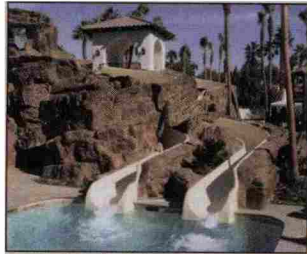


Hotel of the week



A splashy renovation

**Rancho Las Palmas
Resort & Spa**

Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Many hotels emerge unrecognizable after major renovations, said Valli Herman in the *Los Angeles Times*. But the \$35 million makeover of this “hugely popular” 30-year-old desert resort has left it so refreshed “you can hardly see the scars.” Set on 240 acres, the family-friendly resort’s best new attraction is Splashtopia, a mini-water park featuring slides, pools, and even a “425-foot lazy river.” The restaurants have all been upgraded, including the signature bluEmber. Spanish-style guest villas surround a golf course and a lake.

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