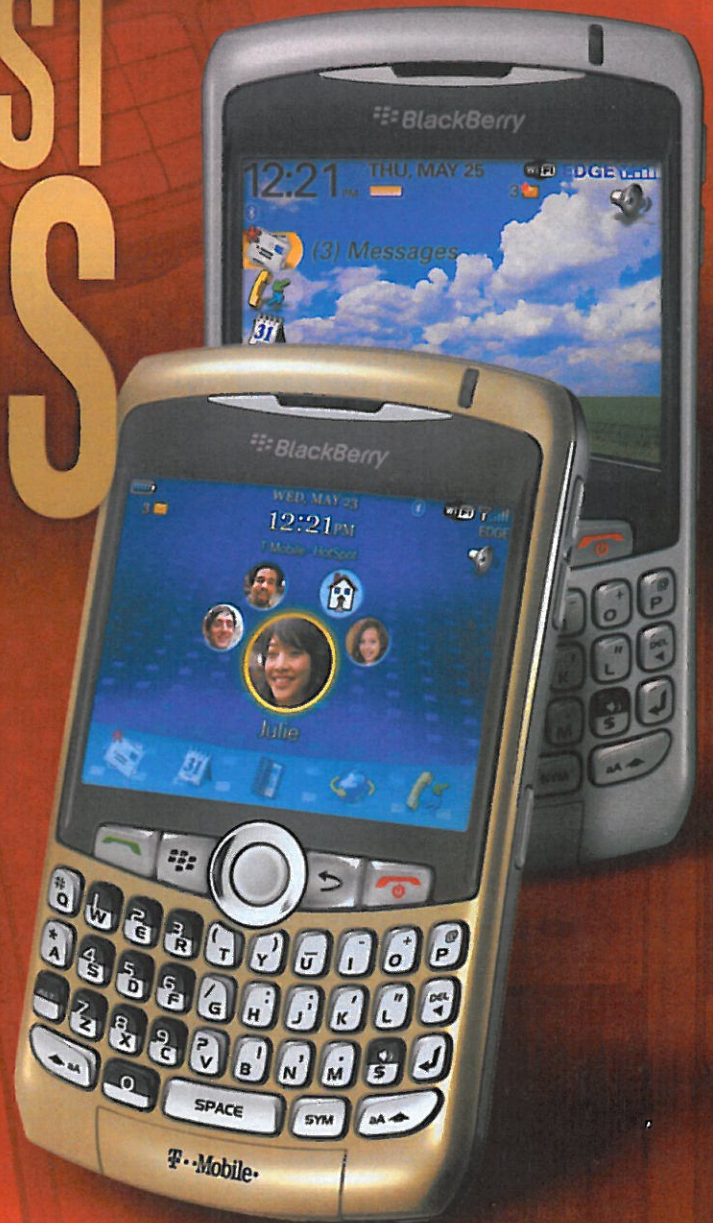
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NASHVILLE'S HOTEL PRESTON SERVES UP SPIRITUAL MENU

■ Nashville's Hotel Preston is doing its best to live up to its billing as "the most delightfully uncommon Nashville hotel" with a recent move of removing traditional Gideon Bibles from its 200 rooms in favor of a laminated spiritual menu. From the menu, guests can now order a King James Version of the Bible, the New American Bible, the Torah, the Quran, the Tao Te Ching, The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism, the Book of Mormon, books on Scientology, and the Hindu text-based Bhagavad Gita. The Hotel Preston, owned by Oregon-based Provenance Hotels, already had a reputation for offering offbeat amenities, such as an Ooey Gooey Night Out Package complete with pillow menu and choice of an in-room betta fish or lava lamp. Dina Nishioka, Hotel Preston public relations director, has said, "Our guests come from different places, and they definitely come from different cultures, backgrounds, [and] ethnicities, so we want everyone to feel welcomed and comfortable."



THE PALAZZO TAKES "GREEN" TO NEW HEIGHTS

■ Las Vegas is known for excess, but the city's new \$1.9 billion, 50-story Palazzo, which opened in January with 3,000 suites, is putting a strong emphasis on conservation. In April, the hotel received a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certificate, as well as The Energy Innovator's Award from the U.S. Department of Energy. In addition to now being the world's largest LEED-certified building, the U.S. Green Building Council says The Palazzo is four times larger than the second largest edifice. The Palazzo reportedly conserves enough water to pour each Nevada resident 266 8-ounce glasses for a year and saves enough energy to illuminate a 100-watt light bulb for 12,100 years. Other energy-efficient hotel features include valet parking for bicycles, a swimming pool with a solar heating system that channels excess heat to the hotel's hot water system, sensors that turn off lights when no one is in the vicinity, plumbing fixtures that use 37% less water than conventional buildings, and in-room air conditioning controls that adjust temps when guests leave the room.