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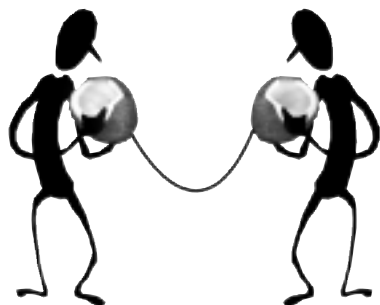
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Editorial: Spank the Spitter

Spit: to eject saliva from the mouth as in aversion or contempt.

Some people have no couth! On weekends this writer works at the Florida Keys Visitor Center. It's fun, my co-workers are great, the money is good, I get to help all the nice tourists find fun things to do, great places to eat, or get them a discount on a hotel room, but the best part for me is that I



personally give each visitor a copy of the Coconut Telegraph. They are all looking for a map to navigate their travel throughout the fabulous Florida Keys and we provide it in the centerfold of this paper.

The other day a big dark colored truck pulled into the parking lot at mile marker 106 and a nice looking man in his 30's got out, opened the door to the Visitor Center, looked at me, and then proceeded to spew a mouthful of spit all over the tile floor. He then gave me a dirty look, slammed the door and pealed out in his truck. If looks could kill I'd be dead. There was so much spit on the floor that the young man must have swigged some sort of clear fluid first, it was no small loogie. I was incredulous! I phoned my boss who knew exactly who it was and got quite a chuckle out of it. It turns out the young man was upset over

a real estate deal with my boss that fell through and, it also turns out that I know his mother. She is a very nice and successful businesswoman. I haven't talked to her in a while but we are close enough that I have her cell phone number. I'm not sure how she would take this information. If my daughter, who is about the same age as my friend's son, spat at Jackie Harder, Director of the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce and former Publisher of the Reporter newspaper, I would be absolutely mortified! We don't raise our children to behave that way. If you are not intelligent enough to handle things verbally then you have a problem. I have seen people that couldn't stand up to a disagreement resort to vicious name-calling. It's just plain rude. *The Coconut Telegraph's advice to these people is be nice and SWALLOW!*

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