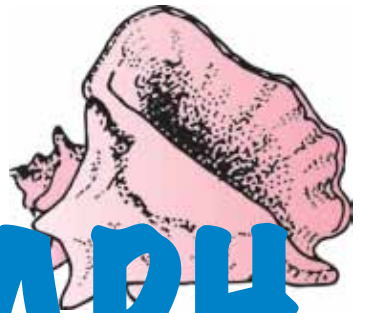


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## Editorial: Keys Disease Vaccination



After visiting the Keys several times, Eric, a young man in his twenties packed up his bags and moved here. Upon arriving he looked up job opportunities on Craig's List and found one that required a clean background and a Keys disease vaccination. He asked his friend Chris, the manager of Pontunes Boat Rentals, "What is it? Do I need a shot?"

How much does it cost?" Chris told him that he definitely needed it. "You gotta get it and it's free," he said, and they made plans to get together the next morning and get the ball rolling. Keys Disease is an island term that applies to ambitious northern folks that move to the Keys. When they get here they quickly adapt to the laid-back life-style of the locals. No more shoes and socks, long pants are out; being on time is a thing of the past. Shorts and flip flop are in. Tiki bars and boats are home to the afflicted. The only known cure is to to travel north across the 18-mile stretch and stay there. There is no

vaccination, however, our eager-to-work young friend did not know this.) The next morning Chris drove Eric to the Visitor Center and told him to go get his vaccination. Eric went inside and told Dave, the booking agent, "I'm here for my Keys disease vaccination." Dave looked at him like he was crazy, shook his head and said "Sorry dude, you must be looking for the Chamber of Commerce, it's 9 doors down on your right." Eric jumped back in the car and told Chris to take him to the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce. By this time Eric was a bit stressed out. Once inside the Chamber building he approached the



desk where an older woman was working. After waiting his turn in line Eric told the lady "I am here for my shot." "What shot?" asked the lady. "My Keys disease vaccination. My friend is waiting in the car and I need to get my shot!" Eric replied. "Who sent you here?" asked the lady, "The visitor center sent me" replied a

## Entertainer of the Month: Rod Hui Recording Engineer, Mixer, Producer and Instructor



For contact info, visit Rod's website at RodHui.com

When multi-platinum sound engineer, mixer and producer Rod Hui is home in Key Largo you may see him visiting friends at the Pilot House or stopping by the Big Chill for a cold beer. You would never guess that he is famous, and one of the early pioneers of hip-hop and rap recording. So famous that he travels the world turning music into best-selling albums. Since Hui began his career in 1977 he has mixed hits for Shannon, Run DMC, Kurtis Blow, LL Cool J, Public Enemy, George Bensen, Chaka Khan, Mary J Blige, Aretha Franklin, Pete Rock, and Whodini, as well as recordings for Bonnie Tyler, Air Supply, Salt-N-Pepa, Ah-Ha and John Cale. There are more, but we only have so much space! Rod has a knack for being involved with an artist at the beginning of completely new genres. He has produced and mixed "Let The Music Play" for Shannon, "It's Like That" and

"Sucker MC" for Run DMC. Rod also mixed "Hot Cool and Vicious" for Salt-N-Pepa, as well as "It Takes a Nation of Millions" and "Fear of a Black Planet" for Public Enemy. These continue to be important underpinnings for the direction of pop music today. Rod helped define a sound that is a strong foundation for much of today's popular music. While building on a significant foundation of technique, experience and major record label relations, Rod has embraced today's recording and mixing technology and continues to raise the bar for record production. Rod is an instructor at the Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music at NYU and has been teaching courses there since 2005. "Having the opportunity to pass on my experience and knowledge to the next generation of recording engineers and producers is most rewarding." We hear that Rod makes a delicious and healthy stir fry. Wok 'n' roll, Rod!

### Editorial continued

desperate Eric. "Look, I'm in a hurry, may I please get my shot?." That's about the time the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce lady lost her composure and cracked up laughing. Luckily for Chris, his friend Eric is a good sport and together they love to tell the story to the locals at Steamer's.

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First State Bank of the Florida Keys continued their support of local Florida Keys charities with a sponsorship for the Conch Life Scramble Golf Tournament benefiting the Autism Society of the Florida Keys and Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association.


"We are proud to be a part of the Conch Life fundraiser to help raise funds for these two important local organizations," said First State Bank Branch Manager Nola Acker.

For more information and dates on upcoming local Keys events, visit the 'Keys Community' page at KeysBank.com.



First State Bank of the Florida Keys VP/Commercial & Residential Loan Officer Lori Bailey, Florida Keys Foster Adoptive Parents Association's Barbara Brooke and First State Bank Branch Manager Nola Acker.





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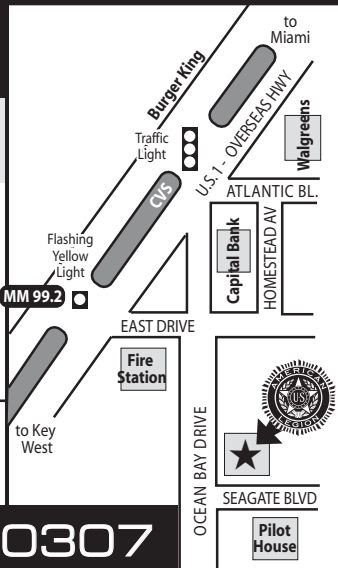
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Laura Brown

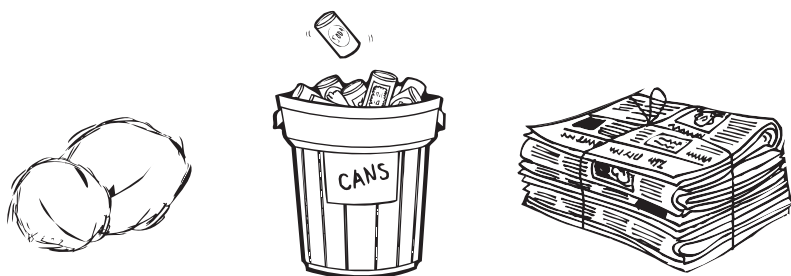
Brown has more than 22 years of banking experience in the Upper Keys, leaving her position as Branch Manager with Capital Bank (formerly TIB Bank) where she started her career as a teller in 1990.

A graduate of Florida Keys Community College and MDCC with a diploma in General Banking, Brown has lived in Key Largo for over 30 years.

Brown's many civic and community commitments include being President of the Key Largo Center for Independent Living, helping persons with disabilities to live independently. She is also serves on the FKEC Charitable Trust Board.

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## 2. Collect Votes

It's up to you to get your friends and family to vote for your pet by donating \$1 per vote.

Turn in your votes before November 17th at the Humane Society, or collect votes up until 3pm on the day of the benefit.

## 3. Three Winners!

First, second and third place winners will be announced at the benefit: Saturday, November 17th at Gilberts. The benefit is a fundraiser for the Upper Keys Humane Society. Winners will also be announced in the December issue of the paper. Winners get gift certificates to Keys Kritters Pet Store. First Place: \$100; Second: \$50; Third: \$25.



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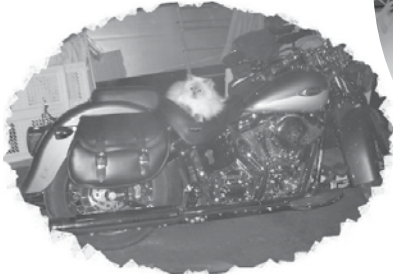
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The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meet and greet with the speaker, followed by a lecture at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Linda Kaplan at [linda@fklcc.org](mailto:linda@fklcc.org) or (305) 396-7000, or visit [seas.fiu.edu](http://seas.fiu.edu).

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# Artist of the Month

## Art by Kacey

Kacey is this month's Artist of the Month, and she is also featured by The Art Box at 100650 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

In her own words... "I was born in England a long time ago. I have lived in the Keys for about 4 years with my husband, two Labs and my 3 cats."

"I have lived in various places around the world, most recently a couple of years living on a beach in a very small Mexican village."

æOther than High School art classes I am self taught and use mostly watercolors and/or acrylics. I have found out that there are no limits to what can be placed on a blank canvas, wall or paper.

"Fishing in the Keys has provided not only subjects but the ability to make prints using the Japanese method of Gytaku which I like to incorporate into many of my works."

"I am constantly amazed at all of the colors and textures found in the reefs and its inhabitants here in the Florida Keys. Women and fish are the subject of most of my paintings, with the camera capturing the angles of the fish face."

Stop in at The Art Box and check out Art by Kacey. You can also contact her personally at artbykacey@gmail.com or call 305-395-9348.



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The Coconut Telegraph is proud to present Monroe County Sheriff's Sergeant Jason Madnick with the outstanding award for Community Spirit. Sgt. Madnick, in his 22-year career with the Sheriff's Office, has received countless awards and commendations for his service and dedication to the Florida Keys. Most recently Sgt. Madnick, along with Investigator Miles Wright of the FDLE, took the 5-year-old Bozarth murder case like a bull by the horns and completely reworked it, resulting in an arrest and confession. Over the span of his career, Sgt. Madnick has received several promotions. When he was promoted to the Homicide Division, he garnered written letters of recommendation from Lt. Nancy Alvarez, Honorable Judge William R. Ptomey and Honorable Judge Luis M. Garcia. Here are just a few of the commendations this remarkable officer has received.

"Detective Jason Madnick began his career with the MCSO in April 1991. Jason is one of the hardest working detectives. He works his cases to the end, striving for a positive outcome. He has, over time, recovered thousands of dollars in stolen property and gives this agency 110% while working his cases. He has done so well this past year that he was

# M.C.S.O. Sgt. Jason Madnick: Outstanding Community Spirit

nominated for Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the year. In some cases Detective Madnick has even recovered property that the victim did not know was stolen."

Executive Director Donna A. Moore, Human Resources Division

"Since his employment date, his energy and tireless dedication, promptness and willingness to be at work was of the highest standard of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. On many occasions he reported to work on short notice when called, never asking why."

Lt. J. P. Ferraro

**Homicide/Suicide**

"Dep. Madnick is commended for his courage and dedication to the protection of life, in an extremely dangerous situation. Deputy Madnick's courage and commitment to attempting to save a life while providing Sgt. Fanelli with a ready back-up as second through the door, is to be commended."



"Recognizing the greatest risk is to the first officer to enter, the second officer provides invaluable protection to the first. This partnership of trust and reliance, in potentially life-threatening situations, is the foundation of support in high hazard situations. Deputy Madnick's performance throughout this incident is to be commended."

Lt. Bill Moran

**Car Theft**

"Thanks so much for taking the time to recognize Dep. Jason Madnick for the assistance he provided you earlier this month. I am pleased that there was a successful outcome in your case. Your statement that we take those "little things" seriously is a source of pride to us. We know such incidents are not minor to those who have been affected. Dep. Madnick clearly embraces this philosophy and sets an example for others."

Capt. Jenny Bell Thomson

**Drug Dealers**

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Sgt. Donnie Elomina

**Senior Citizens**

"A local senior citizen had a flat tire on her car. Dep. Jason Madnick stopped her, put her and her husband inside his patrol car with the air-conditioner on, and then changed the tire on their car".

Capt. Jenny Bell Thomson

"It is commitment like this that shows your true dedication to your job. I find that very commendable. Please accept my 'thanks' for all your help."

Sheriff Richard D. Roth

**Volunteer Work**

"On behalf of the Community Relations Department I would like to thank you for the hours of volunteer work you have provided to this department. The work you did for the Sugarloaf Car Races was exceptional. Believe me, I know how difficult it is to supervise a group of Cadets! You did a great job!" Capt. Jerry Enos

Sergeant Jason Madnick is a resident of Key Largo. He has been married 18 years, is a proud father and has 5 grandchildren. He is an honorary member of the Keys Jewish Community Center, a member of the Elks Lodge in Tavernier, a member of the bomb squad, and he participates in many local events such as National Night Out. We can all sleep better with an outstanding officer such as Sgt. Jason Madnick keeping our families safe



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The U.S Great Seal Awareness (GSAP) Educational Project

The Diplomacy Center at the U.S. State Department recently unveiled their exhibit commemorating the 225th anniversary of the creation of the Great Seal of the United States, the remarkable emblem that identifies and symbolizes our nation.

With permission from the U.S. Diplomacy Center, we have produced a replica of this exhibit to display at both the Democratic (August 25-28, 2008) and Republican (September 1-4, 2008) national conventions marking the beginning of a nationwide educational effort to help Americans rediscover our founders' original vision of peace and unity.

The last panel of the Diplomacy Center's 10-panel exhibit displays artwork by four elementary school students. We have produced an 11th panel ("Imagine the Possibilities") with 17 more children's artistic interpretations of the Great Seal. (From Treasure Village Montessori students)

Also, a new twelfth panel ("Rising to the Challenge") highlights peace as a pre-dominate founding principle and calls for America's genius to focus on "the power of peace," as the founders' described the olive branch. The 12 panels are displayed on 45" x 84" pull up panels that can be displayed in several configurations.

Working with the author of GreatSeal.com whose 76-page website is a respected educational resource (used by the U.S. Diplomacy Center when researching their exhibit), we are developing a companion site that will provide classroom projects and ways for students to share their visions of America as they learn about the multifaceted design of their national emblem.

On the front of the Great Seal, the well-known American eagle holds the olive branch in its right talon and the bundle of arrows in its left symbolizing "the power of peace and war" entrusted to our elected representatives and us. Our eagle's message is E Pluribus Unum (Out of Many, One).

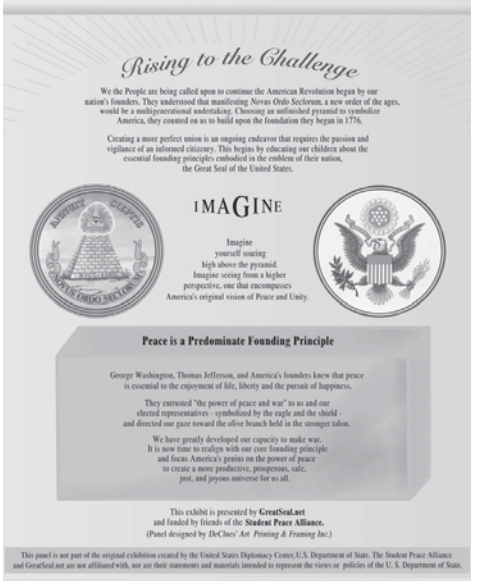
On the reverse side is the unfinished pyramid and radiant eye of Providence with the Latin mottoes Annuit Coeptis (Providence Favors Our Undertakings) and Novus Ordo Seclorum (A New Order of the Ages) signifying the founders' vision that America is an ongoing and enduring endeavor to create a more perfect union.



The 12-panel exhibit is currently on display at the Murray Nelson Cultural and Government Center.

We believe that this U.S. Great Seal educational project will help unite a divided nation by enriching a nonpartisan national discussion about who we are as a people in relation to the original American Dream envisioned by our founders and embodied in the Great Seal of the United States they designed.

Symbols have a powerful unifying effect. As Joseph Campbell believed: "The next great step for the human family will be to recognize, in our daily lives, the unity that already exists. And a necessary step is the recognition of the common symbols of this unity."



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I own a business and have worked my ass off to keep it afloat during some very hard times, yet I have no health insurance. I pay my taxes so their children can go to school, so they can go to a doctor for free and get food stamps. They feel that they are entitled to their freebies and they are scared to death they could lose their free ride. In the meantime I just pray I don't get sick so I can pay my bills each month.

Sincerely,  
A Business Owner

Dear Business Owner,

Anny Bannanny agrees. There is enough on the news each day without having to have your happy hour turned to crap over some loud-mouth idiot who just won't shut up. While the business people and hard workers sit quietly, the jobless jail birds and lunatics have at it. If they won't leave you alone, Anny Bannanny says raise your right hand, palm out, and say to them "You can't possibly understand so talk to the hand!" If they continue, roll your hand into a ball and say "Talk to the fist cause the face is pissed!" As a last resort "Take your free cell phone and call someone who cares."



Signed,  
Anny Bannanny

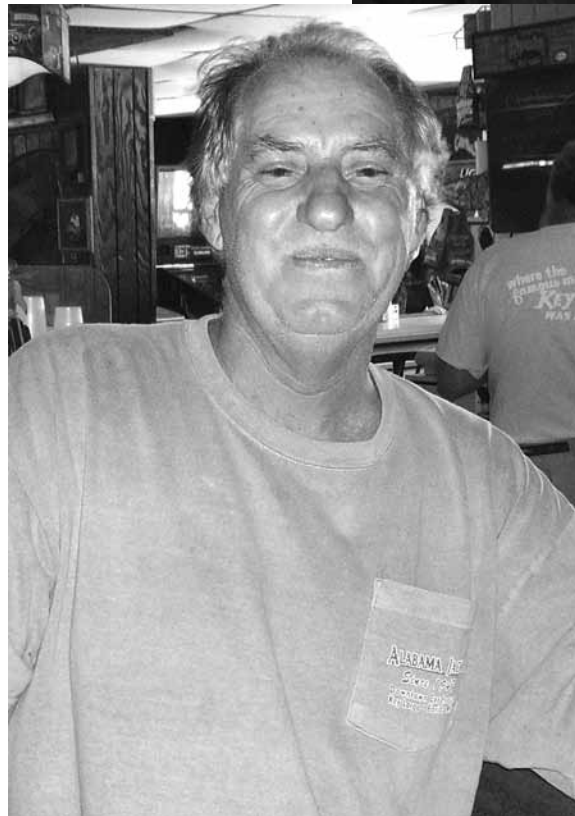
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## Conch Characters



Viva at Steamer's Grand Opening.



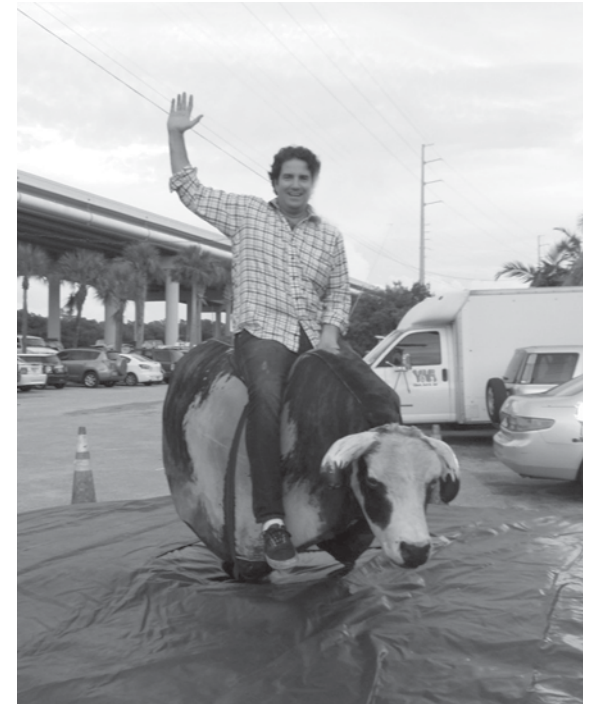
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Rob & Lynn Mitchell, owners of Island Time Cruises at Steamers for the Grand Opening.



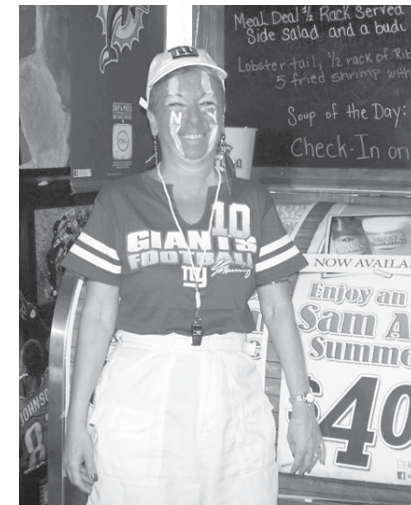
Riding the bull at Steamer's Grand Opening!



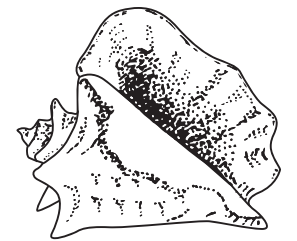
Catherine Vogel who is running for State Atty. and friends at Harriette's Restaurant.



Mandalay owner Jack McCormick put on one hell of a party!



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The workers are thinking about the next segment of work. Finishing the smoke as the boss says, "Hit it."

Quitting time, finally. Stop by a local joint and grab a beer and light up. Tell a few jokes and head home.

"Hi Babe." Hug the kids and romp a bit with the pooch. Grill is smoking. Mama brings a cold beer and smokes. I earned this. Have been for many years. Tough guy needs some simple pleasure. Funny though, I worry about going to the mall and a baby sneezes on me. I might get sick and miss work. Things are tough enough as it is.

Let's see, 2 packs of smokes a day and 6 or 8 beers. Two at the joint and a \$1 tip, \$2 if it's Friday. That's about \$90 a week. I earned it. Got to have some pleasure with all this hard work. I make \$18 an hour, take home \$650, that's \$2,600 a month. Pay all the bills with a little left over.

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It is generally true that the more insistent voices in our heads delivering messages that make us feel panicky or afraid are of questionable authority. They may be voices we internalized from childhood or from the culture, and as such they possess only half-truths. Their urgency stems from their disconnectedness from the center of our being, and their urgency is what

catches our attention. The other voice that whispers reassurances that everything is fundamentally okay simply delivers its message with quiet confidence. Once we hear it, we know it speaks the truth. Generally, once we have heard what it has to say, a powerful sense of calm settles over our entire being, and the other voices and sounds, once so dominant, fade into the background, suddenly seeming small and far away.

We may find that our own communications in the world begin to be influenced by the quiet certainty of this voice. We may be less inclined to indulge in idle chatter as we become more interested in maintaining our connection to the whisper of truth that broadcasts its message like the sound of the wind shaking the leaves of a tree. As we align ourselves more with this quiet confidence, we become an extension of the whisper, penetrating the noise of the world and creating more peace, trust, and confidence.

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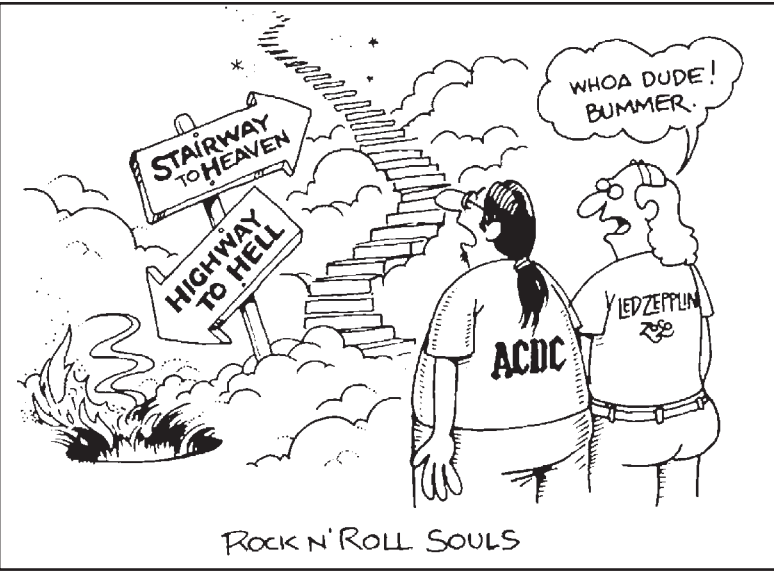
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## SKID MARKS

**WHEN TO WASH 'EM, WHEN TO TOSS 'EM**

**THE SMUDGE**  
You might not have even noticed this one. Advice: Wash it. It'll be good as new.

**THE SHART**  
Probably just an over-achieving fart and a bit too much fruit in the diet. Advice: Wash it. A gentle wipe-reminder might be in order.

**THE DARK MARK**  
Some darkness is harder to combat than others, but good may still triumph. Advice: Toss it or wash it. Just use a lot more detergent to fight this evil.

**THE WIPER**  
Is the owner of this pair of underwear wiping their ass with it? Yes. Advice: Toss it.

**THE DRY HEAVE HO**  
Listen to your body, it's telling you something important when it's retching. Advice: Don't just toss it, get a seal-able bag and take this ten-car pile-up of an accident straight to the trash OUTSIDE.

**THE UNSOLVED CRIME**  
Don't even ask how this "slip 'n' slide" disaster happened. The answer is probably just going make it even more disturbing. Advice: Burn it all immediately!!! And hide the ashes before the FBI shows up asking questions.

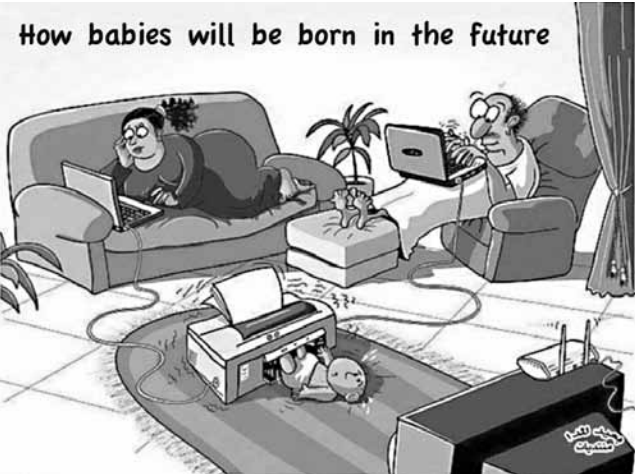
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Banana added for scale. The underwear shown here is depicted as see-thru for better visibility and for added scientific effect.

## 10 Things That Should Never Be Said to Artists

(But Still Are)

1. Can you do the artwork/design for this event for free. It will be a good promotional piece for you. Get you some word of mouth advertising.
2. Mom Look! That painting is just like that picture you downloaded from the internet and got framed for the living room.
3. Wow. You charge THAT much? You make it look so easy.
4. If you don't make it so detailed... just scribble something down...Can I get it cheaper?
6. If you use that piece from last year and change it a little can I get it cheaper? You already have most of it done.
6. I can use a Photoshop filter to do that exact same thing.
7. You are lucky.. you don't have to work, you just have to sit and draw/paint all day.
8. Can you do the design/illustration for my (event) invitations? I'll get you in for free.
9. Wow... you are REALLY good automotive/architectural/landscape/floral artist.... Can you paint my dog?
10. My son/daughter is 9 and is a really good artist just like you.



## Signs you're too old for Halloween

1. You get winded from knocking on the door.
2. You have to have someone chew the candy for you.
3. You ask for high fiber candy only.
4. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag you lose your balance and fall over.
5. People say, "great Keith Richards mask!" and you're not wearing a mask.
6. When the door opens you yell, "Trick or..." and you can't remember the rest.
7. By the end of the night you have a bag full of restraining orders.
8. You have carefully chosen a costume that won't dislodge your hair piece.
9. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.
10. You avoid going to houses where your ex-wives live.

## Coconut Telegraph's WORST Halloween Costumes

1. A TELEMARKETER  
In place of the customary "trick or treat" ask them if they're interested in subscribing to the local newspaper. Upon the inevitable "no," follow up with a list of facts of the newspaper. Whatever you do do not let them shut the door. Each house should take you at least 15 minutes.
2. A PEEPING TOM  
Wear a pair of old sweatpants and a white tank top. Instead of ringing the doorbell, just look in the windows of each house until they spot you, and then run. Try staging yourself in different locations, such as in a tree with binoculars or in the bushes with no pants on.
3. CAMERAMAN  
Get a professional video camera, with tripod and everything. Set it up facing the door, then knock. Film them in silence.
4. TOOTH  
A tooth accepting candy is like a Jew accepting Adolph Hitler.
5. SCAR TISSUE  
You do not get extra candy for making people puke.
6. A DART BOARD  
Take an ordinary white trash bag and draw out the scoring grid of a standard dart board. When the person opens the door have your friends throw darts towards the bulls eye.
7. A DIABETIC  
Show up in weird socks with a hypodermic needle in your arm and ask for sugar free candy.
8. HUMAN TOILET  
Not only will you be the center of attention in this wearable toilet but you'll be the go-to person for TP'ing homes after dark.
9. RUNNY BUTT  
This is just wrong on all levels. It comes with a hand pump connected to the latex buns, and when you squeeze the pump...well, it delivers. Not recommended for use indoors.
10. LADY GAGA MEAT DRESS  
This should not ever happen in real life. Unlike Lady Gaga, you won't have an entourage helping you in and out of it all night and we're guessing that you won't be able to afford to replace the couch you meat-butt printed.



Liz regrets asking her husband to "share his feelings more."

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