

"It's been my biggest fear, Arthur, that you would turn into your mother.

The National Institutes of Health has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins.

The new study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



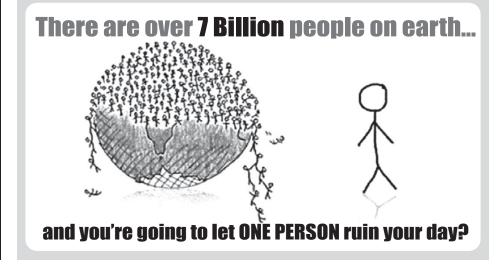
## Coco'Nut' Funnies

## Southern Sayings Translated

A whistling woman and a crowing hen never come to a very good end. (Be who you are.)

Ain't that the berries! (That's great!) As easy as sliding off a greasy log backward. (Very easy.) Busy as a stump-tailed cow in fly time. (Very busy.) Caught with your pants down. (Surprised and unprepared.) Chugged full. (Full and over-flowing.) Do go on. (You must be joking.) Don't count your chickens until they hatch. (First know the results.) Don't let the tail wag the dog. (The boss is in charge.) Don't let your mouth overload your tail. (Talking too much.) Either fish or cut bait. (Work or make way for those who will.) Even a blind hog finds an acorn now and then. (Everyone can be lucky.) Every dog should have a few fleas. (No one is perfect.) Fly off the handle. (Angry and lashing out.) Get the short end of the stick. (Uninvited and treated wrongly.) Give down the country. (Give someone a piece of your mind.) Go off half-cocked. (Have only half the facts.) Go to bed with the chickens. (In bed early.) Go whole hog. (Go for it all.) Gone back on your raisin'. (Deny heritage.) Got your feathers ruffled. (Upset and pouting.) Happy as a dead pig in the sunshine. (Clueless as to what's going on.) Have no axe to grind. (No strong opinion.) Holler like a stuck pig. (Make a fuss.) I do declare. (Usually means nothing.) In high cotton. (Rising up in society.) In a coon's age. (Been a long time.) Like a bump on a log. (Lazy and doing nothing.) Like two peas in a pod. (Act and think alike.) Mend fences. (Settle differences.) Scarce as hen's teeth. (No such thing.) Sight for sore eyes. (Looking good.) Stomping grounds. (Familiar territory.) Sun don't shine on the same dog's tail all the time. (You'll get what you deserve.) That takes the cake. (Surprised.) Too big for one's britches. (One taking themselves too seriously.) Two shakes of a sheep's tail. (Done quickly.) You're barking up the wrong tree. (You are wrong.)

Well, shut my mouth! (Shocked and speechless.)



Mom's Wisdom: "Instead of John, I call my bathroom lim. It sounds so much better to say I went to the Jim in the morning."









## Save Your Marriage with SWISHING

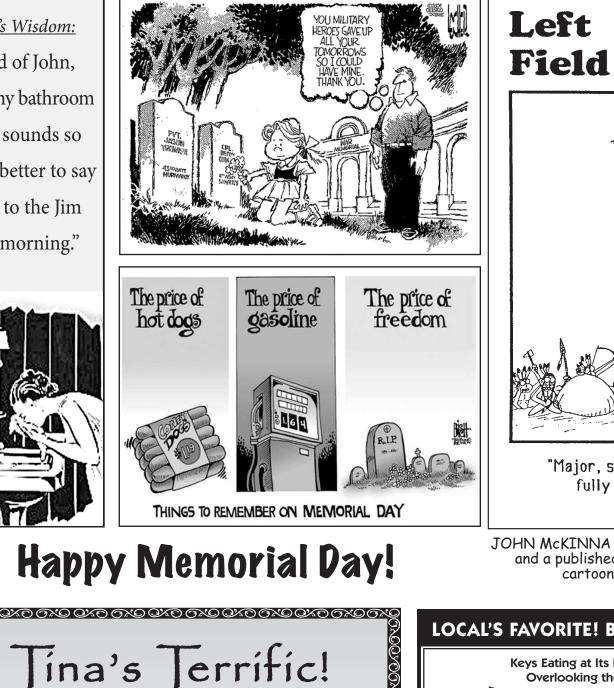
A woman goes to the doctor, worried about her husband's temper. The doctor asks, What's the problem?

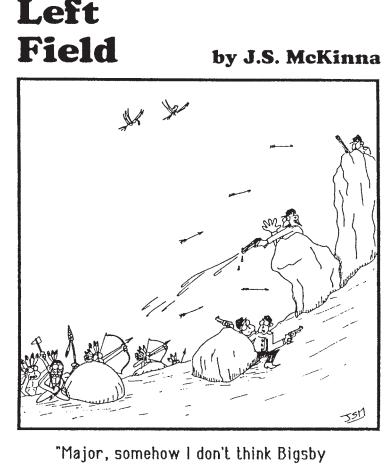
The woman says, "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The doctor says, "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn. She savs, "Doctor, that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The doctor says, "The water itseli does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick!"





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