

Tough Pigs Yearbook 2012



"A Bean Bunny multiverse *is* the only logical solution"

compiled by Ryan Roe

Hey, Tough Friends! We made it through another year! As 2012 dawned, the success of *The Muppets* -- a movie starring the Muppets! -- was fresh in our minds. We eagerly approached the oncoming year with renewed vim and vigor, with zest, with gusto, and for some reason, a desire to talk about the Chipmunks. As the year went on, we stayed true to our tradition of simultaneously having conversations about Muppet minutiae and all kinds of other random crap, and by the year's end, we were already talking about the *next* Muppet movie. The fun never ends at Tough Pigs!

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one, and if you skip to the end, you'll find (SPOILER ALERT!!!) a very detailed index. If the index can help just one person navigate the yearbook, I'll be happy. If it doesn't help at all, I'll be thrilled.

Special thanks to everyone who nominated posts, as well as everyone who posted on the forum in 2012. Muppet fans are the greatest Muppet fans on Earth!

JANUARY

[Miss Piggy on Project Runway All-Stars](#)

1/5/2012 | 13875.25-29

Ian

This is more corporate synergy, right?

Scott

Always.

Kenny

Synergy. Well, Disney only owns 42.5% of Lifetime, so maybe there was only a 42.5% chance of Piggy coming on. That's just math.

[Muppet fans everywhere](#)

1/5/2012 | 14195.4-21

Julia

I've started taking vitamin D supplements recently, so that should help. It'd help if it'd stop being so cloudy and I could actually see the sun. Stupid Oregon.

Ken

Milk, milk....

[\[YouTube video of an old *Sesame Street* film about where milk comes from.\]](#)

Julia

I don't know what I just watched... but I don't think I want to have milk ever again... D:

Ryan R

Perhaps this will persuade you:

[\[YouTube video of "Hey Cow, I See You Now" – an even older *Sesame Street* film about where milk comes from.\]](#)

But probably not.

Anthony

Oh man. Love it.

LOVE it.

One of the most relaxing things ever made.

Julia

Oh man, I just had milk in my cereal. Now all I can think of is cows.

Carolyn

Probably because you never wondered where it came from before the carton until now.

Ken

I think you should do a Muppet Vault all about milk. Those 2 films would be about 12 minutes, and then I think there are some cartoons with either cows or the letter M talking about milk, and then of course you can have some clips of Gladys the Cow.

Joe

Drink specials: Milk.

[The Muppets box office](#)**1/6/2012 | 13840.126-48****Scott**

My point is that people like CGI Chipmunks better than they like Muppets.

Dan!, Esq.

I'm about to give you a Kermit pep-talk, however delusional it may be.

While certainly a downer of a thought, I don't necessarily think that's true. The Chipmunks are on the 3rd movie of a franchise that has now built a presence with kids both in theatres and home video. They don't necessarily like them better, they just know them better. Give it time, they'll come around.

The Muppets themselves are much more well regarded amongst our generation and up, and maybe the ones right behind us, than the CGI Chipmunks...or even the 2d Chipmunks. Sure the first did great also, but right now, in general, crowds love CGI.

All three Chipmunks films have been fairly panned by critics and even audiences and the 3rd has even been referred to as a cheaply conceived, money grab. The Muppets movie was very well received and the characters are being seen as being back in their best form in years. It even helped lead to success for a reairing of Letters to Santa.

Parents I know who've taken there kids to the Chipmunks find them excruciating and that they aren't as good as "our Chipmunks". But their kids now love them, so there they go. That being said, I've been touched to get email mails and facebook messages from people whose kids now love the Muppets. I consider that a good start.

I never thought it would top the Chipmunks or Kung Fu Panda, etc. It's beat my expectations though, which as the hope that it would break even. The characters have been away from the mass audience for too long and kids, and even tweens just aren't familiar. They don't have the luxury of having Kermit usher them from Sesame to the Muppet Show like we did.

Still, they are doing well for a year that's been regarded as bad for Hollywood, and they are still on track to beat other popular properties like Spongbob, Scooby Doo, Garfield, Happy Feet, Winnie the Pooh (where was the Muppet like push for that film), etc. Don't give up hope for the characters...this is their "Just one person" moment. I like to think that they are just getting started.

The End.

Joe

Well said. And I can't imagine Chipmunks being that long-lasting of a franchise. At some point, they'll be watered-down to straight-to-DVD status and will have little-to-no nostalgia factor. The Muppets will (hopefully) move on in a more upward manner.

Anthony

The Chipmunks have survived since 1958 (!), despite not ever really being very good. I'm certainly not going to start counting them out now.

They'll be back with some fresh atrocity in 20 years, and it'll be another smash hit. Mark my words.

Ian

Is "the Chipmunks" the 80s show? Because I find it hard to believe this one-joke franchise is better known than Kermit and Elmo.

Anthony

- 1) The Chipmunks were a novelty recording act in the late 1950s.
- 2) And then a TV cartoon in the early '60s.
- 3) And then they put out a bunch of cover albums in the '70s an '80s.
- 4) And then, yes, they had a TV cartoon for 7 years in the '80s.
- 5) In the '90s there were some almost-certainly-terrible direct-to-video movies with names like Alvin & the Chipmunks Meet Frankenstein.
- 6) And now they've starred in three wildly successful theatrical films over the last four years.

Again, I don't think any of that stuff is particularly good (except for maybe the 1981 Chuck Jones-produced Christmas special, which is very sweet and a lot of fun.) So maybe they aren't better known than the Muppets, but they have almost as much history.

It's sad, but it's true.

Thought that just occurred to me:

Maybe Ross "Dave Seville" Bagdasarian is the mirror-universe Jim Henson.

[December and 2011 Forum Stats!](#)

1/9/2012 | 14189.34-35

Jes

The reasons why I abandon posts:

Trying to make a joke- not funny

Trying to make a point- not clear

Posting information- realize it's been said

Posting opinion- realize it's potentially offensive

... and sometimes I just get interrupted and lose my train of thought.

Cathy

Mostly, I just abandon posts becau

[Michal]

[Miss Piggy on Project Runway All-Stars](#)

1/12/2012 | 13875.31-35

Jimmy M

The Miss Piggy episode will be on next week. It looks like the task is actually to design a dress specifically for Miss Piggy!

I am sure the designers will make them human sized, just keeping Miss Piggy's style in mind, but I love the idea of a series of Muppet pigs modeling them down the runway instead.

Ryan R

Interesting. What are Piggy's measurements, anyway?

Jes

Two eggs and a side of sizzle.

[Martha]

[AV Club Muppet reviews](#)

1/13/2012 | 14215.2-10

Ryan R

It's amazing how much better that episode works when the last thing in the show isn't the Talking Houses.

Joe

Talking Houses?? Oh, are they people?

Ryan R

No -- buildings!

Talking Houses closing theme song plays

Joe

Yay.

Those houses should totally get their own series.

Anthony

My wife would be over the moon if that happened.

She's crazy about those guys.

Ryan R

She's crazy? Is she a mental patient?

Joe

No, she's a psychiatric hospital!

Ryan R

HA HA HA HA HAHA HA!

Joe

You see, because she's a building. Not a person.

Just wanted to make sure you got that.

[Evan G]

[Julie & Cookie](#)

1/13/2012 | 14209.32

Quinn

My parents were very liberal about a lot of things. Including Julie Andrew's breasts.

[New Dutch Muppet Puppets](#)

1/18/2012 | 14225.5-6

Staci

Who else wants to know what "Branded content in de hoofdrol" means?

Joe

It's dutch for "knee-deep in the hoopla".

[Carolyn, Tom]

[Muppets and Judaism](#)

1/24/2012 | 14235.1-17

Staci

I've seen that Kermit and Christianity thread for awhile so I thought I'd start this for the heck of it!
Anyone think Fozzie could be Jewish?

Consider:

- Borscht-Belt-y/Mel Brooks-y style of humor
- He once pulled a rabbi out of a hat
- His mother still takes care of him at times
- He was victimized by old men with German names*
- He's always voiced by a Jew or half-Jew

*Before I get attacked, I'm not saying all Germans hate Jews, of course! But in the 70s, they would have been just the right age to have been inundated by anti-semitism in their youth (if they were in fact German).

Scott

If we're talking culturally Jewish, I can see that. As for religion, I imagine Fozzie has a hard time breaking family tradition.

Tradi-tiooooooon!

Staci

One joke leading nowhere just for show?

Jes

TRADITION!

Dannyrww

Maybe he is "Bearly" Jewish.... Okay that was bad.....

Michal

I suppose Fozzie is the most Jewish-seeming of the top-billed Muppets, if "nebbishy" implies Jewish. Spiritually and religiously, though, I think he probably just worships comedy and show business.

And as for precedent, I don't know of any other Jewish bears. I can, however, think of a couple of bears mentioned in the Hebrew Bible, who kill forty-two children. That's probably not helping, though.

[Favorite Musical](#)

1/26/2012 | 14218.133-40

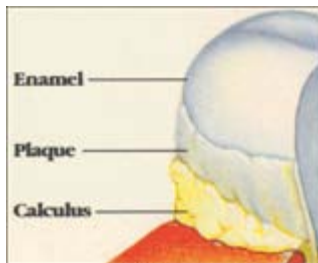
Jes

It should be noted that paying attention 7th grade Math and other subjects would probably have been a better use of my 7th grade time, but that wouldn't yeild as much interesting conversation on, say, a Tough Pigs forum, 27 years later!

Joe

Oh, that reminds me. I've been meaning to start a calculus thread on the forum.

Carolyn



[New Dutch Muppet Puppets](#)

1/27/2012 | 14225.28-32

Joe

It'd be great if the Dutch Swedish Chef spoke English.

Anthony

You might have meant real English, but now I'm trying to imagine what Mock English would even sound like.

Joe

HI BUDDY, BASEBALL COCA COLA YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN PARDNER!

[Rambling bloggers](#)

1/31/2012 | 11267.909-12

Ryan R

I hope this person's son isn't really named PlayStation.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/blogs/slice-of-life/kermit-co-lost-on-the-young/2439005.aspx?storypage=1>

Anthony

I hope he is!

Robyn

Poor Playstation, he never got to experience Fozzie Bear on Sesame Street. Remember that time Ernie and Fozzie both tried to stick the same banana in their ears at the same time?

[Scott]

FEBRUARY

Van Halen at Henson Studios

2/3/2012 | 14252.8-9

Jes

Aussie slang is cracking!

(did i use it right)

Peter S

Almost. It would either be "That's some crackin' Aussie slang!" or "Aussie slang is a cracker!"

Which would sound weird if the R at the end was emphasised (as it is in most American and Canadian accents.

We pronounce it "crackah", coz we don't roll our Rs. I shake mine if the music's right, but never roll.

[Scott]

In Theaters

2/4/2012 | 14253.23

Ken

[T]hey should have the the dog from The Artist and the horse from War Horse do something at the Oscars.

Then people can say, "The Oscars turned into a real dog and pony show this year!"

Henson's Musical World at Carnegie Hall

2/5/2012 | 13702.12-23

Evan G

Man. And I'd sworn never to go to Carnegie Hall again. Well, yet another promise I am going to have to break for the sake of the Muppets.

Anthony

So what's the sordid back story behind your long-running feud with Carnegie Hall? Is it anything like that Far Side comic where the Duck says "So Professor Hastings, we meet again. And this time, the advantage is mine?"

Evan G

Real Answer: I used to date a violist who played there quite frequently, and going to concerts was always a big stress for both of us.

Better Answer: I'm secretly plotting to build my own Carnegie Hall competitor, Evan G Hall, and I don't want to help the competition. All I need is 40.2 million more dollars.

Best Answer: When I time-traveled to 1891, Andrew Carnegie tried to beat me up, and I had to skateboard through NYC until he got hit by a manure truck. "Manure!" he cried. "I hate manure!" I later found myself having to do the same thing in 1901, except with Andrew Carnegie's child, Margaret Carnegie, and then 1791, with Andrew Carnegie's great grandfather.

In Theaters

2/8/2012 | 14253.51-52

Staci

Has anyone seen Iron Lady? Or is it The Iron Lady? I'm too lazy to Google it.

Is it worth seeing??

Tom

I haven't seen it. I didn't really think the Iron Man movies needed a spinoff.

[Joe]

Dark Crystal Sequel

2/12/2012 | 11578.35-45

Tom

Henson should do a re-release . . . in 3-D! Poppen in your face!

Jog

Another one?? I remember Dark Crystal being one of the first ever BluRay movies. Won't people get tired of the same old movie plus-three-discs-containing-seven-hours-of-HD-bonus-footage-featuring-scans-of-the-entire-contents-of-Brian-Frouds-concept-art-sketchbooks-scribbles-and-wastebasket-contents-that-you-never-watch-on-BluRay-because-that's-what-books-are-for?

breathes in

... -collectors-edition?

Tom

We aren't talking about home releases. Dan was talking about a theatrical re-release.

I added the 3-D part for my own amusement, that's all. :)

Jog

Ooooh. Yeah, they should do that. And while they're at it, some of the Crystal Chamber scenes need to have the Skrumps added digitally.

Anthony

LOVE.

DEM.

SKRUMPZ.

Ryan R

Yeah! Like UrSkrup, the short order cook Skrup! SkekSkrup, the patent attorney Skrup! SkrupAyuk, the borscht belt comedian Skrup! And of course, SidSkrup the intern.

Tom

SkeksisSkrup?

"Yes. Please? Please. Yes. SKRUMP! Yes."

Joe

I hate everything.

Anthony

Except DEM SKRUMPZ?

Joe

Naturally!

[January Forum Stats!](#)

[2/14/2012 | 14275.17](#)

Staci

I have ten years to catch up on! Watch out--I'll start responding to things you guys posted in 2003! Where can I find some threads on Bennifer and Ruben Studdard?

[Cathy]

[Toy Fair 2012](#)

[2/14/2012 | 14274.6-7](#)

Peter S

All I want is for EFX collectibles to revive their contract to make Rizzo, Miss Piggy and Fozzie posers. That's ALL I WANT!

... that and world peace, gay marriage, a really cute chef/masseur and the love and admiration of my peers.

Justin T

What about a really cute Swedish Chef poser? Would that knock out two things from your list? I'd guess three since I can't imagine any need for war once people can own their own Swedish Chef.

[Bills can make you happy! Well, sort of.](#)

2/16/2012 | 14280.7-9

Joe

Bills DO make me happy!





Staci

Well played, my friend. Well played.

You're lucky someone can walk past you creating that at work and it looks like you're just doing your job.

Joe

Yes. Because I work for the National Association of Famous and Fictional Bills. The NAFFB. Which is hard to say with a mouth full of crackers.

[Memoirs of a Muppet Writer](#)

2/20/2012 | 14139.35-37

Jes

railing against nudity

Jenny

The railing typically wins in that situation.

[Cathy]

[ToughPigs Oscar Predictions](#)

2/21/2012 | 13357.19-24

Matt Wilkie

Cool! I made that Oscar picture! It took me 30 seconds and no artistic talents!

Joe

Oh yeah, I totally meant to give you credit for that! And then I forgot.

Well done, Matt! And thanks for letting me steal your picture.

Matt Wilkie

Like I care. Steal away!

Joe

Done!

Also, thanks for the wallet! And the social security card! And the new identity!

Matt Wilkie

Just stay out of Belize. Trust me.

Joe

I Belize you!

[Happy Birthday, Ryan!](#)

2/28/2012 | 14291.18-20

Michal

Happy belated birthday, Mister Roe. I wished you well yesterday, but I apologize for my forum tardiness nonetheless.

I hope your birthday was at least as enjoyable as a Target 5-gallon jug of cheese balls.

Martha

That is maybe the cheesiest birthday wish ever.

Michal

But was it the ballsiest?

[Scott]

[More complaining about Sesame Street](#)

2/29/2012 | 14299.4-19

Joe

Sesame Street needs a "DCNu"-style reboot!

Ryan R

Now you're talking. They should reset everything so that Maria and Luis were never married! And Oscar was never orange! And Captain Vegetable's name is Shazam!

Joe

And without explanation, Traction Jackson can walk again!

Scott

If Maria and Luis were never married, is Maria's death in the battle to stop Doomsday still in continuity?

Ryan R

Now I'm imagining a "Reign of the Marias" story, with Steel Maria, Mariaboy, Cyborg Maria, and the Last Maria of Krypton.

I like it.

Joe

I'm glad that nothing has changed with the Abby's Flying Fairy School characters, but that's really only because they're written by Grant Morrison.

Matt Wilkie

But how is it that in 5 years, Super Grover had four different sidekicks? And how did Slimey come back from the dead if Furry Crisis never happened?

Anthony

And did Forgetful Jones ever exist in this universe?

Matt Wilkie

I forget.

Joe

I can't believe they got Rob Liefeld to perform Prairie Dawn.

Ryan R

Yeah, really. And I hate the Count's new costume.

Joe

Why does the Count even need armor???

Anthony

He likes to count the chain links.

Michal

Maybe. But does he really need all that décolletage?

Matt Wilkie

I hear they're canceling Elmo's World to bring back Global Grover, Incorporated.

[Michal]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

2/29/2012 | 9511.8209-21

Justin T

I desperately need a laugh or something. Can anyone help me?

Erik

Two guys walk into a bar.

You'd think the second one would've ducked.

Joe

Two ducks walk into a bar.

You'd think the second one would've guyed.

Erik

Two ducks walk into a guy.

You'd think the second one would've barred.

Joe

Barring a second duck, two guys think about walking.

Anthony

Two woks bar into a guy.

You'd think the second one would've ducked.

Ken

A priest, a rabbi, and a pastor all walk into a bar.

The bartender looks at them and says, "What is this, a joke?"

Cathy

What happened to the duck?

Scott

The duck was Muslim. He didn't stand a chance.

Cathy

Fuck you, Allah.

[Erik, Martha, Cathy]

MARCH

Magazine appearances

3/6/2012 | 13968.69-72

Scott

Kermit was interviewed in the latest issue of Verizon Spotlight.

http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Verizon_Spotlight

Jes

That's a real magazine?

Scott

No, but Kermit's a real frog.

Ryan R

I love Verizon Spotlight. I have a lifetime subscription. On the first day of every month I race to my mailbox, vibrating with excitement like a Verizon phone in the hopes of finding the latest issue of the 'light (my nickname for it). The annual swimsuit issue is especially great -- cable boxes in bikinis, growr!

[Jes]

The Random Thread of Randomness

3/6/2012 | 9511.8249-51

Martha

Thanks to Isha, I am rereading the Miles and Carter thread, which was started back when Carter was Casey's age.

In a moment of remarkable prescience, I posted the following on October 10, 2005:

7711.156 in reply to 7711.155

He [Quinn] might prefer being caught in a butterfly net to being caught in a big bear hug. Which, when I finally meet him, is how I shall catch him.

Muah-hah-hah-hah.

Isha

I thought that your moment of remarkable prescience was going to be something about having a painfully adorable child, perhaps with a large head. But yours was good too.

[Cathy]

Music stuck in your head Right Now

3/7/2012 | 9639.3014-15

Julia

I've just never had much time to sit down and teach myself how to play [ukulele]... and by that, I mean I'm lazy. But someday!

I can play the harmonica, which makes me feel a little less lazy.

Anthony

If it makes you feel any better, I took piano lessons for 5 years as a kid, and I can remember exactly two songs from memory. I can still sight-read okay though.

Another time, I took 3 months of surfing lessons for zip.

[Joe, Michal]

The Anderson Show Wants Muppet Fans

3/9/2012 | 14319.6-7

Dan!, Esq.

Perhaps we should just submit as a group. Strength in numbers.

Evan G

As a group, Tough Pigs can't be defeated. We're like a nerdy Muppet version of Voltron. Basically the same as Voltron, except our mech suit resembles Doglion instead of a regular lion, and instead of fighting other robots, we just sing vaudeville numbers.

Celebrity Sightings

3/13/2012 | 14333.1-19

Staci

Do we already have a thread for celebrity sightings (I think nearly every thread I've ever started has begun with "do we have already have a thread for...")?

I was in Whole Foods in Union Square, Manhattan, last night when I saw a VERY skinny woman who looked a lot like Janeane Garafalo, but I wasn't sure (the last thing I saw her in was Romy and Michele's High School Reunion in 1997!). This woman had very pronounced and detailed tattoos on her arms, so I Googled "Janeane Garofalo tattoos" and immediately confirmed that it was her:

http://gothamist.com/2009/01/07/janeane_garofalo_comedian_1.php

Mike C

but Jeannine isn't a celebrity. She's a comedian. Comedians are rarely celebrities, and the ones who eventually become celebrities almost instantaneously stop being any funny. For more info see Rosie O'Donnell, Joan Rivers, Dane Cook, Jay Leno, David Letterman....

Matt Wilkie

This is an interesting debate: Are comedians celebrities? I think some are "famous." There are plenty of comedians I've geeked-out about seeing perform that I'm sure plenty of people have never heard of, but I was excited about nonetheless. But is Patton Oswalt a celebrity? And if he is, he certainly is still consistently funny. Same thing with Louis C.K. and Sarah Silverman. They do their craft well and are now well-known, but would you categorize any of them as "celebrities"? For Patton, Louis, and Sarah I'd say yes, but more because they are now actors as well as still-standing-up comedians. Same with Janeane Garofalo. In those instances, I'd classify them as celebrities.

Mike C

Well the thing about it is I categorize celebrities differently to. To me a celebrity is someone who was at one time an actress, singer, public figure, comedian, etc, but has since abandoned all original purpose for their notoriety so that they can simply wander around Hollywood getting mobbed by paparazzi and making public fuckhats of themselves.

Someone of a certain amount of professionalism isn't a celebrity: Christina Applegate is an actress but not a celebrity. Same goes for Charlise Theron. Your average celebrity is someone like Lindsay Lohan, The Olsen Twins, Robin Williams, Mel Gibson....You don't have to be an entertainer first to be a celebrity, you could simply be a wealthy heiress like Paris Hilton, or simply related to someone famous like Nicole Ritchie or Frederic Prinz von Anhalt.

Often times people closely related to one another go in separate directions. Nicole Kidman split from Tom Cruise because she is more of a serious actress, while he's more of a celebrity. There are also times when you can pinpoint when someone transitions from artist to celeb. Rosie O'Donnell comes out of the closet, quits her show and abandons her formerly wholesome persona...That's when she became a celebrity. The most recent occurrence of this is with Charlie Sheen: quits his show, starts dating two porn models, and releases a bunch of public statements that make no sense...He's officially a celebrity.

How can you tell the difference? I like to use a simple sliding scale: How important is the body of the individual's work compared to their public status? I don't consider someone like John Mayer to be a celebrity since his music is so much more high-profile than his presence on the E! network or TMZ. Lady Gaga on the other hand....Well, you get the picture.

Staci

Despite my penchant for making up words and connotations, I meant this one the dictionary way:

celebrity |sə'lebrətē|

noun (*pl. -ties*)

a famous person.

- *the state of being well known : his prestige and celebrity grew.*

To me, Janeane is famous. She was in movies with Winona Ryder, Uma Thurman, etc. and I recognized her despite not having seen for a decade in a half.

Ryan R

Yeah, I'm pretty sure "a famous person" sums it up. Movie stars, Broadway actors, baseball players, Stephen Hawking. They're all celebrities.

Mike C

You might say that but in reality it isn't true. I never watched much TMZ, but the one episode that stuck firmly into my mind was the one where a cameraman starts interviewing Ken Davitian, who is talking about his career... "I just wrapped up 'Get Smart'...." so on. Then as soon as a celebrity shows up, in this case George Clooney, the camera man does an instantaneous pivot and tries to get a soundbite from Clooney. Clooney ducks into the nightclub as fast as he can, and the camera pivots back to Davitian who is laughing about the whole situation.

That about sums it up for me. Ken Davitian is an actor, and at the time of the video he was a pretty busy one. George Clooney on the other hand wasn't actually doing anything. Yet the camera pulls away from Ken, who was eager to promote himself, just so that they can have Clooney do something like push him off, get some of that trademark sensationalism going, and when he fails, he goes back to Ken, who is in no way offended.

Anthony

And yet, if you or I saw Ken Davitian on the street, we'd probably say "Hey, it's that guy from Borat and a bunch of movies!" and be pretty excited about it. At least I would.

There are multiple types of levels of celebrity.

Ryan R

But what about the time Ken Davitan was People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive? What about that time Ken Davitan was on the cover of Time, Rolling Stone, and The Journal of the Society of American Endocrinologists in the same week? What about the time Ken Davitan dated Anne Hathaway, broke up with her, dated Jennifer Lopez, broke up with her, then dated Betty White and Olive Oyl at the same time, all while having an incredibly public affair with Hillary Clinton?

What about that time Ken Davitan had the #1 movie, the #1 TV show, the #1 non-fiction bestseller, and the #1 single on the Conjunto charts all at the same time? What about the time Ken Davitan set the new interplanetary record for signing autographs? What about the time President Obama declared it Ken Davitan Day, and there was a ticker tape parade across the entire country, starting on the east coast and ending on the Hawaiian island of Oahu?

I think it's safe to say Ken Davitan is the biggest celebrity in the world.

Justin T

I went to the Chinese buffet by my house for dinner, and the lady screamed when she saw me. Maybe I need to reconsider the choices I make in life.

Julia

I'm confused. Why did she scream? Was there incentive? Was it out of joy? Fear? Excitation? I need answers, man!

Ken

Why did she scream at you? Didn't you pay your bill last time?

Ryan R

Were you carrying a bloody chainsaw? Were you engulfed in flames? Were you wearing Crocs?

[Michal]

Scott

Did we know Walter and Gary are Jewish?



Anthony

So they got Bar Mitzvah'd together? Does that mean they *are* twins after all?

Matthew S

Can we caption that, "Mench or Muppet?"

Mat

Should we really take the Bar Mitzvah picture at face value? There's another one with the two of them under a Christmas tree a bit above it.

Anthony

Perhaps they grew up in a multi-faith household.

Matt Wilkie

Multi-faith, multi-fabric ... makes sense.

Mike C

And yet cut from the same cloth...as it were.

Andrew L

There are also those who celebrate or at least don't mind the secular aspects of Christmas (which the tree and presents are part of), but I like the multi-faith/fabric explanation myself.

Matt Wilkie

If the myth about the hole-in-the-sheet is true, does that mean Walter can do anything he wants?

[Max]

[Characters missing from The Muppets](#)**3/14/2012 | 14335.6-25****Sam**

I can understand the thinking behind leaving so many Post-Muppet Show characters out of the film given the context of the story (although they did manage to find logical ways to fit in both Bobo and Pepe), but I also really would've like to have seen more than silent cameos from Rizzo and Robin (despite the possibility having to explain why Robin is still a kid after over 30 years).

Anthony

I felt like they explained that perfectly in the opening montage - Gary grows and matures, but Walter stays the same size and keeps the same voice and mentality. Why wouldn't the same be true for Robin?

Ian

How does that explain Muppet Babies? Or was the "real" Kermit born an adult in 1955? I remember him saying in a recent interview that he "existed" before Piggy.

Anthony

I don't think any of that stuff factors into this movie. Puppets not aging does. It's right there on screen.

Sam

I hadn't thought about that. Is that the first time (outside of things like Muppet Babies or adaptations Muppet Christmas Carol) that even acknowledges a Muppet Show family Muppet aging directly?

Anthony

I wouldn't say that. Two examples come to mind: Kermit has a birthday in the Linda Lavin episode, and there's a Jim Henson Hour episode where Vicki tells Kermit she used to watch The Muppet Show in preschool.

Jamie B

I guess now really wouldn't be the time to question whether 'Grandpa Bean' was from a Bunny Picnic of the Future, or if the Bean we know best is a time travelling Bean from an ancient past? Did Baby Bean teleport into the nursery late to avoid not being as cute as tadpole Robin from Season 1 and then lock Bunsen and Beaker in a cupboard??!!? *explodes*

Cannons not canons is probably the best rule for the Muppets!

Sam

Oh, I know there's references to them getting older over the years, but I couldn't remember any instances that specifically point to showing their physical change (or lack thereof) in relation to aging like they did with Walter during the opening of this movie.

Also, I had forgotten all about the end of "Bunny's Picnic"? Is that Bean technically the same Bean from The Jim Henson Hour canonically or is that Bean an actor playing a character called Bean in a TV special? They seem to run pretty fast and loose about things like that when it suits them. Just ask Walter.

Jamie B

A Bean Bunny multiverse *is* the only logical solution.

[I'M A DIRECTOR AGAIN AGAIN!!!](#)**[3/14/2012 | 14334.11-15](#)****Ken**

Will her CD be available in the US?

Erik

Don't Australian CDs spin in the opposite direction?

[Who was your favorite Moopet?](#)**[3/17/2012 | 14315.21-32](#)****Julia**

I just tried to imagine what Woolter would look like.

Scott



Joe

I hope he wins the Moopet Madness tournament.

Ryan R

Moopet Moodness?

Joe

I think I just heard a cow go by.

Matt Wilkie

Pssst. Joe. You're supposed to start out with "bunch of cows."

[The Nerdist channel](#)

3/18/2012 | 14339.3-4

Ryan R

At last, this project is accessible to people who don't have Zunes!!!!!!

So who wants to join me in a S.U.D.S. marathon?????????????

Ken

[\[YouTube video of Ernie singing "Rubber Duckie."\]](#)

[Scott]

Matt Wilkie

Thought I'd let everyone know just exactly how badly Michael Bay is planning on fucking up the new Ninja Turtles movie, starting with this:

[Michael Bay: Ninja Turtles Will Be Lovable Aliens](#)

Also, they might not be teenagers. Which doesn't bother me nearly as much because hey, they age, whatever. Still, I hate Bay.

[Source: Michael Bay Ninja Turtles Won't Be Teenagers](#)

Erik

So they're not turtles, they're not mutants, and they're not teenagers. So the new title of the film is Alien Alien Alien Aliens.

Isha

Just so you know, I've spent most of the last two days translating the great rap song "Turtle Power" into "Alien Power"

A-L-I-E-N-S Power

A-L-I-E-N-S Power

A-L-I-E-N-S Power

Alien Alien Alien Aliens.

Evan G

Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Donatello,
make up the team with one other alien,
Raphael. He's the leader of the group,
They're actually quite normal on their home planet, on which everyone is a turtle.
Pizza's the nourishment source that's sure to please,
These aliens are into space pepperoni and moon cheese.

[Joe]

Matt Wilkie

I told Joe once that I think Peter would be a great understudy for Dave. When I first saw the first full-length trailer for "The Muppets" I thought Walter's first line "Your fans haven't left you, etc." was Bunsen talking.

Dan!, Esq.

When you think about it, the type of voice he uses for Tutter really isn't that far off from the very scratchy, high pitched sound of season one Gonzo.

Matt Wilkie

Not to mention his manic style and overly enthusiastic performance, which fits in well with early Gonzo. No disrespect to Dave at ALL, but we've all discussed at some point how mellow Gonzo's become in recent years due to Dave getting older. A young, eager Peter could breathe new life into his characters if they're both interested in doing so.

Dan!, Esq.

A young, eager peter could breath life into anyone.

...

raises finger

Check please.

[Scott]

[Delphi forum promos](#)

3/28/2012 | 3907.3193-94

Mike C

New Artist

Looking for a Easter Tag? Come see out Wian at Gorjuss & More.

-In Gorjuss and More

ENGLISH! DO YOU SPEAK IT!?

Michal

I HAVE BEN TOLD I SPEEK IMPECKABLE INGLISH WHY DO YOU ASK

[Martha]

[Pajanimals comes to NBC](#)

3/29/2012 | 14364.1

Kenny

Jim Henson Co.'s "Pajanimals" will be part of NBC's relaunched NBC Kids Saturday morning lineup, which will feature programming from Sprout, a channel part-owned by NBCUniversal:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/nbc-will-launch-nbc-kids-a-new-saturday-morning-preschool-block-programmed-by-sprout-saturday-july-7-2012-03-28>

Joe

There are a few 24-hour preschool networks now. I'm a little surprised it isn't there.

Or is it? I don't really follow that show.

Ryan R

Well, the article says it's been on Sprout. Is Sprout a 24-hour channel? I'm ignorant.

Joe

Huh. I guess it is.

And according to Wikipedia, Sprout is partially owned by NBC. Full circle!

Ryan R

Also full circle because Kenny said that in his first post in this thread.

Joe

You expect me to retain something I read a whole day ago??

Kenny

Wait, I posted this thread?

Joe

Hi Kenny, welcome to the forum!

Kenny

Thanks! I've loved Bill Sherman and his Muppets Home Page for years, and it's nice to see he's started a forum.

Save Muppets Tonight!

[Cathy]

[I am flipping out here!!!!!!](#)

3/30/2012 | 14366.21-29

Jes

Oh my gosh, I'm sorry if that sounded sarcastic. I feel like I'm always either repeating or forgetting stuff you guys post, my bad!

I appreciated the link.

Have a slice of virtual pizza... <|

Ryan R

Mmmm, thanks... You know, we've been debating about the legitimacy of chain-restaurant pizza, but one thing you can't dispute is that there's nothing like a digital slice.

Anthony

Yo, Mikey! Toss me a digital slice!

Jes

They are so small. Here have another <l

Ken

I think your crust is off-center.

Jes

It's hard to find good virtual kitchen help...

[Michal]



APRIL

[It's alright 'cause I'm \(watching\) SBTB!](#)

4/3/2012 | 14376.30-32

Anthony

But on the other hand, [*Saved by the Bell is*] 100% free of swearing, sex, or violence, so most parents are going to view it as a safe option for children. It's the perfect storm of mindless kids' entertainment.

Jes

Was it totally sex free? I thought (and maybe I'm remembering wrong) that there was a fair amount on innuendo. No?

Ryan R

All I remember is the occasional kiss. Followed immediately by the audience going "WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!" like a roomful of howler monkeys.

[Michal]

[Renting Right Now](#)

4/3/2012 | 12808.785-88

Julia

Anything shot out of a cannon is pretty grand.

Justin T

Right? That's why I want to shoot me out of a cannon.

Julia

The getting shot out of a cannon part would be uber fun, it's just the landing part I'd be a little skeptical on.

Justin T

It's not where you start, it's where you finish.

[Michal]

[February Forum Stats!](#)

4/8/2012 | 14309.35-44

Jes

I know, I know. I'm in town and unemployed, lol!

Edited to apologize for bugging you. More virtual pizza coming up: <l

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whew

NOW... who's hungry for some EGG SALAD?!

Emileigh

urg

Jes

(that was no internet joke, missy.... guess what's for lunch tomorrow?)

Emileigh

urg

[Michal]

[Judge Everything](#)

4/9/2012 | 8892.5580-88

Emileigh

pixie sticks: 10

Pixie Sticks: 10

PIXIE STICKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!: 10000000000000000000000000000000

Mike C

Emeligh with a sugar rush:I'll let you know when she stops tremoring.

Jes

Yah, she hit the wall and slid into a sugary pile about twenty minutes later, lol.

Emileigh

not funny guys *twitch*

Jes

Lol!

You're funny.

Emileigh

hahaha*passes out*

[Robyn, Michal]

[Tough Pigs dreams](#)

4/10/2012 | 9244.1389-91

Emileigh

Had a dream I was watching a movie, then I was in the movie. It was this thing that was living under a house on the bay and we were swimming and it pulled us down and put the others in cages but decided I was to be set free. Also the thing was very emotional.

Jes

(Emileigh, this thread is for dreams about Tough Pigs, not just random dreams that Tough Pigs have.)

Maybe you should keep a dream diary?

Emileigh

oh.....well i was in them

[Peter S, Cathy]

[Tough Pigs dreams](#)

4/10/2012 | 9244.1396-99

Isha

Sorry, Michal does it better.

Michal

I'd claim this as my new catch phrase, except that I'm not sure where I'd apply it. Pillow-eating, I suppose.

[Tough Pigs dreams](#)

4/12/2012 | 9244.1399-400

Michal

The other night I dreamed that Ethel Merman was wandering around my neighborhood and wanted to meet me. And my friends kept trying to introduce me to her. But I kept missing her.

Ethel Merman counts as a Muppet, right?

Ryan R

Yes, because based on your dream, Ethel Merman is clearly a snuffleupagus.

[Music stuck in your head Right Now](#)

4/12/2012 | 9639.3045-50

Emileigh

"One Fine Face"

Isha

Is that by the Wiggles?

Emileigh

ROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

Jes

What the what?

And you told me *I* was 'so weird' online.

Meow.

Isha

No, that was a valid response. It pleased me greatly.

[When Fozzie banged his head on the telethon tote board in "The Muppets?" 4/17/2012 | 14387.35-36](#)

Brad D

Well the contract expired at midnight. So even if they had gotten that extra dollar (or extra \$9,900,000.01) at the very last minute, wouldn't the contract still have lapsed. Simply having the required \$10-million in hand by midnight wouldn't have been enough; they would have had to transfer the funds and signed some papers or done something more than just saying "we have enough money now" to actually regain ownership before the clock stuck 12.

And how were they even getting the money from the telethon? Chances are people were making pledges over the phone and then mailing them a check or giving them credit card info (which usually takes some time for the funds to actually transfer). So they would not have even had the cash in-hand at midnight even if they had raised \$10-million. So if they didn't actually need the cash in hand by 12:00, couldn't someone in the theater have made a \$1 pledge and found a way to get the extra buck in the next day or two?

And if they really were only \$1 short they still could have written the \$10-million check and gotten the extra buck in their bank account before Tex (or whoever) would be able to get to a bank to cash the check. Or simply overdraw their account by \$1. Or take on \$1 of credit card debt.

Who was even doing the accounting for the whole thing? In the amount of time it would take to verify that they had \$10-million, they could have gotten the extra \$1.

If they were 9-million short, why not just have someone make a ridiculous \$9-million pledge to buy them some more time. Or take out a loan (or loans) to get some of the missing capital before the deadline?

Joe

That was my favorite forum post of the month.

[Pics of Cookie Monster on the streets?](#)

4/18/2012 | 14399.11-12

Mat

Cookie Monster on the streets? There's a homeless joke begging to be made here.

Though if Cookie ever tried to live in a cardboard box, he'd probably eat it.

Scott

Man, homeless jokes are the *best*.

[Carolyn]

[Henson's Musical World at Carnegie Hall](#)

4/18/2012 | 13702.104-117

Jes

We did have good seats. We could see the show and all the Muppeteers. I was glad we weren't on the floor for that reason, among others already mentioned.

Tom

But in the photos (and the YouTube videos), everybody looks like tiny little ants! I can't hardly see a thing in those.

Jes

That's photos, Tom. In real life, it was a-ok.

Dan!, Esq.

Your seats were still far better than my seats. Because they were in Carnegie Hall.

[Julia]

[The internet is weird](#)

4/20/2012 | 14408.10-19

Carolyn

I'm so glad you're here.

Isha

warm glow

Ryan R

Look out, everyone! Isha is radioactive!

[Michal]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

4/20/2012 | 9511.8418-20

Ryan R

Cool. Man, everything is on the wiki.

Erik

Sorry, I couldn't find a page for that.

<http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Special:Search?search=everything>

Mat

I'm surprised! I though the general opinion here was that Everything is great, Everything is grand.

[Mat]

[Sponsored Messages?!](#)

4/24/2012 | 14415.1-29

Anthony

Is everyone else seeing this "30-Day Free Trial: Download of QuickBooks Point of Sale Software" bullcorn in a folder labeled "Sponsored Messages"?!

Well, I hate it!

Julia

I tried to respond to it with "SPAAAAAAAM" but there was no reply button. So.

SPAAAAAAAM

Anthony

No matter how many times I refresh Unread Messages, it won't go away!

Julia

Ditto. This displeases me.

Isha

What new devilry is this?

Carolyn

Ugggggh. Delphi!

Matt Wilkie

I watched the video. It was great. I am now a master of Point of Sale (POS) solutions. My small business is thriving. All is well. Support Delphi. All is well. All glory to the Hypnotoad.

[Michal]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

4/25/2012 | 9511.8444-45

Julia

Starting new TV shows between the months of October and June makes me really hate school. Doesn't the administration system realize I'd rather stay at home all day watching Avatar: The Last Airbender than learn how to conjugate tener in a billion different tenses or reading Pinter?

Anthony

You could always just read that classic Pinter play Avatar: The Last Caretaker.

Yeah, okay. That was dumb.

[Sponsored Messages?!](#)

4/26/2012 | 14415.33-38

Isha

I had a dream last night that the ad was gone.

Julia

It'll never be gone.

Isha

weeps

Julia

IT'S GONE!

Julia

Never mind. It just came back. Damn.

Isha

Ha! We had the same dream.

[Michal]

[Forum glossary updates?](#)

4/26/2012 | 14420.1-57

Ryan R

The "Jim Henson biography" thread reminded me that I've been meaning to update the Tough Pigs forum glossary for years now.

<http://www.toughpigs.com/glossary>

The glossary, of course, is a valuable document that defines, and gives something resembling context for, running gags, inside jokes, and silly expressions that have caught on on the forum. So what should be added? Sid the Intern and "HI, JES!" come immediately to mind... What else?

Jog

Hey wow, I never realised that I actually invented, or helped invent, some of those. (Although the word "woth" seems to have disappeared from our vocabulary.)

And awww, old TPFest drawings. (I think I still have a lot of the original ones back here... including cover art for the direct-to-video potty training episode "Crap with Bear".)

Ken

That reminds me that I always call Elmo's Potty Time "Elmo Goes to the Bathroom". That way, it matches all of the other "Elmo Goes to..." titles.

Jog

"Elmo goes to Grouchland"

Isha

Elmo Goes to Christmas

Jog

Elmo Goes to Palooza

Isha

Elmo Goes to the Sing-Along Guessing Game

Jog

Elmo goes to his World

Isha

Elmogoescize

Evan G

Elmo goes to Cinder

Michal

Elmo Goes to the Low-Down Hoes.

Hmm. That came out wrong.

Jog

The Letters Go to Santa

Matt Wilkie

Elmo Wants To Go To There

Tom

Indiana Jones and Elmo Goes to the Circus

Matthew S

Elmo Follows that Bird

Evan G

Elmo Goes Underwater

Matthew S

Elmo Takes Manhattan

Julia

Elmo from Space

Evan G

Tales From Elmoland

Matthew S

Disney's The Elmo

Ryan R

Gee, guys, thanks for all the great glossary suggestions...

[insert wink emoji here to take some of the edge off my sarcasm]

Evan G

Elmo the Intern? Elmo the Obligatory Birthday Elmo?

Am I doing it right now?

[Matthew S, Jes]

[Cracked](#)

4/26/2012 | 12075.82-86

Michal

Has this been posted here yet?

[7 Commonly Corrected Grammar Errors That Aren't Mistakes](#)

My gentleman friend sent it to me, because apparently he finds the steam coming out of my ears to be charming.

Ryan R

I read that the other day... He makes a few fair points, but for the most part, "Using language incorrectly is okay if a lot of people do it" does not strike me as a very good argument.

Michal

That's exactly what I said. Repeating something doesn't make it true.

Then again, the argument waged against mine was that language changes organically over time, with popular usage. I don't disagree with this. But everyone has to draw a line somewhere between what they view as correct and incorrect language, and the line they draw says something about how they view themselves. I like to side with the nerds.

Joe

Disagree. Grammar evolves through usage. If it didn't, people would be correcting us for not using the Queen's tongue or using "thy" and "thou" and whatever.

Besides, grammar is the type of rule that only exists if we all agree to it. If the majority disagrees with a rule, then why do we cling to them?

Justin F

We have all agreed you will be called 'Shirley'.

[I am pleased to announce my engagement](#)

4/30/2012 | 14430.1-21

Jordan Bryce

Oh good friends at ToughPigs! This may well be the happiest day of my life. Just today I received a private message, despite my being on this board for but a short time. A complete stranger had sent the message; but she was soon to be a stranger no longer.

You see, she herself has joined Delphi Forums just recently, and one of the first things she found was my profile. Now, if you haven't clicked on my profile, do so, or you won't appreciate the heartfelt plea that she sent me.

Alright. Now that you see how romantic and touching my profile is, read the words from my queen and lover, "lizzydoebaby".

Hello ,

(e-mail address deleted)

My name is Lizzy, i saw your profile today and became interested in you, i want you to send an e mail to my email address so i can give you my picture for you to know whom i am and tell you more about myself ,here is my email address at (snip)

I am waiting .(Remember that distance or colour does not matter but love matters a lot in life) reply me with your email address .

Thanks Yours in love,

Lizzy.

Driven mad by desire at this siren's missive from the heavens, I lustfully sent her my response:

Oh Lizzy my all, my love, my goddess. How long I've pined for you. My loins are as the fire of Vulcan as I read your words.

I don't need you to e-mail me a picture. Your beauty, nay, divinity, transcends all visual thoughts. In three paragraphs you have mine heart stolen. Screw the niceties; marry me, dear Elizabeth. I won't take no for an answer. Let us be as one in person as we are as one on Delphi Forums.

So if you could be so kind, my lust-goddess, I will need some information from you to ensure that your parents may cover the dowry. Just a few sundry tidbits from your banking records. A simple credit card number and PIN would suffice. Don't hesitate, my wife-to-be. Show that you trust me just as I trust you.

Don't be late, my darling. I cannot wait until the day of our marriage, to finally see your lovely face rather than cold text, to hear your musical voice instead of soulless paragraphs, and of course, to consummate our planet-melting passion in heaving, writhing mass of reptilian lovemaking.

Your love always,

Jordan

P.S. Make that credit card number snappy.

I have yet to hear back from my dearest Liz, but rest assured that I will keep my friends at ToughPigs abreast of the latest developments of our long and happy life together. Sweet mystery of life, at last I've found you!

Michal

Wait 'till she finds out you're a robot!

Dan!, Esq.

I'm still waiting for my Nigerian Prince to contact me and claim me as his bride. Sigh. Some gals, have all the luck.

Jordan Bryce

UPDATE:

Alas, not only has dearest Lizzie apparently left the forums altogether, but her leaving has somehow erased all trace of her existence, including the message she sent me. Terminal Cessation of Existence. Always a shame when that happens.

Oh, well. Plenty more spam-flavoured fish in the salt pork-flavoured sea.

Tom

"Terminal Cessation of Existence. Always a shame when that happens."

Yeah, that's annoying. I'm always worried that one day I'm goi

[Michal]

Emileigh

I was at a mental institute visiting the patients...

Martha

No, dear. You're at Tough Pigs. But I can see where you might be confused.

[Joe, Emileigh]

MAY

[Nitpicking: THE HENSON YEARS](#)

5/1/2012 | 14149.97-113

Scott

The key to pronouncing Rowlf's name is to think about Krypton's sun.

Ryan R

Yes. I like that... Now if only everyone knew the name of Krypton's sun.

Scott

That's easy. It's also the name of Krypton's god.

Joe

The key to pronouncing Rowlf's name is to pronounce the O like an O and not an A.

Ryan R

Putting it that simply gets you too close to the "rhymes-with-golf" pronunciation, though. Which, as I determined in [my painstakingly researched article](#), is wrong.

Joe

We'll just never agree on this, will we? I can't wrap my brain around an "OW" that's pronounced like "AA".

Maybe we should ask the Muppaphones.

Ryan R

If they don't know, we'll ask the Snowths or the AT-AT Walkers.

As I see/hear it, it's not so much an "aa" as an "ao." Like Chairman Mao.

I don't want to argue about this forever, but I do like thinking that I'm right about things, so let me ask you this: In this clip, in which Jim Henson says Rowlf's name several times, does it sound to your ear like he's pronouncing it to rhyme with "golf?" I'm genuinely curious.

<http://youtu.be/MUdJVSDpGTI?t=4m30s>

Joe

Yeah, especially in that clip. It may be a slightly softer O sound than "golf", but it's definitely a rhyme.

Carolyn

Really? Gowlf?

Ryan R

Interesting. Your ears appear to be running a different operating system than mine.

Joe



Carolyn



Carolyn

Google images also found these in my search for Sugar Babies:

<http://www.cauldronliving.com/images/uploads/sugarbabies.jpg>



DISTURBING!

Joe

OHGODNOWHYYYYY

[Judge Everything](#)

5/4/2012 | 8892.5747

Joe

There's nothing like ice cream to help you get over a slug attack.

[Judge Everything](#)

5/4/2012 | 8892.5762

Isha

True Fact: I have a pet snail. He lives on a house plant and I see him every once in a whoodle.

Questionable Fact: He can teleport.

[Rambling bloggers](#)

5/7/2012 | 11267.941-46

Robyn

The second one is about Leela's nose ring.

<http://www.stfuparentsblog.com/post/22599830934/p-o-b-culture-wars-edition>

Also a warning, if you choose to go browsing that site you need to have a strong stomach.

Michal

If anyone had been listening to me read this, they would have heard, "Aagugugugugug."

Scott

Laughing like Popeye?

[Glamorous Email Life](#)

5/8/2012 | 14447.1-111

Joe

We've had a few "So-and-so's Strange Email Life" threads, but I can't find any of them. So there.

I just got this email to my ToughPigs account, most likely from a faulty spambot. Or I'm in the wrong line of work.

Hello

how are you doing i browse through your website and i really love your food and Mrs Lori Sandra and I would like to order sesame chicken in your restaurant,for 150 people on 19th of May and pick up time is 3 pm and it's for my Dad's Birthday Party and it will be picked up by Carrier Agent and I am ready to pay the full payment with my credit card so can you make the order for me on that date while you get me the grand total of the foods inclusive of the tax fee and other things so get back to me with the total cost,you can also get back to me.

Regard

Michal

Glamorous e-mail life threads are my favorite threads.

Also, I will have the beef and broccoli.

Joe

Ah right, "Glamorous". I'm changing the thread title.

Michal

That's all very well, but I'm still hungry.

Joe

Sorry, I only take orders for a minimum of 150 people.

Scott

So you won't take reservations for Christ, party of 13?

Joe

One of you will have to go.

Jes

Yearbook!

Also, Scott, the needle is skipping on your record, buddy.

Scott

Maybe that's why I've been left with all this cottage cheese.

[Jes, Michal]

[More Muppet Books](#)

5/9/2012 | 13812.29-37

Cathy

One of the credited authors on that book is my ex-boyfriend.

Weird.

Ryan R

It would be even weirder if one of the Muppets IN the book was your ex-boyfriend. But why would anyone ever break up with a Muppet? Unless it was Gonzo. Or Animal. Or Lew Zealand. Or most of the Muppets, really.

Julia

Or Crazy Harry.

Scott

Jean Stapleton wouldn't.

Michal

No one in their right mind would break up with Link.

Kim M

No one in their right mind would link up with Link.

[Michal]

[Creature Shop puppet in MilkBites ads](#)

5/10/2012 | 14269.15-17

Ryan R

I hadn't ever seen them in grocery stores until this last Saturday. But we were on our way to see The Avengers at the time, so I'll have to go back for them later. I figured anything that needs to be in the refrigerated section at the grocery store shouldn't spend a 2 1/2 hour movie in my backpack.

Joe

You also shouldn't keep anything in your backpack for 2 1/2 hours that may be clinically depressed.

Ryan R

Yeah, I know that now. I hope someday that pigeon can forgive me.

[Michal]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

5/15/2012 | 9511.8519-530

Julia

In my Spanish class once a week we're given vocabulary lists and we have to make sentences using them. I've been using TP people's names in my sentences the last couple weeks.

This would be more awesome if the sentences weren't all super boring.

Beth

Beth trabaje en la biblioteca. Anthony trabaje en la bibliateca tambien. Todos trabjan en la biblioteca.

But don't take my word for it.

Julia

Here are some of the thrillingly dull sentences I've written for my Spanish class:

Isha y yo vamos a la playa y nadamos en el mar.

Martha y Cathy compraron los telefonos ceullares.

Texteo en mi iPhone con Dossier.

Joe hornea las galletas en el horno.

Matt vendio los titeres en las feria de artesanía.

Anthony y yo fabricamos los cuencos con arcilla para Beth y Carolyn.

There are more, and they're all equally boring.

Isha

Googly Translation:

Isha and I go to the beach and swam in the sea.

Martha and Cathy bought ceullares phones.

Texting on my iPhone with Digest.

Joe bakes cookies in the oven.

Matt sold the puppets in the craft fair.

Anthony and I manufacture the clay bowls and Carolyn Beth.

Carolyn

So, when can Beth and I expect to receive these earthen bowls?

Julia

Unless Anthony happens to know how to make clay bowls, probably never.

Anthony

What if I did? That would be NUTS!

I don't.

[Michal]

[Judge Everything](#)

5/16/2012 | 8892.5833-36

Michal

Being told to take the motorway is the best danged part of any car trip.

Cathy's Tom-Tom: 10.

Grapefruit: 10.

Accidentally swallowing a grapefruit seed: TBA. I'll let you know when the grapefruit tree starts growing in my tummy.

Matthew S

But on the flipside, free grapefruit!

Joe



[Editor's note: It's an animated gif. Elmo is supposed to be dancing on the potty. Try clicking it to go directly to the image online.]

Michal

Can't... look... away.

It's like a horrifyingly mesmerizing potty train wreck.

Ryan R

POTTY ROCK ANTHEM!

Matt Wilkie

THERE'S A POTTY IN THE U.S.A. !

Joe

MY GIRL LIKES TO POTTY ALL THE TIME, POTTY ALL THE TIME, POTTY ALL THE TIME!

[Jes]

Ryan R

That Couric thing is bizarre and funny. We showed a clip of it at the Fraggle-themed Muppet Vault, and it got big laughs.

Scott

It wasn't on the wiki until yesterday, so I assumed it didn't exist before then. Tree falling in the woods with no one around sort of deal.

[More Muppet Star Wars Figures](#)

5/18/2012 | 14475.12-25

Kenny Durkin

Oh man! What about Uncle Deadly as the Emperor?

Quinn

That just made lightning shoot out of my hands.

And. Uh, yeah.

[Michal]

[Threadless Sesame Street T-shirt contest](#)

5/20/2012 | 14394.136-39

Ivan

When you look through pictures of the set through the years, you notice so many little touches that are memorable... like the wooden basket at the top of the garage gate or the arbor tire swing. I tried to get some of my favorite bits in there. I was going to add one of those colorful metal cans inside Big Bird's nest, but couldn't find a place for it.

Robyn

Those cans are so vivid in my memory of the street.

Ivan

Same here. The tire swing too... though I can't quite figure out what it was attached to :)

Robyn

Heaven.

[Joe]

[Threadless Sesame Street T-shirt contest](#)

5/21/2012 | 14394.146-50

Beth

I don't remember the Mad Painter. Are you gonna revoke my membership?

Joe

Not if you perform a little penance. Paint the number 8 on a stranger's bowler hat and get back to us.

Ryan R

...with photographic evidence. Preferably an elected official.

Beth

Does the elected official take the picture or participate in the picture?

Should I perform an excorism at the same time? While patting my head and rubbing my belly?

Ryan R

If you can do all that, I think you become the pope. Of numbers.

[Martha]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

5/21/2012 | 9511.8597-13

Jenny

Today Willow is five! For her birthday, she went outside, ate some grass, and threw up in the garage.



Ryan R

Funny, I did the same thing for my birthday this year.

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

5/21/2012 | 9511.8606-07

Justin T

Here's an unusual question. I got an e-mail for presale offers on Sesame Street Live in New Orleans in October. Would it be strange for me to go alone to that? I'm about 90% sure I couldn't get a friend to go with me, and my only other option would be to kidnap someone's kids. It's totally socially acceptable for a 24 year old guy to show up alone at Sesame Street Live right? Especially for the pre show photo-op with characters.

Anthony

It's not that different from a football game really. Just paint Snuffleupagus on your chest. You'll be fine.

[Ady Parish Creature Shop demo](#)

5/22/2012 | 14480.17-18

Tom

What was the point of that ad campaign? I know that sex sells, but rather than talk about how the sponge can help you get something clean, they're advertising its use as an aphrodisiac for your pet hedgehog?

Ryan R

And there it is. All the years of work Jim Henson and his animatronic designers, engineers, and builders put into perfecting the craft, culminating in a true marriage of technology and art, the glorious achievement of a realistic puppet hedgehog doin' it with a sponge. Good job, everyone.

[Matthew S]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

5/22/2012 | 9511.8631

Isha

scared of every movie ever I was

Ok, so, Delphi does this thing when I start typing where it puts the first few letters and then it bumps the cursor back to that part so I frequently end up typing things like

h!yea

or

a is awesomeJuli

That was the first time I got a full-on Yoda sentence though, so I'm just gonna leave it.

[Carolyn]

[Cookie Monster at TED](#)

5/23/2012 | 14488.3-30

Julia

That was wonderful. There should be David Rudman characters at TED more often!

Brad D

So how long until Peter Cratchit gives a TED talk?

Julia

That's funny. I was contemplating Peter Crachit's existence as a character as I rode my bike to school this morning.

Ryan R

Really? What aspects of him were you pondering, exactly? And what did you conclude?

Julia

I'm not sure exactly, but we get so little of that character in the entire movie. I guess I was trying to figure out how he felt about all the events that go on throughout the film.

I bike for twenty minutes twice a day every day. I have a lot of time to think about this sort of stuff.

Tom

Heh. I hadn't thought about Peter Cratchit before, but now I'm fascinated.

Many of the other characters are pre-existing, and continue to exist outside of that story: Kermit/Bob, Piggy/Emily, even Gonzo/Dickens. But the Cratchit kids, Peter included, actually cease to exist when the movie is over. They have no other identity.

They don't even go on to be utility characters, like Baskerville the Hound or Beautiful Day Monster. Once we leave the universe where Kermit and Piggy are married in Dickensian London with a family, they just blink out of existence.

Whoa.

I've never actually smoked a bong, but I feel like I should while discussing this topic. In a dorm room.

Julia

That puts what I was thinking into perspective even more. I was mainly focusing on Peter since the girls had larger roles, but it's pretty much the same deal for them. They're there and then never seen again.

Plus all the focus is on Tiny Tim and the girls. Poor Peter. He gets ignored. Except when turning that goose.

Anthony

My favorite thing about any of the Cratchit kids (except Tiny Tim, of course) is that Bettina sounds exactly like S1 Gonzo.

Brad D

Somehow I feel that if The Muppet Christmas Carol had been made 3 years later, Bettina and Belinda would have been played by Andy and Randy and the Cratchit family scenes would have been horrible.

Interestingly, Bettina/Belinda have the same performers as Andy/Randy. And now I kind of wish Bettina and Belinda had stuck around and taken the place of Andy and Randy... I really liked those two.

Tom

Good points.

I always thought the "I am Belinda." "I AM BETTINA!" exchange was hilarious. Those two probably could have livened up Muppets Tonight.

Anthony

When David Rudman spoke in Columbia, MO a couple years ago, I asked him to sign my Muppet Christmas Carol laserdisc near Peter Crachit.

He said "Which one is Peter Crachit? Did I play him, in the movie?"

I laughed and confirmed that he did.

Tom

I love that you have an MCC laserdisc.

I love that you have a signature by Peter Cratchit.

Julia

He forgot he played Peter? That's adorable. More hug incentive.

Anthony

To be fair, it was 18 years earlier and Peter has just two lines.

Julia

That's true. But I still want to hug him.

Brad D

I like that he had to ask which one Peter was...simply because what other character there would he be? (unless maybe he thought Peter Crachit was a penguin, a female pig, or Michael Caine).

Anthony

He probably just hadn't thought about Peter Cratchit at all for 18 straight years.

Joe

I think we're the only ones who have.

Julia

Someone has to!

Ryan R

Did Peter Cratchit, sans costume, not pop up later as a background frog? Seems like he would have.

Tom

Hmm. Maybe. There's nothing on the wiki about him.

I suppose if he did pop up again, he wouldn't be as recognizable as some of the other utility characters that I mentioned. He would just be a frog.

I personally like to believe that Kevin Clash performed that specific puppet as one of the Frog Scouts during "Fun, Fun, Fun" on Muppet Beach Party. No one had the heart to tell him that MBP was an audio-only recording.

[Mat]

[NYC: Little Shop with Frank Q&A Tonight](#)

5/24/2012 | 14466.18-19

Martha

Okay, not to muffin the thread, but that is the third or fourth time that the Match Game has come up for me in various places this week. What, exactly, is the universe trying to tell me?

Ryan R

Marvelous Martha said, "The universe is trying to tell me something! Everywhere I go, I see the Match Game! It's giving me a case of _____!"

[Cathy, Michal]

[Was the Muppets on "Bachelorette" a Good or Bad Idea from ABC/Disney?](#)

5/25/2012 | 14493.4

Quinn

I watched it. And it worked okay. And I had several non-Muppet freaks come up to me the next day and say "hey, I saw your friends on the Bachelorette last night!" And I said, "I hope you've been vaccinated against eye herpes!"

[THE MUPPETS: Nitpicking](#)

5/28/2012 | 14065.253-63

Julia

Does it bug anyone else that there are obviously more than 101 people living in Smalltown? I mean, taking into account all the people who are dancing at the end of "Life's a Happy Song", all the people were in the beginning of the song but not the end, and all the people in the background of the song. Not to mention Mary's got at least 20 kids in her class. That means there are probably 20 kids per class, making the population of Smalltown MUCH larger... unless everyone in the town had kids at the same time and they all happen to be in Mary's class. But even so, it's still more than 101.

Ken

Yeah, but I think it's one of those things you have to just go with, like driving to Paris in a car, or Walter being Gary's biological brother.

Julia

Well, yeah, that's what I figured. It still doesn't stop me from yelling "SMALLTOWN IS A TOWN BUILT ON LIES" at my TV screen when the bus leaves Smalltown and you see the population number.

Dan!, Esq.

Better a town built on lies, than a city built on rock n' roll.

Matt Wilkie

Smalltown is really knee-deep in the hoopla.

Jordan Bryce

Smalltown sucks. The train only leaves at midnight, and all it says on your ticket is "anywhere".

[Julia]

JUNE

Big Bird is on the sun

Jun-2 | 14517.3-6

Matthew S

So now Big Bird's going to sing "I Really Don't Want to Live on the Sun?"

Isha

Oh I'd like to be photographed on the sun
By a chicken who's on a spacecraft
Yes I'd like to be photographed on the sun
But to live there I'd have to be daft.

While it's nice to wave down at the people of earth
I am pretty sure being Big Barbeque hurts
So imagine me there if you want to have fun
But I really don't want to live on the sun.

Judge Everything

Jun-4 | 8892.5961-63

Michal

Midtown Manhattan: 4. (And it would have been lower if it weren't for occasional free samples.)

Midtown Manhattan in the rain: 1.

The Bryant Park public restrooms: 10.

Anthony

Well, *that's* unsettling.

Michal

No, really. They're the ritziest public restrooms I've ever seen in my life. They've got flowers in vases, and classical music playing.

And the toilet seats are covered in these little rolls of plastic that change themselves by motion detector. So when you're done, the plastic chugs around the toilet out of a little tunnel. I always half-expect the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Trolley to show up.

[Martha]

Ryan R

I was thinking the Palisades figures gave him a little tail. If I'm wrong, I don't know what the heck I was thinking. Perhaps the Fozzie of an alternate universe.

Smig

If his love life is anything like his comedy, I doubt Fozzie gets ANY tail...

(And don't the rest of you suddenly start posting photos of Raquel Welch to prove me wrong!)

Jog

Fozzie has no tail. That's Frank Oz' arm you're looking at.

(In 3/4rth seriousness, there's absolutely not a single Fozzie in my collection with a tail. No dolls, figural toys, Palisades figures, whatever. Fozzie full-body - as seen in TMM - is always seen kind of from the front; no tail.)

Scott

I thought Palisades gave him a little tail, too. But Jog's right. There's no tail to be found.



Dan!, Esq.

Dat ass.

Julia

I'm glad no one is home besides me, otherwise I might get some quizzical glances about why I'm staring at a picture of Fozzie's butt.

Anthony

Roz just saw him and asked "What's Fozzie doing?" and then I explained about the tail, and then she said "Oh" and went back to knitting.

Scott

He's facing the wall because he's being punished.

Staci

Mmmm...Cheez-Its...

Jordan Bryce

It's the cops!

Ryan R

I could have sworn the toy had a tail. Crazy. I must have been confusing him with the Palisades Quinn.

[Martha]

[Big Bird is on the sun](#)

Jun-6 | 14517.10-12

Jordan Bryce

I'm with you on this one. I'm not seeing Big Bird there at all.

I mean, I can see the map of the British Honduras in the Caribbean and the profile of Thomas Eakin all right. And I can totally make out the panorama of the stoning of Stephen (there's the Apostle Paul just on the edge of the corona). But Big Bird? Can't see him.

Peter S

I just watched a whole episode of Greatest American Hero on that picture of the sun. How did they miss THAT!?

Matthew S

"Believe it or not, I'm here on the sun, I never thought I could feel so free-ee-
eeeeAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH!"

[More Muppet Books](#)

Jun-7 | 14534.2-7

Anthony

The Twelve Days of Muppet Christmas illustrated by Amy Mebberson!!!

I -

It's just -

I can die now.

Erik

You should probably at least wait until after you've read the book.

[How are YOU emphasizing?](#)

Jun-12 | 14485.89-97

Staci

As I was grabbing a YouTube clip for another post, I stumbled upon your interview with Grace Randolph and realize that you say TOUGH Pigs (I say Tough PIGS)!! How does everybody else say it??

Ryan R

Joe says "TOUGH Pigs," I say "Tough PIGS." I've often wondered why.

Matt Wilkie

I say it like one word, Toughpigs.

Ryan R

Okay, but which syllable of that word do you emphasize?

Carolyn

Pigs. Or Tough. I can't really tell.

Joe

I pronounce both Gs in ToughPigs.

['Jim Henson Hour' Japanese Laserdiscs](#)

Jun-12 | 14550.6

Matthew S

So is it an episode of Happy Sweater Beard Man Fun Time with Puppets and Jim Henson Bros Starring Jojo?

[Martha]

[Threadless Sesame Street T-shirt contest](#)

Jun-13 | 14394.181-83

Jordan Bryce

Well, just say worst-case scenario. Say a member of your family sees a t-shirt and recognizes your work, or even sees it in the entrants, and is able to contact Threadless, find out it was you, and confront you over it.

Or say the company you work for finds out that you were doing this and has you fired for harming the company's image.

If Threadless can't guarantee the privacy and anonymity of the entrants, I wouldn't be interested.

Ryan R

I hate to be nosy, but I have to ask: Why would a family member track you down and "confront" you because you entered a t-shirt contest? Does your family disapprove of your interest in Disney rides? And how exactly would it harm your company? Do you work for Universal Studios?

Feel free not to answer any of this. I'm just intrigued by your concerns over something so seemingly innocuous.

Dan!, Esq.

I'll never forget the day my father entered the door to my bedroom and saw me drawing Space Mountain. He will never approve of that lifestyle. The anger in his voice....

[Jimmy M]

[Searching for Tough Pigs](#)

Jun-13 | 11228.372-73

Matthew S

"murray ovejita means whore"

This. How did I miss this before?

And this is how the "lost" episode of Sesame Street ends.

Ryan R

What if it were true? "A hooker with a heart of gold and fleece of purple, she's a student of the *escuela* of hard knocks."

[Michal]

[Wreck-It Ralph](#)

Jun-14 | 14533.44

Martha

Yeah, my first husband was Ralph...now I'm married to Chuck.

It's a good thing I'm done now, or I'd have to find someone named Hurl.

[Isha]

[The Avengers](#)

Jun-14 | 14440.171-74

Dan!, Esq.

I didn't think about Sid, thought I suppose I was thinking more of the Pixar movies with villains.

For some reason I thought there was a definite villain in Wall E and mis-remembered a more surly end for Stinky Pete. Totally forgot about the Artist.

There was no real death in Cars 2 either since they diffuse the bomb. I feel like there may be implied death in that film as well.

Regardless, I think it's interesting that "kids" movies would even imply it, while more adultish comic book stories shy away from it.

Scott

Wasn't the villain in Cars 2, clean energy?

Dan!, Esq.

Either that, or a cohesive narrative.

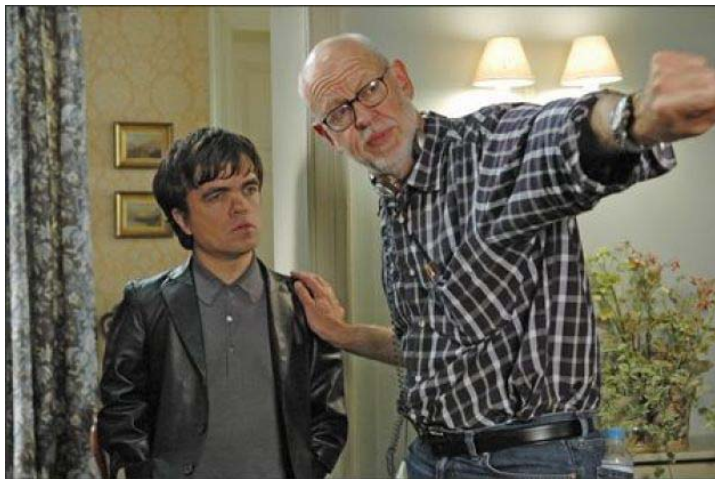
[Martha]

[Game of Thrones](#)

Jun-15 | 14450.22-25

Scott

This makes me want to see a conversation between Yoda and Tyrion Lannister.



Julia

What I'd do to be in a room with both of them.

Cathy

Well? What would you do?

Julia

WHATEVER CHALLENGE I AM FACED WITH.

[Fraggle Movie Gets Rango Writing Talent](#)

Jun-18 | 14503.27-35

Scott

I hope we get three Fraggle movies that are just 90 minutes each of Uncle Matt eating Gobo's poop.

Joe

I should not have been drinking while reading that post.

Or eating this chocolate brownie...

Ryan R

... thus finally realizing Jim's vision.

Ryan R

Hey, you ended your reply to Scott's post with ellipses, and I started my reply to Scott's post with ellipses! So now it reads like you eating a chocolate brownie is the realization of Jim's vision. Heh.

Joe

We've been living together too long! We're starting to finish each other's...

Ryan R

...HIPPOPOTAMUS!

Joe

Yes, thank you so much for finishing my hippopotamus. I simply couldn't eat another bite.

Matt Wilkie

You weren't hungry, hungry enough?

[Scott, Carolyn, Michal]

[Fox making Sesame movie](#)

Jun-23 | 14571.50-54

Ryan R

I can see Follow That Bird's flaws, but I still adore it.

At some point years ago, we had a thread about it here, and our own Danny Horn expressed his belief that a movie can't be very good if the climax is every character falling asleep. Except he said it funnier.

Justin F

Yes, everyone knows you're supposed to fall asleep after the climax.

[Muppet fan baked goods](#)

Jun-27 | 14568.11-15

Robyn

Do you think Dr. Teeth was called Dr. Tooth as a baby?

Jimmy M

Awww I hope so.

Do you think he was just Mr. Tooth when he was a baby and did not yet have his medical degree?

Joe

Please, Mr. Tooth was my father.

[Carolyn]

JULY

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Jul-2 | 9511.8734-36

Julia

BWAAAAAAAAH. I just went on my facebook and this was the message I found on my wall that my cousin had written up for her four year old daughter:

"Dear cousin Julia- I was wondering if you could give Walter a kiss and a hug from me. I watched him last night on his movie, and miss him today....and then I remembered that he lived with you!!! So I asked Mommy to write you a note so I could send him my love!

Love Your Cousin Avery"

TOOOOOOOO ADORABLE. (And Walter totally does live with me.)

Scott

Ahhhhh! That's so breaking cuuute!!!!

Scott

Freaking !! I meant Freaking!!! I'm on my phone and drank .

but yeah thAt s a cute thing ti happen!

hi everyvody !!

Scott

Here's some fan art I made a million years ago where I cast 1776 with Muppets.



Matthew S

I think this a near-perfect cast for this show. Though, to my own preference, I'd kind of like to see Animal as Lewis Morris. The gags write themselves:

Animal: (growls)

Floyd: New York abstains.

Animal: COUR-TE-OUS-LY!!!

Floyd: What he said.

[Michal]



Matthew S

The "Happy Birthday, Julia" and "Judge Everything" threads mashed together in my mind to say, "Happy Everything!" Which I guess is better than "Judge Julia's Birthday."

Julia

JUDGE JULIA'S BIRTHDAY.

I'd give it a 10 as well. OMSI, Spider-Man, family, Jame Cagney, and socks. Doesn't get much better than that.

Erik

I read that as it being the birthday of Julia, who is a judge.

Ryan R

Judge Julia is my favorite syndicated daytime TV show.

Julia

"Well, I find you totally innocent. Which has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that you bribed me with a cheese burger during the recess."

"I named my gavel Mjolnir. Isn't that cool?"

"You're dumb. I find you guilty! ... What do you mean she's a witness? Ugh. This job sucks."

"Can we wrap this up? I want to go home and watch TV."

throws gavel at person "THOOOOOR."

Ryan R

I think language rules are important. I'm aware of, and I accept, the fact that language evolves and words start to mean different things. But if we didn't pay attention to rules, then there would be chaos, and nobody would ever know what anyone else was trying to say, and my not flute ribbon refrigerated jumping fantastic bumblebee bridges paper slowly.

[Michal]

[Happy Birthday, Julia!](#)

Jul-10 | 4589.52

Julia

Fun fact: I'm actually a giant centipede with a laptop!

[Your Mom](#)

Jul-13 | 12846.74

Staci

Mine has got it going on.

[In Theaters](#)

Jul-18 | 14253.191-93

Michal

I was afraid to sleep after The Truman Show.

Ryan R

Ah, yes. "Afraid to Sleep After Watching The Truman Show" was not one of the better episodes of The Michal Show, but it was an interesting break from the format.

Matt Wilkie

That was when it jumped the shark.

Oh wait, I'm forgetting about when Michal jumped over that shark!

[Michal]

[The Muppet Music Project](#)

Jul-20 | 14618.3-5

Jog

It sounds a lot like Faffner Hall...

Lara

Did Faffner ever have a MOOG?

Matt Wilkie

He was a ghost so he had a BOOOOOOOOOOG!

[Michal]

[Misread Thread Titles](#)

Jul-24 | 9486.1431-32

Ken

Isn't that kind of the Muppets' entire career? I mean, you have them eating each other, blowing each other up, hitting each other on the head with mallets, tying each other up, falling down, getting run over.....

Matt Wilkie

I'm so turned on right now...

[Kevin Clash to produce Raggedy Ann movie](#)

Jul-24 | 14628.15-17

Beth

I hate Raggedy Ann.

Erik

But Fannee Doolee loves her.

Ryan R

How do you feel about Raggedy Andy?

Beth

If I remember correctly, my sister and I tore his arms off.

[Michal]

Mr. the Dan

Uhhhh..what's going on with Pepe?



Anthony

Totally classic Mini-Animal!

AUGUST

[Happy Birthday, Martha!](#)

Aug-1 | 14641.2-31

Anthony

Happy birthday to one of my seven favorite moms!

Quinn

You'd be surprised at how often that same sentiment comes up in some Utah communities.

Oh, and hey, Happy Birthday this month Martha. Because I was unplugged and crazy on August 1st. And I'm an ass. So um, thanks. Hug? High five? No? Okay then. Hope the last 29 days have been fantastic.

Martha

Dude. You're OFFERING a hug?

Accepted, you crazy ass.

Michal

Martha said "ass"!

Martha

Michal said "ass," too!

Michal

Martha started it.

Martha

Quinn started it. He mentioned his ass.

I mean, he mentioned being an ass.

[Rambling bloggers](#)

Aug-2 | 11267.981-82

Ryan R

Here's a nice one about how Sesame Street is better than real life, and thus good for you:

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/dont-worry-mom/201207/living-life-the-sesame-street-way>

Julia

What? A television universe that's all about friendship and learning and equality and love is better than our real universe of war and intolerance and violence?

RIDICULOUS.

[Scott]

Judge Everything

Aug-2 | 8892.6333-34

Cathy

Reading Olympics spoilers on Facebook: 1

Eff you Facebook Olympics spoilers. Eff you.

Ryan R

I can't believe Michael Phelps turned out to be a Cylon!

[Cathy]

" should totally be a word!

Aug-2 | 14642.9-17

Julia

My homemade cheesecake is the most rediculously delicious food on the planet... or, at least, in my refrigerator.

Joe

Seriously, get over here and make me one. Seriously. I want.

Julia

If I ever end up sleeping on your couch I promise to make you all the cheesecakes you and Ryan want.

Joe

Deal!

Isha

Woah. Uhm. I have a couch too, you know. Sure I live in the middle of no where, but I assure you it is a great couch!

Julia

Okay, okay, I promise cheesecakes to everyone who lets me crash on their couch and/or floor.

Joe

YOU get a cheesecake! And YOU get a cheesecake!

</Oprah>

Cathy

Start taking reservations now. Cheesecakes are a hot commodity!

Anthony

And hotcakes are a cheese commodity!

[Muppet Artist Daryl Cagle](#)

Aug-4 | 14654.4

Robyn

It's always a good day when you find out who was behind the picture of Miss Piggy on your childhood toothbrush.

[Season 43](#)

Aug-7 | 14603.19-22

Nick Moreau

Does anyone remember the, like, 3 solid years that Barney was listed as a guest on Sesame Street, on IMDb? Even when I logged onto my IMDb account and tried to delete it, it just wouldn't go away...

Ryan R

He's since disappeared from that IMDb page, but paleontologists are still not certain how it happened. Some have speculated that a series of volcanic eruptions in the site's message boards rendered its atmosphere poisonous to Barney. Others have theorized that a giant meteor struck IMDb, with Barney falling victim to the impact. Another popular guess is that Barney simply evolved, and still lives on the Sesame Street page today in the form of a big, goofy, purple bird.

Matt Wilkie

Puppets...eh...find a way!

[2012 Muppet Christmas Special](#)

Aug-7 | 14638.79-89

Cathy

Muppet Yule Log. An straight hour of Muppets in sweaters singing Christmas Carols around the fire. This.



Julia

From just looking at the picture I thought you were going to say just an entire program of Muppets watching a yule log burn and occasionally adding in commentary. Which I'd totally watch.

Isha

It's a Very Very Quippy Holiday Movie!

Yule Log burns.

Rizzo: You got it!

Yule Log burns.

Clifford: That's right!

Yule Log burns.

Janice: Holiday!

Floyd: Out of sight.

Cathy

I think you just figured out the bonus feature for the DVD and Blu-ray of Muppet Yule Log.

[Renting Right Now](#)

Aug-10 | 12808.953-956

Erik

For Nerds Posting On the Internet, movies fall into two categories:

abso-fucking-mazing

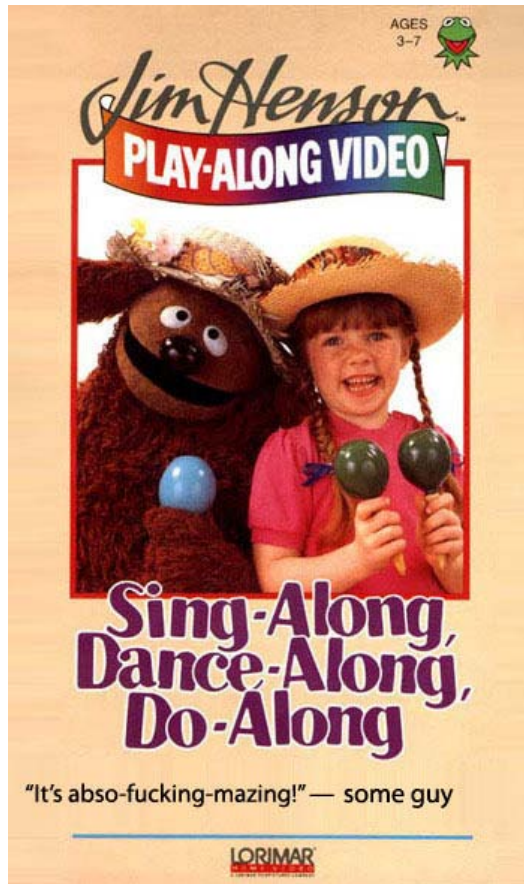
crap

Ken

That's kind of how I used to feel about pre- and post-1990 Muppet stuff.

Until The Muppets came out.

Scott



Bill & Ted

Aug-14 | 14410.25-41

Cathy

Keanu Reeves said something about Bill & Ted 3 in some interview with GQ. I don't know what it is that he said. I haven't read the article. To be honest, Bill & Ted isn't my thing. Nor is Keanu Reeves. I'm probably one of the few people that really didn't like nor did I "get" The Matrix. Speed was pretty bad too. I'll admit, I kind of like that movie he did with Sandra Bullock about the magic mailbox, but I think that was just because I was going through some strange Sandra Bullock phase at the time. I mean, there no shame in that. She's an okay actress. Except she was pretty bad in Speed too. She did a movie with Alan Tudyk once. I like him. You know, if Alan Tudyk were in the Bill & Ted 3 movie, I'd probably give it a watch. On cable.

Here's the interview:

<http://www.gq.com/entertainment/tv/blogs/the-stream/2012/08/keanu-reeves-interview-chris-heath-gq-august-2012.html>

Ryan R

Please preface all your movie news links with rambling speeches about Keanu Reeves.

Staci

What about Ron Howard's Parenthood!? It came out the same year as B&T. I wonder if both directors saw some reel where Keanu was playing an idiot.

Tom

No reel necessary. They just saw him audition. ;)

Zinnnnng!

(Sorry, Keanu. I couldn't resist.)

Ryan R

I like the idea that Keanu Reeves is reading this forum. Or perhaps just looking for his name on Delphi, Kurt Busiek-style.

Joe



Ryan R

Silly Keanu! You need a computer to search for your name on Delphi!

And now suddenly Keanu Reeves is Mr. Noodle.

Joe

It happened so gradually, nobody noticed.

Cathy

He should ask the magic mailbox.

Or a baby.

Tom

Keanu: "Whoa."

Elmo: "Um, Mr. Noodle, you're not supposed to talk."

Keanu: "Oh. . . . Whoa."

[Martha]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Aug-19 | 9511.8899

Matt Wilkie



[Isha, Martha]

[Where we at?](#)

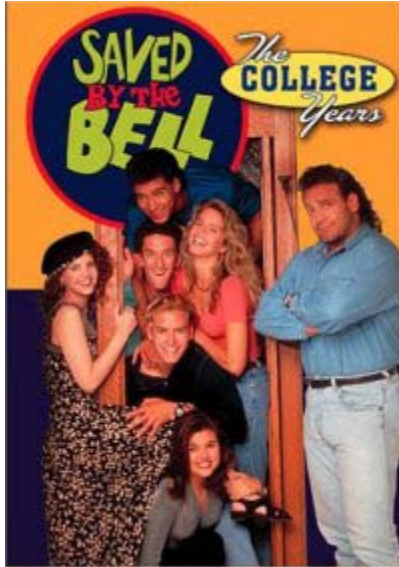
Aug-21 | 10718.1366-73

Cathy

I miss the college years.

Matt Wilkie

These ones?



Cathy

They were so dreamy. *sigh*

Ryan R

I thought you meant Lord of the Rings: The College Years, where Gandalf and Saruman play hackey-sack in the quad all day, Frodo uses the ring's invisibility to steal energy drinks from the snack bar, and Gollum gets a zero on his final paper because he turned it in with the name "Smeagol."

Cathy

Do college kids still play hackysack? Is that still a thing?

Ryan R

I have no idea. But Gandalf and Saruman went to college a long time ago in Middle Earth, so I'm pretty confident they played it.

[Erik]

[Return of Muppet PEZ](#)

Aug-23 | 13634.45-54

Smig

Check out YOUTUBE for videos about the Snow White and the seven dwarves PEZ set.. the dwarf dispenser heads are actually sculpted as full torsos, and the storage area acts as legs and feet.. Can you imagine the effect on an innocent child when something suddenly pops out just below the waist? I can't BELIEVE Disney overlooked that!

Isha

That is crazy pants. Esp considering most people go straight from dispenser to mouth.

Why. oh why.

Quinn

...I can't TELL you how many times a PEZ Dispenser hinge has pinched my lip, tongue, uvula...

I've gone too far.

Michal

I misread "uvula".

That is all.

Quinn

Well, if you misread it like "ukulele," I don't even HAVE one of those.

[Martha]

[Carol Channing Snake Puppet Fetish](#)

Aug-25 | 14688.1-10

Colton

Saw this mentioned on MC. Can someone fill me in on the details of this surely strange tale

Julia

... for a second I thought I was gonna have to go post in misread thread titles... but nope, I got it right the first try.

Ryan R

Well, that's a very strange and fairly vague request... but presumably it has something to do with this:

[\[YouTube video of Carol Channing singing with a Muppet snake on Sesame Street.\]](#)

My guesses are:

1. When Carol Channing shot this segment, she developed a sexual attraction to the Sammy the Snake puppet. After the taping, she asked the producers of the show if she could take it home so she could make sweet, sweet love to it. It subsequently led to the destruction of her next three marriages.
2. Somewhere out there is a Sesame Street fan who saw the "Sammy" number and immediately found himself turned on by the site of Carol Channing and the snake. He roams the back alleys of the internet, desperately searching for alternate takes or behind-the-scenes footage so he can satisfy his snake-lust. So persistent is he that he's been kicked out of Muppet forums, Carol Channing forums, reptile forums, and Hello, Dolly forums.
3. Somebody thinks Carol Channing would be sexy if she were a snake puppet.

[Muppet LEGO Proposal](#)

Aug-28 | 14322.30-36

Michal

One of those ads that masquerade as part of people's posts showed up under your LEGO commentary.

It was an image of a LEGO figure that looked like Burt Reynolds.

Coincidence?

Quinn

Burt Reynolds is never a coincidence.

Michal

Slap that on a t-shirt, my friend.

Quinn

I don't want it to turn into this whole big thing, like that Chuck Norris thing I started.

And the whole Jesus thing I started. Sorry about that one, Michal.

[Return of Muppet PEZ](#)

Aug-29 | 13634.58-65

Smig

Now they're at Stop&Shop for SIXTEEN CENTS EACH!!

Quinn

That makes me want to Stop, Shop, and then commit Random Acts of Muppet PEZ. Putting them under people's windshield wipers, supergluing them to fire hydrants, strapping them to raccoons, etc.

Michal

Please do this.

Ryan R

And maybe leave them as a tip at restaurants? You could even have some kind of scale, like Kermit = good service, Piggy = great service, and Animal = Sorry I chased you around the table while screaming at you.

Martha

You've eaten at restaurants with Quinn, too, I see.

Quinn

It was just that one time. And that other time. Oh, and that place in Park City that we can't go back to. And the entire chain of Chili's.

And my sister-in-laws.

Frick.

[Michal]



SEPTEMBER

[Christopher cow "gives us milk" SS fail](#)

Sep-6 | 14711.3-12

Ryan R

I've never heard of this. I wouldn't be shocked if it had happened... but if it was before 1992, I would expect any segment focusing on a Muppet cow to star Gladys, Richard Hunt's bovine diva.

This would be a good question for our next Ask Tough Pigs video, whenever that happens...

Jon

So... who how where do I go to make this ask tough pigs video request deal happen?

Matthew S

I second this request. Those videos are always fun to watch! Maybe this will convince you:

Hi Ryans!

How the come on then Jim Henson bros everybody asking touGhpIgs informative Vimeo volumes in 2012, brah? Evil oil baron?

[Joe]

[A TP article about other Muppet websites](#)

Sep-10 | 14717.11-24

Carolyn

Frog Faaaan 76! I'm sad sometimes about how few views his vlogs have. I know there are more Muppet fans than that!

Ryan R

I'm sure he doesn't do it for the views.

He does it for Mildred.

Carolyn

Do you think Mildred watches?

Ryan R

Well, what else does Mildred have to do?

Carolyn

I really hope that there is Mildred fanfic out there somewhere that answers that question.

Ryan R

That would be great. I want to read about Mildred slaying vampires with Buffy, or exploring the universe with the crew of the Starship Enterprise, or doing whatever Doctor Who does with Doctor Who!

Rob

I always thought that Mildred spent her days in her tiny apartment staring at the telephone wondering why George The Janitor doesn't call her anymore.

Tony

Maybe he got his mop pregnant.

[Beth]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Sep-10 | 9511.8966-86

Ryan R

It's kind of amazing to look back on this stuff and realize how long some of us have been coming here and talking about everything and being silly and admiring each other. And we haven't even run out of jokes!

Erik

Knock knock!

Ryan R

Who's there?

Erik

Banana.

Ryan R

Banana who?

Isha

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=9892.1210>

Erik

Knock knock.

Ryan R

Who's there?

Joe

It's Erik, you can see his name at the top of the post.

Ryan R

It's Erik, you can see his name at the top of the post who?

Joe

Orange you glad I didn't say "Real Names Club"?

[Robyn, Martha]

[Judge Everything](#)

Sep-11 | 8892.6444-46

Carolyn

Constantly second-guessing myself: 2...no, 3...or maybe it's 0.

Matt Wilkie

Yearbook.

You know what, on second thought, no. No yearbook.

[Matt Wilkie... maybe?]

[Where we at?](#)

Sep-11 | 10718.1445-48

Julia

I'm really short on time up in Portland anyway, so we'll have to get together over Christmas break!

I'm going into a place called Adorn. My best friend from high school went there and I really like the work that they did on her tattoo. There are two different Adorn's, but I'm checking out the one on Belmont.

Carolyn

Belmont sounds like a good street to get tattooed on.

Julia

It really does. I love Belmont.

Ryan R

Getting tattooed on a street? Don't most people get tattooed on an arm or a leg?

I'M FUNNY

Joe

This month, Ryan re-took the #1 spot, Jimmy makes his first appearance on the Top 25 in a while, mainstays like Carolyn, Matt Wilkie, Peter Savieri, and Quinn are back on track, and newcomer Jack makes a splash at #12. Whoever had all that in the pool wins!

Peter S

Who had what in the pool? I had something in a public swimming pool at midnight once. Actually it was more like threesomething.

Isha

.... are are you saying you had a threesome in a pool at midnight?

Michal

You used to be such a nice girl.

And I used to be on the Internets during the day. And I'd post on the forum on occasion. Corking good times, those.

Quinn

Who HASN'T?

Isha

And you used to have such a nice tail.

Martha

Still does.

Quinn

Can I say "YEARBOOK!" even when it's completely self-serving?

Martha

Yes.

Ryan R

What do you think happens every time I nominate myself for the yearbook?

Joe

An angel gets its wings?

Joe

I nominate that last post for the yearbook!

(You're welcome, Clarence.)

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Sep 13 | 9511.8992-94

Ryan R

Every single day I'm grateful that the grown-ups finally saw Snuffy during my childhood Sesame period. If I had been born just a few years earlier, the frustration would have driven me nuts. Snuffleupnuts.

Joe

I don't think anyone would want to see Snuffleupnuts.

Isha

What does an imaginary hairy elephant do?

Snuffle up peanuts!

[In Theaters](#)

Sep-16 | 14253.252

Quinn

So now I need to put my money where my mouth is. In my face.

[Michal]

[Muppets on Cee Lo's new Christmas album](#)

Sep-22 | 14739.10-18

Justin T

I have one question, does EVERYONE really need a Christmas album? How many actual Christmas carols are there? The world doesn't need 60 interpretations of Silver Bells.

Next year, I'll release a Christmas album. I can't sing or make music, but it seems something everyone has to do at some point in their lives.

Matthew S

"Happy Togle-days: Joyeux Noel from the Big Easy." Coming November 2013.

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Sep-28 | 9511.9069-70

Michal

I've only had a couple of snow cones in my life. And they turned to plain old ice straight away. My sieve-like memory is associating this experience with the circus.

On all counts, I was unimpressed.

Edited to allow for the possibility that I've been eating all the wrong snow cones.

Isha

I don't think you've been eating the wrong snow cones, you've just been eating them wrong. It's better to nibble than suck.

Just ask your friend Alan's prom date.

[Michal]

[ToughPigs Mailing List!](#)

Sep-29 | 14755.6-19

Ken

How about a stupid question?

Wouldn't it be easier to just check the website every day and read what's on top? That's what I do.

Am I doing it wrong?

Joe

Nope, you're doing just fine. But some people don't bookmark us, or our Twitter and Facebook posts get lost in the shuffle, or they're my parents and say they read every day but they really don't.

So, y'know, options and stuff.

Ryan R

You're doing it right. The mailing list is for people who aren't as with-it as you.

Isha

Oh, good. Does this mean I won't be judged for not joining?

Joe

There shall be no judging.

However, now there may be more judging for people who completely miss important articles. There's no excuse anymore!

Beth

But.. but... my sister threw my shoe out the car window! The cat had a heart attack! Monsters invaded Mars! I ran into a koala bear on the street and we had a beer together!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THERE ARE NO EXCUSES ANYMORE?

Ryan R

Here's what I'd like to know: Who paid, you or the koala?

Beth

The kangaroo. D'oh.

Matt Wilkie

Of course she did, she had pockets. Koalas don't have pockets, sillies.

Isha

Fact #1: After giving birth, a female koala carries her baby in her pouch for about six months.

Fact #2: After eating lunch a koala will make a show of reaching for the check, but has no real intention of paying.

Ryan R

Fact #3: A koala is not a bear.

Fact #4: It's a-wearin' a neck-a-tie.

[Michal]

OCTOBER

[Maria Goes to Washington \(and elsewhere\)](#)

Oct-1 | 14753.6-7

Ryan R

Completely unnecessary footnote: For the record, if I had to guess, I would probably guess that Maria the character would vote for Obama.

Scott

Wouldn't everyone on Sesame Street? With the exception of Oscar, who would vote for a third party candidate just to be annoying.

I wonder if Horatio is obligated to vote for whomever the Republican party nominates. Or maybe I'm being speciesist.

[CaseyMoose](#)

Oct-5 | 13645.63

Martha

Last night, Casey Did. Not. Want. To. Go. To. Sleep. I walked into his room, where he'd been crying. The crying slowed when I walked in, and he was able to hear the music that was playing in his room (a mix I made for him on my old iPod). The audience applauded whatever song it was, and he stopped dead in his crying tracks, said, "CLAP!" and applauded like a madman. Then, back to the waterworks.

It was one of those, "*Why is that woman making those weird sounds? Oh. She doesn't want her child to see how hysterically funny she thinks he is*" moments.

[Isha's Little Piggie](#)

Oct-8 | 14767.7-14

Beth

Different babies grow at different rates, but my brother was a honker. By three months he was wearing clothes for a six or nine month old.

Ryan R

Do I even have to tell you that I'm now picturing your baby brother looking like this?



Michal

I am pleased that you picture boy honkers as pink.

[Sesame Street Backlash](#)

Oct-8 | 14764.35-37

John

Oh, and just to add to this even though it's irrelevant to my last post - on the night of the debate, I saw someone I went to high school with post a status along the lines of "Mitt Romney, go ahead and get rid of PBS funding. Fuck Big Bird. The only reason Sesame Street went on 30 more seasons than Friends is because the government funds it." A little while later it was gone, clearly she had to deal with backlash from that if I had to guess.

Joe

I am amused at the idea of a government funded "Friends".

Matt Wilkie

The U.S. Government isn't in the business of making "Friends."

[Joe]

[Halloween is rapidly approaching.](#)

Oct-15 | 14657.16-19

Julia

Walter costume = Halloween parties the weekend before

Sattler costume = I've got Halloween on a school/work day, so I can easily get away with wearing this costume on actual Halloween

Anthony

College, man.

Julia

Indeed.

Carolyn

In college the Halloweens are truly limitless.

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Oct-16 | 9511.9104-09

Anthony

I'm in beautiful Fulton, MO - home of the Churchill Museum, a 12' x 20' chunk of the Berlin Wall, and a lovely little drug store that sells phosphates.

Beth

I always find it hysterical when I find chunks of the Berlin Wall all over the US. There's a religious site in Eureka Springs, AR that has a chunk of the Berlin Wall which they painted over with a Bible verse in German.

For that matter, the first piece of the Berlin Wall that I ever saw had been transported to a new home in Poland.

Anthony

But Churchill gave his Iron Curtain speech here! So ours is relevant!

But - but -

Churchill.

Beth

Here, have a cigar.

[Fraggle Rock's 30th promotions](#)

Oct-26 | 14418.68-70

Ian

I wish more people cared about Steve Whitmire too.

Scott

Highlighted for spoilers.

Beth

Me too! I thought it said something like:

I wish more people cared about Steve Whitmire's ass too.

[Scott]

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Oct-26 | 9511.9139-42

Justin T

Carnival season is getting underway for me, and I'm excited as can be. Our Coronation Ball is tomorrow night, where the royal court is presented for the first time and the King and Queen for the year are crowned.

We've got such an awesome year ahead of us. We've got a Frank Sinatra theme this year. I can't wait to get started. Plus I get to tuxedo up tomorrow night, which is always fun. Mardi Gras needs to become a nationally observed holiday.

Ken

Last year I was surprised to learn that Mardi Gras stuff was going on around Christmas. Now it sounds like it starts before Halloween. I'm learning something new from you every year!

Anthony

I get the impression that it's always carnival season in Justin's heart.

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Oct-29 | 9511.9153-67

Carolyn

YouTube has recently taught me that all 80s girl cartoons (cartoons in general, but I've been watching the pinky girly ones) have approximately the same cast:

Mostly level-headed but slightly oblivious leader. Usually has a non-speaking pet to support her while everyone else is succumbing to their flaws.

The vain girl, who usually has a Southern accent. She loves a well put-together party and hates getting her hair wet.

The plucky, almost male-sounding girl who rushes headlong into everything.

The shy one who can barely be heard. Often voiced by Georgia Engel.

The brainy one. Sometimes has glasses. A killjoy whose ideas are occasionally redeemed by saving everyone's lives. Eyes are usually rolled at her.

Token male. Tends to be lazy.

Shrieking witch-like villain with a name like I'mABadPerson-ina.

Bumbling, usually male, villainous sidekick. Agrees with everything witch person says and accepts her abuse.

I'm sure there are others, but these are the main ones that were going through my head after watching Herself the Elf and Rose Petal Place and thinking back on Rainbow Brite, Strawberry Shortcake, My Little Pony, Care Bears etc.

Ryan R

Does She-Ra fit this mold? And now that you've cracked the formula, when will you be creating your own 80s girl cartoon?

Carolyn

She-Ra is different. In my mind it's essentially a boy cartoon with all the boy cartoon tropes. Except the lead character is a chick. I'd say she's He-Man with boobs, but He-Man already had that covered.

If I knew how to draw I would totally start my own 80s girl cartoon. I'm not sure what typically girly mythology hasn't already been covered, though: Flowers, ponies, rainbows, pixies, sweet-tasting things...

Ryan R

Ballerinas. Ballerinas with super powers. *The Tutu Squad?*

Michal

The Pointe Sisters.

[Carolyn]

[Disney Buys Lucasfilm](#)

Oct-30 | 14805.7

Scott

WE WANT STAR WARS AS DISNEY! JAR-JAR AND MICKEY WANT IT TOO!

[The Muppets sequel news](#)

Oct-30 | 14397.148-54

Scott

I wish they'd do something original though. The last one was a remake of two Muppet movies, and this one's already drawing parallels to another.

Dan!, Esq.

I'm surprised by the parallels as well. I don't mind them doing a caper, as it's another style that seems to serve the characters outside of putting on a show, but with it being shot in London as well is a bit too much. I hope this isn't another nostalgia fest. I do trust Bobin though. It could just be that he wants to make sure that it has a clearly British comedic sensibility.

Jog

"In this film, me and Walter play crack investigative reporters for the Daily Chronicle. And Pepe, he's our photographer!"

[Matt Wilkie]

NOVEMBER

Tough Pigs dreams

Nov-2 | 9244.1545-46

Grant

The night before last, I had a dream about the Skrumps.

Unfortunately I don't remember anything about it.

Anthony

LOVE DEM FUZZY DREAMZ

shrug

What are you reading?

Nov-6 | 10331.1546-48

Anthony

I've been reading Misery during my bathroom breaks at work over the past couple of months. I have 39 pages left. It's my first King book, and I really love it a lot. I picked it off the teachers' lounge shelf on a whim, and I was kind of expecting to dislike it. But it's really all about the relationship between authors and readers, and between fiction and reality. Wonderful book. I guess I'll finally watch the movie after I'm done.

Joe

I really enjoy the movie. Except that one scene.

Matt Wilkie

"When Love is Gone"?

[Joe]

The Great Gonzo or Gonzo the Great?

Nov-9 | 14802.29-30

Kim M

I predict that his first act will be to issue an Executive Order creating a Department of Redundancy Department.

Mike C

I ALSO predict that his first act will be to issue an Executive Order creating a Department of Redundancy Department.

[The Random Thread of Randomness](#)

Nov-10 | 9511.9196-99

Julia

The sponsored messages... it's back... and there's two of them now... NOOOOOO.

Julia

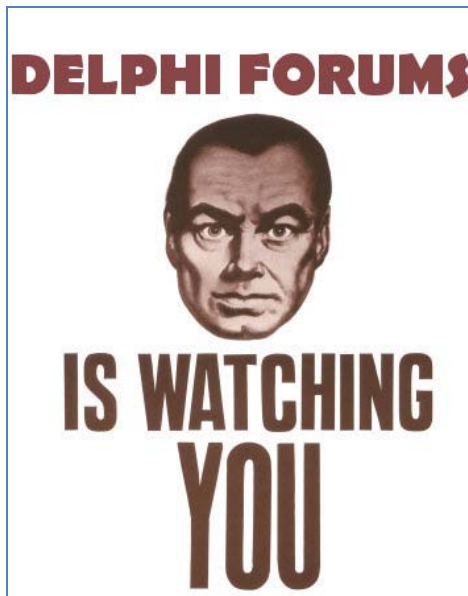
WAIT. The second I posted that they were gone.

I AM MAGIC.

Shari M

Big Brother much? ;-)

Julia



[Other shows like Fraggle Rock?](#)

Nov-11 | 14818.1-13

Grant

Have there ever been any other TV shows like Fraggle Rock?

I don't mean shows with puppet-filled fantasy worlds; there have been several of those.

I mean shows that share Fraggles Rock's fundamental premise: There is a "big picture" that the audience can see but the characters can't.

I can't think of any other show like this, for kids or adults. But if anyone can, I'd love to hear it!

Anthony

Things like LOST and Battlestar Galactica kind of fit that bill, except that in the end they really didn't.

Or so I hear about BSG, anyway.

Julia

WE HAVE TO GO BACK, GOBO.

Joe

Oh man. The Rock is the Island! Cantus is Jacob! Large Marvin is Hurley! IT ALL MAKES SENSE!

Ryan R

The Trash Heap could be Jacob.

The Gorgs are the Others.

Doc and Sprocket, of course, are Penny and Desmond.

Anthony

AH LUV YAH, SPROCKET! AH'LL NEVAH LEAVE YAH AGAIN SPROCKET!

Julia

Doc and Sprocket as Penny and Desmond is about the best thing ever.

DON'T TELL ME WHAT I CAN'T DO, RED.

Matt Wilkie

SEE YAH IN ANOTHAAH LIFE, SPROKEY!

Wozza

I'm not sure if this fits in here, but I always liked Groundling Marsh.

[Michal]

[Delphi forum promos](#)

Nov-12 | 3907.3220-297

Matthew S

Your car suddenly hits an icy patch...

do you know what to do? Some helpful winter driving tips.

-In Coffee Shop Gossip

Easy. If you're a Muppet fan, you say, "look out for the icy patch."

Joe

Look out for the Delphi Forum Promo about an icy patch!

Matthew S

I love out-of-tune Delphi Forum Promos.

Joe

Hark! Me thinks me hears Delphi Forum Promos!

Robyn

It's cold enough to freeze your Delphi Forum!

Joe

The dog is not the Delphi Forum Promo! The Delphi Forum Promo is the Delphi Forum Promo, you Delphi Forum Promo!

Matthew S

You promised me a nice, quiet Delphi Forum Promo!

Robyn

Grover, I'd like you to have this Delphi Forum Promo.

Matthew S

Notice how the hand never touches the Delphi Forum Promo!

Beth

Say, did you hear about the Delphi Forum Promo that caught fire?

Holy smokes!

Robyn

Hi, I'm Maureen the Delphi Forum Promo.

Martha

Dat my kinda Delphi Forum Promo!

Matthew S

How little you understand bears, Kermit. My mother loves Delphi Forum Promos!

Julia

Even Delphi Forum Promos are cute when they're babies!

Robyn

I hope this never gets old.

There's Delphi Forum Promos back when she was just a little sausage roll.

Matthew S

We'd love to see your Delphi Forum Promo! In fact, we'd hate to miss your Delphi Forum Promo! In fact, we'd love to hate your Delphi Forum Promo!

Beth

Oh, Mrs. Bear, I was chasing Delphi Forum Promos all the way, and boy, I'm exhausted!

Joe

It's cold enough to freeze your Delphi Forum Promos!

Matthew S

The Weather Service reports that Delphi Forum Promos are falling sharply.

Joe

I just took three months of Delphi Forum Promo lessons for zip!

Julia

Where we come from this is Delphi Forum Promo.

Matthew S

Delphi Forum Promo humongo!

Kim M

DEL-PHI FOR-UM PRO-MO!

Ryan R

I just took three months of Delphi Forum Promo lessons for zip!

Joe

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=3907.3243>

Ryan R

BLEAAAAAH.

Green fuzzy Delphi forum promos?

One -- one worried Delphi forum promo?

Delphi forum promos are probably noted germ carriers?

I can't keep track of this thread.

Matthew S

HELLO HELLO HELLO GIMME DELPHI FORUM PROMOS!

Beth

Chocolate covered Delphi Forum Promos and cranberry sauce? My absolute favorite!

Kim M

It's probably a greasy grimy measly slimy Delphi Forums Promo!

Robyn

Well, everybody, it's Christmas Eve and the tree is trimmed, so it's time for our annual Delphi Forum Promo.

Isha

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=3907.3250>

Matthew S

They're Delphi Forum Promos! But... they're nice Delphi Forum Promos.

Joe

I'm your biggest fan! I woyship the Delphi Forum Promos you walk on.

Anthony

Delphi Forum Promo you at dinner!

Michal

That's not rain, dear. That's Delphi forum promos, darling!

Anthony

Shredded wheat and crandelphi forum promo sauce? My absolute favorite!

Michal

Somebody has to play Delphi forum promo, and you lost the coin toss.

...'Twas the night before Delphi forum promos, and all through the Delphi forum promo,

Not a Delphi forum promo was stirring - not even a Delphi forum promo.

Robyn

It's the Delphi Forum Promo gang!

Michal

This Delphi forum promo's been a Delphi forum promo thirty-seven times.

Robyn

Did you know that Delphi Forum Promo starts with the Letter D?

Matthew S

What does he mean he's all ears? Delphi Forum Promos don't even have ears!

Joe

That's two! Two worried Delphi Forum Promos!

Beth

I'm afraid we've run out of Delphi Forum Promos. Two of you will have to sleep on hangers hung on hooks on the wall.

Michal

I don't know how to explain this, but I was searching through the snow, and then there was Miss Piggy with this Delphi forum promo for me.

Beth

Delphi Forum Promos as reindeer?

Well, Bert, someone had to play Mama, and Delphi Forum Promos lost the toss.

Matthew S

Life would just pass in a Delphi Forum Promo if it weren't for times like this.

Robyn

I just wanna hear about the whole Delphi Forum Promo here.

Matthew S

Well, they certainly seem to be having a good time out there, Sprocket. Yep, I like it when they have a good time. But tell you what, somebody'll have to do something about these Delphi Forum Promos, Sprocket. C'mon, I'll wash, you dry, okay?

Kim M

"What are you?"

"We're Delphi Forum Promos."

"I'll say!"

"What are Delphi Forum Promos?"

"We are."

"I'll say!"

Joe

MERRY DELPHI FORUM PROMOS!

Beth

If there's one thing Piggy knows, it's how to make a Delphi Forum Promo.

Kim M

It's a perfect blue Delphi Forum Promo!

Ryan R

Wow, if there's one thing this thread has taught me, it's that every single line in that special is quotable.

Beth

Grover, this Delphi Forum Promo is for you.

Anthony

This? This Delphi forum promo here is for ME?!

Beth

Oh, I just love Delphi Forum Promos!

Beth

I was hoping for a nice, quiet Delphi Forum Promo!

Beth

Let me at him, and I'll knock off his Delphi Forum Promo!

Anthony

Yeah? Delphi forum promo and what other nerds?

Robyn

When it's nice and bright and it brings delight. Let your heart choose right gotta *Delphi Forum Promo*
Pass it on!

Beth

Even Delphi Forum Promos are cute when they're babies.

Matthew S

I thought of this at work, and I just had to make it.



Jog



Scott



Isha



[Glee](#)

Nov-17 | 11822.532-40

Tom

Entertainment Weekly says that an upcoming episode is going to be superhero-themed.

That might be a strong enough pull to make me watch the show again.

Erik

The episode was a few weeks ago. It involved a superhero club that many of the glee club members

joined. It was more a "dressing up in costumes and helping people" club, so nobody was an actual comic book hero.

Mr. the Dan

And it was super painful to watch.

Joe

I hate to admit it, but I watched the superhero episode. It was superterrible.

Tom

It's still sitting on my super-DVR. I guess I'll super-delete it.

Joe

Super awesome idea.

[Sesame Street Christmas Special on DVD!](#)

Nov-20 | 14653.113-15

Nick Moreau

Ryan: *It's a "Must-Have!" according to goldeneraflix.com. That's a dubious-sounding source for legitimate critical praise as it is, but try going to that website. There's nothing there!*

Nor did Wayback ever archive it.

http://wayback.archive.org/web/*/http://goldeneraflix.com/

Nor did it archive the other two. What purpose is that? Why wouldn't they just bribe someone? Or they could have pieced together sentence fragments from Danny's 2001 review, a couple words at a time, to create a false quote. Anything! Do US truth-in-advertising laws not cover packaging?

Joe

Man. How messed up would it be if the DVD had a positive review from ToughPigs on the back??

Ryan R

Some pieced-together quotes from Danny's review:

"...that great Sesame Street Christmas special from 1978...!"

"A Special Sesame Street Christmas... was... a dream... special!"

"...big... guest star(s)!"

"100%... good!"

"amazingly... magic!"

"Ethel Merman... sticks her arms out!"

[Scott]

[The Muppets sequel news](#)

Nov-20 | 14397.218-20

Marian

Well, getting back to the idea of new characters in the Muppets sequel, I want the Moopets developed more. I'd like to see them as actual characters with actual dialog as opposed to just kind of a throwaway gag. Also might be cool to find out that Skeeter joined the moopets and that's where she's been all this time.

Isha

Ha! I like the idea of Skeeter as a Moopet, but something tells me they were a one-movie gag. Maybe they can find Skeeter in London.

Julia

If she were a Moopet she'd have to be renamed Skooter.

[Misread Thread Titles](#)

Nov-21 | 9486.1530-32

Jordan Bryce

Emmett Otter screaming with Dave Goelz

Matthew S

Pa would've screamed with Dave Goelz.

[Grant, Michal]

[Kermit's Collar](#)

Nov-21 | 14839.1-6

Marian

So I've wondered this for a long time. Is Kermit's collar supposed to be part of his body, or is it just something he wears that just happens to match his skin tone? I do know that it is removable (that prairie dog on the muppet show, for example) but since Bert's nose is also apparently removable, I'm still not sure if it's an article of clothing or what?

Jog

It's what he wears. In that same episode when the prairie dogs steal it, Scooter says: "Gee boss, I've never seen you naked before!" (And thanks to Salesman Grover, Kermit owns a removable nose as well. I don't think he wears it much in public though.)

Ceris

Do you think he's left it in his apartment on Sesame Street? That, I always found strange. Why would a frog need/want an apartment. Wouldn't he prefer a log? And since he's been so absent from Sesame Street, have they given his apartment to someone else for leaving it vacant so long? Or did he sublet it to someone? Is Murray house sitting? Are all of Kermit's Sesame belongings still there, or has he held a garage sale/street sale? Does Grover Salesman still try to stop by now and then?

These are serious questions that need to be addressed, don't you think?

Jog

Kermit needed to live there for Sesame Street News. There aren't too many swamps in the New York area, and it'd be too far to travel every day.

My guess is that he donated the needless stuff, like the detachable nose and ears, to some Anything Muppet or Whatnot who was low on budget and couldn't afford a face. The teeth, however, walked off alone and tried to get a job, as seen on Sesame Street Old School vol. 2.

The apartment now belongs to Forgetful Jones, but sometime in 1992 he forgot where the apartment was, and he couldn't remember how to get to Sesame Street, which is why we don't see too much of him these days.

[Martha]

[Neil's Puppet Dreams](#)

Nov-23 | 14836.15

Peter S

I dunno. Life's so complicated and interesting. For instance, while Wham!'s Wake Me Up Before You Go-go can be heard as a plaintive request to a friend or lover to not leave one out of the dancing fun (both "go" as in leaving to go out and "go-go" as in dancing), the term Go-go can refer to amphetamines, like speed or those cut with cocaine, in which case it becomes more of a hard-edged song about early 80s middle class British party kids.

See how we gays bring down society! I'm kidding. We're really nice.

[Michal]

[Happy Thanksgiving](#)

Nov-25 | 14841.17-19

Isha

You have Boxing Day! We do not.

Fun fact: as a young person I celebrated Boxing Day with my friends by running around wearing boxer shorts on our heads.

Robyn

I hate to break it to you my dear Isha, but we don't celebrate Boxing Day by putting boxers on our heads. I'm not sure where you got your information but you pretty much just ran around with men's undergarments on your head for zip.

Isha

Oh! I know this. But we were wild and free and in Germany. It made sense at the time.

Obituaries**Nov-25 | 14579.157-58****Carolyn**

I remember Larry Hagman saying on a talk show at some point that, after he died, he wanted to be chopped up and used as corn fertilizer. So his friends could...eat him? Something like that. But I can find no proof.

Joe

Now you've got me second guessing the Paul Newman salad dressing I have in the fridge...

Judge Everything**Nov-26 | 8892.6690-92****Julia**

Picking up some extra hours at work: 8

Finding out my boss broke my computer speakers: 0

It's like the universe is trying to tell me to stop marathoning Frasier and actually do my homework...

Matt Wilkie

Hey baby I hear your homework calling, econ essays and reading texts. Quite tedious.

Also, something about trading in Kelsey Grammer for Grammar Class assignments.

Kermit's Collar**Nov-27 | 14839.11****Ryan R**

One of my favorite jokes in It's a Very Spicy Muppet Christmas Meat-a-ball is when Kermit is on Carson Daly's show, and the scene opens with Kermit saying, "...and so, that's how I got this funny collar!" It makes me laugh, until Carson Daly starts talking, and then I stop laughing forever.

[Scott]

[Psychiatry and The Muppets](#)

Nov-28 | 14855.5-14

Joe

Oooh, "light snacks available"!!!

Ryan R

I hope they're themed to the movie. Like the Toast of Christmas Past, or cheese and Cratchits.

Andrew L

I don't know that I'd care to consume my cheese combined with small sow piglets and frog tidbits.

Peter S

"Light snacks available" makes it sound like you have to ask. Like they're locked in a cabinet in the nurses station and you get a lobotomy for asking for one extra cookie.

Heidi

The light snacks made it for me.....

Peter S

But who made the light snacks?!

Kim M

Edison.

[Scott]

[The Muppets: One Year Later](#)

Nov-29 | 14832.47

Jog

Omg. I'm cleaning out my wardrobe and found this year old custom made shirt based on something I once said on the forum. I thought it would be the perfect thing to wear in New York when seeing The Muppets for the first time. Of course, it arrived in the mail while I was there, and I never got to wear it. And I swear I'll never find another occasion to ever wear this stupid thing.

If anybody wants to own this original shirt (it belonged to a Muppeteer!!!! L@@K!!) drop me a line and I'll see if I'll want to trade for a Mother Goose DVD.



[VCR Alert: Frank Oz on Colbert Report](#)

Nov-29 | 14850.30-33

Peter S

The older he gets the more he sounds like Fozzieyoda.

Joe

Good grief, bear the comedian is!

Peter S

Fozzieyoda. Yodie Bear. Foda. Yozza. Yodzie Boda.

Jog

Joke leads to chicken. Chicken leads to crossing the road. Crossing the road leads to... the Other Side.

[Erik]

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Dec-3 | 10834.1301-05

Scott

Labyrinth nail art.



Julia

Super cool, but I imagine the owl and the Bowie fingers are pretty useless when your nails are like that.

Scott

Well, I'd only wear them to a party where I wasn't expected to type.

Carolyn

Man, I love a good typing party.

[Scott]

[Elmo in Michael Bublé holiday special](#)

Dec-4 | 14862.13-18

Scott

I'm not sure how I feel about a crooner whose name is Boob-Lay.

(have I already made that joke here? probably)

Joe

Indeed you have. <http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=14081.3>

Scott

I'm the most unoriginal 14-year-old boy ever.

[Sesame Street on YouTube](#)

Dec-5 | 9145.1195

Mike C

Hey now! Muppets have feelings. If you touch them, are they not felt?

[Tough Pigs yearbook reminder](#)

Dec-6 | 14873.1-5

Ryan R

So here's the annual reminder, before the year ends: If you happen to be revisiting or catching up on an old thread and you come across a hilarious joke, you should nominate it. If you have a vague memory of something hilarious from a few months ago that you didn't nominate at the time, you should nominate it. And don't be afraid to nominate yourself, because if you don't, maybe no one else will, and then your cleverness will be lost to the ages.

Erik

I'd like to nominate every post I made this year. Including this one.

Kim M

Yearbook.

[Happy Birthday, Ceris!](#)

Dec-6 | 14869.18-27

Ceris

Yep Peter... Same name. It can be spelled Ceris or Cerys or Carys that's what Catherine Zeta-Jones named her daughter. The male name Cary comes from it and it can be longer such as in Ceridwen or even Ceridwyn. All the same.

Joe

I admit it, I've been totally mispronouncing your name in my head all this time. I will do my best to fix that.

Ceris

That's okay Joe, I routinely mispronounce your name in my head and out loud. It's fun.

Joe

The O is silent.

And the J is extra loud.

[November Forum Stats!](#)

Dec-6 | 14870.15-30

Mike C

Guys I'm slipping.

Mike C

I guess this is what the fiscal cliff feels like.

Mike C

I think I see a branch I can...

Mike C

I can just.....

Mike C

Okay this isn't working....HEEEELLLP!

Mike C

HEEEELLLP!

Mike C

Save me! I promise I'll be a better Message board...guy....

Mike C

No more making fun of celebrities...

Mike C

No more....pointless arguments with Ryan....

Mike C

C'mon, please?

Mike C

Okay, well I'll just hang here...I can do this until next month...

Mike C

Got my camelback....

Mike C

Got my....Chex Mix....

Mike C

Maybe that's it....HELP! I GOT CHEX MIX!

Mike C

And now I play the waiting game....

Anthony

I'm glad you're having fun.

["The Muppet Movie" Blu-ray](#)

Dec-8 | 14866.47-52

Ken

As far as I know, all current versions of Movie and Caper are intact. I think they even released newer versions since the 2004 sale.

Scott

Bad news: I just heard that Big Bird is being replaced on the Blu-ray with Wreck-It-Ralph.

Isha

Nooo! He's gonna wreck it!

Scott



[Christmas Carol lovefest](#)

Dec-9 | 10843.186-96

Anthony

Let the record show that I, Anthony Strand, adore "Marley and Marley."

Martha

Me too.

Abigail

Me too.

Robyn

Mee to.

Scott

Mee me.

[Scott]

[When Love Is Gone](#)

Dec-10 | 14881.17-37

Ryan R

This seems like the time when Quinn would comment on Belle's flaring nostrils. Which I never noticed until he pointed them out a while back, and now it's ALL I SEE when she's onscreen.

Note: Further research into forum history suggests that Joe was probably the one who pointed out the nostril flares. If I confused the two of them with each other, I hereby apologize to Joe and Quinn, and their nostrils.

Martha

Perhaps Joe and Quinn switched places, like Amy and Isha.

What the hell is going on around here?

Ryan R

I don't know, Erik. I just don't know.

Erik

Wait, does this mean I have to start posting cute stories about Casey?

Martha

Yes, and I get to post "Monkey! Monkey, monkey, monkey..."

Erik

If you get to tell Tom that there's no Mr. Scrooge in something, then that's a deal breaker.

Martha

Can I tell anyone OTHER than Tom?

Tom

Yes, because I've also switched places with someone.

I don't know who yet, though. Any takers?

Ken

Me!

Unless you'd rather be Andrew.

Andrew L

Actually, I'm Henry Kissinger at the moment, auditioning for the new Muppet movie. So it's especially complicated. But I feel diplomatic about it.

[Mike C]

[Should I display my Kermit Popcorn figure in or out of the package?](#)

Dec-11 | 14884.7-11

Robyn

Take that little guy out! You can't play with him in the box, and he won't feel loved if he stays there.

Julia

Oh man, when I read "take that little guy out" I took that completely out of context.

Robyn

Always beat up the small and weak.

Martha

Me too, and not the way Robyn just re-interpreted it.

Robyn is the nice girl I used to be.

Robyn

Oh wait. Are we talking about penises here?

[Michal]

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Dec-12 | 9486.1548-49

Kim M

"Emmett Otter's Jugband Christmas Obituaries"

Scott

RIP, Pa.

[Joe]

[Muppet Family Christmas - Goof or Not?](#)

Dec-17 | 13241.53

Tom

One of the few plot elements in the special -- about Piggy not being there -- was actually used very well. Unfortunately, it would often be the plot of the next 25 years worth of Muppet specials, movies, and series.

[When Love Is Gone](#)

Dec-17 | 14881.42-54

Matthew S

There is no Mr. Scrooge in "When Love is Gone!"

Oh, wait, nevermind.

Erik

There are two Mr. Scrooges in "When Love is Gone"!

Jog

But no John Tartaglia.

[Martha]

[The Muppets sequel news](#)

Dec-17 | 14397.277-82

Anthony

I would have been really excited about this in, say, 2005.

[Ricky Gervais in Talks to Play Human Lead in Muppets Sequel](#)

Matt (Mtthwas)

I'm really excited about this in 2012.

Scott

I won't be excited about this until 2013.

Joe

I was excited in 2008, but I can't remember why.

Scott

Probably because we got not one, but TWO Studio DC specials that year.

Joe

That must be it.

[Suggestions for trivia questions please](#)

Dec-18 | 14904.16-24

Peter P

How many brothers and sisters does Rizzo have?

Ryan R

Is the answer "twelve hundred?" That's what I'm hearing Rizzo say, in my head.

Anthony

"Twelve hundred and seventy-four"

Ryan R

Aw, I was so close. But who can keep track of so many rats, anyway?

Joe

Rizzo, I guess.

Ryan R

Do you think he remembers all their names? And are they all named after Dustin Hoffman characters?

Anthony

Bernie Focker is my favorite Muppet.

[Carolyn]

[The Muppets sequel news](#)

Dec-19 | 14397.301-02

Matt Wilkie

Update: Ricky Gervais confirmed the rumor on Twitter this morning!

<https://twitter.com/rickygervais/status/281405324412477442>

Julia

I bet a month from now we'll get news that Steve Carrell's replaced him.

[Joe]

[Emmet Otter's Jugband Christmas](#)

Dec-19 | 14887.34-40

Robin

Our town of Burns, OR isn't very big, either.

Erik

Gonzo fiddles while Burns, OR.

Matthew S

OR what?

Erik

He doesn't?

[Scott]

[Emmet Otter screening w/ Dave Goelz](#)

Dec-23 | 14837.9-11

Martha

I read this thread title as "Emmet Otter screaming w/ Dave Goelz" every single time it shows up.

Also, I would still pay money dollars to see such a thing.

That is all. Carry on.

Jog



[Grant]

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