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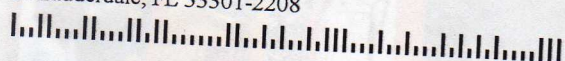
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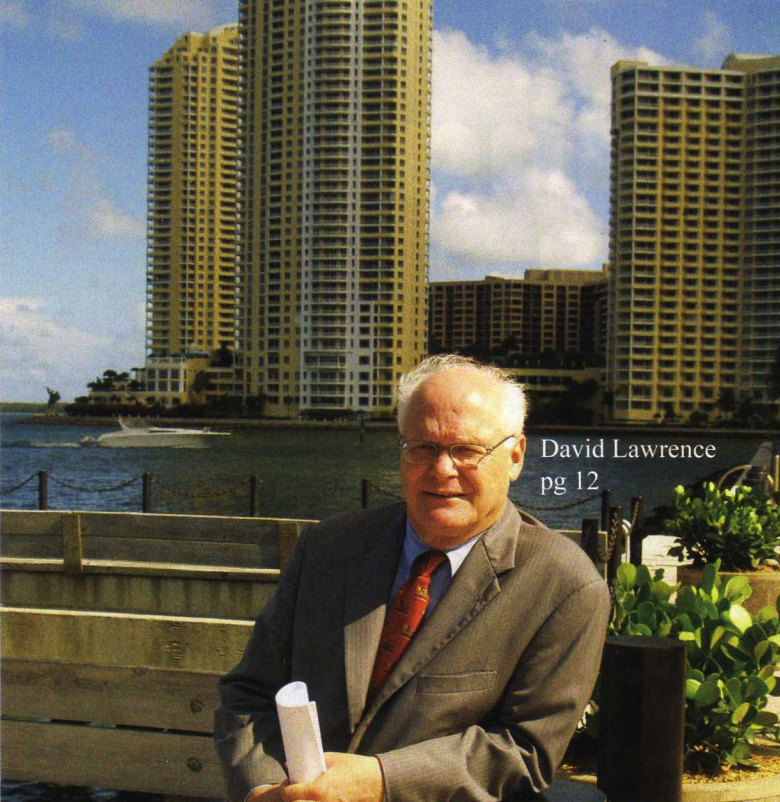
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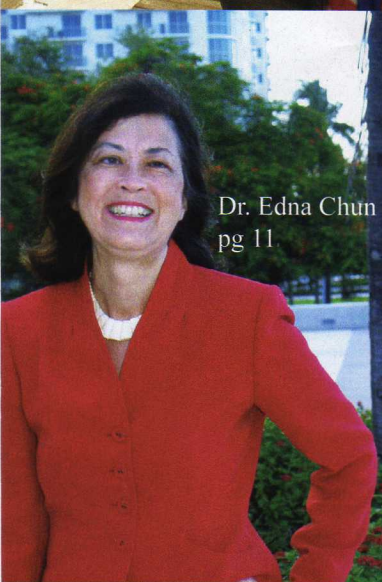
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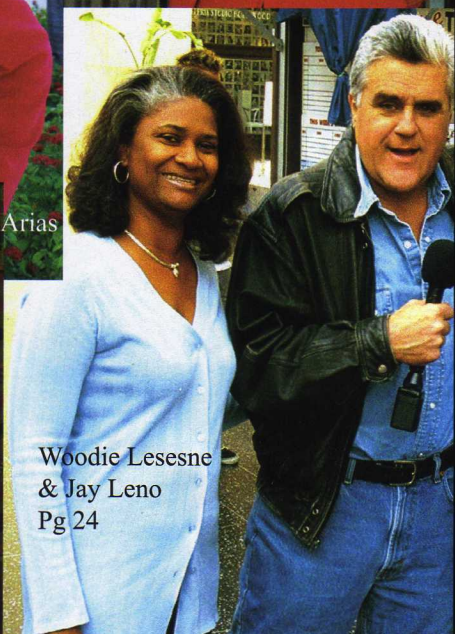
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Women of

Back by popular demand, *the Women of Distinction exemplify personal and professional achievement, and that, we are proud to celebrate!!!*



Tere Blanca

A veteran leader and business executive, Blanca is the senior managing director and branch manager of Cushman & Wakefield of Florida, one of the largest firms in the industry. She was formerly senior vice president at Codina Realty Services, where she leased about 2 million square feet of office space and sold about \$200 million in commercial properties over 14 years. Blanca also serves as chair-elect

(2008 to 2009) of the Beacon Council, a public-private agency that promotes economic development in Miami-Dade County.



Dr. Donna L. Goldstein

Dr. Donna Goldstein is a 25 year veteran psychologist, health coach, author, community activist and entertainment entrepreneur. As the producer for World Arts Now, she orchestrates a wide variety of multicultural entertainment/events for all ages; from pool-side Calypso parties to Brazilian jazz concerts, African drum and dance spectacles, to interactive Hawaiian, Flamenco or Belly dance performances,

which bring the world to you. A Regional Director with Take Shape for Life, "Dr. Donna" has sustained a 65-pound weight loss, and with her dynamic team, helps hundreds of people nationwide achieve optimal health and find their slimmer, happier, and healthier selves.



Ghenete Wright Muir

Wright-Muir opened her own firm, Wright Muir P.A. in 2005 and is an active community leader who sits on numerous legal boards and civic organizations. She plans to run for the City of Sunrise Commission, seat Group D next March. A youth coach for the City's recreational soccer league, Wright Muir even takes time from her busy career to volunteer at Sandpiper

Elementary. "Women" she says, "need not be harsh and unlikely to be strong leaders. We do best when we command respect as opposed to demanding respect."



Patricia Laurenceau

Ms. Laurenceau operates Laurenceau Design Studio, a full service graphic design and web development company, Above & Beyond Business Solutions, which assists entrepreneurs starting and growing a small business and Above All Baskets, which helps small businesses maintain their business relationships through gift giving. Her highly anticipated book, "I Hate the Job I

Prayed For, An Entrepreneurs Guide to Starting a Small Business and Telling Your Boss I Quit", helps people determine if they really have what it takes to become an entrepreneur.

Distinction



Dr. Edna Chun

As Vice President for Human Resources and Equity at Broward Community College, Dr. Chun is a powerhouse with two decades of human resource experience in public research universities. She is co-author of a recent book with Alvin Evans entitled *Are the Walls Really Down? Behavioral and Organizational Barriers to Faculty and Staff Diversity* which received the prestigious Frances G. Hansen Publication Award by the College and University Professional Association for its contribution to the human

resource profession. She is an expert in the area of organizational Diversity and a frequent presenter on diversity, human resources strategies, and affirmative action at national and regional conferences.

Joan Cartwright

Worldly, talented, and passionate, Joan Cartwright has toured five continents and fifteen countries, including Brazil, Mexico, Ghana, Gambia, South Africa, China and Japan, with her swinging brand of jazz and blues. Her book, *IN PURSUIT OF A MELODY* contains 40 songs and 35 poems, plus memoirs and 350 photographs with jazz greats. She's lectured to 6,000 students on *WOMEN IN JAZZ* and *SO, YOU WANT TO BE A SINGER?* Her dynamic workshops highlight the pitfalls and benefits of the music business. Her group "Jazz Hotline" swings! Her most famous Blues are "Nobody's Husband" and "Treat Me Right". Visit her online at www.fyicomminc.com



Thamiah L. Tutt

The Seattle native is an up and comer, and one to watch. She serves as an Associate Director with United Way of Miami-Dade primarily focusing on new business development and managing various United Way fundraising campaigns within private and public sectors throughout Miami-Dade County which raise approximately \$20 million for the local community. United Way

of Miami-Dade invests in local health and human service programs that deliver real, lasting results every day in our community. Along with being an amateur boxer, personal trainer and overall fitness enthusiast, she is also attending Nova Southeastern University to obtain her Masters of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship.



Carrie Childs

As president and founder of Lindsay Group, based in Fort Lauderdale, Carrie brings 20 years of high level staffing industry experience to her firm, and serves in various leadership roles in the business community. She has extensive experience in providing direct placement, contract, contract to hire and temporary employment solutions to renowned companies and organizations throughout the United States. She is an active participant and member of the Broward Alliance

and the South Florida Technology Alliance. Carrie is also active in supporting Supplier Diversity initiatives. Lindsay group is a WBE and holds certifications as an SBE and CDBE.

For complete Bios on the Women of Distinction, visit IN FOCUS on-line at www.infocus-mag.com