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Eero Aarnio



Having a **ball**

All things round are the rage, including the Vitra Design Museum's latest offering in its line of precision furniture miniatures: Finnish designer Eero Aarnio's 1965 *Ball Chair*. Like all Vitra's pint-sized classics, the baby Ball mimics the original right down to its materials, colors, and (best of all) spherical sexiness. It retails for \$190 and is available through Moss (www.mossoonline.com) and Design Within Reach (www.dwr.com), among other sources.



Fresh **Frey**

Swiss modernist Albert Frey's first U.S. hotel, the 1937 San Jacinto in Palm Springs, just got a new lease on its already lush life. Reborn as *Ballantines Movie Colony* (760/320-1178, www.ballantineshotels.com), the 16-room retreat now boasts a mountain-view Jacuzzi, Knoll and Herman Miller furniture, three private bungalows (one named the Frey Villa), and 1950s movies and music. Frank and Dino would have loved it.



Life begins **at 50**

The swank *Caribe Hilton* (800/468-8585, www.carbehilton.com) in sunny San Juan is showing off its architecturally sensitive \$60 million refurbishment. Everything from the cantilevered concrete entrance canopy to the 644 guest rooms has been restyled or restored to win back the purity of architects Osvaldo Toro's and Miguel Ferrer's design for Puerto Rico's first International Style hotel.