Today is 'National Talk Like a Pirate Day' - Pretty easy - all you have to do is pepper your speech with a few 'avasts' 'ahoy's and 'argghhhhh'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.
-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 i-Phone 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 chimp 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 by manufactured in Maine. They say the little plastic pieces in the sets will still come from China - but the actual building logs will be
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
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.*