

THE RADAR NOW!

BEND IT LIKE... PAUL SMITH

The World Cup may be over, but soccer, pardon us, *football*, lovers around the world can relive Italy's victory with five brightly colored, patchwork soccer balls courtesy of English designer Paul Smith. Leave it to the color-happy Mr. Smith to come up with a football festive enough to commemorate the Cup (and perhaps welcome a few fashion fans into the wide world of sports). These limited edition kickers come in four different styles: a brown abstract design, mock crocodile, a feminine floral, a multicolored sight for sore eyes and the signature PS pinstripe. Made from 100-percent leather, the balls prove that being a sports fanatic doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style. \$290-\$400. Available by calling 212.627.9770 and at www.paulsmith.co.uk. —L.B.



THIS IS RADIO MANGO

Take a Lithuanian sax player, a bassist with a background in traditional Irish and Middle Eastern music, a flamenco-obsessed guitarist and five other musicians from wildly diverse backgrounds, and what do you get? In the case of Chicago's Radio Mango, the answer is hugely accessible music. A Latin-Caribbean-world-music-insert-hyphens-ad-outfit, Radio Mango has been making a name for themselves with energetic live performances and their recent five-song EP *Tune In*. The band to enjoy at this year's run of summer festivals you won't want to miss: Radio Mango is playing a slew of them in August, including West Loop on the 12th at 1:30PM, Palmer Square Boulevard Art Festival on the 15th at 5PM and Albany Park Summerfest on the 19th at 6PM. You can also catch them at Wise Fools Pub, 2270 North Lincoln Avenue on the 18th at 10:30PM. www.radiomango.com —M.L.



BLEND AND ENJOY

Champaign resident Kareema McLendon started blending her own fragrances in 2004, and, after receiving rave reviews from friends and family (doesn't it always start that way?), decided to launch her own perfume line, Abinoam. Her addictive scents—including 'Cobice', made from patchouli, green apples, leather and bamboo flowers; and 'Desejo', with pomegranate, peach and amber—already have been picked up at Henri Bendel in New York and Beauty Bar in Beverly Hills. What next? Scented candles and a new perfume called 'Inveja.' Ahh, the sweet smell of success. Eau de Parfums, 50 ml, \$105. www.abinoam.com —Stephanie Dolan



ME? OVERCOMPENS

Ahh, nothing says "Check out my rugged good looks, love of polo, and penchant for non-contact sports" like a classic, short-sleeved polo shirt. Sure, one could go for the more cutting-edge country clubber's take on the polo we've all come to know: Ralph Lauren's new, classic-fit 'Classic-Fit Multicolor Polo'—it's all the rage from the Polo & Cycle to the Chicago Yankees. Taking last year's oversized-polo shirt to a whole new level, the new Polo shirt features RL's trademark breathable 100-percent cotton mesh, sports a

oversized embroidered polo player at the chest and an embroidered polo player on the right sleeve. The world will never again question your polo skills. Available in white, Newport navy, French navy, Polo black and Polo red. \$95, at Ralph Lauren, 312.280.1655. And warm up your cold ears: Rumor has it a new Ralph Lauren rugby concept store is set to open at Armitage Avenue in Lincoln Park this November. www.polo.com