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FORT MYERS



Skylar St. John, a sophomore at Lehigh Senior High School, jumps high into the air Thursday at an impromptu dance battle at the newest Wawa store in Fort Myers.

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Wally Goose 'cooked' in Wawa dance battle

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Wally Goose took a gander over at a group of Lehigh Senior High School students.

What followed was an impromptu dance battle on the mascot's newest home turf: a Wawa on Colonial Boulevard, near State Road 82. The store is in Fort Myers, just outside Lehigh Acres, and employs 45.

Thursday was the grand opening of the Wawa store, the convenience store chain's 89th in Florida.

Wally was quick to spread his wings, and other faux-feather appendages, doing splits in his finest moment.

A few students strutted their stuff, but it was sophomore Skylar St. John who seemed to take flight, jumping

high into the air in the Wawa parking lot and sending the crowd into a frenzy. Not one to cry "fowl," Wally took it all in stride. After all, this was a celebration.

The high school band played and the cheerleading squad shouted on this sweltering morning as dignitaries gathered to mark the occasion.

Employees of the Fort Myers Police Department and the Fort Myers Fire Department waged their own battle in a "Hoagies for Heroes" competition.

In the end, everyone came out a winner, and Wawa donated to at least three charities.

Customers win too, with the Wawa location offering free coffee to keep good times going through June 11.

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Wally Goose, Wawa's mascot, jumps into the air before doing the splits during Thursday's dance battle.

Business briefs

IN BRIEF

Coconut Point earns TripAdvisor accolades

Coconut Point recently received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned positive traveler reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality, quantity and regency of reviews submitted by travelers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

Coconut Point is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 239-992-9966.

NEWSMAKER

Schwinn earns Junior Achievement award

Christina Harris Schwinn, a partner at Pavese Law, recently received Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015-2016.

Schwinn, who once served as president for the Junior Achievement "company" established at her high school, now serves as a JA volunteer and member of the board of directors.

Schwinn is serving a three-year term on the Junior Achievement board and for the past few years has taught legal basics to high school students attending the annual JA CEO Academy held in partnership with the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Schwinn's primary practice areas are employment law, business transactions, community association law and real estate law. For information, visit paveselaw.com.



Schwinn

SHOPPING

Expert: How to win Sports Authority liquidation game

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With Sports Authority's closing sales now under way at 320 more stores nationwide, including multiple Southwest Florida locations, don't let the signs fool you.

They'll scream "Everything must go!" and "Nothing held back" playing on your desire to get a great deal. They'll give the impression prices are lower than you can find elsewhere.

That's not always the case.

Especially at the beginning of a liquidation sale like this.

I recall my experiences with Circuit City, Linens 'n Things and Borders.

In the early days of those "sales," I was disappointed at what I considered a bait and switch. The prices at these three stores were higher than their regular sales pre-liquidation and higher than competitor stores.

I've found this to be true at the Sports Authority store I shop at, which was among 143 stores the sporting goods company decided to shutter in March as part of its bankruptcy. Now the Englewood, Colorado-based company is closing all its stores.

With items now discounted at 40 to 60 percent, I am ready to shop.

But the downfall of waiting until the prices are competitive is a lack of selection. Even before the sales start, the quantities of some items are limited at some stores.

An employee at the Stuart, Fla. location told me the store hasn't received shipments in quite some time.

For items previously excluded from discounts, such as Nike and Under Armour, you should consider buying sooner rather than later.

The closing sales at the 320 stores are expected to go through the end of August.

Like other failed retailers, I expect Sports Authority's last few days to be ripe for great deals.

Here's how to make sure you're getting the best deal at liquidation sales:

Be prepared: Prices at liquidation sales are not always the lowest you can find, especially at the beginning.

Compare prices: Do a Google search or use a price comparison website or a smartphone app like ShopSavvy, which is available for Apple and Android.

Check the product thoroughly: Open the box, look for damage and make sure all parts, accessories, instructions, warranty information and other items that should be included.

Use a credit card: If you experience any problems, this will give you a way to contest the charge.

Get rid of gift cards: If you have a gift card for Sports Authority or another fi-

nancially strapped retailer, use the cards as quickly as possible. The last day to use Sports Authority gift cards is June 28, according to an email the company sent to customers.

Warranty: Warranties will remain in effect and Asurion will continue to cover extended service plans purchased by customers. The last day to buy extended warranties was May 24. For more information, visit www.asurion.com/ecp, or call 1-866-882-8512.

Go often: If you have your heart set on an item, swing by the store weekly. Tag team with a friend and share your lists with each other.

Important: Remember, all sales are final. If you end up buying something you don't want, try recouping your money by selling it.

Online shopping, which is part of what led to Sports Authority's demise, will likely be the most popular option.

Local Public Companies

52-week		Sales		N = NYSE, O = Nasdaq						
High	Low	Issue	Mkt	Div	PE	(Hun.)	High	Low	Last	Chg
51.91	20.99	Alico	O	.24	22	171	30.76	29.79	30.43	+13
5.10	2.75	BeasleyB	O	.18	15	5	4.77	4.54	4.63	-14
33.37	21.94	CntryLink	N	2.16	14	35399	27.15	26.68	27.12	+22
17.28	9.61	Chicos	N	.32f	46	33298	11.52	10.94	11.43	+43
64.99	50.00	Comcast	O	1.10	19	58214	63.82	63.39	63.66	-07
83.90	56.03	EastChem	N	1.84	11	8265	73.95	72.82	73.71	-21
21.31	6.95	Hertz	N	.17	88301	10.30	9.74	10.29	+40	
9.10	5.05	NeoGenom	O			4356	9.10	8.92	9.06	+07
121.51	93.74	NextEraEn	N	3.48	20	13285	120.20	118.70	119.81	-34
25.02	14.52	ScrippsEW	N	1.03e		5817	17.14	16.91	17.06	-01
33.40	21.11	Tegna	N	.56	11	22446	23.31	22.60	23.30	+58
27.08	15.41	WCI Cmts	N	.13	1428	17.56	17.26	17.37	-15	

Toronto Exchange

Stock	Last	Chg	Stock	Last	Chg
EnCanaCorp	10.55	+19	BCE Inc	60.51	+08
BarrickGold	22.23	+16	ENbridgeInc	52.96	+48
RoyalBank	79.62	+52	SunLifeFin	45.14	+01
T D Bank	57.58	+22	AgnicoEagle	59.14	+13
Bk NS	65.45	+56	ImperialOil	41.49	+03
ManulifeFin	19.42	+07	AgriumInc	119.35	+110
CdnNatRes	38.55	+62	IndAlliance	42.44	-06
MagnaInt I	53.04	+19	BombardrAMV	2.20	-01
BkMontreal	82.66	+31	Hydrogenics	9.35	+04
TransCdaCorp	55.68	+45			
CIBC	102.21	+28			

Chicago Board Of Trade

Corn			Soybeans			Wheat		
Settle	Chg		Settle	Chg		Settle	Chg	
Jul 16	415.25	+1.50	Jul 16	1144.25	+44.50	Jul 16	485.50	+11.75
Sep 16	415.75	+7.5	Aug 16	1130.75	+35.25	Sep 16	496.25	+11.25
Dec 16	416.75	+5.0	Sep 16	1102.50	+23.50	Dec 16	514	+11
Mar 17	422.75	-25	Nov 16	1081.75	+13.25	Mar 17	531	+10.50
May 17	426.25	-75	Jan 17	1077.75	+13.25	May 17	542.25	+10.50
Jul 17	429.75	-25	Mar 17	1046.75	+7	Jul 17	550	+11.25
Sep 17	414	+25	May 17	1040	+6.75	Sep 17	556.75	+11.50
Prev. sales:	386,934		Prev. sales:	284,592		Prev. sales:	103,369	
Prev. open int:	1,433,696		Prev. open int:	894,004		Prev. open int:	415,746	

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