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## You can't put a price on love

Love, it truly is a special thing. But if you want something real, then it's not something you can just buy with the swipe of a card. It's something you can, however, find at our shelter by adopting a pet!

A pet's worst argument with its owner is going to be trying to catch that ball! A pet's most judgmental image of you is going to be when you don't share that food, but a pet's most loving moment will come when you need it most. They'll be waiting by the door, waiting for you to walk through and pet them. You can't put a price on that kind of love.

Your next companion is awaiting your arrival and they're ready to go to their forever home, yours!

As part of the "Pets are Priceless" promotion, Miami-Dade Animal Services is waiving all adoption fees on dogs and cats over 4 months old, through Dec.

31. All pets adopted are spayed/neutered, dewormed, vaccinated and microchipped!

Waived fee adoptions are available at the shelter location, 7401 NW 74th St., Miami 33166; at select PetSmart locations; the new Animal Services Neighborhood Pet Adoption Center at Petco, 6200 S Dixie Hwy., South Miami 33143, and at all Animal Services off-site adoption events.

Think of all the things you could buy for your new family member with those adoption fee savings – a comfy pet bed, a pet-friendly sofa blanket, new toys, and new water/food bowls!

So, what are you waiting for? Make a difference today in a pet's life, because pets are priceless!

For more information, visit [www.miamidade.gov/animals](http://www.miamidade.gov/animals) or call 3-1-1.

## Audrey Ross lists historic home overlooking Riviera Golf Course

Located on historic Santa Maria Street and overlooking the 16th hole of the Riviera Golf Course, the stunning five-bedroom, four-bath home on 4125 Santa Maria St., Coral Gables, combines the elegance of a stately home with all the amenities for gracious living under the Florida sun, says Audrey Ross, South Florida's premiere luxury real estate specialist.

"It was designed for his own use by local architect Coulton Skinner, who was one of the original designers of Coral Gables' Santa Maria Street Historic District, which is meant to evoke a colonial New England streetscape," she says.

Mrs. Ross lists among highlights of this outstanding property its solid wood floors, eat-in-kitchen with adjoining family room, formal dining room and elegant living room, spacious master suite on the top floor featuring a fireplace, dressing room and balcony as well as a master bedroom and study on the ground floor, and a maid or guest suite. Marble floors, spacious walk-in closets, shutters and central air conditioning and heat are among many amenities.

A two-car garage with an automatic door that also encompasses ample workshop and utility space is complemented by a two-vehicle carport off the circular driveway with elegant porte-cochere.

The 4,300-square-foot concrete-block stucco residence sits on a 19,175-square-foot lot and is just minutes from the University of Miami, Doctor's Hospital, the Biltmore Hotel and, of course, the Riviera Country Club.

In addition to the view of the Riviera Golf Course, the home's bay windows frame alluring garden vistas.

"In all, it's quite an awesome property," Mrs. Ross says, "on one of the most prestigious streets in South Florida."

Price is available on request.

Mrs. Ross, known in international real estate circles as Miami's Woman at the Top, says she believes no one should settle for anything that does not exceed their expectations.

"Whatever your wishes may be," she says, "I'll go to work to make them happen."

Her reputation for discretion is second to none, a strict policy that has kept her clients refer-

ring friends and colleagues. Her clientele includes Fortune 500 executives, film stars, international entertainment figures, sports celebrities and heads of foreign countries – a veritable Who's Who of the world's movers and shakers.

Now a leading broker-associate and senior vice president with EWM Realty International, Mrs. Ross has access to EWM's professional affiliations with Christie's International Real Estate; Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate; an international real estate foundation for which she is the designated regent for South Florida; FIABCI, another international real estate organization based in Paris, France; Forbes.com and more – ties that translate into listings that enjoy national and international exposure.

Mrs. Ross was the first Miami-Dade County Realtor to have her own iPhone app, providing ease of access to clients worldwide. It's available through the iPhone app store, keyword "Audrey Ross."

Details: (305) 960-2575 or [www.miamirealestate.com](http://www.miamirealestate.com).

## New Drive Safe 95 Express campaign promotes safety

The Florida Department of Transportation, popularly known as FDOT, recently launched a comprehensive Drive Safe 95 Express campaign to promote safe driving practices along Interstate 95.

"Safety has always been the main priority for FDOT. We have partnered with Florida Highway Patrol on this campaign in order to promote safe driving practices and to continue to educate the public about how to use the express lanes," says Maribel Lena, FDOT district public information officer. "We are committed to improving safety for all drivers – those who choose to use the express lanes as well as those who use the un-tolled general-purpose lanes. This campaign gives us a broad-reaching platform to promote awareness, understanding and safety on this as well as all roadways in Miami-Dade County."

In addition to the highway



Omar Meitin, traffic operations engineer for the FDOT, District Six, announces the launch of the safety Drive Safe 95 Express Campaign.

patrol, FDOT is working in conjunction with transportation partners South Florida Commuter Services, Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Miami-Dade Transit, Broward County Transit and the South Florida Regional Transportation Author-

ity, as well as major destination points and local high schools and colleges, to maximize outreach and visibility for the campaign, which will continue through June 2016.

Grassroots efforts will focus on four main targets: users of I-95, the general public, commu-

nity organizations and business leaders. FDOT will work with community groups and safety-related organizations to enhance these efforts and reach diverse audiences and age groups in order to build understanding and awareness of the campaign.

Efforts will include business-to-business strategies targeting businesses in downtown Miami and surrounding areas, such as meetings and presentations with targeted employment centers and major businesses, to engage employees who commute along I-95.

The express lanes, separated from general-use lanes by double white lines and plastic poles, are toll-free to transit riders and carpools of three or more that are registered with South Florida Commuter Services. All other users are charged a toll based on congestion, collected electronically through a SunPass transponder.

The lanes are monitored 24-7

by technology and personnel; illegal use of express lanes or speeding can result in hefty fines and penalty point assessments on drivers' licenses.

Some simple dos and don'ts for driving 95 Express:

Do plan ahead; enter and exit at designated locations only; be alert and pay attention to signs.

Don't weave in and out of express lanes; don't speed; and don't enter when the express lane is closed due to a traffic incident or for maintenance.

If you enter an express lane by mistake, keep driving until you reach the next designated exit point.

If you're involved in a traffic incident or your vehicle breaks down in the express lane, pull over to the left shoulder and call \*FHP on your cellphone. Stay in your vehicle and wait for assistance.

Details: 1-800 234-RIDE or [www.fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe](http://www.fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe).