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BENCHMARK BEGINS SITE REDEVELOPMENT ON SANIBEL CHURCH

Benchmark General Contractors (www.benchmark-gc.com) will begin the site redevelopment for the Sanibel Community Church on Periwinkle Way later this month. A groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the beginning of redevelopment at 5 p.m. today. The church expansion plan features construction of a new sanctuary as well as offices, media room, bookstore, café and garage. When complete, the new sanctuary will occupy about 10,899 square feet of the campus and the administration building will be about 3,165 square feet. Benchmark will also remodel existing buildings that were originally constructed in 1917 and design a new storm water drainage and retention system for the church. The parking lot and courtyard will be redesigned to provide a total of 256 parking spaces.



SW FL WINE & FOOD FEST ANNOUNCES 2012 PLANS

Southwest Florida Children's Charities Inc. announced the Southwest Florida

Wine & Food Fest 2012 weekend event will be held Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club with Northern Trust as its title sponsor. This marks the fourth year with Northern Trust as title sponsor and the fourth year hosted at Miromar Lakes. Last year's Wine Fest activities netted \$1.6 million, achieving the status of Lee County's all-time most successful fundraising event. For more information, visit www.swflwinefest.org or call (239) 278-3900.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR 2012 FACE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

D'Latinos and *Gulfshore Business* magazines are accepting nominations for our second annual Face Awards, which will be presented in print this January. The publications will recognize businesses and outstanding individuals who reflect and celebrate positive values and the ethnic and racial diversity within our community. The awards will honor outstanding nominees in each of the following categories: Large Company, Small Business, Nonprofit/Philanthropy, Medical, Education, and Arts and Culture. To submit a nomination, please visit www.faceswfl.com. The deadline is Aug. 31.

GULFSHORE MEDIA HONORED AT CHARLIE AWARDS

This weekend, the local branch of Gulfshore Media accepted 11 Charlie awards honoring its excellence in publishing from the Florida Magazine Association. *Gulfshore Business* magazine won Silver in Best Feature Design and Bronze in Best Overall Magazine. *Gulfshore Life* magazine won the Gold (Charlie) award in Best Visitor Publication, Best Overall Design and Best Use of Photography. *Gulfshore Life* also won Silver in Best Overall Magazine, Silver in Best Public Service Coverage for "The Other Naples" and Silver in Best Original Color Photo. *Naples Health* won the Charlie award in Best Custom Magazine. *Gulfshore Life At Home* won the Charlie award in Best Special Theme Issue. *Forever Young* won the Bronze in Best New Magazine.



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SCARECROWS IN THE PARK CONTEST KICKS OFF

Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation is inviting local businesses, organizations and residents to participate in its Scarecrows in the Park contest by creating personalized, unique scarecrows. The event is part of the annual Lakes Park Fall Festival and Halloween Extravaganza. Entries will be displayed at the park from Oct. 15 through Halloween. Celebrity judges and festival attendees will vote for their favorite scarecrow and determine the winners. The entry fee is \$250. All proceeds benefit the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation, which is currently raising funds to build a botanical garden and provide other park improvements. Scarecrow registration forms are available at www.lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org under the Events section. The deadline for registration is Sept. 19. For more information, contact scarecrows@lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org.

THE EXECUTIVE'S GUIDE TO WEALTH MANAGEMENT

The November issue of *Gulfshore Business* magazine will contain the special report "The Executive's Guide to Wealth Management." If you are a wealth manager, financial planner, CPA, tax advisor, bank or attorney in the financial field, please contact Rob Wardlaw, (239) 449-4145 or robw@gulfshorebusiness.com.

BONAQUIST WINS WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Naples advertising executive Robyn Bonaquist was honored with the 2011 Woman of Distinction Award from the Florida Home Builders Association. The award, now in its third year, honors women who are positive role models in the industry and leaders in their communities. Bonaquist is founder and president of B-Squared Advertising and is an active member of the Collier Building Industry Association. She has donated her time and talent to develop promotional messages for the Southeast Building Conference.

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FRANTZ NAMED IN BEST DOCTORS IN AMERICA

Local ophthalmologist Dr. Jonathan M. Frantz, owner and medical director of Florida Eye Health (www.bettervision.net), has been selected by his peers to be included in the Best Doctors in America 2011-2012 database. Frantz has been included in the list since 2005. Frantz concentrates his practice on cataract removal, CustomLens implants and 100 percent blade-free iLASIK. He established Florida Eye Health in 1994 and now has five locations throughout Southwest Florida.

MARYANN MIZE EARNS TOASTMASTERS AWARD

Maryann Mize, Charlotte State Bank senior vice president and senior credit officer, has earned the Competent Leader Award through participation in Toastmasters International's leadership program. Mize is one of the founding members of the Port Charlotte Toastmasters (www.toastmasters.org), which was established in 2009.



CRAMER RECOGNIZED AS EXPERT IN GERIATRIC CARE

The National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers designated Linda Cramer of SeniorBridge in Naples a Fellow of the Leadership Academy. This designation was given to Cramer in recognition of her as an advanced practitioner and expert in the field of geriatric care management.

GIFT GUIDE

The November edition of *Gulfshore Business* will feature the annual holiday "Gift Guide." For those in retail and other services like hospitality or beauty that make great gift items, don't miss this opportunity to promote yourself to business owners and executives. For more information



and to be included in the guide, contact Rob Wardlaw at (239) 449-4145 or robw@gulfshorebusiness.com.

FASTTRAC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Small Business Coalition, in partnership with the Economic Development Council, will offer partial scholarships for the FastTrac Growth Venture program to assist and support entrepreneurs. For more information, contact Erin Morton at erin@enaplesflorida.com or the Economic Development Council at (239) 263-8989, ext. 107.

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