

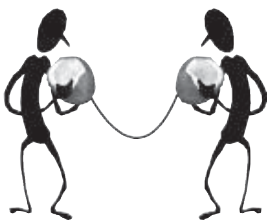
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Editorial: Lessons from Out-of-town Visitors

When you live in paradise there are always going to be friends and acquaintances who look you up on their way through town. When they're on their vacation they seem to forget that everyone who lives here is not on a permanent vacation. For most business owners time off means arranging your schedule and those of your employees to work around taking the time to meet an old friend for a drink.

Many people who live here work two or more jobs just to pay the rent, which, at the lowest price for a one bedroom efficiency apartment, is \$850 per month if you are lucky enough to find one. Paradise isn't cheap.

Recently I had a friend call me and ask to meet me at a local restaurant for cocktails at 4:00. I waited patiently and they called at 4:30 to say they were running late and would see me at 5:00. They finally rolled into town at 7:00. I had waited as long as I could and had already left.

During the same week another vacationing friend called to meet at the same restaurant. I rushed through my day of appointments including taking care of a family member with serious medical problems and multiple doctors appointments... only to find out they had also invited a couple of people they knew I choose not to

be around. "Oops, they said, wait for us at another place. We really want to see you." The bottom line is - if they don't respect your time they don't respect you. If they don't respect you, they are not worth your time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sitting On Their Brains

When will FDOT finally realize the tragic mistake they have made with the installation of the crosswalk on U.S. 1 at mile marker 99.7 in Key Largo. Another accident and luckily no one was killed. Does it take the death of a person or persons for FDOT to get up off their brains they have been sitting on and get rid of this crosswalk? This crosswalk is accident waiting to happen

that will result in deaths FDOT will be responsible for.

Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsey has begged them to remove this obstacle and it's going on deaf ears. All of law enforcement knows this crosswalk is a total failure at the tax payers cost. Please FDOT wake up and realize this was a bad decision and remove it ASAP.

David Purdo

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Florida Keys Quilters News

Florida Keys Quilters will be having a Quilt Show at the San Pedro Church on Plantation Key, on January 29th and 30th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Proceeds go to charities such as Honor Flights, Plantation Key Convalescent Center, Cleft Palate Foundation, and others.

Come enjoy the show and vote on your favorite quilts. You can also see and buy their quilts at the Country Store, and elsewhere in town .

Hundreds of quilts made by the guild are on display and for sale. There are also quilters demonstrations, raffles and more.



Florida Keys Quilters recently donated 15 quilts to the Upper Keys Hospice program and 12 quilts to the Spousal Abuse Shelter to provide for the children staying at their shelters over the holidays. In the photo, quilt guild members; left to right: Eleanor Williams, Pricilla London, Lois Picardi, and Nancy Murphy.

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