



Celebrating our February issue at The Bank with The Light Group's Jake Saady

SPENDING TIME

WHEN I RETURNED TO LAS VEGAS last August after two years, it was a very different town than when I left, pre-recession. But even in the short time that I've been back, I've seen my adopted hometown rebound with an enormous amount of resilience. Although these are so clearly different, more subdued times, I'm sure we can all give testimony to the fact that the cockiness of old is starting to reemerge.

And thus, welcome to *Vegas* magazine's inaugural Money Issue.

We've compiled all things money, from eye-opening real estate statistics and Champagne price comparisons to detailed spending diaries of four very busy Las Vegans. We also offer diamonds, power watches and big-ticket items, plus food choices with gorgeous gold leaf. It's a throwback to the "old" Las Vegas—but with a modern, more modest spin.

Special thanks to our cover star, Hayden Panettiere, who talks about sinking her teeth into some more "grown-up" roles. I know what she means—she really did seem to grow up overnight!

We hope you enjoy reading the Money Issue as much as we did putting it together—let's get this town talking about spending again.

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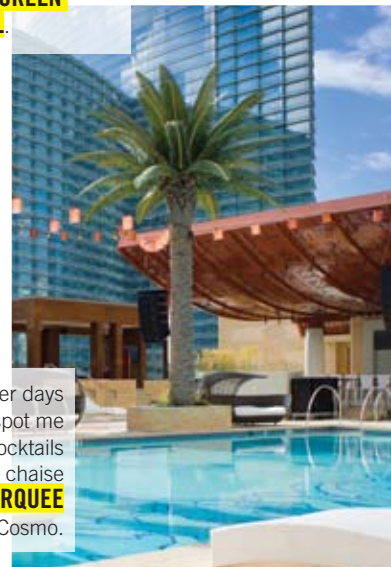
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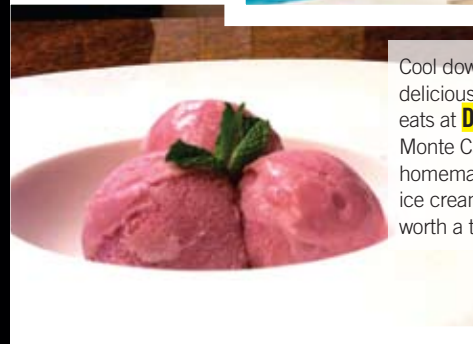
Find refuge from the sun at **THE SPA AT FOUR SEASONS**—it's a tranquil oasis to re-energize after a long week.



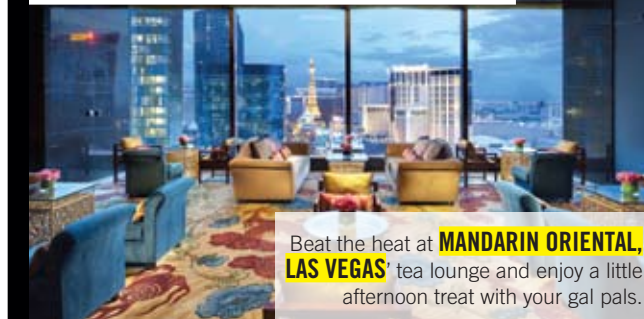
Slather on the sunscreen, every single day—a must for the desert sun. I like **MD SOLAR SCIENCES MINERAL SCREEN TINTED GEL**.



On sunny summer days you just might spot me sipping fruity cocktails and relaxing on a chaise longue at **MARQUEE DAYCLUB** at The Cosmo.



Cool down with delicious summertime eats at **D.VINO** at the Monte Carlo. The homemade lavender ice cream alone is worth a trip to the Strip.



Beat the heat at **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAS VEGAS** tea lounge and enjoy a little afternoon treat with your gal pals.

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