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## Who Said That?

Florida's Quote of the Day

*"I'm going to become a downtown hermit."*

-- Miami attorney Eric Bluestein

In a move that signals confidence in Miami's economic recovery -- and potential for growth in the city's urban core -- the developer of the downtown Metropolitan Miami complex announced plans to add a high-end movie theater.

Adding a multiplex is the latest step in making the area a place where people want to live, work and play. That's a dramatic change of scenery from 10 years ago, when fewer than 40,000 people lived downtown and there was a dearth of options compared to other cities with cosmopolitan credentials.

But the building boom added towering high-rise buildings with 23,000 units -- and the bust made those units more affordable for young professionals who wanted to live near their jobs. Now, 70,000 people live downtown, and the Miami Downtown Development Authority expects another 10,000 to move in by 2014.

The theater, said DDA executive director Alyce Robertson, was a missing piece for those new residents.

Read more at the [Miami Herald](#).