



Standard Spa
entrance

Live Your Dream

"The best way to predict the future
is to invent it."
Alan Kay

In her new book, *Life Shift*
my magic healer, Aleta St.James says:

"No dream is too big.
You just have to be the person
the dream challenges you to be."
EnergyTransformations.com

In **SOUTH BEACH**, we have a new
oasis... near, but far from the scene,
the [Standard Hotel](http://StandardHotel.com) StandardHotel.com
with its Spa and Center for Integral
Living. The vision of hotelier **Andre
Balazs** was to create an antidote to
everything on the beach. It's spa is a
haven for communal relaxation reflective
of the baths in ancient Rome. His mantra is
"The Standard isn't."

Recently, I signed myself up for a weekend
cleansing fast at the [Standard Spa](#). First, I made
a pitstop at **Thomas Kramer's** birthday party at his
Star Island estate. A few final glasses of Veuve Cliquot
and I was good to go. Next, came my immersion into
juicing, yoga and sweating in the baths for three days
taught by my new spiritual teacher **Sachi** SachiSpirit.com.
For the full effect, and to make up for lost time, I continued
for several more days. **Wild Oats** and I have become
best buddies. Shots of wheat grass now replace café con
leche for my morning kick. Fasting is a good time for some
self-analysis and life shifts. The net result is a cleaner body,
mind, spirit and growling stomach. Seriously, I have never felt
better; full of more energy and clarity.



Pirates Jiussana & Hope

Not long ago, my alter ego turned me into a swashbuckling pirate for [Capponi's](#) bday bash at [Jimbo's](#), an oasis of another sort. Our pirate ship landed safely on Virginia Key with our loot. There we met some Indians and Royalty and shared beers and booze together. Another champagne celebration was created at [Casa Malinka](#) on Hibiscus Island for the double birthdays of [George Wallner](#) and [Malinka Max](#).

For a fun day at the beach, polo was played Easter weekend. This sexy sports extravaganza was the second annual **MIAMI BEACH POLO CUP** [MiamiPolo.com](#) with players from around the world. The VIP tent rocked

**Top & below: Miami Beach Polo Cup match
Center: Hope & German gents at polo**



with spectators sipping prosecco and licking gelato while ponies and players chased the ball across the sand. Everyone scored with a picture perfect setting and gorgeous weather.

Others seem to wonder how we ever get anything done in sunny South Beach when everyday is a distraction...be it a party or just the beach beckoning. However, here we seem to excel at mixing business with pleasure. And a select few are working on making their dreams come true by becoming billionaires.

For some, making a billion isn't what it used to be. When [Forbes](#) starting ranking the world's richest people 20



Champagne bar boys at Casa Malinka





Chihuly art at Fairchild Tropical Garden

years ago, only 140 made the list. Three years ago, 476 were on it. This year 793 made the list. Together, they are worth \$2.6 trillion with an average net worth of \$3.3 billion. Some of the newcomers on the list have made it with online gaming. PartyGaming poker was what did it for a few. Poker playing seems to be popular with the scenesters in South Beach these days. As usual here, gameplaying can be profitable. The U.S. claims 44 of the new billionaires. For twelve years running, [Bill Gates](#) tops the list with \$50 billion. Seventy-eight woman are on the list this year.

With all of that money being made, more can be spent on Miami's new vice, art trafficking. Recently, a Picasso went for \$95.2mil at Sotheby's, the second highest auction price ever. In Miami we have all different strokes for different folks. You can go from [Fairchild Tropical Garden](#) [FairChildGarden.org](#) which hosted the super cool [Chihuly](#) [Chihuly.com](#) glass installation 'Where Art Meets Nature' to [WEAM](#), [World Erotic Art Museum](#) [Weam.com](#) as well as the classics like the [Bass Museum](#) [BassMuseum.org](#) or [Miami Art Museum](#) [MiamiArtMuseum.org](#). And you can sip your way through Wynwood and the Design District galleries every second Saturday of the month during gallery night.

But the new Grand Daddy of all art events to hit our sunny shores from Basel, Switzerland, **ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH**, [ArtBasel.com](#) has become an overnight sensation. Here, we make art fairs fantasy-like, fun and full of parties. This past Art Basel, I produced and hosted several parties. One was the Bank of America Tower Kickoff party in downtown Miami on the Sky Terrace with panoramic views overlooking Miami. We literally lit the town welcoming Art Basel. The other art rendezvous was at the unique Turchin estate on Hibiscus Island where each



Erotic royal chair at WEAM





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Art Basel event at Bank of America Tower

terrace transformed into a different art gallery. I have more tricks up my sleeve for next season's Art Basel fair. So those who want to partake just need to reach out, to sponsor or showcase art.

Other ways this summer to spend your loot if you are on The List: take a [Blue Star Jet](#)...any time, any where, any place as their tagline touts [BlueStarJets.com](#). And reserve an extraordinary villa from [Villazzo](#) [Villazzo.com](#) in Euro hotspots like St. Tropez or Marbella. Or visit [Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum](#) [SheikhMohammed.com](#), who launched **DESTINATION DUBAI**. He was named by [Travel & Leisure](#) in the April 2006 issue for being one of the top innovators changing the way we travel in the 21st century. The Sheik has established a tourism dependent economy in the Middle East. His initiative has brought 5.8 million visitors, triple the amount of a decade ago with projections of 15 million (more than triple the number of foreign visitors to NYC). That is monumental considering Dubai has a population of only 1.4 million.

The Sheik has turned Dubai into a luxury destination with several development projects like [Burj Al Arab](#) [Burj-Al-Arab.com](#), the tallest hotel in the world and [The Palm](#) [ThePalm.ag](#), three man-made palm-shaped islands which will house 60 luxury hotels and 5000 villas. [Jumeirah](#) [Jumeirah.com](#), the first Palm Island will be completed this year. Another development called [The World](#) is a series of man-made islands representing different parts of the world. [Rod Stewart](#) is rumored to have bought Britain for about \$33 million. In total, the top developer, [Nakheel](#) has \$30 billion under development. [Dubailand](#) is the most ambitious of the tourism projects planned covering three billion square feet which

translates to more than 68,870 acres, more than 107 square miles and larger than 52,000 football fields! Dubai is:

"A Capitalist Dream on Steroids : Expanding faster, taller, bigger than any other country on the planet...where everything takes a backseat to profit."

Nick Tosches, *Vanity Fair* June 2006

For those who want a place closer to their home and budget, why not buy a crash pad in sexy South Beach. If resort-style living is what you want, then fly into [Flamingo](#) [Flamingomiami.com](#), a condo conversion just hitting the market with great views overlooking Biscayne Bay. For condo hotel units, my new favorites are both the [Astor](#) [AstorHome.net](#) which is a South Beach scenester spot or the architecturally significant, [St. Augustine](#) [HotelStAugustine.com](#) in the haute neighborhood below Fifth Street. Just let me know your condo considerations and I will choose some for you.

To travel to any location, anywhere from the comfort of your laptop, just visit [GoogleEarth.com](#) ...and go from your humble home to the Sheik's palace. Anything can be visited sans security hassles in seconds.

So make a life shift and dream big....and may all your wishes come true!

Happy Summer!

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Tallest hotel in world,
Burj al Arab in Dubai