

# Tough Pigs Yearbook 2009



## **“The Tough Pigs Forum Wrote a Whole Lot of Haiku In 2009”**

**compiled by Ryan Roe**

Hey, it's the Tough Pigs 2009 Yearbook! 2009 brought a whole new year's worth of Tough Pigs forum members being funny, clever, witty, silly, brilliant, snarky, opinionated, and on a few occasions, interesting. And thanks to the mammoth haiku thread, much of 2009's forum activity was expressed in seventeen-syllable chunks.

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one, and as usual, the whole shebang is followed by an index which I'm sure you will find remarkably useful when you write your thesis on the Tough Pigs forum.

As the royal yearbook compiler, I'd like to thank everyone who nominated posts, with a special shout-out to Michal, who sent me a ton of great nominations throughout the year and thus earns the title of Nominatin' Supastar.

So anyway... Here's the yearbook. Yay.

**Music stuck in your head Right Now**

Jan 5 • 9639.1584-85

**Ryan R** It seems to me that a lot of people who hate Elmo do so with such furious passion that it can't be healthy. Come on... Elmo loves you!

**Mo** Yeah, I definitely know people who just dislike his voice or something reasonable like that. But what I hate is like "Elmo wasn't around until like, the Eighties. Therefore he's bad."

And I'm like "Good, that means I can admit I don't like your kid, either."

**Music stuck in your head right Now**

Jan 5 • 9639.1592

**Mo**

Yeah, I dunno. It all makes some sense to me, and yet has no effect. I love watching the Dark Crystal. I've watched it several times in one day. I've watched it on acid. I've watched it with Iron Maiden playing over top. I've watched it with friends and taken notes. I've watched it rocky-horror style where you crack jokes about what's to happen next.

More than anything though, I love to watch it and periodically yell "DESSERT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! CRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAWLIES!!!" and then when it actually gets to that line, dance and throw things in triumph.

So in other words, I must be some kind of different species than a tough pig.

I think I am an assertive fruit bat.

[Michal]

**Getting rich quick**

Jan 6 • 11508.29-30

**Scott** Am I the only one who gets the "someone has pictures of you taking a shower" ads?

**Cathy** Sorry, I'll stop sending those to you.

That doesn't mean I'll stop taking the pictures though.

[Michal]

[Michal posts a link to an old *Sesame Street* clip of Grover and David.]

**Joe**            If I were Frank Oz, I'd be uncomfortable with what was pressing up against my wrist.

**Anthony**      Maybe that's why you aren't Frank Oz. Did you ever think of that?

**Joe**            Every damn day.

**Anthony**      Aww. Poor Joe.

**The website thread**

Jan 8 • 9574.571-574

**Michal** Kindly stop showing your ankles when you step off the curb as it is distracting to my husband:

[http://www.someecards.com/upload/ecard\\_museum/index.html](http://www.someecards.com/upload/ecard_museum/index.html)

**Scott** Ankles?! AH-ROOOO-GA!

**Joe** Olde timey car horns?! AH-ROOOO-GA!

**Cathy** Scott and Joe saying AH-ROOOO-GA?! AH-ROOOO-GA!

**Cast at 40th anniversary event in NJ**

Jan 28 • 11323.163-75

- Melissa** "Twoooo lumps please, you're the bees knees, but so am I"  
And if you or anyone can name what song that's from, points to them :)
- Ryan R** "I Want Your Sex," by George Michael?
- Melissa** BUZZER, nope
- Lara** Rumble Bug Hum?
- Melissa** Nope
- Ryan R** No, I'm pretty sure that's it. Are you sure you're thinking of the right song?
- Jes** The Smiths  
Reel Around the Fountain
- Melissa** DING DING DING DING DING We have a winner!!! ;)
- Ryan R** Nah, I don't think so. I'm pretty sure it was "Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport" by Rolf Harris. Either that or "If You Seek Amy" by Britney Spears.
- Cathy** I always confuse those songs as well, what with their dark brooding lyrics. I can see how Melissa could've gotten mixed up.

**Happy Birthday Warrick!**

Feb 2 • 11567.21-26

**Jog** Oooh, I should start saving money for another MiniMup! It's been way too long!

**Jamie B** That'd certainly be ace, Joggy! \*Here's to the Muppets!\*

Obviously we're clearly rubbish at travelling to Holland too - apologies from me on that - still hoping to rectify it at some point later in the year, but definitely pop over if you can!

**Erik** Have a pop-over, Joggy!

[Michal]



**Fan art**

Feb 6 • 108341.61-63

**Joe**

I wish I could draw Boober in a teacup.

Sigh.

**Mo**

You can totally draw Boober in a teacup. You are just telling yourself you can't.

**Martha**

Actually, Joe can't find a big enough teacup to sit in. Therein lies the problem.

[Michal]

**New (?) take on Old vs. New School**

Feb 8 • 11583.12-13

**Ryan R** Bob singing Good Morning Starshine with unwashed Muppet hippies is great. And so very, very educational.

**Michal** Yes. I learned that Bob can sing the word "lover" without letting a dirty thought pass through his mind.

Oh, Bob. I'm not worthy.

**Happy Birthday, Mary Catherine!**

Feb 10 • 11586.24

**Mary Catherine** When confronted with the question "To bee crotches, or not to bee crotches," I will take the former.

**The Diva Code**

Feb 11 • 11585.20

**Brad D**

Maybe you can get more enjoyment out of the content of these books if you tear out each page, fold them up, and bake them into Chinese cookies...

**David H** What did your friend make of the Cookie Monster appearance at the end, being neither voiced nor performed by Frank?

**Ryan R** Oh, man. That thing is crazy... It's like Cookie Monster's drunken brother, who shows up to public events and ruins Cookie Monster's chances of winning elected office.

**Joe** I always assumed that Beautiful Day Monster was Cookie's drunken brother.

**Ryan R** I think Beautiful Day is more of a cousin... Every few years, they see each other at family reunions and eat everything in sight.

**Joe** Including the rest of their family.

**Ryan R** Why do you think it's been so long since we saw Cookie's little sister?

**Mp3 thread**

Feb 15 • 7938.1149-51

**David B** How's about "When You Were a Tadpole", with Julie Andrews and Kermit from The Muppet Show?

**Kyle** Let me see. \*pulls out a bag of Muppet stuff\* Hmmmm let's see here. \*pulls out some drums, an Animal plush, Kermit slippers, a Muppet Penguin and finally an mp3 player with some Muppet music\* Ahhh here it is. Enjoy it!

*[Link to the MP3]*

Penguin: \*carries off the Kermit slippers\* Wak! \*waddles off\*

Hey bring back my Kermit slippers! \*runs off after the penguin\*

**Michal** Good show, sir.

**Kyle** Thank you. \*takes a bow\* Thank you. \*takes another bow\* And thank you.

**Sesame Street: The Broadway Musical**

Feb 19 • 7938.1148

**Daniel** Well, a Broadway musical based on Bert and Ernie should finally lay those gay rumors to rest.

## **Facebook wariness**

Feb 20 • 11607.1-8

**Ryan R** And now I'm thinking I should avoid it for a while longer. I mean, sure, there's all kinds of weird stuff on the internet with my name attached to it -- like, sometimes I write these articles about, like, how much I love Sesame Street -- but I don't like the idea of silly photos of me staying online until after I'm dead. Also, it still sounds kind of stupid.

So I guess what I'm getting at is: Who thinks Ryan should/should not be on Facebook, and why?

**Scott** I'm more worried about my dead relatives watching me masturbate from Heaven.



**Ryan R** Exactly half of my discs had come dislodged and were having a great time just rolling around in the package. The box as a whole looks pretty on a shelf, but holy trash heap, is that an impractical design.

**Cathy** Aw, I haven't gotten mine yet.

**Ryan R** Maybe it was accidentally delivered to some old tinkerer's workshop and he threw it away. You should probably go dig through his trash until you find it.

**Cathy** Well I would, but have you ever seen that guy's dog?

**Ryan R** Aw, his bark's worse than his bite. And he does a mean Shimmelfinney impression.

**Cathy** I was just going to write something about how he keeps all that trash in his backyard, but then I realized, that's not really his backyard is it? Are Doc and the Gorgs neighbors?

**Ryan R** I've always been mystified by that aspect of the show's geography. Gobo can start in Doc's workshop, go through a few hundred yards of tunnels, and come out in the Gorg's garden... but if Doc were to travel the same hundred yards aboveground he'd never see the Gorgs. I think we can attribute it to the power of the magic of the love of imagination, or some crap like that.

**Erik** Though when Junior threw the crown away, it landed where Doc and Sprocket could find it.

**Ryan R** Oh yeah! But that-- how-- what-- ?

My brain hurts.

**Kynan** Space and time are both curved, right?

So it stands to reason, whatever your starting point, if you throw a crown, eventually it'll land where Doc and Sprocket can find it.

It's also worth pointing out that Emily Bear has a Fraggles hole in her holiday house, and she lives nowhere near Doc and Sprocket. Or at least, one assumes she does, because who goes on vacation to their neighbor's house?

[Michal]

**Cah-razy toys from Japan**

Feb 24 • 11601.57-69

**Ryan R** TP reader Hugh sent me this picture of a crane game he saw in Japan. It's pretty scary.



**Kellie** There goes Japan's supply of quadrotriticale.

**Anthony** Which is just as well, because I'd been wondering what they were going to use it for.

## Shakily written Carroll Spinney interview

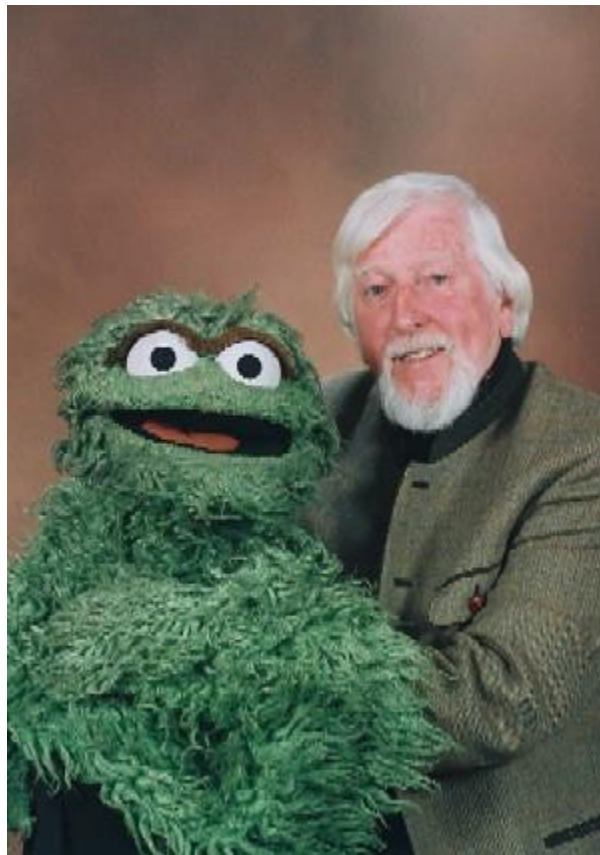
Feb 26 • 11615.3

[Lara is assessing an amateurishly written article on Carroll Spinney.]

**Lara** *Carroll Spinney waddles around the Sesame Street set during rehearsal, wearing his bright orange Big Bird Feet. Over his upper body, Spinney dons a royal blue T-shirt.*

He lives in a house and likes to eat cake and play with his black kitty, Mr. Mitten-Muffins.

Ooh, church directory photo time!



*He has white hair, and beneath his warm, sparkling eyes and bright smile, a neatly-trimmed, white beard hugs his chin. His personality lends itself to a Big Bird like image, for he is very kind.*

Yes, children, for Big Bird IS Santa Claus.

Whoa, Spinney! "multi-dimensional"? "Reign"? "Intricate"? Save them 10 dollar words for your fancy city friends, there, College.

I think Ms Cathy stopped writing after this line:

*This year, 2009, marks the 40th anniversary of Sesame Street, which is taped in New York City.*

Plagiarism research paper, anyone?

## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Feb 28 • 9511.4195-4211

**Quinn** My friend's mom spanked me with a wooden spoon once. And while I was wailing, she whispered in my ear that she went easy on me.

**Jes** If I say, "Are you sure you're not talking about Gina?", is that taking it too far?

[Martha]

## Duct tape Sesame wallets

Feb 28 • 11626.2-15

- Michal**            The wallets themselves are fabulous.  
  
I haven't made up my mind about the rhyming.
- Peter S**            The rhyming is bad, but the wallets are rad.  
  
(sorry)
- Quinn**            Count and Cookie are the bestest.  
I'm undecided 'bout the restest.
- Joe**                Hey, it's someplace to keep your cash!  
Unless the duct tape gives me a rash.
- Quinn**            Pockets are where you should keep your wallet,  
Rashes will develop if you sometimes ball-it.
- Martha**            I think the wallets are quite nifty  
But I won't get one - I'm too thrifty.
- Michal**            Who wouldn't want to drop some change  
On this fine means to store one's bucks?  
Duct tape's many uses range  
'Cross everything but fixing ducts.
- Beth**                I wouldn't buy one, no siree,  
I am just as thrift, you see,  
But I would be tempted a wallet making to be.
- Michal**            Here we come a-wallet-making,  
Among the leaves so green  
  
Here we come a-wallet-making,  
So fair to be seen.  
  
Love and joy come to you  
And to you and your wallet, too.
- Joe**                I like the one that comes in orange,  
And.. um... fuck.
- Tony**                ...It opens so easily, just like a new door hinge!

[Beth]

**Muppet Comic Books**

Feb 28 • 11183.122-123

**Jes**

\*whispers\*

I was an illegitimately conceived child.

**Scott**

I'm not sure there is such a thing.

**Muppet Comic Books**

Mar 3 • 11832.126-130

**Scott** Are there that many options for what "Muppet Robin Hood" could actually mean?



**Joe** I was thinking more like Robin in a hoodie.



**Ryan R** I was thinking Robin as a criminal in the 1950s.

**Joe** Yeah, I don't have a photo of that.

**Ryan R** Don't worry, I got this one.





**February Forum Stats!**

Mar 3 • 11633.13

**Paul**

It seems I have fanish again...

Need... Nore... Posts!!

**Joey Mazzarino Interview**

Mar 4 • 11617.62-

**Kynan**

True story: I got a hug from Leslie simply for saying (correctly):  
"You must be Leslie!"

That was the extent of our conversation, but it left an impression. On both of us, no doubt.

**Peter P**

Have you considered that she wasn't Leslie but had always wanted to be?

**Kynan**

That tinkling you hear is the sound of my dreams delicately shattering.

Strange, she sure *\*hugged\** like a Leslie. Wait -- isn't it still possible that she was A Leslie, but not THE Leslie?

**Ryan R**

Kynan, I hate to be the one to tell you this, but you were actually hugging Leslie Nielsen.

[Michal]

**YouTube vids**

Mar 6 • 10888.426

**Ryan R** Babies and Mahna Mahna go together like the chocolate and peanut butter which they enjoy smearing all over their faces.

[Mo]

**This IS the 2008 yearbook!**

Mar 8 • 11639.24

**Quinn**

Oh, I loved that yearbook. All y'all made me laugh a lot. And I love that Miles and Carter get index mentions. Someday we'll look back and say, "those kids could have amounted to something!" Or not.

[Michal]

**Dr Teeth Fisher Price Prototype Puppet?**

Mar 8 • 11627.22

**Lara** He was turning into a myth.

**Martha** A what?

**Michal** A myth! Myth!

**Anthony** Yeth?

**Michal** Sorry to disturb you, Ma'am. But did you drop this antelope?

**Quinn** That makes me think of Anthony birthing an antelope, somewhere in the Serengeti...

**Ryan R** I remember when that happened. It was weird.

**Anthony** At the time, you told me it was beautiful!

[Michal]

**How do you pronounce AT-AT?**

Mar 12 • 11655.12

**Erik**

I pronounce it "@@"

[Peter P]

## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Mar 13 • 9511.4275-76

**Joe** All [Joaquin Phoenix] wants is attention, and I don't think we should give it to him. If he wasn't a movie star, nobody would care who this crazy bearded man is.

**Lara** Totally.

And Jim Cramer sounds like Frank Oz being strangled after a kick in the balls.



**Don't Eat the Pictures**

Mar 17 • 11663.14-16

**Peter P**      Luckily for me, I live close to the Met *and* own a VHS player.  
And luckily for you, the snowy season is almost over.

**Anthony**     HTML BOX for clicking/But it not for licking!

**Ryan R**      \*Three female angel versions of Peter appear over his head\*

HTML box, yeah yeah yeah

HTML box, yeah yeah yeah

HTML box, YEAH!

When you post on the forum!

[Peter, Michal]

**New Limited Edition Kermit Doll**

Mar 21 • 11671.1-2

**Smig**      www.steiffusa.com has this limited editon Kermit doll (1500) going for \$265-\$300 at its website.( Personally, If I had that much to spend, I'd buy the Muppet Replica)

**Daniel**      Wow...at that price, given what it looks like, it should come with Steve.

[Lara]

**Slowest site online**

Mar 24 • 11676.1-6

**Paul** Hi I have a question.. Since 2 years I cant log in anymore on muppetcentral. Its the only site I encounter online that is so slow with loading I cant get on anymore.. I have updated my java and still it takes no difference.

Does anyone here know what could be the cause? I dont have any trouble with online gaming or other javascript sites...

**Lara** My only reasoning is that MuppetCentral is a 13 year old girl who's fallen in with the cool crowd and baby, you ain't it.

You gotta resort to sitting with the science fair kids and band geek table in the lunch room.

But it's okay.

We welcome you.

**Paul** I dont understand what your saying...

**Lara** They hate you.

**Paul** Obviously

[Cathy, Anthony, Michal, Martha]

**citing sources**

Mar 24 • 11303.15-18

**Mo** Fair enough. I really thought I was going to learn that Wembley did have a crush on Red though, and I was just not paying attention. I'm almost disappointed.

**Ryan R** You could always write a fanfic! Not that I would recommend it.

**Mo** "...and as Red emerged from the Fraggles pond, her pigtailed sparkling like Doozer dust in the light of the ditzies, Wembley felt a hunger that could not be sated by radishes. Or maybe it could. Or maybe not. But at any rate, he worried his heart might pound straight through his banana-tree-shirt."

And that is how the whole thing would sound.

[Cathy, Michal]

**Where the Wild Things Are**

Mar 26 • 11015.60-61

[Scott posts a link to the new trailer.]

**Daniel** Sweet god. I just started with joy and anticipation.

**Alaina** I foresee you going to this movie alone.

[Michal]

**Music stuck in your head Right Now**

Mar 26 • 9639.1733

**Alaina**      A mashup of the Mexican Hat Dance and Three Blind Mice...

The mice  
the mice  
the mice  
the mice are very blind

I'm a genius.

[Michal]

**new Doozers series**

Mar 26 • 11675.31-51

**Mo** It would actually be pretty ridiculous to ignore Fraggles. It'd be like filming a movie in Tokyo while Godzilla was going to town, and just pretending he wasn't there.

**Erik** Actually, since Tokyo suffers from near-constant monster attack, most movies filmed there have to work around it. I remember reading that "Lost In Translation" had to move some shooting around when one of the locations they wanted to use was destroyed by Rodan.

[Mo]

**new Doozers series**

Apr 1 • 11675.55-56

**Anthony** Your first born sounds more awesome every time you talk about him.

**Quinn** I'll try to talk about him less.

The last thing that kid needs is a big head.

[Anthony, Cathy, Michal]



**John Tartaglia in Shrek and in concert**

Apr 7 • 11624.74-82

**Joe** I think Dreamworks' Monsters Vs. Aliens looks fun. I might try and see that this week.

**Jes** Emileigh wants to see it with a white hot burning passion.

**Ryan R** I'd rather see it with a friend.

[Martha, Michal]

**The Muppet Show Season 4 DVDs**

Apr 7 • 11714.14-18

**Martha** Also, I am very excited about the prospect of Season Four. Who do we think will be on the cover?

I say Gonzo.

**Jog** ...as for the cover, I think it's either Annie Sue or Miss Mousey. In fact, I'm willing to make a petition site about it.

**Quinn** That petition would be signed by 14 people. And then I would wear out my hand slapping them.

[Anthony]

*[Erik posts a sketch about the silliness of Twitter.]*

**Daniel** I totally agree with this sketch. Outside of maybe the "You have no friends sentiment." It totally makes sense for the wiki or for websites, business, and other such things, but recently I've been bombarded with requests to join from friends. I can't do it. I feel people don't actually get it and therefore try to use it to converse, which is incredibly dumb. It's the bathroom wall of the internet...or like screaming in a cafeteria. It's the Facebook status on steroids.

Is it too hard for people to actually talk to each other anymore, and do so with more than 140 characters? The thing that drives me mad is that people think that it somehow constitutes actually staying in touch. Yes I see what you are doing, but only passively. I had someone say that I should join because we don't talk enough...we still wouldn't. I don't want bumperstickers, I want conversation.

**Alaina** I love your hate.

## **New Muppet movie by Jason Segel**

Apr 13 • 10974.365-373

**Beth** So, has it been made into law yet that Jason Segel interviews must include mention of the Muppets and his movie script?

**Ryan R** Yep, Congress just officially passed the *Muppets Underwater* bill last December.

You know, everyone likes the Muppets, and by now everyone's heard that Segel is writing the movie. What else is there to ask him about?

**Beth** Nothing, clearly.

**Tom** It's the same constitutional amendment that required all reporters in the 1990s to ask George Lucas when he was making more Star Wars movies, and Lucas and/or Spielberg and Ford when they were going to make another Indiana Jones movie, regardless of what project they were being interviewed to promote.

**Beth** That makes sense. Does it also include asking Frank Oz about Muppets no matter what he is working on?

**Martha** Yes.

**Daniel** I like to ask him about doing voices.

**Tom** I ask Frank why they thought it was a good idea to have Grover get hit by a bus after Jim Henson died.

**Scott** I ask him to punch me in the face.

[Joe, Michal]

## Complaining About Grammar

Apr 15 • 11746.1-20

**Mo** I really hate it when people say "is, is."

An example would be, "You see, the problem with the Fed is, is that they print too much money." That looks ridiculous in print, but I hear it in speech ALL THE TIME. Some of my favorite people do it, too. Ron Paul does it, my husband Nick does it...

I also can't stand "An historic event," which has no place outside of Cockney England.

Come on guys, curmudgeon it up with me!

**Michal** Way to go, Mo! It's been years since I started a thread for the sole purpose of lamenting poor grammar. I haven't quite perfected the hazing rituals for the Society of Evil Ruler-Clutching Grammmarian Ladies, but rest assured that we'll find a way to sneak you in.

My dad says "is, is" all the bloody time. "The problem is, is that you're aiming a pie at my face." It drives me bananas.

**Martha** I think that you should take those bananas, make a banana cream pie, and aim it at his face.

**Michal** I think you're right. Unless I eat the pie first.

**Martha** May I help?

**Michal** Yes. You can start by making the pie.

[Michal]

**Frank Oz interviews**

Apr 16 • 10636.37-38

**Ryan R** I love the fact that Frank is such a curmudgeon but we love him for it even more than we would if he were nice. I'm not sure I'm articulating that accurately, but I love it anyway.

**Peter P** Fess up, who had George the Janitor in the 1976 "Which of his characters will Frank Oz turn into 30 years from now?" office pool?

**Free ice cream**

Apr 20 • 11052.62-68

**Joe**           Crap! I'm still out of town tomorrow! Do you think the Ben and Jerry's at the airport will be giving away free ice cream?

**Michal**       Only one way to find out.

<http://www.benjerry.com/scoop-shops/scoop-shop-locator/>

**Joe**            "This shop WILL NOT be participating in Free Cone Day."

Balls.

**Jes**            I could have told you that. They can't just give stuff like ice cream away at the airport... just imagine the pandemonium!

**Joe**            Yeah, they've already got that pandemonium at baggage claim.

**Jes**            Free luggage for everyone!

[Michal]

**Black Licorice**

Apr 22 • 11763.30-35

**Quinn** Yes on the marzipan and the foreign cinema and the burnt toast. And the dark chocolate, broccoli and black licorice. Does all that make me Australian?

**Peter S** First you have to stop saying 'root' meaning 'cheer on to victory' and start saying 'root' when you mean 'make love to'...

**Quinn** I can do that. Since no one I've rooted for has ever won anything.

I can't say the same for people I've rooted.

Any time I say "Root Beer," I'll give an egregious wink and a bit of a pelvic thrust.

[Martha]



**Misread Thread Titles**

Apr 30 • 9486.616-21

**Martha** Not a thread title, but in Peter's birthday thread, I read "Peter's NEON CARROT," and said, "Well, alrighty then."

**Scott** Peter had relations with a radioactive bunny for his birthday.

**Martha** Should we tell Leah?

**Joe** She probably already knows that she's a radioactive bunny.

**Martha** "I don't mean that sexually..."

**Joe** I did, in fact, mean that sexually.

[Peter]

## Hamster mall cop webshow

May 1 • 11791.1

**Ryan R** If there's one thing the Jim Henson Company excels at these days, it's announcing projects that never get made. Now here's another one, mentioned very briefly and head-scratchingly in this article about upcoming Microsoft web shows.

<http://www.videobusiness.com/article/CA6655629.html>

"Microsoft also is working with the Jim Henson Co. to create a live-action/puppet series about a hapless guy who works as a mall cop by day, but turns into a crime-fighting hamster at night."

So it's sort of a cross between the movie "Paul Blart," the comic book "Werewolf by Night," and the animal "a hamster."

[Anthony]

**Happy Birthday Peter Savieri!**

May 3 • 11792.8-14

**Anthony** Of course, with the time difference, your birthday was probably six months ago or something, right?

**Peter S** It was only yesterday! We get to the future about 12 hours before you guys, so if you have any questions about Sunday night, get 'em in quick!

**Scott** Will the milkman deliver my milk on time?

**Peter S** Is that a trick question? Do you really have a milkman?

**Scott** My mom did, and I kinda look like him.

[Joe, Michal]

**Don Music on The Colbert Report**

May 4 • 11796.1-2

**David B** Did anyone else catch the clip of Don Music on the most recent Colbert Report? I believe it was either Friday or Thursday's edition. I'd check the Wiki, but I'm on my parent's ganky computer...

**Joe** "Oh I'll never be able to check the Wiki! Never, never!"

\*bangs head on keyboard\*

[Cathy]

**Misread Thread Titles**

May 8 • 9486.624

**Michal**      Yesterday I passed a Capital One bank and started singing:

We all live in a Capital One  
In the middle of the desert in the center of the... er, sun.

And all day long we-ee polish on the One  
To keep it clean and shiny so it brightens up the... er, sun.

[Michal]

**News Stories**

May 10 • 9750.1284-1304

*Michal posts a link to a website that shows "The Number of Pirates Killed by Each President."*

**Scott** Fuckin, pirate-killin' Obama and his itchy pirate-killin' trigger finger.

**Joe** I coulda sworn that Taft killed Bluebeard.

**Anthony** You have Taft confused with Grover Cleveland.  
AGAIN.

**Joe** Which one was it that came back as a zombie?

**Anthony** Rutherford B. Hayes!

**Scott** He be what?!

**Joe** Rutherford be undead.

**Scott** Well, that's his own fault. The saucy minx.

**Martha** You rang?

**Scott** You are my favorite zombie President.

**Joe** Oh man! Martha is Rutherford B. Hayes! How did I never see that?? I mean, think about it: have you ever seen Martha and Rutherford in the same place at the same time?

**Anthony** His full name was "Rutherford B. Hayes Crannell"

**Martha** My maiden name is Hayes.

However, I have the genealogical proof that I am not related to Rutherford B.

That does not mean that I'm not a zombie.

**Scott** Stop eating my flesh!

**Martha** \*raises eyebrow\*

**Michal** Hey! He didn't say to stop eating mine.

**Martha** \*raises OTHER eyebrow\*

**Michal** You'd better be a little more conservative with those eyebrows. You've only got one left.

**Ryan R** I'm not sure I understand. Are you Grover Cleveland or aren't you?

**Martha** I could tell you, but then I'd have to eat your flesh.

[Michal]

**Dinosaur Train arrives at the station**

May 15 • 11807.18-19

**Michal** "DINOSAUR TRAIN embraces and celebrates the fascination that preschoolers have with both dinosaurs and trains while encouraging basic scientific thinking and skills as the audience learns about natural science, natural history and paleontology."

They had me at "natural science, natural history and paleontology."

\*Jazz hands of anthro-geekery.\*

**Peter P** I wonder what they will think of next...

PEANUT BUTTER TOILET embraces and celebrates the fascination that preschoolers have with both peanut butter and poo while encouraging basic scientific thinking and skills as the audience learns about natural science, ceramics, and Jimmy Carter.

[Joe]



**2009 Daytime Emmy Awards**

May 15 • 11810.11-12

**Jes** Word Girl rocks our world! I want to use some of the clips to do a youth group about consumerism... did I spell that right?

**Erik** If you were trying to spell "consumerism", then yes. If you were trying to spell "dachshund", then no.

[Martha]

**Yoostar**

May 19 • 11818.2-6

**Ryan R**

From what I've read about it, it's a thing where you can take these movie and TV clips they have available, remove actors from the scenes, and insert yourself. I'm not sure I like the idea, but I guess it was inevitable.

I mean, it does sound fun that I could play Ernie in a scene with Bert or whatever. But I'm guessing at least half of the people who use Yoostar and post clips of themselves online will think it's hilarious to curse up a storm in scenes that previously did not have any storm-cussing.

**Michal**

Or smoke pot! Hilarious!

**Ryan R**

yeh i wanna do a yoostar of me smokin a big fat spliff wit elmo and hes all like "what's dorothy thinking about today???" and im all like "NACHOS lol

**Jes**

Hahahahahaha funniest thing you ever said hahaha

**Martha**

All right, mister, where's the real Ryan, and what have you done with him?

**Ryan R**

I SMOKED him!

[Scott]

**Season 40 guest star poll**

May 21 • 11823.7-12

**Jes** I'm anti-celebrity these days. I voted 'Other' and am hoping for someone we know... like Ryan Roe or Joe.

**Ryan R** Me, guest starring on Sesame Street? Doing a scene with a Muppet, which would air on television across the nation? Congratulations, you've just identified my #2 non-sexual fantasy.

**Jes** Well what's number 1?

(Also, I want to ride in the Sloppy Jalopy)

**Peter P** Is that a sexual or non-sexual fantasy?

**Jes** Aw come on...

## **Ghostbusters**

May 29 • 10799.55-69

**Joe** Yeah, I read that [Ernie Hudson's character Winston Zeddemore] will have become a doctor (like the other three Ghostbusters) by the third film. That confused me a bit while I was editing the Ghostbusters Wiki.

**Daniel** I'm just glad that he'll be more than just window dressing. He always seemed so pointless and "Hey, we've got a black guy."

**Lara** He could have been so much more. I mean, he SHOULD have been the guy we could relate to. But they didn't give him enough.

In the cartoon he was a medic in Vietnam.

**Daniel** He was great in the toon, but the movies...he might as well have been left out. He always felt like an after thought...or an exec's idea of getting more people into seats.

**Anthony** Am I the only one who really likes Winston? I always felt like he added a lot of life to the second half of the picture - "That's a big Twinkie" and "I have seen shit that will turn you white" and "I love this town!" and that great speech about Biblical prophecy.

**Joe** I freaking love Winston. He adds that realism that the other three characters can't provide. And now that I think about it, I hope they don't lose that facet of his persona now that he's got his doctorate.

**Lara** I love Winston, too, don't get me wrong. I think he should have been used more!

**Ryan R** I think Winston is great, and he plays a very specific and important role... He's the down-to-Earth guy. It always bothered me to see video covers with only three Ghostbusters, because he's just as much a Ghostbuster as the rest of them.

**Joe** Well, not in the first one, since he doesn't show up until 3/4 of the way through the movie. But I catch yer drift.

**Ryan R** True, he joins later, but I still say he's as much a Ghostbuster as anyone. He's right there with them when they defeat Gozer and save the world, and world-savin' is pretty important in my book.

**Joe** Sure, but he's probably got less screen time than Rick Moranis, and he's not on the cover. There'd be no reason for him to not be on the Ghostbusters 2 cover, but I could argue either way for the first one.

**Daniel** Winston should get together with Mokey in some sort of buddy picture.

Of course if that were to happen, neither should be featured on the poster.

[Michal, Peter P]

**Pixar's Up**      May 29 • 11387.30-31

**Peter P**      Holy word, I just dropped \$18 on one ticket to Up.

**Ryan R**      To be fair, that's only \$6 per dimension.

[Michal]

## **Archie to choose Betty or Veronica**

May 29 • 11824.14-24

**Grant** My girlfriend and I were talking about this today. We decided that even though Betty is a better choice, it's better in the long run that Archie's choosing Veronica.

Archie's a total dink, who chases anything with boobs. Betty wouldn't be happy with him. Better to leave him with Veronica, so the two of them can drive each other crazy. What Betty really needs to do, since she clearly has a good head on her shoulders and a real future ahead of her, is get out of Riverdale. Move to New York City, get an apartment, meet some new people. Sure, it'll be scary at first, but she's got the brains and the chutzpah to do it, and in years to come she'll know she made the right decision.

Hopefully Betty won't be so distraught over losing Archie to Veronica that, in desperation, she hooks up with Reggie, gets pregnant, and has to stay in Riverdale forever.

**Scott** I love that these are the types of conversations that you and your girlfriend have.

**Grant** Me too.

**Alan Tudyk in NYC**

Jun 1 • 11840.10-15

**Peter P**     Wow, Jane Leeves. I'd been wondering what she's been up to since Frasier.

**Scott**        She leaved.

**Ryan R**        Gonzo fiddles while Jane Leeves.

**Scott**        I tip my hat to you, sir.

**Joe**            Jane Leeves is a full sentence.

                  Like George Wendt.

**Scott**        Where are they all going?

[Michal]



## **Miles & Carter stories**

Jun 3 • 7711.831-35

**Quinn** Miles and Carter are still in a Batman phase which is a lot of fun to laugh at. Carter's thing right now is that Robin is surely the superior superhero of the two, and so he wears his yellow cape and "R" utility belt about every other day around the house. And probably due to the horrible "New Adventures of Batman" Filmation animated series from the 1970's which has Adam West and Burt Ward reprising their live action roles, he announces his entry into the room like this:

HERE COMES ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!

Or if he's asked if he wants a sandwich,

ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER DOES! AND SOME CHIPS!

Getting his seat belt on,

ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER IS BUCKLED BEFORE MILES IS!

I can't wait for him to start with the "Holy \_\_\_\_\_, Batman!" ...but I think for now that implies that Robin actually needs, or cares about, or notices Batman in any way. And in Carter's mind, that's clearly unnecessary. Because Robin is the hero, and Batman the annoying sidekick.

**Lara** Your kids make me want kids. Your kids, specifically.

**Martha** He puts them up for auction on ebay, every so often. Keep an eye out.

[Michal]

**Where we at?**

Jun 3 • 10718.532-38

**Anthony** I started my internship at the Missouri State Archives yesterday, and today I alphabetized a whole bunch of court case files from the 1870s. Among the actual names of plaintiffs and defendants I found:

Smith Rambo

Lemuel Postlewaite

McDonald Osborn

Israel Fist (the Jewish superhero of the Midwest, I imagine)

Arraneous George

William Bell

No, seriously. "Arraneous George." I couldn't make that up even if I wanted to.

**Joe** Most of those look like the names of the fake people who send me the e-mails that end up in my Spam folder.

**Ryan R** Why was Arraneous George in court? Let me guess: It was a defamation suit against somebody who kept calling him "ERRONEOUS George."

**Cathy** I think I shall name my firstborn Arraneous George. Boy or girl, it works either way!

**Michal** Lemuel Postlewaite calls Arraneous "George", but Lemuel calls him erroneously.

For Lemuel's term is erroneous, George, as Lemuel knows him Arraneous to be.

[Michal]

**May Forum Stats!**

Jun 3 • 11851.4-11

**Michal** Once again, Anthony and I are loverrrrrrrrrs!

**Joe** ...again?

**Ryan R** That's a callback to a forum stats post from probably five years ago. They were tied, somebody said they were loverrrrrs, and Anthony said, "It's true. We both post, then we make out," and then Michal said, "But he has to drug me first." It's probably in a TP yearbook somewhere.

**Lara** That is so wrong. I love it!

**Anthony** Boy, how about that?

So, we're old enough now that it's a heartwarming reunion, yeah?

**Jes** Pssst... you wouldn't have to drug me.

**Cathy** Hiyo!

**Ryan R** Jes and Anthony are TOTALLY MAKIN' OUT!

[Michal]

**Letters to Santa DVD**

Jun 5 • 11858.1-7

**Jamie B** Ultimate Disney reports that Letters to Santa: A Muppets Christmas will come to Disney DVD on September 29th this year (specs and features to be announced)

**David B** Oh, good. I'm running low on coasters.

[Michal]

**Sesame Street: The Broadway Musical**

Jun 9 • 11604.61-66

**Scott** Nathan just added pictures!

[A link to photos of the actors from *Bert & Ernie, Goodnight!* Wearing their Bert and Ernie costumes]

**Mo** I would like to see the Ernie actor flaunt his ability to pick things up and put them down (things such as cookies, rubber duckies, etc.) while the Bert actor, hampered by rod arms, has to carry and object he's holding when he comes in view of the audience for his entire scene.

**JHC: From Manhattan to Queens**

Jun 18 • 11882.6-8

**Daniel** I love that the article says the Muppets are moving. JHC can never catch a break, when they did own them, people would say they were owned by Disney. Now Disney owns them and the Muppets are attached as a reference to JHC. Poor, hapless Brian.

**Ryan R** "Poor, hapless Brian."

I'm picturing Brian Henson opening a door and a bucket of water falls on his head.

**Grant** See if you can spot the bucket of water in this episode of The Muppet Show.

[Peter P, Michal]

## **Tough Pigs dreams**

Jun 21 • 9244.554-558

**Cathy** I had a dream last night that a bunch of us (Joe, Ryan, Martha, Scott, Alaina and a few others) were hanging out at a signing event at some sort of trade show. We had all just bought these awesome, rare, out of print Sesame Street books for like a dollar each and were waiting on line to have a whole bunch of Sesame performers to sign our awesome books. When we finally got up to the front of the line, we found out that none of the Sesame people showed up, except Bob. And though we were sad because not everybody showed up, we were all happy that we got to hang out with Bob and listen to him tell us cool stories. Then we left the signing and went to the beach to hang out on the boardwalk...

**Alaina** You had such a lovely dream last night.

While I dreamt that Tom Berenger was having my baby.

**Anthony** Yeah, and?

THAT'S AWESOME!

[Michal]

**SyFy**

Jul 3 • 11912.1-12

**Cathy**

So apparently, the SciFi Channel is changing their name to SyFy on July 7. Seriously.

**Ryan R**

I hear the Golf Channel is changing its name to G'lfChan. And the Food Network is changing its name to Füd. And the History Channel is changing its name to hyzzTri. And ESPN2 is changing its name to Gordon.

**Joe**

Are they going to start making watchable original programming?

**Scott**

What's not watchable about Michael Dorn and Nicholas Brendon saving the world from alien zombies inside a secret government facility for a 9th time?

**Anthony**

So I went to imdb, where I found this -

"Sorry, there appear to be no titles for which

\* Nicholas Brendon (Actor)

\* Michael Dorn (I) (Actor)

are both/all credited."

LIAR! You built up my hopes, and then you dashed them like Xander's missing eye against a rock shaped like Worf's forehead!

**Scott**

That's SciFi Channel's formula, so it must exist.

Take two B-celebrities from a former thriving sci-fi/fantasy series who desperately need work, add rubber masks, explosions and a script hammered out in one afternoon by a chimp, and you've got your SciFi Channel Sunday night movie.

**Cathy**

You say that like it's a bad thing.

**Scott**

Not at all. I stopped building houses for the poor to stay in on Sunday nights for that.

[Michal]



**Comic book fanboys**

Jul 11 • 9185.2619-26

**Joe** Update: Apparently Ryan Reynolds got the part [of the Green Lantern]

So, he's gonna be both Deadpool and Green Lantern within a year or so of each other? Interesting...

**Anthony** Huh. Well, all right. Not who I'd pick - and yeah, he'd be much better cast as Wally - but at least it's not Justin Timberlake.

**Cathy** It's amazing how many times a day I find myself uttering that very statement.

**Ryan R** "Oh no, I have a strange new growth on my neck! But at least it's not Justin Timberlake."

"Holy crap! There's a masked man with a knife breaking my door down! But at least it's not Justin Timberlake."

"Argh, I'm being eaten by a bear! But at least it's not Justin Timberlake."

Etc, etc.

**SNL: Complete First Season on DVD**

Jul 13 • 9997.48-59

**Anthony** I've always said that I'll buy that DVD whenever I see it for less than \$18. That remains true.

**Scott** Well, it *is* 8 DVDs.

**Anthony** Yeah, I know. I'm not complaining about the price. Just saying that I have \$18 worth of desire to own it.

**Cathy** Reason number 422 why I love Anthony: he rates his level of desire on a monetary scale.

**Jes** What if you had a coupon?

**Anthony** Then I'd probably get it.

**Lara** But what if that coupon brought the price to only \$18.05?

**Anthony** Then I would not buy it.

Obviously.

**Joe** You're a man of strong convictions.

If SNL s.1 is being sold for \$18.05, I'll donate the extra nickel.

**Anthony** Thanks, fella. You're a true friend.

[Michal]

**101 Muppets**

Jul 14 • 11929.13-28

**Joe** Yeah, he's a pretty terrible singer. And it's one of those cases where I can't figure out why they wouldn't just show the original.

**Scott** Because it doesn't have Elmo in it, playah!

**Joe** Because it doesn't have that weird remote controlled Elmo? Because I could have done without that.

**Scott** You've got it, playah!

**Joe** Please stop calling me that. It's freaking me out.

**Michal** Oh, he won't, playah!

**Joe** I'll have you know that I've never played anything in my life.

**Anthony** Not even the ukulele, gentleman?

**Ryan R** Not even Trivial Pursuit, cowboy?

**Michal** Not even the ladies' hearts, stud muffin?

**Joe** Not even the nouns, Nickname.

[Michal]

**Muppet Comic Books**

Jul 17 • 11183.421-22

**Ryan R** Here's a write-up of Muppet Robin Hood...

<http://undercoverfanboy.com/?p=545>

...which includes this line: "this book is hilarious (I just hope nobody throws a hog about the jokes (get it hog?))."

No, I don't get it. "Throw a hog?" Is that something people say? Is it pun? If it is, I don't understand what it's punning on. What?

**Peter P** Someone needs to put that pun back in the oven. It isn't finished bacon.

**Where we at?**

Jul 21 • 10718.652-58

**Ryan R** I've heard "front lawn" many times... Could it be one of those regional things?

**Mo** Could well be.

Also, the White House has a lawn but not a yard.

**Jes** Front lawn is not unusual.

**Lara** Maybe it's a size issue?

**Jes** That's what she..... no..... must resist urge to make same old stupid joke..... resisting... phew!

SAID

**Cathy** I'm proud of you, Jes.

**Jes** Baby steps, baby steps...

[Michal]

**Muppet Comic Books**

Jul 22 • 11183.449-52

**Peter P** I hope they have a musical number.

I also hope that the next time Miss Piggy is jealous of Kermit, she catches him speaking to Miss Mousey instead of Gladys.

**Ryan R** Ooh! We haven't seen Miss Mousey in any of the new comics yet, have we? That would be a real treat for Miss Mousey fans all over the world... both of them.

**Anthony** Okay, let me count.

Warrick.

. . .

Who's the other one?

**Joe** Mr. Mousey?

[Michal]

**Happy Birthday, Dave Goelz!**

Jul 22 • 11936.29-33

**Tom** I would totally watch the "Joe Hennes IS Brian Henson!" show. Especially if Brian gets to do weird intros for the show like on the Time-Life set.

**Joe** Man, I'd love it if Brian Henson did intros for my Brian Henson impression. How meta!

**Lara** The stoners would REALLY like it.

**Michal** You'd just have to keep introducing each other.

"Hi, I'm Joe Hennes. Brian Henson is a human. See if you can spot Brian Henson as me in the Joe Hennes IS Brian Henson Show!"

"Hi, I'm Brian Henson. Brian Henson is a Muppet who plays Joe Hennes on the Brian Henson IS Joe Hennes Show!"

"Ji, I'm Hoe Henson. Brian Hennes is funny. Count how many songs I sing as Boe Bennes in the Ryan Henneson IS Buddy Hackett show!"

"Bye, I'm Hyatt Stetson. Roe Hennes is a Muppet played by a man played by Brian Henson playing a woman. Muppetses Christmases iseses funnies. See how ma--WHEEEEEEEE!"

On the Joe Hennes IS Dave Goelz IS Byron McFraggle Isn't Show!"

**Joe** "Hi, I'm Brian Henson. I have no idea what any of that was about. See if you can spot Michal's last bit of sanity in this episode of Hubba Wha???"

[Anthony]

**simon soundman**

Jul 27 • 11966.2-24

**Ryan R** I always loved Simon Soundman, and I never understood why he faded into obscurity. When I was a kid, I had a theory that he and Fat Blue were brothers.

**Scott** Simon Soundman *\*is\** a Fat Blue. But I think you meant Mr. Johnson. Which, it is in fact implied that the two are brothers.

[http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Waiter\\_Grover#cluck](http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Waiter_Grover#cluck)

**Ryan R** Well, I've never called Grover's customer "Mr. Johnson," 'cause that name (as far as I know) was only used in one sketch to make the joke work. But it's great that they acknowledged the family resemblance onscreen... I don't think I've ever seen that one.

**Scott** "Fred" was used in one song to make the joke work, so it's apocryphal. But he comes right out and says that his name is Mr. Johnson.

**Ryan R** On more than one occasion, though? If not, I just can't bring myself to call him that any more than I would call Cookie Monster "Sid" or the Swedish Chef "Tom."

**Scott** Cookie Monster calls himself "Sid" in a song to make a rhyme. Danny Kaye calls Chef "Tom" as a joke (most likely an ad lib). Both apocryphal.

The round blue fellow comes right out and says my name is Johnson.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGzpoDK\\_xQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGzpoDK_xQ)

**Scott** Also, Fat Blue is a name that fans applied to the character based on his Anything Muppet pattern. Calling a character "Fat Blue" just as accurately refers to any of these folks:

[http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Fat\\_Blue](http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Fat_Blue)

**Cathy** I love you all.

**Ryan R** I absolutely respect your reasoning, but I just can't call him Mr. Johnson. We can have a duel over it if you want.

**Scott** Can we use grapes?

[Michal]



**Dark Crystal and Labyrinth Comics**

Jul 29 • 11960.21-25

**Mo** I want to learn the Cantus Origin!! And Large Marvin while we're at it!

**Joe** A Cantus story would be fantastic, but I like the fact that his origins are a mystery. Because he's a mysterious fellow.

**Mo** Well, I guess I mean I'd like to know more about him. Maybe not everything.

**Ryan R** The more you learn about Cantus, the less you know about him. To understand how he began, you must first understand how he will end. And if you want to read a Cantus comic book, all you need to do is listen to the wind.

[Anthony]

**Elmo's Tickle Hands**

Jul 30 • 11974.9-11

**Cathy**

Vibrating tickle hands? That is naughty....

Finally, a toy I can buy that won't have to be shipped in non-descript packaging!

**The Twiddlebugs**

Jul 31 • 11930.49-51

*Our conversation about the Twiddlebugs goes off on a tangent about racial insensitivity.*

**Scott** I wonder if the Twiddlebugs ever had it so bad.

**Lara** The oppressive hand of ERNIE!

**Andrew L** Yeah, Ernie is THE MAN, always keeping them down, letting them continue to squat in his flowerbox only because he's amused by their provincial antics. The whole thing is positively feudal!

[Scott]

## The Random Thread of Randomness

Aug 4 • 9511.4789-98

**Ryan R** I just finished drinking all the water in my water bottle, so I thought to myself, I guess I'll go to the kitchen and fill 'er up.

And just as I was thinking that, the air conditioner in my office stopped blowing cold air, which means the reservoir compartment inside is filled with water. Which usually means I have to dump the water in the kitchen sink so I can put the empty compartment back in the air conditioner so it'll start working again.

And now I'm considering skipping the trip to the kitchen... and just drinking the air conditioner water. Wouldn't that be resourceful of me?

**Cathy** You're so green.

**Erik** If by "green" you mean the color he'll turn if he drinks that water, then yes.

**Martha** Resourceful, yes. Reducing your carbon footprint, possibly. Disgusting, also yes.

**Ryan R** The water smells like leather. That's safe to drink, right?

**Martha** \*gags\*

**Mo** I only recommend drinking water that smells like leather if you eat meat.

**Ryan R** Okay, if you say so.

\*GULP\*

**Mo** ::standing by with the antidote::

[Michal]

**What are you reading?**

Aug 10 • 10331.586

**Quinn** Percy JACKSON.

I just started the second one as a book on CD, and three chapters in, it seems to be better than the first. Although he's still too damn slow.

As an aside, Carter was in the car with me, and heard the narrator say the main characters name, which is also the name of a train on "Thomas and Friends." So Carter, speech-impaired lad that he is, said, "Pussy? Oh, I like Pussy."

That was when we ran into the tree.

[Michal]

## Superman

Aug 10 • 10368.371

### Quinn

I watched the first Superman movie with Miles and Carter a few weeks back, and it was the first time they had seen it. Carter was a pretty passive audience, but Miles got very into it. During the destruction of Krypton, with bodies tumbling in an abyss and buildings shattering, he looked up and said, "Dad, is this the kind of movie where there's a big green wall, and the stuff isn't really happening to the people?" And I said, "Well, this is before they had those green walls," (not saying, yeah, this was blue screen)(because he got the color wrong). And he asked if it was filmed on Earth, and I said, "I'm not sure, buddy."

He was really disturbed by Lois Lane's death by alive-burial in the final scenes of the movie, and even though he was relieved that Superman could fly around the world and reverse time, fixing everything, you could tell he was still disturbed by what had happened to her.

A few days later, Melissa asked me what they'd been watching, and I shrugged, and she said, "because Miles came up to me and said, 'Mom, when I die, I want it to be peacefully...in my bed. I don't want to be buried alive in an earthquake, or have the planet fall apart. That would hurt sooo much.'"

Father of the Year!

**YouTube vids**

Aug 11 • 10888.695

**Quinn**

Willard Scott also likes Twinkies, but dipped in Smuckers and old people.

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Aug 12 • 9511.4833-41

**Joe** I have such a huge crush on the Progressive girl, it's not funny. She might be my #1 crush in TV today.

**Quinn** So if it came down to either Tina Fey or the Progressive Girl, you'd choose the Progressive Girl?

**Joe** Sadly, Tina comes in at #2 at the moment. But once the new season of 30 Rock starts, anything can happen.

**Scott** That's fine. It leaves Tina free for me.

**Quinn** And me!

<fizziebear> And me! </fizziebear>

<pops> And me! </pops>

Okay, maybe not Pops.

[Cathy]



**Judge Everything**

Aug 12 • 8892.2611-14

**Quinn** [Miles's] school started three weeks ago. And the homework was just writing six sentences with one of his spelling words in each of them.

It should NOT have taken him three hours.

Guuuuuuuggggghhhhhhdroooooolahhhhhhhht

**Jes** That sounds like some boring pointless homework right there.

Miles passive aggressively asserting himself against the establishment's boring, pointless tasks: 9

Parents having to enforce the establishment's boring, pointless tasks: 2

Been there, done that! If Emileigh gets another worksheet monster teacher this year, the whole world might feel my wrath!!

**Quinn** I appreciate you all defending my megacranially challenged son, but it's a totally fair, age-appropriate, not-a-worksheet, good for him assignment. He just didn't want to do it.

Part of it is that he was supposed to use the word "of" in a sentence, and instead of saying something like "I'd like a piece of cake," he wanted to write "That certainly is a large piece of watermelon, guvnah!" So each sentence was about half a page for a second grader.

**Cathy** Did he use the word guvnah? Because if so, I'd like to buy your kid from you. I think you'll see that the price I'm offering is a fair one.

[Michal]

## **Cookie Monster videos**

Aug 13 • 12013.5

**Quinn** When I finish my tattoo, it'll be of Cookie Monster. On my belly. So I can move my love handles around and make him go "AHMM-AHM-AHM-AHM" like he's eating cookies.

Yeah.

[Michal]

**Superman**

Aug 15 • 10368.388

**Quinn**

If it was Siegel or Schuster still around and trying to get recognition, I'd be on their side, but it's like a nephew or great nephew and his Cousin The Lawyer trying to get on the gravy train of a distant relative. My uncle's a plumber, but you don't see me using the toilet.

[Michal]

**Delphi forum promos**

Aug 18 • 3907.2649-51

**Cathy**

Death panels for puppies

Obama's health care takeover will force your grandmother to kill puppies

-In Pulling to the Left

**Scott**

I can't wait!

**Cathy**

It's about time they make grandma start pulling her weight around here.

[Michal]

**Just found out something REALLY cool.**

Sep 1 • 12050.6

**Peter S**

Besides, unhinged people with no sense of proportion have given obsession a bad name... Life would be so BANAL without our capacity for obsessiveness. There'd be no great art, architecture, lyrics or love and passion.

(Probably no war, celebrity homicide or religion either. And that dude in the tinsel wig and foil girdle wouldn't be sneaking around your trash cans with a digital camera... Win some/lose some.)

[Michal]

**Music stuck in your head Right Now**

Sep 3 • 9639.2041

**Cathy**

The beanbags I've known have always been dicks.

**Marvel or DC?**

Sep 5 • 12051.33-38

**Cathy** I'll try not to cry myself to sleep.

**Quinn** If you do, you can do it on a nice comfy chaise lounge.

Or lozenge.

Either way.

**Cathy** Only if I have company.



**Quinn** It's everything I always imagined it would be.

Plus clothes.

[Michal]

**Marvel or DC?**

Sep 9 • 12051.40

**Quinn** I star in everyone's dreams, Cathy. It's my burden.

[Michal]



**Miles & Carter stories**

Sep 12 • 7711.840

**Quinn** MILES: Today is Friday, because it's garbage day. Except in Gotham City. In Gotham City, garbage day is on Monday.

[Michal]

## **The Muppet Show Season 4 DVDs**

Sep 14 • 11714.54-55

**Scott** Yeah, I'll be getting Studio DC for archival purposes. There were even a few moments I liked.

**Jog** Yeah, it's fun to make a little timeline on your shelves... starting with Ed Sullivan, then moving on through Old School Sesame Street past the Muppet Show, the first movies... then comes Fraggle Rock and A Muppet Family Christmas... the Post Henson movies... Oz... Letters to Santa... Studio DC...

... I need a beer.

**VCR Alert: Gonzo on AGT**

Sep 17 • 12088.43-44

**Daniel** I wouldn't worry too much. I'm just speculatin'. It's a live show, so having the idea in the back of your head that you may have last second rewrites might be a little burdensome.

Don't want to hassel the Hoff you know.

**Lara** OMG SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO STEVE!!

HE HASSLED THE HOFF!

O STEVE!!!

[Joe]

**Kermit on MTV VMA Awards**

Sep 19 • 12081.80

**Ryan R** What would you do if Lady Gaga shoved her face at you?

**Kynan** That reads like the first line of a spam email.

**Ryan R** Or a children's book.

"Tell me, friend, what would you do  
If Lady Gaga shoved her face at you?  
Would you kiss her on the lips?  
Would you fill her mouth with potato chips?

Would you sock her right in the jaw?  
Or would you call Harry Hamlin from L.A. Law?  
Prepare your answer now, kids, just in case  
Lady Gaga someday shoves her face in your face!"

And so on.

**Jog** I can hear Arlo Guthrie narrating that for the audio version.

[Michal]

**Jay Leno**

Sep 22 • 12096.37-40

**Quinn**

Did I tell y'all about the time during the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and Melissa and I were at Olive Garden, and Jay Leno was there, and toward the end of our meal Melissa went to the restroom and turned the wrong way and ran into him as he was coming out of the men's room? Well, she should have crushed him. He's a tiny little dude. If she would have done that...not killed him, but impeded his ability to work somehow, we wouldn't have this problem seven years later.

So thanks a lot, Melissa.

**Cathy**

Jay Leno was at an Olive Garden? WTF???

**David B**

Actually, Jay Leno and Olive Garden go hand in hand - safe, boring choices for the unadventurous.

## **Tough Pigs dreams**

Sep 25 • 9244.637

### **Jenny**

I dreamed that the Muppets were coming out with a movie simply called "Ta-Da!" Some small clip of the beginning of the film leaked online and a Belgian TPer (who had joined the forum shortly before) mentioned that he tried to watch it but it wouldn't move beyond this one still, which he screencapped for us (and apparently the clip got pulled before anyone but this guy had seen it). Joe shrieked in horror when he saw the still (it was pretty garish, but not the worst of it) and I saw the movie and it was all of the Muppets in different forms together (a la "Muppet Family Christmas") with some Old West plot tying it all together. At first it was simply horrible (I stopped paying attention and began writing a review in my head, like "The only way you can safely call this 'Ta-Da!' is if you're the sort who goes 'ta-da!' after taking a particularly large dump"), and then it devolves into complete grottness, which I won't tell you about because remember that dream I had about the creepy Muppet museum? That's totally Candyland compared to this.

[Michal]

## **An Open Letter to Disney**

Sep 28 • 12087.153-55

**Jes** I'm wondering what the Disney line would be if someone wrote to say how much they liked the 'new Kermit'.

**Joe** Pssh, people never write letters when they're happy! Letters are for complaining!

**Cathy** Dear Mr. Hennes,

I recently read a forum post of yours in which you stated "Letters are for complaining!" Needless to say, I was quite taken aback by such a bold proclamation on your part. Over the years, we have come to know you as a man who, while occasionally opinionated, leads this forum with open-mindedness and an always jovial outlook, especially on the topic of letter writing. I ask you now, where has that free-spirited, happy-letter writing lover we all know and love gone?

Please Mr. Hennes, pull yourself together and return us to the glory days of the optimistic written word. I truly believe the time for the greatness of the complimentary letter has yet to come, but with leaders like yourself wielding such an obviously bad attitude, I can only wonder when, and not if, the sword will become mightier than the pen.

A concerned happy-letter lover,

Cathy W.

[Peter P]

Cathy



**Ryan R** Piggy looks like she's distracted by something off-camera.

**Cathy** I enjoy Kermit's boots.

**Scott** Kermit's distracted by something on-camera. And for good reason. Lucky frog.

**Michal** Kermit's enjoying Teri Hatcher's boots.

**Cathy** Boots?

**Michal** You got a problem with boots?

**Daniel** They're real. And they're fantastic.

[Peter P]



**Muppet Comic Books**

Sep 30 • 11183.564-81

**Ryan R** What's the evidence that the theater is in New York?**Anthony** I always thought the theater was in London.**Scott** It's evident on The Muppet Show that the theatre is "in the city" although they don't say. And while it was produced in England, the majority of the cast have American accents. Plus, I don't think Sam would live in England unless he was complaining about it in every episode (as he was in Great Muppet Caper).

Years later, they would confirm that it's in New York in VMX.

**Grant** Which makes sense, I suppose, since there were several skits on Sesame Street (which as we all know is in New York City) in the 70s which featured Kermit in his home.

I really like the idea that the whole time he was hosting the Muppet Show, he was living on Sesame Street, and still does.

**Quinn** I never thought of the theater as being in NYC either...possibly because they make a big deal about going to NYC in Muppets Take Manhattan. I always associated Sesame Street with New York, but never The Muppet Show. Maybe because we were usually inside the theater, and they didn't get out of it much?**Scott** I always thought MTM was the story of how the left college as kids and moved to NYC to get into show business and then made The Muppet Show.**Daniel** But what about their standard rich and famous contract? Huh? What about that!?!**Scott** After they failed in Hollywood, they went back to college to get an education.**Daniel** Ah yes! An education in journalism. I see! The films were made in non-chronological order! After their Broadway play had to shut it's doors after a short run, they decided to fall back on their minors.**Ryan R** Oh good, overanalyzing Muppet continuity. That's one of my favorite things.

It's interesting that The Muppet Movie -- which is the "approximate" true story of how they got their big break -- is about the Muppets launching their film career, so it presumably takes place before The Muppet Show. Whatever happened to the films they made after

signing with Lew Lord? Or did they just decide to forget movies and work on a variety show instead?

**Joe** Since Lew Lord = Lord Lew Grade, I always assumed the "Rich and Famous contract" got them The Muppet Show, and they just changed it to The Muppet Movie for the sake of the film. And so they could be all meta.

**Daniel** Oooooooooor...perhaps, the Rich and Famous contract got them a movie and the variety show was negotiated. Then they made the Great Muppet Caper, since they addressed the audience with "In this movie...". Then after that, without a TV show to bring in money, they had to go back to college.

Edit to add...we then find out that Piggy's "Wouldn't it be funny if we knew each other when we were little" and the resulting fantasy was actually true, as evidenced by the richness of the fantasy and the added memories of Muppet Babies. Which then explains Gonzo singing "This looks familiar....Old friends who just met...."

They'd been separated the WHOLE TIME. My mind has been blown!

**Ryan R** So the Muppets are constantly having their memories wiped out by some mad scientist? That's the logical conclusion here, right?

[Michal]

**Dinosaur Train arrives at the station**

Oct 1 • 11807.28-30

**Grant** Why doesn't the Troodon have feathers aksjfkejakwvjkealweijfaksjdf

**Michal** It does! But they're hidden by the conductor's uniform. When the kids are trying to solve a feather-related mystery (which leads them to the velociraptors), the Conductor takes off his hat to reveal his feathery moptop.

**Grant** Oh awesome. It's about time small theropods had feathers in the popular media.

**Conan O'Brien**

Oct 2 • 12128.2-4

**Peter S** In Australia we pay more tax than you guys, and we have very good health-care.

Good health-care is actually worth some sacrifices.

**Quinn** You're clearly a communist. And possibly a marsupial.

Rationality has no place in American politics, Peter.

**Peter S** Yes, I probably am a marsupial... That would explain why my laptop keeps falling out of this tree!

And why I'm so cute and cuddly.

[Michal]

**Lego Rock Band**

Oct 5 • 12137.1-9

**Ryan R** How is it possible that I just found out about this? There's going to be a Lego Rock Band game! And it's going to have David Bowie!

[link to a picture]

**Lara** ...His eyes are wrong.

**Scott** The shape of his body is wrong.

**Cathy** His crotch is wrong.

**Ryan R** I knew somebody would go there. And by "there," I mean David Bowie's crotch.

And you're the one. The one who went there. To David Bowie's crotch. Congratulations.

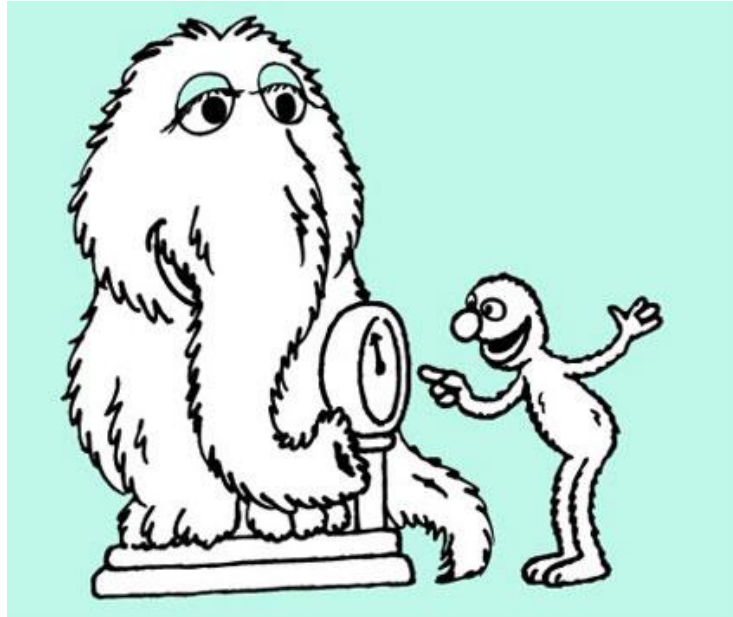
**Cathy** I'd like to say, as a woman, one can do much, much worse than David Bowie's crotch.

[Michal]

**Sesame and American Apparel**

Oct 7 • 12140.15-19

**Joe** Here's the second t-shirt design. I really can't say "meh" enough.



**Ryan R** How much do you think Snuffy weighs?

**Joe** I think that's a very personal question.

[Marianne]

**More Fraggie DVDs**

Oct 7 • 12143.1-7

**Joe** So, there's the "A Merry Fraggie Holiday" DVD that's coming out in November (<http://tinyurl.com/ydu255o>), and Lionsgate just announced that "Fraggle Rock Easter" will be in stores in February.

So my question is, what Fraggie Rock episodes would fit in with an Easter theme? I'm guessing "Wembley's Egg" will be one of them.

**Scott** The one where Gobo emerges from the cave with holes in his hands?

**Joe** Those aren't holes, they're poles. It's how his arms work.

**Scott** Didn't Mel Gibson hammer them into his hands?

**Joe** Yes. But to be fair, he thought the Fraggles were Jews.

...Too soon?

**Scott** It's never too soon, Sugar Tits.

[Martha]

**Delphi forum promos**

Oct 9 • 3907.2742-43

**Cathy**

Should Couples Pray Before Sex?

A Priest says to pray before sex, is he right? What should we pray for?

-In Christian AAA Bible Study Forum

Isn't that how that rhythm method works?

**Joe**

I usually pray *for* sex. Is that the same thing?

[Michal]



**Delphi forum promos**

Oct 14 • 3907.2746-49

**Martha** Underwear awareness. It's very important.

**Michal** There's been a rash of under-awareness of underwear awareness around these parts.

**Martha** I'm thinking that perhaps we shouldn't discuss rashes and underwear at the same time.

**Michal** C'mon, Martha! Where's your sense of adventure?

[Marianne]

**Who was that Gordon?**

Oct 25 • 12005.34-35

**Ryan R** Ooh, I guess I haven't gotten to that page yet, but that's cool. We will not give up hope! Someday we will find the mystery Gordon!

**Andrew L** Someday, we'll find it, the Gordon connection! Louise Gikow, the Wiki, and me!

[Michal]

**Tracy Morgan**

Oct 26 • 12177.11-21

**Joe** I love Tracy Morgan, but I hate Brian Fellows.

**Erik** Fannee Doolee has the exact opposite opinion.

[Joe]

## **What's the name of that toy?**

Oct 27 • 12183.6

**Andrew L** La de de da, la de da de da, what's the name of that toy? La de da de da, la de da de da, it was broken by a school boy!

It had wheels, or wings, or fur, or something, made in Taiwan or St. Croix. So la de da de da, la de da de da, what's the name of that toy?

[Michal]

**Street Gang**

Oct 29 • 11335.131-37

**Scott** Dude, I can't believe they took the only girl off the cover of the Street Gang paperback.

<http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/File:Streetgang-softcover.jpg>

What the fuck?

**Ryan R** I don't understand. First Telly disappears from "A Celebration," and now this. Where are these Muppets going, and what have they done wrong?

**Tony** Mokey's takin' 'em out, one by one. If she can't be in anything, neither will anyone else.

**Community**

Oct 30 • 12098.35-45

**Erik** Pretty good ep, but it pushed one of my pet peeves. Apparently all community college students have access to a full Hollywood costuming department when preparing for Halloween. I mean, where the Hell did Britta get a squirrel costume?!?

**Anthony** See, I've always been willing to accept that as one of those TV things, that everyone has access to terrific looking Halloween costumes. Because it's more fun to see TV characters in real costumes than in something slapped together and homemade.

**Jes** Exactly. Get off T.V. Halloween's back, Erik, jeez.

[Joe]

**Is Roosevelt back?**

Oct 31 • 12193.4-9

**Ryan R** Yeah, I bet that's one of those little fan nuggets Joey Mazzarino mentioned. But when was the last time Roosevelt Franklin was even seen in the background?

**Quinn** He was at my wedding...

**Ryan R** Was Hard Head Henry Harris at your wedding too?

**Quinn** That was the honeymoon.

[Michal]

**Letters to Santa DVD**

Nov 3 • 11858.74-77

**Anthony** I was in Target the other day, and they had a Disney Christmas display (It isn't time yet!) Anyway, they had it, and Letters to Santa was stocked up to the very front of the aisle. The Winnie the Pooh Christmas DVD had a few copies gone, and the Mickey's Christmas Carol disc was down to just two or three deep, but there sat 8 copies of Letters to Santa, completely untouched.

That made me kind of happy and kind of sad at exactly the same time.

Anyway, there were clearly some copies of MCC gone, so that was nice.

**Ryan R** So how many copies did you buy?

**Anthony** Negative six.

Yes. I added six more copies to the shelf.

[Michal]



**Congratulations Peter & Leah!**

Nov 3 • 12196.14

**Peter P** Thank you so much for your warm wishes, everyone. Five years ago, I couldn't possibly have predicted how important a role you would come to play in my life. And I'd say how important it was to me that you welcomed Leah so openly into our little community were it not for the fact that you so clearly and immediately preferred her to me!

But that's my girl, game for anything and always ready with a "yes, and" in the great improv game that is my life, whether the question is "Would you like to come with me to Philadelphia for a sleepover in honor of someone I've never met with more than a dozen friends I met over the Internet less than a year ago who share an obsessive love of the Muppets?" or "How do you feel about leading 175 people in a Greek dance called the kalamatiano to a song whose title means 'How beautiful is our bride and her dowry'?"

We both love you guys very much, and to those of you with whom we haven't been able to celebrate yet, we look forward to seeing you again soon!

[Michal]

**Miles & Carter stories**

Nov 4 • 7711.889

**Quinn** My first conversation with Miles today was at 6:08 A.M., and it was like this:

MILES Do you know what objection is?

QUINN Objection?

MILES Yeah. Objection.

QUINN Yeah, I know what an objection is.

MILES What is it?

QUINN It's like when you don't agree with something, and you say, "I don't agree with that. I have an objection to that."

MILES Wrong!

QUINN Oh. Well, what do you think it means?

MILES Mrs. Steiner said it's the goal of what we're learning today. That's the objection of the lesson.

QUINN I think you mean "objective."

MILES Oh. I really need to pee.

**Miles & Carter stories**

Nov 4 • 7711.891-97

**Quinn** KITTENS ARE COMING OUT OF OUR CAT RIGHT NOW.

**Michal** You must have broken it.

**Scott** It's a piñata!

**Martha** Squeee!

How many?

**Jenny** U HAV PIX PLZ

**Joe** PUT THEM BACK IN!!!

**Ryan R** You were expecting maybe puppies?

## **The Proust Questionnaire**

Nov 5 • 12213.1-15

**Michal** Vanity Fair has compiled 101 of their celebrity Proust Questionnaires (based on parlor games Proust played in his youth) into a book. The questions range from "What is your idea of perfect happiness?" and "What is your greatest fear?" to "What is the trait you most deplore in others?" and "How would you like to die?"

If you take the questionnaire yourself, you can find out which of the celebrities' answers most resemble yours... My answers are 98.28% similar to those of Johnny Cash.

**Joe** I'm still wondering how it gets those celebrities and percentages. It seems pretty random. Besides, it's not like we can check their math or anything.

**Jes** The Little Richard in me wants to scream at you, while the Joan Collins would rather smack you for doubting the results of the Questionnaire.

[Marianne]

**VCR Alerts: Muppets on Fallon and Kimmel**

Nov 7 • 12201.38

**Scott** Anthony's actually just a bunch of Smurfs standing on each other's shoulders, wearing a trenchcoat.

**Emmet Otter Musical returns**

Nov 7 • 1191.20

**Smig**

If this is Emmett Otter returning, they should call the show "Welcome Back, Otter!"

**Joe**            **MEEP!**

Yeah, what're you gonna do about it??

**Ryan R**        That's it, Joe. I'm calling your mom.

**Joe**            Tell her I said hi. And tell her I also said "MEEP!"

**Scott**         You kiss your mother with that mouth?

**Joe**            No, I kiss YOUR mother with this mouth.

**Scott**         By the way, she says you owe her twenty bucks.

**Joe**            I'll be sure to get that to her. In the currency of LOVE.

[Tony]

**My Least Favorite Muppet of the Day**

Nov 11 • 12244.31-37

**Martha** I think that at some point, Telly and Andy Rooney might need to do a video together.

Edited to add: No, no, no, not THAT kind of video.

**Cathy** I'd do that kind of video, but only if Quinn lets me wear an Andy Rooney mask while we're filming.

**Quinn** Ohhhh, yeah!

**Martha** You're dragging the Kool-Aid Man into this nonsense?

**Quinn** Sure! He's Grrrrreat!

I guess Tony the Tiger is in too.



**Three hundred**

Nov 11 • 12248.1-7

**Ryan R** Hey, I just noticed: As of this past week, there have been over 300 posts on the website since we launched the "new" ToughPigs.com in January 2007! Sure, some of those are just contest reminders and stuff like that, but still. Three hundred!

**Jenny** Three hundred custard pies... \*falls down stairs\*

Okay, that was lame. \*eats custard off floor\*

[Michal]

**Happy Birthday, Cathy!**

Nov 14 • 12254.11

**Peter P** Cathy, Cathy, Cathy, Cathy,  
You deserve: a hot, long bath, E  
-mail spam from Sylvia Plath, E-  
-lections free from raging wrath, E-  
-legiac homeopathy!

Cathy!

[Michal]

**Elmo Saves Christmas**

Nov 15 • 12259.1-18

- Max** I love Charles Durning, and would watch him in anything. He's in my three favorite movies: Tootsie, To Be Or Not to Be, and can you guess what the third one is?
- Anthony** I know! I know! Is it The Hudsucker Proxy?
- Max** LOL! Guess again. And think about what forum this is...
- Ryan R** OOH! OOH! I know! Is it "North Dallas Forty?" It's gotta be "North Dallas Forty!"
- Joe** Home for the Holidays?  
O Brother Where Art Thou?  
The Man with One Red Shoe?
- Ryan R** The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas???
- Scott** The Sting.
- Lara** Harold and Maude
- Martha** No, you silly people.  
It's obviously Indiana Jones Saves Christmas with Elmo!
- Peter P** The Men Who Stared at Indiana Jones
- Max** I'm so gullible. I just looked up Harold and Maude to see if Charles Durning was in it.
- Ryan R** You mean he didn't play Maude?
- Max** No, but I found that movie to be pretty Maude-lin.
- Lara** No, you're thinking of "Mississippi Durning"

**eFX Collectibles - New Photo Puppets**

Nov 16 • 11866.66-71

**Daniel**     <http://www.efxcollectibles.com/>

If you check out the "in production" section of the site, they have some great shots of Rizzo in progress.

**Alaina**     I want to buy several, modify them and put them in my kitchen.

I'm imagining Yolanda sitting on top of my coffee maker. It's like a beautiful dream.

[Michal]

## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Nov 17 • 9511.5122-24

**Cathy** So my sister-in-law and her husband are expecting their first baby in late April and they've decided to decorate their nursery in a Sesame Street theme. In the course of our conversation about Sesame Street and all the cool things she can do to decorate, I found out that she didn't know that the puppets on Sesame Street were actually Muppets. She then proceeded to argue with me that Cookie Monster didn't actually eat cookies anymore, only vegetables. I'm starting to wonder if she's ever even seen Sesame Street.

It's gonna be a long 5 months.

**Joe** It's going to be the least accurate Sesame Street nursery ever! Big Bird will be holding hands with Barney, Grover will be dressed like Abraham Lincoln, and Miss Piggy will look like she's made out of cheese!

**Cathy** Seriously. I feel like somewhere along the line, I failed miserably as an aunt. And the baby isn't even born yet!

**Tiny Zoe**

Nov 18 • 12270.10-22

**Daniel**

What I think is interesting is that in order to woo the lady kids, Sesame Street is making their female Muppets as girly as possible. I suspect Rosita will start wearing a tiara and carrying around a small dog any day now.

**Carolyn**

Feminist backlash, man. The '90s are over.

**Daniel**

Well then, to the kitchen with you.

**Carolyn**

Okay. But first you make the household annual income. By yourself.

**Daniel**

Hm.

...

You wash, I dry?

[Michal]

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Nov 19 • 9511.5143-48

**Anthony** That's washed-up rapperman 50 Cent.

**Ryan R** Is he considered washed-up now? Shouldn't he change his name to 25 Cent? HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR!

**Joe** I accidentally put fifty cents in the wash once.

**Cathy** I bet he was mad. Did he pop a cap in yo' ass?

**Joe** Nope. Because I used fabric softener.

**Cathy** Just because he's a hardcore rapper, doesn't mean he doesn't like to be snuggly soft.

[Michal]

**Sesame help White House Science Campaign**

Nov 25 • 12291.6-11

**Quinn** "Science!" Bah! Next thing you know, the White House will be telling us the Earth travels around the sun in an "orbit."

**Scott** Fucking witches.

**Ryan R** Don't be ridiculous. Everyone knows the Earth travels through the sky on the back of a giant turtle.

**Scott** That's right. It's turtles all the way down.

**Quinn** But what's under the turtles?

**Scott** It's turtles all the way down!

[Marianne]



**Season 40**          Nov 27 • 11741.226-35

**Jes**                Abby's Flying Fairy school is ruining Sesame Street- pass it on.

**Joe**                Abby's Crying Dairy School is ruining Sesame Seeds.

Pass it on!

**Scott**             Crabby's Crying Dairy Pool is raining Sesame Seeds. Pass it on.

**Daniel**            Crabs are frying in my stool, Raging Salami sleeves!

Pass it on!

**Joe**                Cramped flies in a swimming pool, reaching swami Steve.

Pass it on!

**Quinn**            Crumbling fireflies in the fishing hole, smooching Kermit's sleeve.

Pass it on!

**Ryan R**            Mumbling firefighters are invisible, smooching Christopher Reeve.

**Jes**                \*bangs head on desk\*

**Daniel**            Well then, I think our work here is done.

**Quinn**            The pink perks of being a nun.

Oh. We're done.

**Andrea Bocelli on David Foster Christmas**

Dec 1 • 12246.30

**Cathy**

Frank Oz rules the universe. He'll give a scarf to whomever he damn well pleases.

**Quiz: Voices of Sesame Street**

Dec 2 • 12313.8

**Peter S** With all this winging it and flying by the seat of my pants, I feel like a turkey in chinos!

[Michal]

**Christmas Carol lovefest**

Dec 3 • 10843.91-97

**Erik** I'm playing Bob Cratchit in a production of "A Christmas Carol", and yesterday the guy playing Scrooge told me that he hates the Muppets (and all puppets) because they're so cute and happy.

**Anthony** Hopefully he'll come around by the end of Act III!

**Tony** I can see how that ass got the role. (Scrooge, that is, not you.)

**Ryan R** Has he met Statler and Waldorf?

**Daniel** Humbug indeed.

**Joe** It sounds like that guy needs to be visited by three ghosts tonight.

**Tony** Muppet ghosts!

[Peter P]

**Christmas In Rockefeller Center**

Dec 3 • 12308.41

**Scott** It will be nice to see Lips again.

**Joe** That sounds like something a person with a huge nose might say.

[Michal]

**What did you think of Letters to Santa?**

Dec 5 • 11479.156-63

**Jes** Letter to Santa aired on NBC last night. We taped it because Emileigh was going to be at her dad's house and wanted to be sure to watch it. Apparently they did turn it on down there and when Em's dad said, 'Hey Muppets...' Em's step-mother made them turn it off, saying, 'Oh no, they don't like Muppets. They are scared of them.' (them= her kids)

!!!!

As if we needed more proof of her inferior parenting!!!

**Ryan R** Scared of Muppets? Are you sure she wasn't confusing Muppets with something else, like wolves, or sharks, or Gary Busey?

[Michal]





[Joe]



**Hasbro to make Sesame toys for 10 years**

Dec 7 • 12331.1-3

**Ryan R** Hasbro has signed a deal to make Sesame Street toys starting in 2011. (By the end of the deal, Sesame will be celebrating its 52nd anniversary.)

Here's hoping for some Telly toys!

**Erik** How does Sesame know Hasbro will still be around in 10 years?

[Tom]

**The Onion's Sesame Street Timeline**

Dec 7 • 12316.28

**Quinn**

I swear I saw Jesus somewhere the other day, but it turned out it was just me in a robe and towel.

It was a good look.

Then I noticed I had a lightsaber, and I was a Jedi, not Jesus.

Dammit.

Or yay?

[Michal]

**What did you think of Letters to Santa?**

Dec 8 • 11479.171-

- Wilson** I love that the muppet post office special is 'brought to us' on hulu by Fed ex. Obviously UPS cares nothing about muppets and henceforth my patronage must reflect that.
- Cathy** "FedEx. Because you've seen what happens in the Post Office."  
"FedEx. We don't hire Muppets."  
"FedEx. We've got better songs."
- Wilson** I'm still a little baffled by the conveyor belt that sucks in mail, pushes it through air ducts, and dumps it again close to where it started. The efficiency of the postal service might be in question if I didn't believe Fedex does this too.
- Cathy** "FedEx. When it absolutely, positively has to be close to where it started."

**Tshirts.** Dec 9 • 11748.198-206

**Anthony** Awww. That's not a happy story.

Also not a happy story - I went to Target last night, and they only had that SS Christmas t-shirt in medium.

I am no medium, my friend.

**Quinn** Verscheussliche!

I've gone to three Targets, and all they have is XL-XXXL!!!

And I am a medium! I should have prognosticated such an eventuality!

And now I'm talking like Dr. Teeth!

**Google Chrome**

Dec 9 • 12339.6-12

**Michal** I installed Chrome, but I just get an error message when I try to open it, saying that I can't use Google Chrome with this version of Mac OS. I've already e-mailed Google about it.

After all these months of waiting, all I got was remorse.

**Cathy** I got a rock.

**Scott** I got this damn t-shirt.

**Tony** I got gonorrhoea, but I wanted bacterial meningitis.

**Michal** I got the prestige of laughing at these three posts aloud until I got the hiccups.

**Joe** I got rhythm!

**Peter S** Who could ask for anything more?

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**Michal** I just bought a ticket for Follow That Bird.

So, consider yourself warned.

**Ryan R** Warned? Why? Are you going to holler the words to the Grouch Anthem at the top of your lungs? Are you going to stand on your head when Ernie and Bert fly their plane upside down? Are you going to throw salad at the screen during the grouch diner scene? Are you going to show up painted blue so you match Big Bird in the Bluebird of Happiness scenes? Are you going to bring a trombone and play along with the marching band in the Toadstool Parade?

Because if you're planning to do any of those things at the screening... I definitely want to sit next to you.

[Michal]

**Happy Birthday, Beth!**

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**Peter P** Sorry for the late birthday wishes, but here's your poem:

Beth, Beth, Beth, Beth, Beth, Beth, Beth  
Don't miss it when Megadeath  
Stages Shakespeare's play, Macbeth  
Wait, don't miss? No, myth. Myth! Yeth?

## Muppet Haiku Time!!

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The Japanese poetry style called *haiku* has been around for hundreds of years. But 2009 was the year it was finally perfected, on the Tough Pigs forum. There were 672 posts in the haiku thread, which comes to approximately 11,424 syllables. Here are a few handfuls of the best ones.

### Mo

Piggy loves Kermit,  
who has commitment issues.  
What a tense romance.

Enter Fozzie Bear.  
This guy takes the pressure off.  
He is so awkward.

### Michal

Those Koozebanians!  
Why are their anatomies  
More or less reversed?

### Mo

All the Muppeteers  
have had brown beards at some point.  
Maybe not Frank Oz.

### Joe

Yee borshee dee doo  
Ba dish kidoo yee borsh doo  
Der doo Bork Bork Bork

### Martha

Big Bird and Oscar  
Both Caroll Spinney, and yet  
Polar opposites.

### Ryan R

Goggles, Lightning, Bug  
Need a neurotic sidekick?  
Call Mazzarino

### Joe

Resident nudist  
Enrico Tortellini  
Is from New Jersey

### David B

Plays organ, smiles big  
Golden teeth and golden tones  
Eyelids or half-shades?

### Ryan R

Orson Welles respects  
Jim Henson, and he loves his  
SQUEAKING BOX OF DOLLS!

### Anthony

Ahh, young Maria  
When Oscar called her "skinny"  
She certainly was

### Peter P

one two three four five  
six seven eight nine ten e-  
-leven twelve. Pinball!

### Ryan R

Bear says I smell good  
At each show's start, but I hope  
He does not eat me

### Joe

Forgetful Jones is  
Um, you know, he's the guy who...  
I can't remember!

### Ryan R

Snuffleupagus  
That guy takes the snuffle-bus  
To snufflegarten

### Anthony

Jill, Bill, Gil, and Phil  
Want something from the grill, Jill?  
Meat makes me ill, Gil

### David B

Balding, creepy dude.  
Smokes around all those babies.  
Bobby Benson's bad.



**Mo**

Roast Nebrie, my Fave  
Skek-Ekt will eat the rare piece  
Dessert! Crawlies! Yum.

**Anthony**

Oh, David Bowie  
You remind me of the babe  
Except in your pants

**Ryan R**

Aughra is ugly  
But when she takes her eye out  
That is pretty cool

**Joe**

Sherlock Hemlock here  
Egad! Who took your sandwich?  
Oh right, it was me.

**Peter P**

Songs about rainbows  
I can only think of three  
That's not so many

**Tony**

Muppet Wiki. SIRE.  
Bea Arthur. Fuck You Grandma!  
Tough Pigs, I love you.

**Michal**

My Season One has  
A fuzzy cover. Yours does  
not. Boo-yah, suckas!

**Peter P**

You and I and George  
Were going to share a pie  
More for You and I

**Michal**

Nancy and Clancy:  
I'm coming at you with a  
Bunch of bowling pins.

**Joe**

Do De Rubber Duck  
Is a song about Ernie  
In the bath with Biff

**Joe**

How convenient that  
John Tartaglia's full name  
Is five syllables

**David B**

That is lucky, yes  
But it's not so lucky with  
Stephanie D'Abruzz----

**Quinn**

After a park chase  
She admired Hines' gams  
I bought some short shorts.

(I really did!)

**Quinn**

Does the flocked, shaped foam  
Lose flexibility when pressed?  
I aim to find out.

**Martha**

Marvelous writer,  
Gave them their very best lines -  
Jerry was a Juhl.

(See what I did there?)

**Grant**

Paint an elephant  
Shoot the Mona Lisa and  
Run around a lot

**Grant**

Welcome to the show  
A great act for the youngsters  
Jim Newsome's puppets

**Grant**

Sitting on a wall  
Beware of monsters' noses  
Don't eat the third worm!

**Cathy**

Hey, Liberace.  
Can I ask you a question?  
What's with all the birds?

**Jog**

Bunch of cows? Not bunch.  
Herd. Herd of what? Herd of cows.  
Sure I've herd of cows!

**Jog**

Boomerang fish act!  
I throw the fish away, and  
They come back to me

**Mo**

Look, Ernie and Bert  
in an ancient Pyramid.  
Damn. I'm scared as hell.

**Mo**

Cut! That was perfect!  
No, wait. I was mistaken.  
Steve's head's in the shot.

**Jog**

Mumford said "a la  
Peanut butter sandwiches".  
Grover's a rabbit.

**Mo**

The secret method  
of Fraggles reproduction  
went to Jerry's grave

**Anthony**

I'm not sure it did  
Jocelyn Stevenson might hold  
The awful secret

**David B**

When Yorick eats you  
Where exactly do you go?  
He's got no torso!

**Mo**

Picture a cage match  
Terry Angus and John Hurt  
Two storytellers

**David B**

Dinosaurs haikus!  
We're doing all Henson shows!  
Who wants Mother Goose?

**Ryan R**

The Goslings aren't that cute  
The puppets kind of creepy  
Mother Goose Stories!

**David B**

Well done, Mister Roe.  
How about that bad show with  
Tomie DePaola?

**Ryan R**

Tomie DePaola  
Is a good kid's author, but  
His TV show sucked

**Mo**

I have a dream, too  
Singing, dancing, happiness.  
Okay boys, kill 'im.

**David B**

Segel's new movie  
Will go back to basics, but  
Not underwater.

**Martha**

One-two-three-four-five  
Six-seven-eight-nine-ten-e-  
leven-twelve: Pinball!

**Peter P**

Martha copied my  
Pinball Number Count haiku  
Word for word for word

**Cathy**

Three fifty haikus?  
We're bound to repeat a few  
Every now and then.

**David B**

Three fifty haikus?  
We're bound to repeat a few  
Every now and then.

**Mary Catherine**

Elmopalooza:  
Reminder that Rosie has  
Seen much better days

**Martha**

Eating his oatmeal,  
Frank Oz glares witheringly  
At a reporter

**Michal**

Don't push that button,  
'Cause those are Gonzo's nipples.  
...Where are you going?

**Anthony**

Away from the room  
I can't watch that awful stuff  
Wizard of sadness

**David B**

You have to wonder  
Does Aughra play marbles with  
Her loosened eyeball?

**Joe**

He's shaking his head  
Everybody loves Eugene  
Gotta get that name!

**Mo**

Merry Christmas Mom!  
Watch out for the icy patch!  
Never mind, you fell.

**Martha**

Milestone looming.  
Five hundred in just two weeks  
Some kind of record?

Actually not.

The Indiana Jones thread  
Made it in twelve days.

**Justin**

A, B, C, D, E  
F, G, Cookie Monster, H  
I, J, K, L, M

**Joe**

Kermit the Frog has  
Eleven pointed collar  
Just like real frogs... right?

**Martha**

Yes, and Miss Piggy  
Has blonde hair and purple gloves  
Just like real pigs...right?

**Joe**

Oh, and Rowlf the Dog  
Is naked like a real dog  
That one didn't work.

**Martha**

Fozzie Bear tells jokes  
Wears a hat and a necktie  
Just like real bears do.

**Justin**

Gonzo has blue hair  
And a chili-pepper shirt  
Just like real ... uh ... him.

**Mo**

Junior Gorg wears those  
Red-radish-print pajamas  
Just like a real Gorg

**Mo**

Marjorie smells bad  
But she offers good advice  
Like a real trash heap

**Mo**

Which haiku is this?  
It's number 5-7-5  
Haiku of haikus!!

**Jes**

Emileigh wrote a poem for 'Poem in  
your Pocket Day' (April 30th)

I think we inspired her:

Muppets on the stage  
in which the children delight-  
A magical world.

**Daniel**

Galley Oh Hoop Hoop  
Cries of Lust and Hard Banging,  
Love Comes to Koozebane

