

Vegas baby!

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For most people, the arrival of fall means reuniting with family, taking long walks and bundling up at night in front of the fireplace.

But if you're one of those people who, like me, needs a jolt as the days get shorter and that 9-to-5 work schedule seems more like 9-to-9, consider a rejuvenating visit to the land of sin and anonymity—Las Vegas.

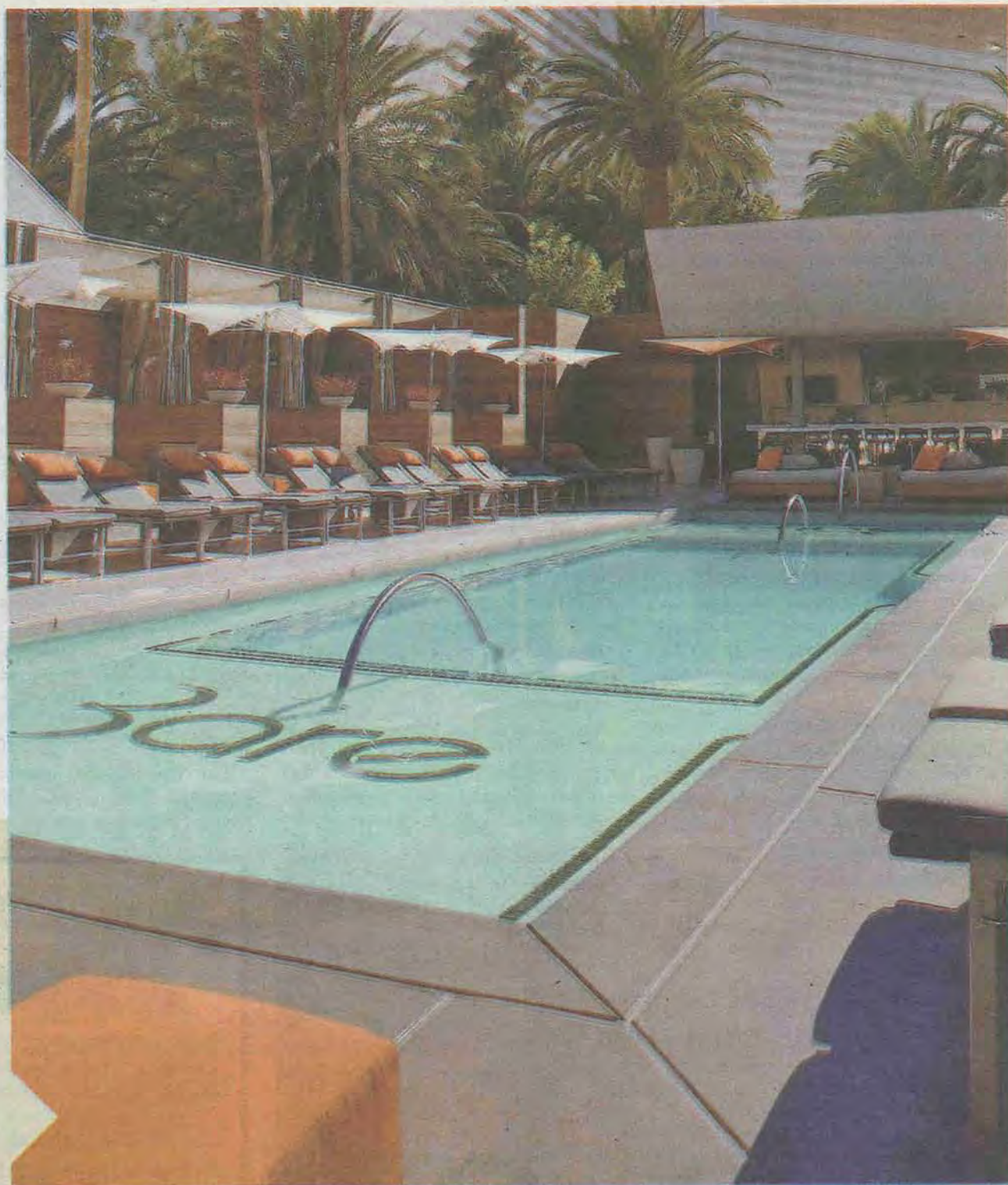
If you've been spinning your wheels lately, a foray to a place where there's fun to be had both day and night might be just the ticket to wipe away the October blues.

To get you started, here are a few hotel, restaurant, sports and nightlife suggestions. For a host of other travel tips, check out visitlasvegas.com.

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Bathing

Bare: The Mirage's recently opened Bare, a European-style bathing experience that combines VIP service and pampering in a secluded, palm tree-enclosed environment, offers the privacy and comfort you desire as you try to mend your hangover. You'll wade in turquoise-blue waters just feet away from bottlenose dolphins, before retreating to a daybed or poolside chaise lounge and choosing from an extensive food and drink menu. The \$10-\$30 admission fee includes complimentary mini-snacks and a backdrop of DJ-spun tunes. Open noon-7 p.m. daily; 702-791-7442 and mirage.com/amenities/amenities_bare.aspx.



Clubbing

The Beach: Take bikini-clad staff members and spread them among eight bars on two levels, add live bands, the occasional stand-up comedy act and groups of singles doing Jell-O shots off one another, and what do you get? A place where any Chicagoan—even the guy on the I51 bus who tells you to turn down your iPod—is bound to find something to smile about. Open 10 p.m. nightly; admission from \$10 (ladies free); 365 Convention Center Drive; 702-731-1925 or beachlv.com.



Swinging

Shadow Creek Golf: Consistently one of Golf Magazine's top 100 courses, Shadow Creek is a golfer's paradise. While the course is open to the public, visitors must be guests at one of the MGM Mirage resorts to qualify for tee times. And just because you're eligible to play doesn't mean you're able to afford it: course fees are \$500. For reservations, call 702-791-7161 or visit shadowcreek.com.



Sleeping

The Signature at MGM Grand: For those who'd rather find peace and solitude, this hotel is a non-gaming and non-smoking collection of three 576-suite tiers. Designed as a stand-alone resort community with private pools and cabanas, shopping, fitness centers and 24-hour services, it provides the privacy that you might desire for that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" fun. Rooms start at \$200/night; 877-747-0007 or signaturemgmgrand.com.