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Beach Planning Board Approves Zoning Regulations for New Single-Family Homes

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The Miami Beach Planning Board voted a "resounding" approval over Monday's proposed zoning regulations, which was endorsed by a 10-0 vote. The regulations will allow for the construction of new single-family homes in the city's coastal zone.

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Planning Department coordinated a series of community meetings throughout Miami Beach, involving the residents and participants of the ordinance to ensure that the regulations were in line with the community's needs.

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\$600,000 Insurance Hike

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The Miami Beach City Commission voted to approve the purchase of new property insurance for municipal property, increasing the city's annual premium by just over \$6 million.

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HOT COUTURE

WITH ESTHER NASH



Last time we considered the New York Playboy. Here's a look at his local counterpart:

THE MIAMI PLAYBOY

I didn't grow up here, but sometimes I wish I did. The men here who fall into the playboy category tend to be handsome with well-developed physiques including broad shoulders. They work out constantly. They show off their bodies to their best advantage. They walk with perfect posture and are very relaxed. You won't see them run down the street for anyone. They get there when they get there — and you better

greet them with a smile.

Miami men wear sandals with pride. They are dressed for the weather, and they look great. They wear shorts and even walk around shirtless if the mood strikes them, and it's often a beautiful sight.

The Miami playboy considers himself a Latin lover — whether he's actually Latin or not. He looks like Ricky Martin and Tom Cruise and has a Don Juan personality. He "wines and dines" you and sweeps you off your feet. Alas, you never know if you will see him again. They call for something to do on an off day, if they call at all, to make plans with you.

The men here are friendlier in general than in New York, wearing colorful clothes and have more fun dressing. They enjoy Miami's free and relaxed style. Typically, they have full heads of hair. In New York City the hair is worn short, very business-like, to fit the corporate uniform. Men in Miami own cars and are happy to pick you up and drop you off. They are free with their compliments, a nicety New York men ignore. To a New Yorker, the fact that they're talking to you at all is considered the supreme compliment.

Here in Miami men know how to make you feel like a princess. They also like to give you a huge ego, so that you are floating in the clouds — and they leave you up there.

New York men like to give their opinion on what their date should wear and when to wear it.

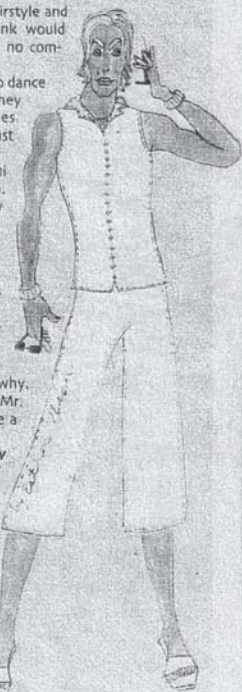
They even tell you what hairstyle and type of manicure they think would look good for you; there is no compromise.

Miami men know how to dance and they are graceful. They enjoy moving their bodies whereas men in New York just stand and look good.

Men down here in Miami are more fun to be with. There is less pressure. They are more relaxed and they make you feel they appreciate your qualities. Miami's playboys have everything a girl wants, plus charm, manners, a cell phone and a car.

If you think you or someone you know is a Miami playboy, send a photo and essay explaining why. You could win the title of "Mr. Miami Playboy" (and maybe a date with me).

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