

# The Daily Aardvark

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Today is 'National Talk Like a Pirate Day' - Pretty easy - all you have to do is pepper your speech with a few 'avasts' 'ahoys' and 'argghhhh's'

-And perhaps a more nuanced 'No, I am the captain now...'

Here's my newest pet peeve - I absolutely hate the phrase 'boots on the ground'.

-These are actually military men and women protecting us - not footwear.

-'Boots on the ground' was a clever military euphemism....the first 500 times we heard it.

## SPANKING

And speaking of stuff that makes me crazy - does it bother anybody else that ISIS is beheading journalists and threatening to bring jihad to American soil...

...and we've taken this opportunity to open a nation dialogue on spanking????!

-We really do have the luxury in this country of being oblivious and stupid, don't we?

Speaking of spanking - I remember last year my fantasy team was riddled with untimely injuries.

-This year my roster is being decimated by abuse charges.

By the way - I think I know why the NFL has been so wishy-washy on their domestic violence policy. Let's say they adopt a zero-tolerance - one strike and you're out policy. What if they say abusers have no place in the game?

-And then Peyton Manning or Tom Brady goes home tonight and knocks the old lady around a little. It could end the league as we know it. Just a thought.

## PEPSI

Pepsi has joined Budweiser - sending a message to the NFL saying they deplore the way the league and teams are handling the abuse situation. Pepsi is another huge advertiser with the league - but this time the CEO of the company said she knows commissioner Roger Goodell and knows he's a good man. She just wants him to get tougher with the players.

-I'll tell you what...these big time national advertisers are really sticking their necks out...coming out against domestic violence, aren't they?

## BENGALS ARE WHERE???

And one last football story - in Sports Illustrated's latest NFL Power Rankings - the number one ranked team - is the Cincinnati Bengals. And it's the first time 'ever' the Bengals have been rated the strongest team in the league.

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-And that includes all the way back to the Akili Smith, Ki-Jana Carter and David Klingler days....!!!! Oh, right. Obviously.

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### APPLE

The Apple iPhone 6 and 6-Plus come out today. They say lines have already formed at the stores.

-Weird...because - a lot of people don't know this - but this is also the 50th anniversary of the Pop Tart - and you don't see people lining up at the Kroger. (store?)

Yeah - the Pop Tart is 50 this week.

-That's an amazingly run when you consider Pop Tart's success is totally based on you being late....or not having anything better.

### ARMPIT FIRE

Five teenagers near Boise, Idaho were injured in a car crash - when one of the passengers lit the driver's armpit hair on fire with a lighter. Two passengers were thrown from the SUV during the crash - but remarkably - no one sustained life-threatening injuries.

-In their defense...having been a teenager....I would just like to mention stuff like that always seems a lot funnier when you first think it up.

### CHIMPS HAVE A MEAN STREAK

Finally - some good news. New research detailed in the latest issue of the journal *Nature* - says humans are not responsible for violence in chimpanzees. Researchers found chimps have an evolutionary mean streak - and their violence toward each other has nothing to do with human interference. Other researchers - including the Ape Lady, Jane Goodall, have suggested human interaction has led to chimp violence.

-So basically what they're saying is...the Planet of the Apes movies...are based on a false premise. Wow - didn't see that coming.

-How'd you like to spend your entire life squatting in the jungle...watching monkeys... and...'you don't know nothing, lady!!!' That's got to be tough to take.

### LINCOLN LOGS

Lincoln Logs are coming back to America. After being manufactured in China for the past several years - the iconic American building toy will now be manufactured in Maine. They say the little plastic pieces in the sets will still come from China - but the actual building logs will be

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all-American.

-Hey - if you want to bring manufacturing back to America - you have to start small.  
And basically - a log cabin big enough to fit your green army men...is pretty small.

-Now bring back our auto industry. Maybe not full-size actual cars. We'll start with  
Hot Wheels. Work our way up.

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## COMING TO WORK HIGH

**A new study found 10% of American workers arrive at work high. Yeah - 10%. The study found the drug of choice is marijuana.**

-Maybe that explains why the boss wants us to call him 'Snoop'....

-That's the sad part about radio. We're sitting around with ear-phones on - listening  
to music for four hours...and we're stone-cold straight.

-It's almost like we're wasting a stereotype.

**Maybe this is a dumb question - but throughout the centuries - the symbol of peace has always been the dove. Is it now Leonardo DiCaprio?**

-You know - the UN appointed DiCaprio it's 'messenger of peace'? Does he have  
to fly around to different world hot-spots with an olive branch clutched between  
his toes??

## HOT FRIES

**I saw a great fast food hack on the Internet yesterday. This is how you can guarantee yourself hot fries. When you order them - order them 'without salt'. Then the restaurant will have to make some fresh fries....and they'll be hot when you get them. You can always put the salt on yourself.**

-Of course....it's going to take a few minutes....and they'll ask you to pull up to that  
'waiting spot'. Also know as - 'the spot where hungry people go to die'.

-Have they ever asked you to pull forward and wait? I don't know about you - but  
I panic. I'll go...'What have you got handy. I'll switch. Don't worry about the money!'

## WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

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A new survey of Americans conducted for Constitution Day on Wednesday - proves we don't know very much about our country. In the survey - only 36% of us could identify the three branches of government. And only 38% knew the Republicans controlled the House of Representatives. Only 15% of those surveyed could identify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

-So I'm guessing it's not Judge Judy. Because more than 15% would have answered that.

-Yeah -15% knew John Roberts was the Chief Justice...while 28% knew Randy Jackson was a judge on American Idol. Hey - the Supreme Court isn't on in prime time!!

## Bonus Page - The Aardvark Almanac

### *Celebrating Birthdays Today -*

interviewer James Lipton is 88 today *'Inside the Actors' Studio'*

baseball Hall of Famer and broadcaster Joe Morgan is 71

actor Randolph Mantooth is 69 *'Emergency'*

actor Jeremy Irons is 66

the model *'Twiggy'* is 65

news anchor Joan Lunden is 64

comic Cheri Oteri is 52 *'SNL'*

singer Trisha Yearwood is 50

former CNN host Soledad O'Brien is 48

*Tonight Show* host Jimmy Fallon is 40

and *Biggest Loser* host Alison Sweeney is 38 today

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## *On This Date In History -*

On this date in 1876 - the first carpet sweeper was patented by Melvin Bissell.

in 1928 - Mickey Mouse appeared in his first cartoon - *Steamboat Willie*

in 1934 - Bruno Haptmann was arrested for the Lindberg baby kidnapping

and on this date in 1970 - *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* debuted on CBS.

*Have a great weekend, folks.  
See you back here Monday morning.*