

**This Week's Stories**



Aventura Hospital Reopens

**MIAMI BEACH**  
**Preservationists Appeal**

MDPL steps up for South Beach residents fighting a future condo. Will the developer sue?

**NORTH BAY VILLAGE**



**Slow Progress**

It took seconds for Wilma to rip apart Grand View Palace and mangle several other buildings in this island community. It's taking far longer for these places to get repaired.

**MIAMI**  
**Neo-Deco Drive**

The historic board gives its blessings to designating a segment of Biscayne Boulevard the MiMo historic district but some property owners feel they have been forced into a pact with the devil.

**MIAMI**



**Imposing Development**

S&S Diner owner Simon Elbaz says he has a big problem. Or rather a tall problem – as in 50 stories tall.

**CORAL GABLES**  
**McMansion Ban**  
The City Beautiful

**Brown's Rules**



Shannon Brown. Photo by Mitchell Zachs

Florida native Shannon Brown is a “happily divorced” mother of one and first-time author with a book to promote. “During a divorce, Botox should be paid for by the government,” Brown quips. She published *Naughty Girl Needs to Know* in November 2005. The pink paperback sporting the Miami Beach resident's photo (“I'm hot compared to that picture”) promises “an insider's look at the girl who seems to get away with everything.” The author's bio also claims Brown “has been so deeply enmeshed in the trenches of dinner and a movie that she can actually sneeze popcorn.”

“I've dated. *A lot*,” admits Brown, 31.

SP: *How long did it take to write the book?*

SB: About three months.

*Why did you use PublishAmerica versus an agent?*

I found this thing on the Internet and they said they'd have it [published] quick and get [the book] on the dot coms. And I'm the most impatient person you'll ever meet. I'm not writing *War and Peace* here. I'm a lot disappointed in my publisher. I don't even want to call them my publisher now. I want to write more books and I'm going to go about it differently, but I'm happy.

*How much did it cost you?*

They don't charge you anything. They buy your rights for a dollar and then they give you a percentage every six months. It's slave labor. I'm a concubine to this publisher. ... The first check I got was for 0 dollars and 0 cents. I told everybody, “Oh my god, I'm famous. I've arrived.” I have the check in my wallet. It keeps me humble.

**Columns**



**The 411**

**Editorial**

You're in your car in North Beach and stuck in traffic as contractors prepare to rip down the 63rd Street flyover for the next several months. Feel helpless? Don't. Here's what you can do.

**Murmurs**

It's the parade of the brightly colored lifeguard stands and the changing of the state condo ombudsman. And just because there's no actual FTAA doesn't mean we can't have a group dedicated to sucking up to Brazilian diplomats.

**Film**

After being forced to watch mediocre money-grubbing summer releases, finally a movie about a radio variety show has Dan Hudak seeing stars.

**Dining Article**

Another country is encroaching on a certain crop Colombia is known for. Here's a hint: Too much of it can keep you up at night!

**Groundwork**

Looking for another area in Florida to build that ritzy condo-hotel? Head north young man or woman. Or is it old man or woman? Whatever.

**Letters**

**Business Briefs**

**Calendar Girl**

**Music Review**

**Restaurant Profile**

**Dining Critic**

Commission advances plans that will make building giant homes in its single-family districts next to impossible — especially in place of homes built during World War II or the Korean War.

#### COCONUT GROVE

### Stay Away!

Team Home Depot gives its presentation to Grove's community representatives. And the community representatives give a blunt reply.

#### MIAMI-DADE

### Blue Roofs

It's hurricane season, and there are still plenty of hurricane-damaged buildings from South Beach to Aventura. Should we be worried? The *SunPost* asks local building officials.

*Who are the "good naughty girls" you describe?*

The perfect example of a naughty girl is someone who will look into your medicine cabinet to see what kind of drugs you're on secretly, but she would never steal your drugs. A bad girl would steal your drugs.

*Do you think of the term "naughty girl" as demeaning or empowering?*

I think of it with a smirk.

*Do you consider yourself one?*

Absolutely. Again, naughty, not bad.... Sometimes you do something a little bad on purpose just to get attention.

*Who are you dating these days?*

Depends what night of the week it is. ... I think everybody is a very close personal friend until there's a ring on your finger and I'm not leaping toward the altar by any stretch of the imagination.

*Who is your ideal man?*

Somebody who loves life and who loves me.

*Do you have one of those now?*

Absolutely. Not in one man [laughs].

*Care to say who they are?*

Let's say they are successful. I like alpha dogs. I don't think I'm very easy so I need somebody with a very strong character. ... I prefer older men but I run the gamut.

*Where is the best place to meet a man?*

I think the bar scene is overrated. I've met many of my boyfriends while eating; they were at the table next to me. We struck up conversations.

*Anything else?*

Women should be more empowered. ... If you let your ego go a little bit, you're going to have a great life and that's what I hope people get from my book, and I also hope they realize I'm being funny.

*What will your next book be?*

It's sort of a tell-all sex book but I don't think I'm going to put my name on it.

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