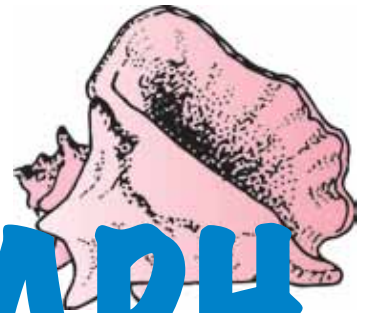


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# Editorial: Paws for the Cause Thanks YOU

The first annual Paws for the Cause to benefit the Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 102 was a huge success. The money raised will go towards some much-needed building renovations. The Pirates on the Water group have volunteered to come in and paint the building and tile the floor. Dan Henderson, a local artist, has agreed to paint a mural on the front of the building... so watch for some changes.

We would like to dispel some rumors. The Upper Keys Humane Society at MM 102 does not discriminate based on breed or sex of dogs and cats. They rely solely on donations from the

public.

We, the residents of the Keys, are responsible to take care of our cast-away pets. Often people will drop off an unwanted pet over the fence at night. The first thing the shelter workers must do is get the animal medical treatment immediately so that they do not infect the other animals. Your donations make that possible.

Thank you to Alan Truesdell for organizing the fabulous entertainers and for performing himself. Also thank you to Brenda Starr, Jesse Kelsa, Jimmy & Deb Hawkins, Luke Sommer Glenn, Dave Bowman, John McKinna, Bobbe Brown,

Steve Venini and Capt. Dave, and Ted and Vivianne... all of whom who played their hearts out for our 4-legged friends.

Thank you to all the generous local businesses who contributed to our silent auction, and to Kitty Kruse, who gathered donations. Thank you to Kathy Miller, balloon artist, for entertaining us with her wonderful balloon creations... and to Iris for keeping track of the silent auction. Thank you to T-Toons for the great tee-shirts. Thank you to the Upper Keys Humane Society board of directors who donate their time all year and to Karla and Kelly and the

crew, who tenderly care for each and every animal.

Thank you to WORZ Ocean Reef Radio and Clear Channel for saturating the airways for the cause, to sponsors Keys Kritters and Tropical Springs Realty, and Island Information Services and the beautiful and talented Sue Beal who designed and donated our posters and tee-shirt artwork. Thank you to Gilbert's Resort and employees for taking excellent care of us.

Thank you to the participants of the Cutest Pet Contest and a great big thank you to everyone who came out and donated to the Paws for the Cause.

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**Buck Naked and Wild Turkeys in Key Largo!**

I was heading home from work at Ocean Reef on the Friday afternoon before Thanksgiving at about 2:30 pm, going South on US 1... at about MM 104.5 (across from Taylor Creek Village area) on the bay side I saw a large turkey running down the side of the road !!!

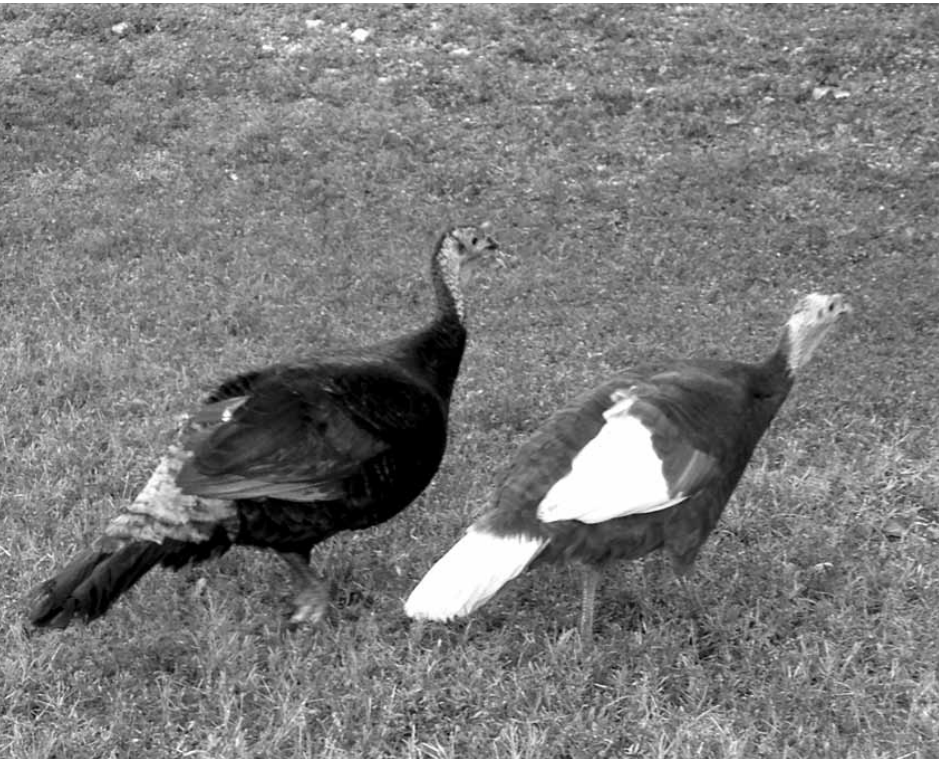
I quickly turned on my hazards and pulled off the side of the road and began to signal other drivers to slow down and be aware of the bird... who was looking to cross the road (which reminds me of a joke—for some reason).

It was at this point that I saw the second bird coming to meet the first. I tried to keep them from going out on to the highway... much like a soccer goalie defending his net (but with more arm flapping and making noises like a honey badger!!) but ultimately to no success.

As the first of the two got past me and was nearly struck twice... I was able to slow up traffic enough to allow the birds to cross with hope they would get away from the road. Once again with no luck, as they decided to lie down in the median grass about 6 inches from the speeding traffic.

At this point I called the sheriff’s office... which connected me to someone somewhere(??) who began a series of transfers which finally reached Monroe County Dispatch. They sent out two officers and contacted the Wild Bird Rescue Center and I believe the Upper Keys Animal Shelter as well.

At one point, both lanes north- and south-bound were closed, as one of the officers and I chased the friskiest of the two birds around and around (which I actu-



These turkeys were on the loose on US 1 at Mile Marker 104.5 — trying to escape just before Thanksgiving.

ally managed to video on my phone in spits and spurts)... until finally it jumped up onto the top of his squad car. He quickly attempted to net it —unsuccessfully— just as it released a fresh batch of turkey droppings on the rooftop before it flew off toward the road again (with what appeared to me a large smile on its beak!!! “Ha-ha!” I was breathing heavily but laughing too by this point)

As the bird launched in the air and flew toward the southbound lane of US 1, I ran and leapt up in the air to greet it with a two-handed, rope-type grab around its long, frantic, feathered neck!! “Ha-ha!” I thought... who was laughing now, as I tucked the flapping (uninjured) bird’s wings under my arm I actually heard a cheer from the crowd of halted “auto on lookers” !!! Many had cameras and phones in hand. (I would love to see if some one captured the mid-air grab!) It felt like a game-saving pass

interception ...only with more weird noises involved!

The first bird now bagged, I headed for the second but this time with help of Mike the animal catcher (or at least “chaser”). At this point I think the officers had decided that wild turkey chasing was a more enjoyable as a spectator sport (which I would probably agree with... as the first bird had managed to scratch up my arms pretty good...I just had not noticed it yet!) Better to enjoy wild turkey as an off-the-clock-event, in a shot glass and followed a cold beer!

Number two hopped the fence and looked to be headed back in to the woods but was thwarted by the net and glove-bearing Mike.

A lady who stopped to watch all the fun and roadside frolic had a key to the heavy gauge lock to the boat trailer storage area where the bird was now hiding out. As she was unlocking the chains to let us in to the gate (and then

quickly close it behind us), I thought, “Oh gee, great, now a cage match! This should be fun!” And it was... as the three of us were able to play several “rounds” of ring around the giant ficus tree before the feisty foe fowl was cornered, corralled and captured... and yes, once again with only the quickness and accuracy that a trained Chef’s bare hands can bring to gobbler grabs!

Both birds were now happily next to one another (caged) and out of harm’s way .

Thanks to every one who was involved in the Key Largo Wild Turkey Chase of 2012. It was a team effort to bring them to safety.. and just in time for dinner ! Look for raw footage of the event in upcoming episodes of the “Keys Kitchen” show filmed locally here in the Upper Keys and airing on WEYE both Friday & Sunday nights at 8pm, or on [www.TVChannel19.com](http://www.TVChannel19.com) over the internet.

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Twenty-eight riders completed the first annual Dia de los Muertos 5 mile bike ride held on November 1, sponsored by Señor Frijoles and All Keys Cycles.

"It was a great ride, and so much fun," said Audra Hill, participant. "Cars were honking, and everyone had a great time," Hill said.

Riders left from Senor Frijoles restaurant and traveled south along the bike path, stopping for refreshments along the way and then returning to Señor Frijoles. "I loved the spicy watermelon," said Holly Raschein, who rode in the event along with her husband, Ryan, and son, Drake. The riders then returned

for a traditional Mexican buffet after the ride of turkey mole, pozole, home-made tortillas, and candied pumpkin.

The Day of the Dead festival has spread throughout the world. In Brazil it is called Dia de Finados. In Spain "ofrendas" are made this day. In the Philippines the holiday is called Todos los Santos (All Saints Day). In Portugal, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, and Ireland people bring flowers to the graves of the dead. In other countries, candles are lighted in honor of the deceased.

For more information, e-mail [events@fkrm.com](mailto:events@fkrm.com) or call 305-451-1592

## With sadness we note the passing of Dan Gallagher...



Dan will be put to rest in Cooperstown, WI. He was a vet. He won a battle of the bands when he was in high school playing in a group; he was the drummer.

Dan became an Air Traffic Controller and worked at at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

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## Artist of the Month: Deena Hoagland

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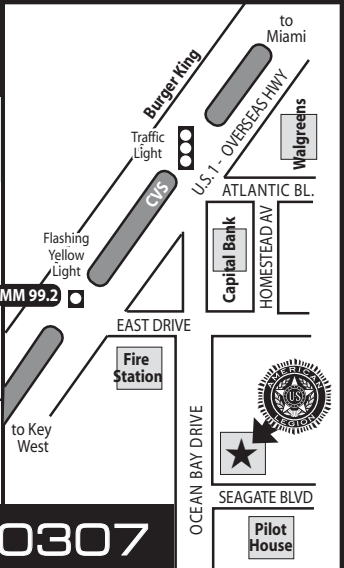
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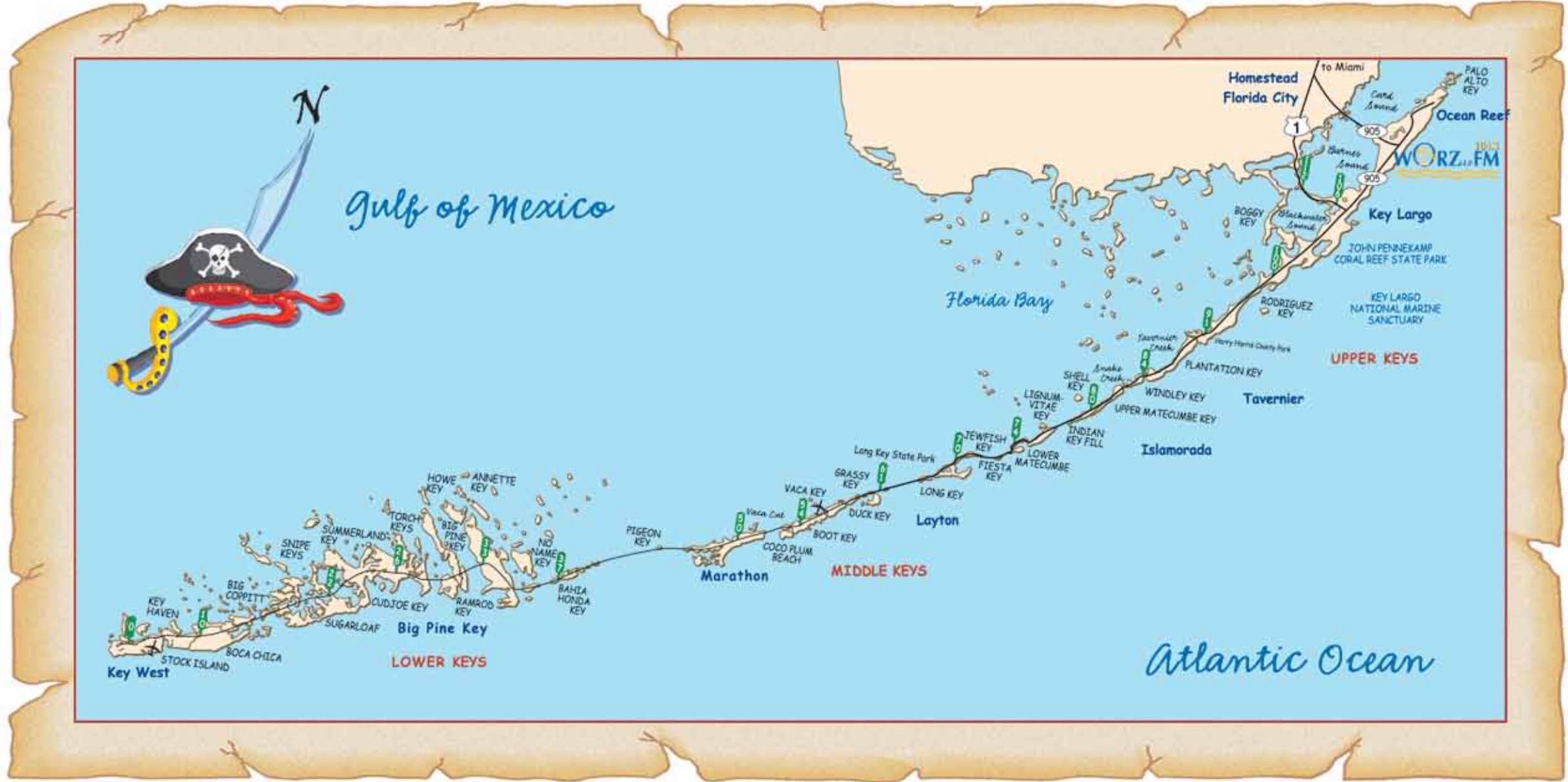
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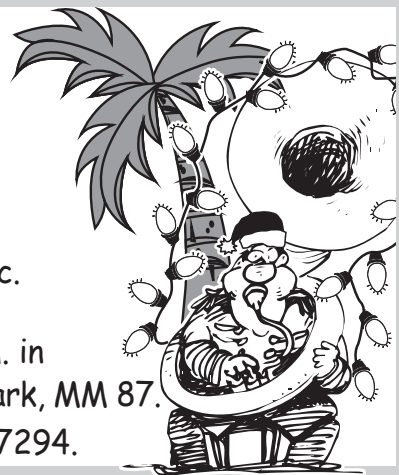
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## Key Largo Boat Parade Sets Sail Dec. 8th

The annual Key Largo Boat Parade sets sail at 7:30 PM, Saturday December 8th. Illuminated boats ranging from 55-ft. motors to sailboats to kayaks will traverse the waters of Blackwater Sound to kick-off the holidays with this local annual tradition.

Newly-elected State Representative Holly Raschein is the Grand Marshal for this year's parade. "It will be one of her first official community appearances since the election and we are thrilled she could join us," said Sue Finney, parade coordinator. Holly will join other VIP guests and committee members aboard the Grand Marshal boat 'The Coral Princess' captained by the infamous Spencer Slate.

The parade route is to the north. The boats will line up at the headpin to Dusenbury Creek at 6:30pm and at 7:30pm will head north along the shoreline to Stillwright Point. Best public viewing locations for the parade are the Marriott Resort, Sundowners, Senor Frioles, and Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill.

Boats are invited to deck their hulls, light up their boats and join in the fun. "The more boats we have the more spectacular the parade," said Bob Stoky, who is on the parade committee. This year the committee decided not to designate a theme. "We thought it would be fun for boats to choose their own theme," said Finney. "The judges will award the best new theme and we'll use that theme for the parade next year."

Entry to the parade is free and all boats except 'Best Overall' grand prize winner are eligible to win a \$500 cash prize, drawn at random from participating entries at the awards ceremony on Saturday night. Plus, over \$1500 in cash prizes as well as trophies and other prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is invited to the awards ceremony at 10pm on the beach at Sundowners Restaurant. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Holly Raschein, who will present the awards. The ceremony will be hosted by local celebrities Don Noe (retired meteorologist), and Captains Spencer Slate and Skip Bradeen.

All boats entering the parade are invited to the Captain's Party on Friday evening, December 7th, starting at 7.30pm at Senor Frioles where there is a free Mexican buffet, a fabulous ditty bag for entrants and raffle prizes given. "The party itself makes it worth entering," said Sue Finney. And all we ask is that the captains string some lights, have a VHF radio, the proper safety gear, and a bunch of holiday spirit."

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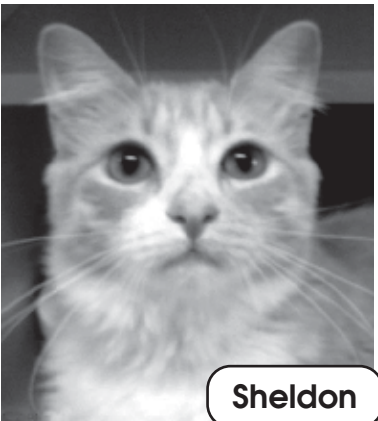
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# Anxiety about Change: Anticipating the Good

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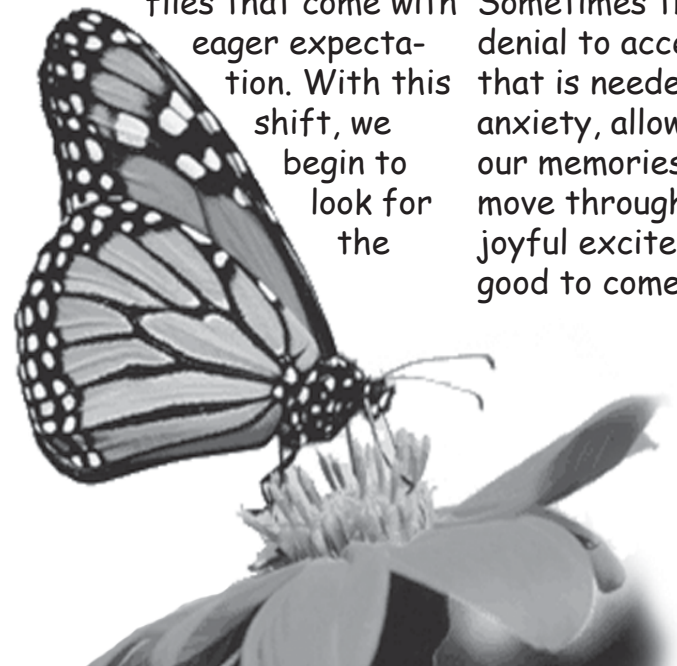
When we find ourselves going through any kind of change in our lives, our natural response may be to tense up on the physical, mental, or emotional level. We may not even notice that we have braced ourselves against a shift until we recognize the anxiety, mood swings, or general worried feeling toward the unknown that usually results.

There are positive ways to move through change without pushing it away, however, or attempting to deny that it is happening. Since change will occur in almost every aspect of our lives, we can learn to make our response to it an affirmative one of anticipation, welcoming the new while releasing the past with grace.

One thing we can do is change our perspective by changing the labels we use to identify our feelings. We can reinterpret feelings of anxiety as the anxious butterflies that come with eager expectation. With this shift, we begin to look for the

good that is on its way to us. Though we may only be able to imagine the possibilities, when we acknowledge that good is there for us to find, we focus our energy on joyful anticipation and bring it into our experience while allowing the feelings to carry us forward.

We can also choose to do a ceremony to allow our emotions to process. Every culture has created ceremonies to help people make the transition from one phase of life to the next. We can always create a ceremony too, perhaps by burning written thoughts to watch the smoke carry them away, thereby releasing them, or we can welcome new endeavors by planting flowers or trees. Some ceremonial activities such as a farewell send-off or housewarming party, we may do automatically. Society also has built-in ceremonies, like graduation and weddings, which may satisfy the need we feel. Sometimes the shift from denial to acceptance is all that is needed to ease our anxiety, allowing us to bring our memories with us as we move through nervousness to joyful excitement about the good to come.



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## The Twelve Days of BiPolar Christmas

On the first day of Christmas  
my pdoc (psychiatrist) gave to me  
A dx (diagnosis) of insanity.

On the second day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Two caps of lithium  
Which made my hands all shaky.

On the third day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
And now I can barely see.

On the fourth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Four hits of Zoloft  
hree puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
My mouth tastes like soiled undies.

On the fifth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
I'll never pay off that shopping spree.

On the sixth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
Whoa, my feet feel so awful heavy.

On the seventh day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
Now I'm a lock-jawed zombie.

On the eighth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Eight wedges Serzone  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
And a quick ride to Emergency.

Two caps of lithium  
Oh, my head is so sore and dizzy.

On the ninth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Nine doses Nardil  
Eight wedges Serzone  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
A tub of water and I'm still so  
thirsty.

On the tenth day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Ten more Effexor  
Nine doses Nardil  
Eight wedges Serzone  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
Now all I can do is just pee.

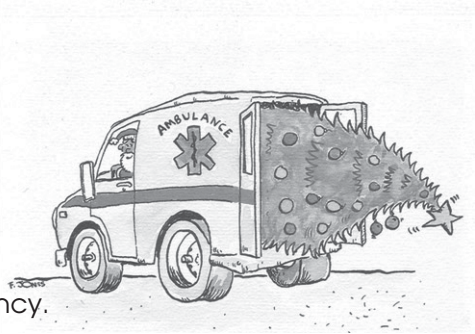
On the eleventh day of Christmas  
my pdoc gave to me  
Eleven Paxil dancing  
Ten more Effexor  
Nine doses Nardil  
Eight wedges Serzone  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
I just know he is out to get me.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my  
pdoc gave to me  
Twelve shots of Thorazine  
Eleven Paxil dancing  
Ten more Effexor  
Nine doses Nardil  
Eight wedges Serzone  
Seven tabs of Haldol  
Six caps of Dalmane  
Fiiliive benzzzzzadriiliine.  
Four hits of Zoloft  
Three puvules Prozac  
Two caps of lithium  
And a quick ride to Emergency.



## Top 10 Reasons Christmas is like Hurricane Season

10. Decorating the house is like boarding up windows.
9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season (camping gear, flashlights).
8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores.
7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials".
6. Family coming to stay with you.
5. Family and friends from out of state calling.
4. Buying food you don't normally buy ...and in large quantities.
3. Days off from work.
2. Candles.
1. And the number one reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas...  
**At some point you know you're going to have a tree in your house!**



## The Awesome Power Of A Wife's Love

A very old man lay dying. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookie waffing up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the

bed.

Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

There, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left

this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table.

He was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Stay out of those," she said, "They're for the funeral."



## Bartender of the Month: Jenny Allen at Gilbert's

What do tiki bars, Lynyrd Skynyrd and microorganisms have in common? There's a new species, the tiki bar customer. Jenny and some lucky tiki bar customers will have the opportunity to experience Lynyrd Skynyrd\* at Gilbert's January 19th and 20th. the customers will have the pleasure of being served by the beautiful and talented Jenny Allen.

Jenny hails from Kentucky where she earned a degree in biology at the University of Louisville. She also earned a full scholarship for swimming and academics. "The Keys has been my home for the last 10 years," says Allen. "I fell in love with the lifestyle, the friendly people and of course, the ocean, it is a biology major's dream location."

Since moving to the Keys,

Allen has worked at the Fish House Encore, the Island Grill at Mandalay and the Ocean Reef Club, where she honed her bartending skills.

"People naturally gravitate to her and she is a very popular bartender here, she is fun to work with too," say Jim Mazelin, a senior bartender at Gilbert's.

When asked what Allen likes most about Gilbert's she replied "The German burger is the best burger in the Keys! The managers Tamara and Robert are so easy to work

for, they are just great. It's an honor to work with so many veteran bartenders, the money is awesome and we have an outstanding view of Jewfish Creek and the bay. Folks flock here to enjoy the newly expanded tiki bar. Happy hour is 4-7 pm and 9-12 pm Monday thru Saturday nights with the late night menu. There is live music day and night with the Keys best entertainers such as Alan Truesdell, Luke and Dave, Steve Venini, Jimmy Hawkins and John McKinna. On the weekends we enjoy some of



Miami's name bands too. We have all-new flatscreen TVs and even a magician, Michael Trixx is here Saturdays at sunset. You can come by boat and enjoy the pool or lounge on the beach. The raw bar here is famous, a lot of people come here just for that. Gilbert's is biker and pet friendly. People from Miami come to get away and stay in the old-style Keys hotel and rent paddle boards, wave runners boats or kayaks from Dave 305-293-7199" ...says Allen in one breath as she constantly scans the bar for customers in need of libations.

When Jenny is not at work she likes to follow NFL and horse racing. She won her league in Fantasy Football last year and every year she attends the Kentucky Derby.

\*Editors note: Sorry but we found out at Press time Gilbert's and Lynyrd Skynyrd could not come to terms on the contract and the concert has been cancelled.

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