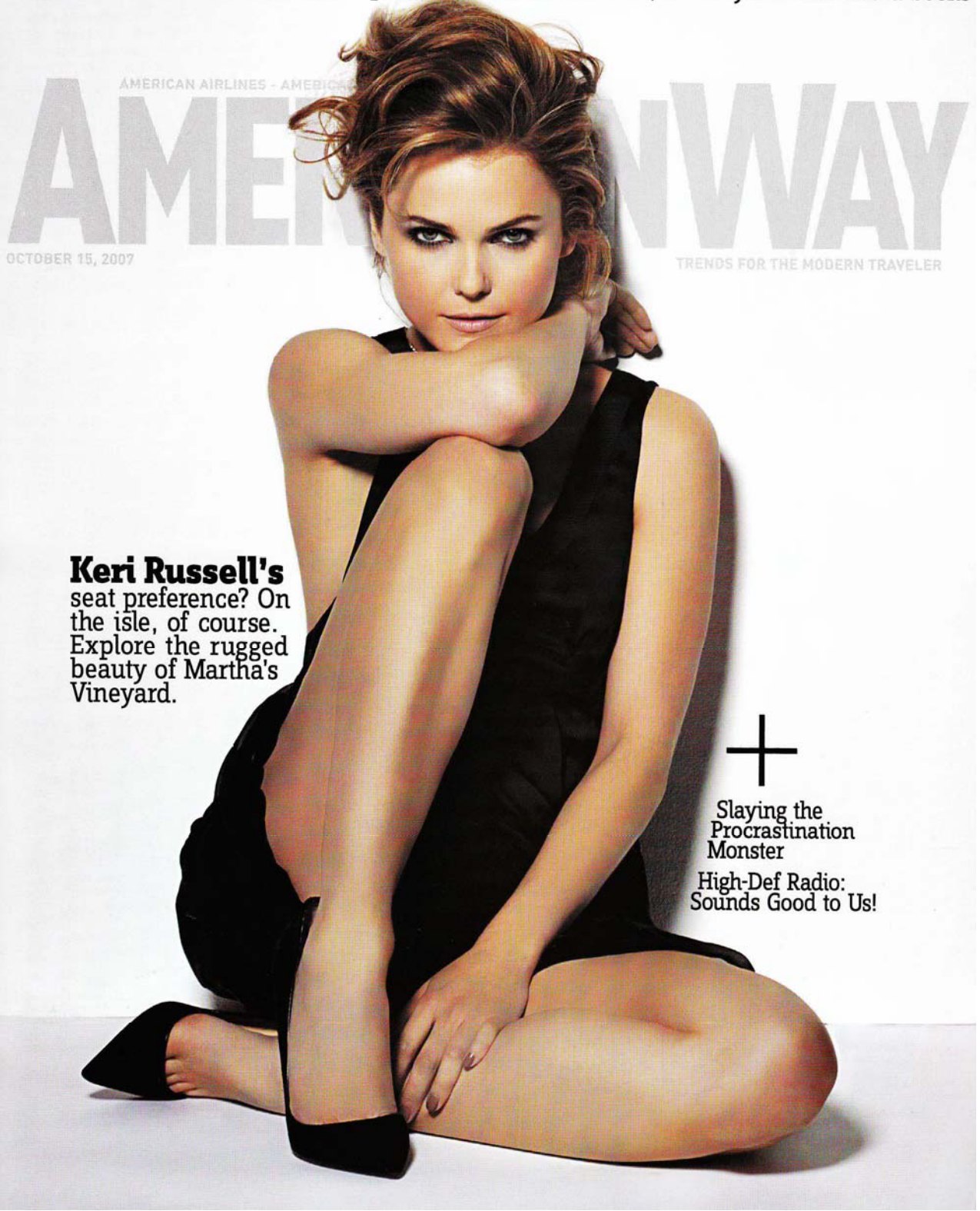


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**The Whiskey, W New York — Times Square** Is it you, or is the floor moving? Beneath the acrylic lava-lamp-like glass floor, globes of multicolored oil undulate wobble. Mirrored tiles along the wall and a DJ booth that seems to float intensify the dizzying effect. 1567 Broadway, (212) 930-7400. [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

**The Blue Bar, the Berkeley, London** A sleek black crocodile-print-leather floor flows across this fantastic David Collins-designed drinking establishment, which also features a white onyx bar, lac crosshatched leather chairs, and cream faux-oxbridg-leather stools. All are surrounded by cobalt walls awash with an eerily iridescent scarlet. Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London; 011-44-20-7235-6000; [www.berkeleyhotellondon.com](http://www.berkeleyhotellondon.com)

**Bistro Moderne, Houston** The bar's intricate mosaic-like floor was imported from France (as was the restaurant's award-winning chef) and is reflected by a mirrored ceiling, which effectively frames the room in dancing light. 2525 West Loop South, (713) 297-4383; [www.bistromoderne.com](http://www.bistromoderne.com)

**Eno at the InterContinental Chicago** The floor of Eno's wine-tasting room looks like a river of Cabernet Sauvignon. Made from burgundy leather, it adds to the intimate wine-collar ambience, which is further established by racks of wine bottles in the main bar area. Not an oenophile? No worries — this is also the place to go for cheese and chocolate. 505 North Michigan Avenue, (312) 321-8738; [www.icchicago.com](http://www.icchicago.com)

**The Arctic Icebar, Helsinki** Chill out: Everything in this igloo-like bar is made entirely of ice — including the slippery floor. Throw on a reindeer skin and then sip some vodka from an ice cup. Enter from restaurant La Bodega, Ylipöistiekatu 5; 011-358-9-278-1855; [www.arcticicebar.fi](http://www.arcticicebar.fi)



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