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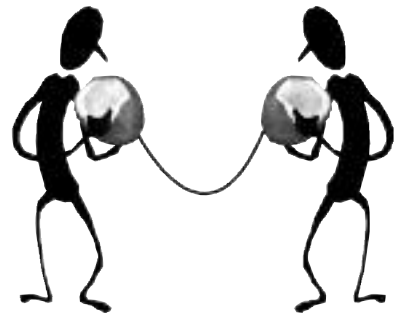
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# Editorial: Electric Shock Therapy

Dear FKEC,

I am writing a brief description of a recent problem. On the morning of April 20th my electric went off. I called the phone number listed and left a message of the outage. When I did not hear back from FKEC I called and reached a human that told me my power was shut off for lack of payment. I explained that I had paid the bill on April 10th. Turns out they had applied my payment to another person at the same P.O. address as mine. I was asked me to get the cancelled check as proof of payment. I phoned First State Bank and spoke with Danya who immediately faxed it over and I was assured that my power would be turned back on. Unfortunately it was not. I called first thing the next morning and eventually resolved the situation with the help of Mr. Shawn Mulholland. However, after 24 hours without power most of the contents of my refrigerator had to be thrown out. The list: several containers of yogurt, fresh melon, eggs, sour cream, Publix rotisserie

chicken, take out chicken wings, 1/2 takeout steak dinner, mayo, etc. The freezer: Bag edamame, bag frozen shrimp, pancakes, sausage, 2 Stouffers Fettuccini Alfredo, 2 Boston Market dinners, 1 French Bread Pizza, and ice cream. The spoiled ice cream caused my roommate to cry. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank you,  
Denise Malefyt

Before this editorial could even be printed FKEC responded to my issue and sent me a \$50 gift card to Publix to replace my refrigerator contents and apologized. I should also add that you should always hang on to your invoice from the co-op so you have proof of payment, this would have lessened the confusion in my situation. Something else I learned was FKEC is open 24/7 so you do not have to wait to the next business morning to address outage problems.

PS. My well meaning friends should know that FKEC is a cooperative!

when I went grocery shopping to replace some basic staples a gentleman in line ahead of me at the grocery store glanced at my groceries then looked at me and said "You're single, aren't you?" I said "Why yes. How is it that you can tell? Is it by the items in my cart?" He said, "No. It's because you're ugly". You can expect a bill from my psychiatrist as well.

Thank you and have a nice day,  
Denise

# Entertainer of the Month Steve Venini at Marley's



By Rich Peine

Must Not Miss: Mellow Music at Marleys. It's Saturday afternoon at Marleys. The beer is cold, the weather warm, and boats are trolling in and out of the little mangrove canal. Another hellish day in paradise.

Steve Venini just finished setting up the electronics, so he has a few minutes to chat before the opening set begins. He's dressed in shorts and a long sleeve shirt with the sleeves rolled up. His hair is loose, and he's animated with a perpetual grin on his face. From the get go it's easy to see he loves what he

does. When asked how things are going, he states, "Hey, I live in the Keys and I play music. What's not to like?"

He starts his set off with a few of his originals from his first CD: Stone Soup Sessions. Rachel and I just look at one another. "Wow!" is the unspoken word. This guy is good!!! It's a treat to see a musician get into a zone. From then on it's CSN, Sam Cooke (it was Sam Cooke, Steve), The Beatles, Clapton, the list goes on. His omnidirectional speakers let the sound flow evenly through the

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