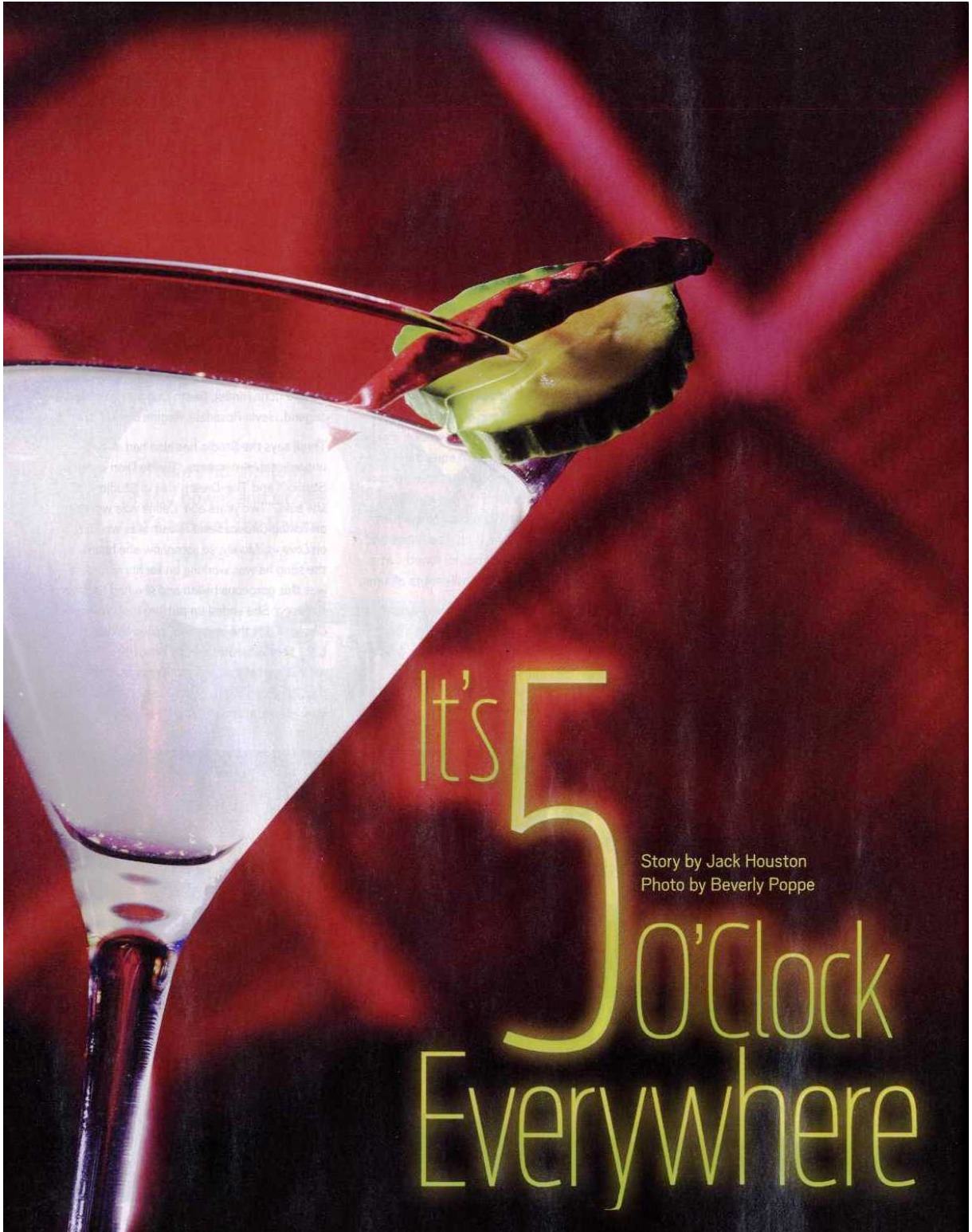


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Catching a buzz on the cheap in Las Vegas
What's the true meaning of happy? In Las Vegas, it's great deals on food and drink sometime in the late afternoon and early evening. In short-happy hour.

Wolfgang Puck Pizzeria & Cucina

Where: Crystals **When:** 5-7 p.m. daily **What:** Puck's newly retooled second-story Italian spot boasts a "7 for \$7" happy hour at the bar featuring appetizers such as vegetable pizza, tomato bruschetta and fried calamari, plus cocktails, wines and beer.

El Segundo Sol

Where: Fashion Show **When:** 4-7 p.m. daily **What:** "Loco Hour" brings in specials on frozen margaritas (\$4.95), red and white sangria (\$3.95), draft beer (\$2.95 for 16 ounces) and shots of tequila (\$2.95), plus deals on fried peppers, cheese crisps and quesadillas.

American Fish

Where: Aria at CityCenter **When:** 5-7 p.m. Sun.-Fri. **What:** Michael Mina's newest Vegas restaurant scores with \$5 plates, including yellowtail sashimi and prime rib sandwich, as well as \$7 wines, \$5 cocktails and \$4 Pabst Blue Ribbons in an American Fish koozie.

T&T (Tacos & Tequila)

Where: Luxor **When:** 2-5 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. **What:** Drink specials at this Mexican joint include \$5 margaritas, \$5 Hornitos shots and \$5 Dos Equis bottles, plus deals on buckets (six 7-ounce Sol beers for \$18) and bucket and taco combos (six beers, six tacos for \$29).

First Food & Bar

Where: The Palazzo **When:** 3-7 p.m. daily **What:** Chef Sam "Sammy D" DeMarco extends our happy time for a full four hours with two-for-one Patrón and Stoli drinks and draft beers, then does it again for a late-night happy hour, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. daily.

Twin Creeks

Where: Silverton **When:** 6-8 p.m. Tues.-Sat. **What:** Just five minutes south of the Strip at Blue Diamond Road and Interstate 215, the Silverton's steakhouse features half-price tapas such as bacon-wrapped dates and stuffed mushrooms and half off specialty drinks.

Cabo Wabo

Where: Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood Resort **When:** 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. **What:** Drive 55 for half-price Cadillac nachos, guacamole, chili con queso and beef or chicken quesadillas, as well as two-for-one frozen drinks, draft and bottled beers.

Cut

Where: The Palazzo **When:** 5-7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. **What:** Wolfgang Puck's "Summer Stimulus" happy hour features signature appetizers like prime New York steak skewers and mini Kobe sliders, plus signature cocktails like the Pearfect Martini—all for \$7.

Johnny Smalls

Where: Hard Rock Hotel **When:** 5-7 p.m. Wed.-Sun. **What:** The Hard Rock's new small plates concept offers two-for-one cocktails, like the Arrested Development, at the bar and appetizers such as the meaty balls, tater fries and mac-and-cheese flatbreads starting at \$4.

StripSteak

Where: Mandalay Bay **When:** 4-6 p.m. daily **What:** After a day at Mandalay Bay Beach, drop by Michael Mina's steakhouse for "After-Beach" happy hour with \$3 bottled beers, \$7 cocktails and half off the lounge menu, where you'll find bacon-wrapped lobster fritters.