

# ORANGE COAST

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## best friends

### JACK HANSON & DEE DEE HANSON

Dee Dee Hanson (below right) is the country's foremost Joan Rivers impersonator (once she even fooled Rivers' TV studio audience); she's swamped with appearances, shows and roasts. "In my business, I can only afford to go with low-maintenance friendships," she deadpans. "You know: 'Hi. How are you? It's been three months. I'm fine. And by the way, how's your sex life and did you know Nordstrom is having a sale? Nice talking to you. Goodbye. Click.'" Which is why she says her husband/producer/co-writer/promoter Jack Hanson (below left) is her best friend. "It's not just that we spend so much time together," she says. "Jack really is my best friend. He allows me to be the wild person that I am as Joan, because he's really secure in himself. So secure, in fact, that he wouldn't think twice about telling me I look fat. Now, only a best friend would dare do that, right?" The two met at a singles group 12 years ago when Dee Dee was, believe it or not, a loan officer. After they were married, Jack suggested she take a stand-up comedy class. The rest is history, and Jack doesn't mind his role on the sidelines. "Friendship means you work together for the same thing," he says. "You want to see the other person do well."

