

The Daily Aardvark

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Autumn starts tonight at 10:30 pm. So this is officially the last day of official summer.

-Of course - most of us moved on - what? - three weeks ago.

-It's like one day you wake up...and you've got to rake leaves.

-Saying summer ends today...is kind of like the Catholic Church insisting Christmas doesn't end until the Epiphany. No - it's over when you drag that tree carcass out of your living room.

This is 'National Clean Hands Week' -

-While a clean desk may be the sign of a sick mind. Clean *hands* are the sign of a considerate food service worker.

This is also 'Sea Otter Awareness Week' -

-And based on that sentence - I believe we've done all we can do.

It was fun yesterday to have a whole day of football....that was about football.

MAN WITH A KNIFE

A guy with a knife jumped the White House fence on Friday and actually made it into the White House through an unlocked door before he was stopped by the Secret Service. Now there's a petition on the White House web site demanding the man be allowed to stay in the White House - since he may be an oppressed migrant who is simply looking for a better life for himself and his family. The petition says the fence surrounding the White House is a divisive structure holding back those that seek a better life.

-That's ridiculous. Of course he should be removed from the White House. But not for the next five to six years until his case comes up.

-Here's how this is going to work in America. There will be a Congressional investigation into Secret Service protocols. There will be a sweeping review of White House security systems...and \$500-million dollars will be allocated to overhaul the Executive Mansion with state-of-the-art security technology. When they could have just made it someone's responsibility to lock the doors.

PABST TO RUSSIA

Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer was just sold to a Russian company. It will still be made in America - it's just part of a foreign conglomerate...like Budweiser, Coors and Miller.

-Now if you've got a red neck, white socks...and blue ribbon beer - does that make you a communist??

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BOO BOO SPLIT

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Trouble in Boo-Boo land where Mama June and Sugar Bear announced they are separating. Apparently they've had a falling out over Sugar Bear's use of dating web sites to find a new woman. But they say they'll still be devoted parents to their child, Honey Boo Boo...and Mama June's three children from a previous relationship, Pumpkin, Chubbs, and Chickadee.

-And...she hopes...another three children from a future relationship - Skitter-bug, Humps and Monkey-face.

-Yeah - it feels like I'm reading the society page in the Dog Patch Gazette.

-I guess a lot of their friends and family are expressing total shock and surprise... because they didn't know Sugar Bear could read.

UP THE SKIRT CAMERA

A Texas Appeals court threw out a lower court's decision against a man for using a shoe camera to video up women's skirts. They said it violated the cameraman's constitutional right to freedom of expression. They also said the lower court's ruling finding the action a crime was a 'paternalistic intrusion into people's private right to be aroused.'

-Yeah - but laying on your back with a camera in the middle of Walmart and shouting...'Action!!!' still seems a bit off-putting.

-So basically - they're saying you have a constitutional right to take video up an unsuspecting woman's skirt?? Is this a great country - or what?!?! Granted - our founding fathers were apparently pervs....

-Obviously the Go-Pro in the girl's locker room has to be okay, too, right??

IG NOBELS

Every year right before the Nobel Prizes are announced - the Ig Nobel Awards are handed out for dubious advances in science. The ceremony took place over the weekend - with the Ig Nobel for Physics going to a team that studied the friction between a foot...a banana...and a floor when somebody slips on a banana peel. The Biology award went to the team that discovered dogs align their body axis with the earth's north-south magnetic field when they pop a squat. And the Arctic Science prize went to the team that observed how reindeer reacted when they saw humans disguised as polar bears.

-Honestly - I want to know how polar bears react...when they see humans disguised as polar bears.

-Because you could have a really unfortunately 'Pepe LePew' type action going on...

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I had a great day yesterday - sat with my feet up and watched football all day.

-It's not every Sunday in September me and Ray Rice are doing the same thing.

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-Things are looking up for Denver. Peyton Manning sucked a lot less against Seattle this time.

NO FLAG PLEASE

A San Diego area university student was forced to remove an American flag flying from his balcony - because the managers of the apartment complex were worried the flag might offend foreign visitors.

-Where did they think they were coming?

-Here's what we should do - when foreigners arrive at our airports - we should have a big sign 'Welcome to France'. That way they'll think they're being offended by France. And the French offend foreigners all the time!! So no biggie.

MORE NUDES IS GOOD NUDES

A second wave of celebrity nude selfies hit the Internet over the weekend. This second batch includes nude shots of Kim Kardashian, Rihanna and Vanessa Hudgens. Rihanna's spokesman said they have already been in touch with the FBI.

-While some might say the nude pictures leave little to the imagination...honestly - Kim Kardashian and Rihanna??? Don't they mean a little *less* to the imagination.

-Here's what I get out of these selfie scandals...there are perverted hackers out there that prey on the narcissism of the entertainment industry. That - and apparently nobody in Hollywood wears pants.

REDSTATES BLUE STATES

According to new *Meet the Press* host Chuck Todd - there is a new way to graphically explain the cultural and political divide in the country. He says we're not 'red states' and 'blue states' anymore. It's now the 'Starbucks Nation' against the 'Chick-fil-A Nation'. Or - in other words - the sophisticated, urban people that usually vote Democratic versus the suburban and rural people who vote Republican.

-I don't know if his analogy accurately reflects the cultural divide across the nation....but it does make me hungry.

-I might like to point out - one is over-priced, pretentious and snobby. While the other ...is chicken.

Bonus Page - The Aardvark Almanac

Celebrating Birthdays Today -

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Baseball icon Tommy Lasorda is 87 today

singer and dancer Toni Basil is 71 *'Mickey'*

actor Paul LeMat is 69 *'American Graffiti'*

singer Debby Boone is 58 *'You Light Up My Life'*

-That's *two* songs that could get stuck in your head for the rest of the day.

FOX Business anchor Neil Cavuto is 56

Scott Baio is 54 *'Chachi'*.

actress Catherine Oxenberg is 53 *'Dynasty'*

actress Bonnie Hunt is 53 also *'Cheaper by the Dozen'*

and actor Tom Felton is 27 today *'Harry Potter'*

On This Date in History -

On this date in 1692 - the last eight witches were hung in Salem during the witch trials. In total - 20 witches were executed.

in 1893 - the first automobile was built in America - by the Duryea brothers

in 1957 *'Maverick'* debuted on TV

and on this date in 1975 - Sarah Jane Moore tried to assassinate President Gerald Ford.