

## STREET-MIAMI FASHION SHOW 2002



BY ESTHER NASH

They came by private jet, surf board, limo, skate board, armored car, Metro pass, roller blades, roller skates, bicycle, stolen wheelchair, shopping cart, scooter, Vespa, boat, horseback, bareback, camel-back, on foot, running, jogging, screaming, and crawling. Everyone wanted to be on the inside of the fashion event of the summer, held at Level nightclub. It was hec-

tic! It was hot! It was crazy! Bouncers were bribed, others were almost kidnapped. At one point, I was nervous my mother would not make it through the front door. Someone stole my sister's pair of beach flip flops, to hold as



Sephora makeup artist Yohanis Castellanos with Esther and friend

ransom, in exchange for a glimpse, a glance, a glimmer of a chance to be allowed past the velvet rope.

It's South Beach, ladies and gentlemen, let us not expect less of a commotion, confusion and cacophony of Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Hindu and voodoo. Picture an evening of superstars, models, movie stars, celebs, kings, queens, buyers, consumers, robbers, and all other denizens and deities of the pop scene. Among the fashion designers featured was yours truly,



Telemundo reporter with Esther

Esther Nash, sporting my line of Hot Couture rock star and resort apparel.

Others featured designers were Karrelle Levy (knit wear), Jade Starr (jean wear) and Fernando Garcia (ladies sport wear).

The runway was covered in white linen, and the models strutted their long legs and flipped their long hair. The crowd of at least four thousand squealed with rapture at the displays of glamour and grace, fitness and pizzazz. It was among the hottest of this hot SoBe summer's events. Telemundo covered the show A-Z, with backstage interviews of all the designers and models. Look for me on T.V.!!

It was a privilege to be involved, and I want to thank Street Miami and Level nightclub for hosting and sponsoring all the fun.

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**CALENDAR**  
SOME LINE IT UP!  
SOME MORE!  
In Calendar there's no plenty of events to choose from including a dance like at the swimming in Suite 2-310

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# Party Clamp Down?

Business Owners Anxious Over Possible Ocean Drive Restrictions

BY JASON JEFFERS  
Staff Writer

Ocean Drive is in need of a makeover. That was the opinion voiced at last week's Miami Beach Planning Board meeting after two members criticized the route and existence of one of the city's most busy streets.

And now a suggestion to restrict outdoor entertainment for a restaurant—and perhaps control performances throughout the rest of the street—is gaining up opposition from Ocean Drive business operators.

The debate began after the applicant, Suite USA LLC, requested a modification to the existing conditional use permit that would change the name of the restaurant operator to the Suite brand from Miami Hollywood to Suite USA LLC.

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Watching Ocean Drive play with different jazz and one of Cuba's most adventures. p. 30



## Beach Plans Memorial Ceremonies, Encourages Participation on Sept. 11

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With the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks less than a week away, the city of Miami Beach is making plans to rally the community together in an effort to promote civil participation and remember the lives lost one year ago.

The week of events passed a resolution directing the week of September 11, 2002 as National Civil Participation Week, a time for the nation to come together and celebrate American democracy through various community programs.

In honor of the nationally recognized week, the City Manager's Office and the Neighborhood Services Department set out to organize "Participate Miami Beach," a calendar of events that would encourage Miami Beach residents to become involved.

"This really created an opportunity to bring the city and the community together during the sensitive time,"

said Barbara Ingraham, chief of staff in the city manager's office. "This is positive outreach, designed to appeal to many different people as they can get back to the community. There's something for everyone."

The week of events will start on Wednesday with a small ceremony at City Hall where representatives of various faiths will give an invocation before members of the city's Police and Fire Department Honor Guard pay tribute to their fallen comrades.

The ceremony will also kick off the "I Signed the Constitution" program, in which a free flag will replica of the U.S. Constitution can be signed by elected officials and members of the public to reaffirm their commitment to the American spirit. The replica will travel to public schools throughout the city during following week.

The ceremony will be followed by a regular community meeting. Although scheduled on a weekend day, there was no hesitation in attending with the meeting and Miami Beach Mayor David Dornier.

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