

# Tough Pigs Yearbook 2010



## “The Sexiest Place on the Internet”

compiled by Ryan Roe

Hey, a yearbook! 2010 was a pretty rockin' year for the Tough Pigs forum, with lots of forum members saying lots of funny things. There were all kinds of new projects coming at us from all sectors of Muppetdom, so we had a lot to talk about... not that we ever talked about Muppets much.

Quoted threads are arranged here in chronological order, accompanied by a notation as to who nominated each one, and if you turn to the back of your book you'll find the index, which has been carefully designed to be useful to exactly no one.

As always, I want to thank everyone who nominated posts, as well as everyone who ever said anything on the forum at any point in 2010. And yes, as you may have noticed, 186 pages is a really long yearbook... but what was I supposed to do – cut one of the references to Quinn's private parts?

Oh, and by the way, just to avoid any confusion: David H and Dave H are two different people.

**December and 2009 Forum Stats**

Jan 3 • 12401.7

**Carolyn** Aww, December is the time to come together. On the internet.

[Michal]

**Last call for yearbook nominations**

Jan 7 • 12404.3-7

**Marianne** Oh shoot I almost forgot.

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**Joe** For a minute I thought this was the Judge Everything thread, and you were very confused as to how the rating system works.

**Michal** For a minute I thought we were looking at stocks.

I do not know what stocks look like.

**Cathy**



**Michal** And now I do.

[Peter P]

**Dolly and Piggy**

Jan 11 • 12418.3-4

**Peter S** Great to see her perform with Dolly... God, what a pair!

**Ryan R** "God, what a pair!" is a pretty common reaction to Dolly Parton.

**Quinn**

Okay, first a Carter story: we were at my niece Kjerstin's baptism on Saturday morning, and one of the things they had those in attendance do was write a little note on a card that they're compiling into a little scrapbook for her. Mormon kids get baptized at 8, so she'd be reading them herself later. Miles wrote a note, and Melissa wrote a note, and I wrote a note, and Carter wanted to as well. So on his card he drew a little picture of a book, and wrote "BOOB OF MORMON" on it in big letters (instead of the more conventional, but less interesting, "Book of Mormon."). I did one of those snorting guffaws that usually only hit me in churches, and got glares from half of the room, and curious "what is Quinn laughing about because it's probably really funny" glances from the people who knew us. So I shared it. A lot. And in case we were wondering if Miles knows what "boob" means, he definitely does. And his eyes were bugging out, he was trying so hard not to laugh. Nice. Nice kids.

**Quinn**

Last night after dinner we were sitting around the table, and Miles looked up with this thoughtful face and asked, "Why can't brothers and sisters marry each other?" Happily, knowing he doesn't have any sisters, and won't, I knew this was still in the realm of the hypothetical.

So we went into an detailed discussion of many different reasons, including:

- 1) If you had a sister, you'd know that you probably wouldn't want to marry your sister.
- 2) It's illegal to marry your sister, even in Utah.
- 3) I'm assuming it says somewhere in the Bible or associated Talmudic tradition that it's forbidden.
- 4) DNA among siblings is too close, so you end up with bizarre birth defects like three fingers or toes and ears growing out of foreheads and talons on your Achilles tendons and such.

The reason he latched onto the most was the fourth one, so we talked about DNA and how it can get messed up by various factors, and combining the DNA of siblings gets too chaotic and messy. And then he said, "you know, there's only a 2% difference between the DNA of a human and a chimpanzee."

And I should have followed up on that, because now that I think of it, he might be interested in marrying a chimpanzee.

## **The Muppet Suggestion Box**

Jan 11 • 12416.27

**Justin T** Also, I just got home from Wal Mart and I think it's ironic as can be that Disney has their own Monopoly game. "I just bought CBS! Oh yeah, well I just bought air. Try to breathe now fools. Bwahahahaha!"

[Peter P]

## Tough Pigs dreams

Jan 15 • 9244.695

### Quinn

Somehow in my dream, it was 1999 and we were in NYC. Joe, Ryan and I were three parts of a folk quartet, driving through the city trying to get from Point A to Point B. The fourth member of the quartet was a succession of women who changed every time the camera angle of my dream changed: it was Michal, Martha, Cathy, Kellie, Michelle Pfeiffer-as-Selina Kyle, Melissa, an old co-worker Sharyn, a current co-worker...it was most curious. And I'm pretty sure I was hitting on each woman, trying my luck. I remember at one point saying, "it's 1999, I'm not married yet!"

I'm pretty sure Scott was doing voiceover work as the Muppet Wiki, because at one point we were crossing a pedestrian bridge which had about a thousand turnstiles on it as a kind of obstacle course, and a voice came out of nowhere saying, "IN SESAME STREET EPISODE 1244 THIS BRIDGE IS VISIBLE IN THE LIVE ACTION INTERSTITIAL ABOUT THE LETTER U"...

At some point we also ditched our Studebakery car for a flying DeLorean, although there was no time travel.

Going off the NyQuil sucks.

[Michal]



## Miles & Carter stories

Jan 17 • 7711.939-41

**Quinn** After the final Revenge of the Sith level of Star Wars LEGO on the Wii, there's a little animated movie showing what happens at the end of the movie: Anakin being transformed into Darth Vader and Padme giving birth to little Luke and Leia and then kicking the LEGO bucket.

So last night during dinner, the boys, having a rudimentary understanding of where babies come from, but not quite how they end up among us instead of floating in amniotic fluid, asked "when Padme was breathing all funny like this (insert labor breathing here), what was she doing?" And we used the recent example of our cat having kittens to explain what Padme was doing, since they actually saw that happen.

And that made them both laugh and laugh and laugh some more, and then inspired about twenty minutes of Carter watching Miles give birth, and then hand off to Carter giving birth, and then back to Miles, and then to Carter, and just laughing harder and harder. The best was Carter, lying on our dining room chairs:

CARTER: \*breathe breathe breathe breathe gruuuunt\* "POP-POP! I have two babies! Awwww, dey're so cute!"

I just know they're going to start their Labor & Delivery routine again during church today...they know it's entertaining, and unfortunately, they have their parents' sense of when and where things are most inappropriate. It's gonna be a good one.

**Joe** Aw, congrats! You're a grandpa!

**Ryan R** Every mother I've ever known has said that going through labor is a really hilarious experience.

[Michal]

## **Commercials That Make You Buy Stuff**

Jan 21 • 12436.47

**Jes** Yeah, what's up with the people at the Mall? It's like they swept the floor of the DMV and dropped off what stuck to the broom.

[Michal, Cathy]

**The website thread**

Jan 21 • 9574.910-13

[*The topic is talking in your sleep.*]

**Quinn** My best one was on a snowmobiling trip with friends back in 1998, and had something to do with people living in pumpkins, and not having "enough room for you." I can only assume it arose from a blanket-sharing issue in a seedy motel room. PUMPKIN SEEDY.

**Michal** You're out of your gourd, my dear.

My friend Ian reports that he's been heard saying, "Obelisks are a terrible birthday present" and "The quintessential nature of burial is the same."

**Grant** I once terrified my girlfriend by sitting up in bed and saying "Oh good, the vampire's here. We can get started."

Also, my first-year roommate once accused me of singing in my sleep. I believe him.

[Michal]

**Dirty Sesame Street**

Jan 22 • 12446.1-7

**Ryan R** An unfortunate typo:



**David H** Pssst.....

now would you like to buy an O?

[Peter P, Cathy]

**The Muppet Suggestion Box**

Jan 24 • 12416.39-40

**Denise** do they do audtionsor not?? plz let me noe

**Daniel** Words are for speaking.

[Anthony]

**Tshirts.** Jan 27 • 11748.221-27

**Ryan R** What if the Word on the Street were "nose rings?"

**Peter P** Or torque?

**Joe** Or fuck?

**Cathy** That's my favorite word on the street!

**Scott** It's what Elmo's thinking about today.

**Cathy** I'd like to see how he asks a baby about that one.

**Daniel** I imagine that conception would be the best time.

[Michal]

**Frank Oz is a newt**

Jan 28 • 12454.14

**Peter S** There's such a fine line between Biker and Naughty Gay Leatherman...  
And Frank Oz is the line!

[Scott]

**Muppet cakes**

Jan 29 • 11258.102

**Martha** The technical term for the smooth, plastic-y looking icing is "fondant."

The technical term for how it tastes is "Blech."

[Joe]



**Superman** Feb 1 • 10368.462-63

**Scott** Kryptonian lungs were engineered based on Time Lord technology.  
Just like Oscar's trash can.

**Anthony** That is seriously one of the nerdiest posts I've ever seen.

## **The Muppet Suggestion Box**

Feb 1 • 12416.64

**Tom**      If the only result of the whole Suggestion Box thing is that Michal ate a piece of cheese because of it, then it truly has all been worthwhile.

**January Forum Stats!**

Feb 2 • 12480.11-13

**Ryan R**     So Martha is Baby Bear?

**Peter P**     Does that make Chuck Hewo Guy?

**Anthony**    Gwoss! I don't think Baby Bao and Hewo Guy have THAT kind of relationship!

**Dating Kermits**

Feb 12 • 12507.3

**Peter P** Of course he has commitment issues. He's a heterosexual frog in a world with three women, one of whom is a chicken.

[Beth]

**Tough Pigs dreams**

Feb 25 • 9244.736-38

- Lara** Now if someone could explain to me why Alan Ruck was my father in my dream last night THAT would be real helpful... We were constantly changing trains looking for my missing sister (of which I don't have one) who was played by our very own Michal! I was petrified she was going to be kidnapped or something equally terrible, which led to much consoling on Alan's part.
- Michal** Don't worry, Lara; you're not alone. Lots of people fear I'll be kidnapped. That's how I ended up with this tag in my ear.
- Beth** I always thought that you were a Steiff teddy bear, actually.

[Peter P]

**The awesome pictures thread**

Feb 25 • 11848.470-73

**Dan** OUCH!



**Joe** If I had those, I'd always be afraid that my feet were heckling me.

**Ryan R** Ouch is right. Getting two cranky old men tattooed there must truly be the agony of de feet.

**Lara** That's what she said!  
No, wait, the other one...  
Ba dum ching!  
That's it.

[Erik]

**Radish PJ Fabric**

Mar 1 • 12546.9-11

**Peter S** I love this far flung tough pigs tribal lifestyle... Can I borrow a cup of sugar?

**Martha** Sure! Brown? White? Confectioner's?  
This is to put on radishes, isn't it?

**Peter S** It's to put in my pajamas!

[Joe]

**Willow the Obligatory Birthday Kitten**

Mar 1 • 12548.7-12

**Ryan R** Has it really been three years?

**Joe** Nope, it's been two years. If a man takes a pill every hour, he's taken two pills in three hours.

**Anthony** And by "two pills in three hours," you mean "three pills in two hours."

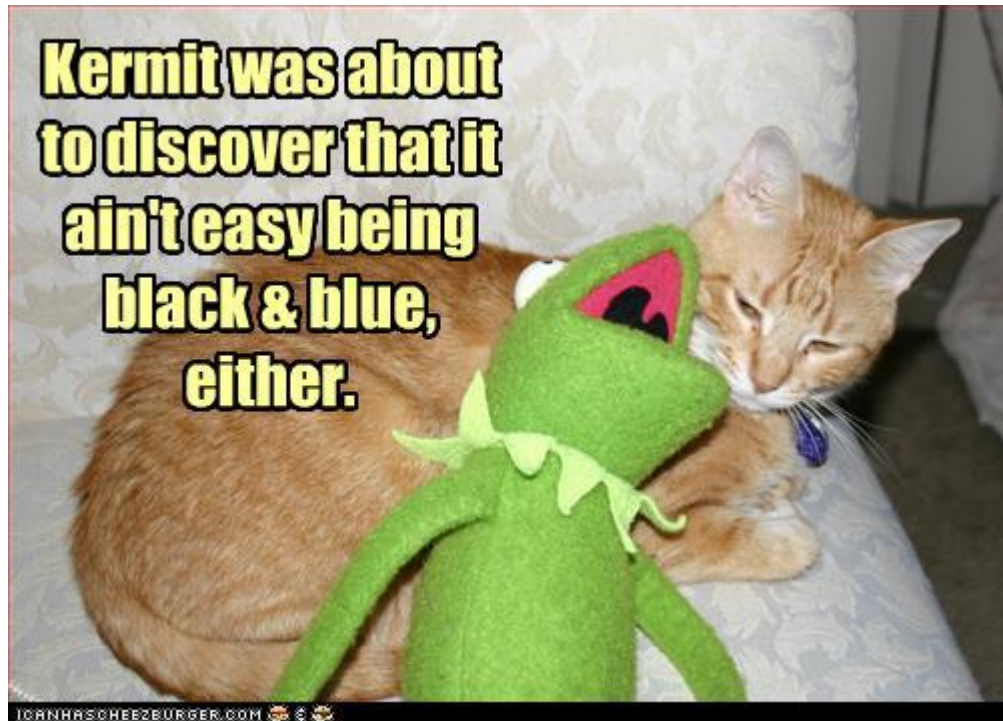
**Joe** Did I really just do that? I am an idiot.

\*takes a handful of pills\*

[Michal]



Carolyn



Scott

Hims abowt 2 get beeten up!

?oar shreddified.

Okay, dis wun maded mii laf owt lowd!

Gud fing the kyute quoshunt uf teh kitteh and teh froggie ar bof ony mid-range. Put dat hedgeer back awn reel fast an I fink yu will be safe!

## **Muppets on YouTube**

Mar 5 • 12305.29-30

**Joe** I love that they miked him.

**Justin W** I read that as "milked him", looked blankly at it for a minute, wondered briefly if you maybe were referring to Frank Oz in the follow-up interview people were talking about (because somehow milking Piggy made more sense than milking Kermit), decided you were probably referring to milking a joke, and figured in any case it would make sense after seeing the video.

Then I went to watch the video. I got to the part where Kermit sits down and gets his first closeup in the chair, and went "So cute! They miked him!"

Then I paused the video and came back here to post about how I loved that.

Then I figured out what you must have written.

Yes.

[Martha]

**Muppets on YouTube**

Mar 7 • 12305.38-42

**Dan** Doesn't everyone watch The Muppet Show just for Pops?

**Anthony** I watch it just for Bruce Forsyth.

**Ryan R** So you just watch that same episode over and over again?

**Anthony** No, but I'm disappointed 119 out of 120 times.

[Joe]

**Sesame and American Apparel**

Mar 13 • 12140.99-100

**Anthony** Oh, I have that homies shirt. I didn't realize it was an AA product.

Now I kind of wish I hadn't bought it.

Anyway, I wore it yesterday.

**Jes** Now take your pants off- I mean, whoops, damn you American Apparel!

[Martha]

**Fan Art: "Real" Cookie Monster**

Mar 18 • 12588.12

**Peter P** The only place I want moist cookies is in a motorboat.

[Scott]

**Rate Elmo**

Mar 23 • 12593.18-23

**Anthony** Oh, man. Elmo asking a baby is my least favorite thing about Elmo's World.

It was funny once! It is not funny every day for 12 years!

**Michal** But... but... It's a baby! Just *looking* at a baby makes me laugh. They're like people, but more interesting.

## **The Muppet Madness Tournament**

Mar 24 • 12580.231

### **Michal**

It's not that I find Fozzie annoying. He's a complex, brilliantly performed character. But he's written to fail a lot, and when he fails, he gets uncomfortable and sad, and when I recognize myself in him, it makes me uncomfortable.

Miss Piggy is also a complex and brilliantly performed character, and there could easily be aspects of her personality that make her seem pathetic. But in the face of adversity, Piggy shoves past anything and anyone standing in her way. She's glamorous enough to convince the world that she's more than just an aspiring star.

And when I see myself in Miss Piggy, living the fantasy of stardom, I feel fabulous.

**Muppet Show Comics** Mar 28 11183.743-49

**Joe** A Gonzo mini-card by Katie Cook: <http://twitpic.com/1blayg>

**Scott**

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**Quinn** You're such a girl.

[Lara]



**Music stuck in your head Right Now**

Mar 29 • 9639.2341-43

**Robyn** Well, I got me a fine wife I got me old fiddle. When the sun's comin'  
up I got cakes of the griddle. Life ain't nothin' but a funny funny riddle.  
Thank god I'm a country boy!

**Cathy** And all this time I thought you were a Canadian girl!

**Anthony** Canada is, in fact, a country.

## Computer problems...

Mar 30 • 12608.1-13

**Lara** I can't figure this out...

SOMETHING on my computer keeps playing the audio for "Ghostbusters"... I mean like from the very beginning and on. I got to Pete's "You volunteered, didn't you?! We're paying you, aren't we?!"

I HAVE A VIRUS OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE MOVIES WTF GET IT OFF!

HEEEELP!

**Martha** You do know who you have to call for a haunted computer.

**Ryan R** So did you delete the tracking cookies? Most anti-virus programs will offer to help you eliminate the problem one way or another...

Or have you tried uninstalling Firefox and then reinstalling, or switching to Chrome?

And when it's playing the audio, have you done Ctrl+Alt+Del and checked your Task Manager to see if anything is running that looks like it be giving you Ghostbusters? Maybe you could figure out what program it's coming from.

**Jes** Who ya gonna call?

**Ryan R** Ya're gonna call Martha, who made that joke 8 posts ago.

[Cathy]

**Cadbury** Mar 31 • 12607.4044

**Jes** \*sing-song\*

Guess whhattt I boooought todaaay...

**Peter P** A camel!

**Ryan R** 5,000 pounds of bacon!

**Joe** A seat on the Senate floor!

**Cathy** My love?

[Michal]

**Cadbury**

Apr 4 • 12607.52

**Quinn**

I'm going to be breaking down the doors of our corner grocery store to get at the Cadbury Mini Eggs on clearance tomorrow morning. Because they're good. And good for me!

The Easter Bunny came to our house. Miles is already up and bouncing off the walls, and hopping around on the floor like a rabbit. We medicated the heck out of Carter last night when he was coughing all night long, so he's still sleeping. But he's breathing, and he'll be happy later. All is well.

Miles was trying to figure out the route of the Easter Bunny..."does he go to Tony's house first, and then our house? Does he go diagonally, or follow the streets? Does he only go to the houses with children? Does..." EAT YOUR CANDY AND STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!

**Quinn's Class**

Apr 5 • 8351.513-14

**Cathy** I love you, you nerd.

**Quinn** It's all I ever wanted.

Plus lightning that shoots out of my hands.

[Michal]

**News Stories**

Apr 6 • 9750.1555-58

**Scott** Scrabble Rules Change Permits Proper Nouns, Horrifies Purists<http://kotaku.com/5510610/scrabble-rules-change-permits-proper-nouns-starting-in-july>**Joe** Does that mean I need to buy the new version?

I can't wait until Scrabble starts allowing made-up words.

**Ryan R** Do you really poline Scrabble, in all its eklgody, would ever allow made-up words? It's a very doepjai notion, but I gomp a hard zeeeex imagining that they would ever mithz it homb, at least as long as blpe haveg sluret makino gniprs iblwytmhn.

[Martha]

## **Judge Everything**

Apr 6 • 8892.3314

**Anthony** Okay, so I went to see a Cardinals game with my family in August. Here's what happened -

Stage one: Contentment. For the first inning or so, I was eating peanuts and sitting out in the sun. The stadium was nice. It was a good time.

Stage two: Boredom. Well, looking around a stadium is only fun for so long. Eventually the only thing to hold my interest was a baseball and obviously that wasn't going to work. So I tried to sleep. But everyone kept making noise! I did not care for them. Stupids.

Stage three: Resignation. After I was roused from my nap, I decided I could just as well try to pay attention, since I had nothing else to do. So I tried my hardest. I followed the action (even if I did look at the scoreboard more than most people), but sure enough, it was still agony to look at.

Stage four: Escape! Around the 5th inning or so, I asked if anyone wanted anything from the concession stand. My brother Benjamin said that yes, he'd like a Mr. Pibb in a souvenir cup. So I waited in line for at least half an inning. It was beautiful. I was inside where it was cool and I didn't have baseball in front of me. And then - best part! - when I got up to the counter, they were out of souvenir cups! So I got to do it all over again!

Stage five: Excitement! The score had been tied 1-1 for much of the game. Shortly after I got back to my seat, the Cardinals pulled ahead. At that point, I started to cheer. Exclusively for defense! For the rest of the game, I was on the edge of my seat, hoping every batter would get out quickly and I could go home! Eventually I got to.

That was my favorite part.

[Michal]

**Animal Show DVD**

Apr 13 • 12639.6-11

**Max** This isn't exactly a misread thread title, but I keep seeing this and thinking it's a clip of all Animal sketches. Would be a pretty hilarious reel!

**Ryan R** I was actually planning to do a cute little joke like that if I ever get around to reviewing the DVD. But now you've gotten there first!

**Danny** Yeah, I tweeted about the Animal Show DVD, and I got a reply from someone who was disappointed that it wasn't a talk show hosted by Animal.

WHICH WOULD BE AMAZING.

**Ryan R** Animal is a completely unsophisticated brute who can barely put a complete sentence together... and he would make a much better talk show host than Jay Leno.

**Mike C** \*clears throat\*

OBAMA! HEALTHCARE PLAN! TOP TEN LISTS! DANCING ITOS! NOW CAMERON DIAZ! YOU IN A MOVIE?! SHOW CLIP! SHOW CLIP! NOW WHITE STRIPES! \*destroys Meg White's drum set\* Buh-bye.....

**Joe** I would watch that every dang night.

[Michal]



eBay

Apr 17 • 12658.1-7

Mike C



Peter S Wow. Piggy's still rockin' the holy land!

Joe And she's not even kosher!

## **SkekZok on Muppet Babies??**

Apr 21 • 12661.16-18

**Justin W** Fascinating game: Do a Google search for [skeksis chamberlain mmmmmmm].

It asks:

Did you mean: skeksis chamberlain mmmmmmm

Click on that (or type it into the search box), and it asks:

Did you mean: skeksis chamberlain mmmmm

Click on that, and it asks:

Did you mean: skeksis chamberlain mmmmm

Sadly, it ends there.

Also, for some reason the top hit in each case is a link to an erotic fanfic starring the Chamberlain, which I do not recommend following.

**Jog** ... I wouldn't ever want to hear that Chamberlain sound during sex.

**Cathy** Pleeeeeeease?

[Martha]

**Elmo makes vegetables desirable**

Apr 23 • 12669.13

**Jenny**

Did this thread title make anyone else think of Elmo fellating a zucchini?

I thought not. \*shows self the door\*

**Send Dr. Loretta Long Stories for Book**

Apr 26 • 12676.4-8

**Mike C** The fact is, even though I am sending them short stories, it's still gonna be a Long book.

**Jog** "Dear Dr. Loretta Long,

I remember crying when the cartoon about the elephant was on. Do you remember which ending music was used? How did it go? And do you have the 1975 episode of Fur?"

**Grant** You're terrible, Joggy. :)

**Jog** It's a gift.

**Delphi forum promos**

Apr 27 • 3907.2913-19

**Cathy** *Jesus likes women who wear pants*

*He hates those ugly, jean-colored skirts worn by Pentecostal women.  
-In ccm*

**Martha** I sure hope Jesus doesn't show up for a TP chat, then.

**Cathy** As long as we're not wearing those ugly jean-colored skirts. He said nothing about pantsless women!

**Joe** Did they even have pants back in Jesus' time?

**Ryan R** No, but Joseph of Arimathea is generally credited with inventing cargo shorts in 23 AD.

[Cathy, Martha, Michal]

## **Which Fraggle Are You Most Like?**

Apr 27 • 12682.6-7

**Erik**        Let's see, I've answered all the questions. Now to add up the points (carry the two), compare to the chart, and according to this I'm ... Large Marvin?!?

**Peter P**    I'm a cat. I'm a kitty cat. And I dance dance dance, and I dance dance dance.

[Michal]

**Herry Monster**

Apr 30 • 12686.20-25

**Quinn** I always wanted to see Herry soaking wet. Like he got dipped into a bucket of water. How much of his bulk is hair? I bet he's really Grover-sized, but just fluffs up his fur a lot.

**Scott** Something's gotta support those 3-inch long arms.

**David H** The 3-inch long arms are supported by PBS stations and viewers like you.

[Cathy]

**Judge Everything**

May 4 • 8892.3455-56

**Scott** How many people do you think will alert you to Kermit's presence in tomorrow's episode of Lost Untangled?

**Ryan R** Four.

Maybe eight. Possibly fifteen or sixteen, but not as many as 23 or 42.

[Cathy, Michal]



**The website thread**

May 4 • 9574.1066

**Daniel** Muppets enhance every experience....even in the bedroom.

...

What were talking about?

[Michal]

**Judge Everything**

May 5 • 8892.3464-73

**Cathy** Tough Pigs make out dreams: 10

**Erik** Was it you and me? Was it you and Martha? Was it Joe and Ryan?

**Cathy** Yes. Yes. And yes (with me).

**Joe** If I can't make out with anyone in real life, I'm glad Dream Joe is getting some.

**Ryan R** Hooray for makeouts!

**Erik** Wow, you're a make out dream slut.

**Cathy** I prefer to think of it as me making it count.

**Mike C** You prefer to think of it as you making out with the Count?

**Cathy** He was in Monday night's dream.

**Ryan R** Watch out for those fangs.

[Michal]

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

May 5 • 9511.5721

**Robyn**      I like to beat up Boy Scouts!

**The awesome pictures thread**

May 6 • 11848.664-66

**Scott**



**Carolyn** Regis?

**David B** Kelly?

(It works on two levels...)

[Peter P]

**Star Trek vs. Star Wars**

May 11 • 12725.27-29

**Carolyn** Are there any LGBT characters in Star Wars?

**Anthony** I'm gonna go ahead and predict someone's gonna say C-3PO.

HILARIOUS, guys!

**Carolyn** I thought C-3PO would have human-cyborg relations with anyone who asked.

**Joe & Ryan on MuppetCast Live**

May 12 • 12730.13-20

**Scott** It just came back from a bunch of commercials and now you're talking about a bad song from Muppet Classic Theatre. Which I have to agree, that whole special is horrible and the songs are even worse.

**Joe** I'm sure we were talking about "Gotta Get That Name", which I hate with a burning passion.

**Erik** But it features a head-banging weasel! How can you hate anything with a head-banging weasel?

**Ryan R** That's what I said! But Joe hates the weasel too.

**Joe** That freaking weasel! All he's doing is shaking! That's not entertainment!

**Erik** I feel sorry for you and your cold, weasel-hating heart.

[Michal]

**Star Trek vs. Star Wars**

May 12 • 12725.66

**Anthony** I've always maintained that Revenge of the Sith is just as bad as the first two. But the third straight time you get kicked in the junk, it just doesn't hurt as much.

[Cathy]

**Statler and Waldorf in a Pixar short**

May 13 • 12720.15

**Mike C** Statler: Hey Waldorf...

Waldorf: Hm?

Statler: We're in a CG short!

Waldorf: But we're not moving or anything.

Statler: I know, it's very lifelike.

\*both laugh\*

[Peter P]



**I change the channel with a**

May 19 • 12755.13

**Robyn** I `<i>hate</i>` when I forget to click the html button.

[Michal]

**Segel / Bobin Muppet movie**

May 19 • 10974.475-76

**Tina** Can we put a "MuppetMatch" section here?

I totally wanna fall in love with a guy that wants a Muppet Bible more than anything in the whole world.

(I assume I don't need to explain this brand of humor....then again...you know what they say about assumptions..)

But really, a guy who knows who Uncle Deadly is? ... They just don't make 'em like that 'round here.

**Ryan R** This forum is full of guys who know Uncle Deadly and want a copy of the Muppet Bible. In other words, this is the sexiest place on the internet.

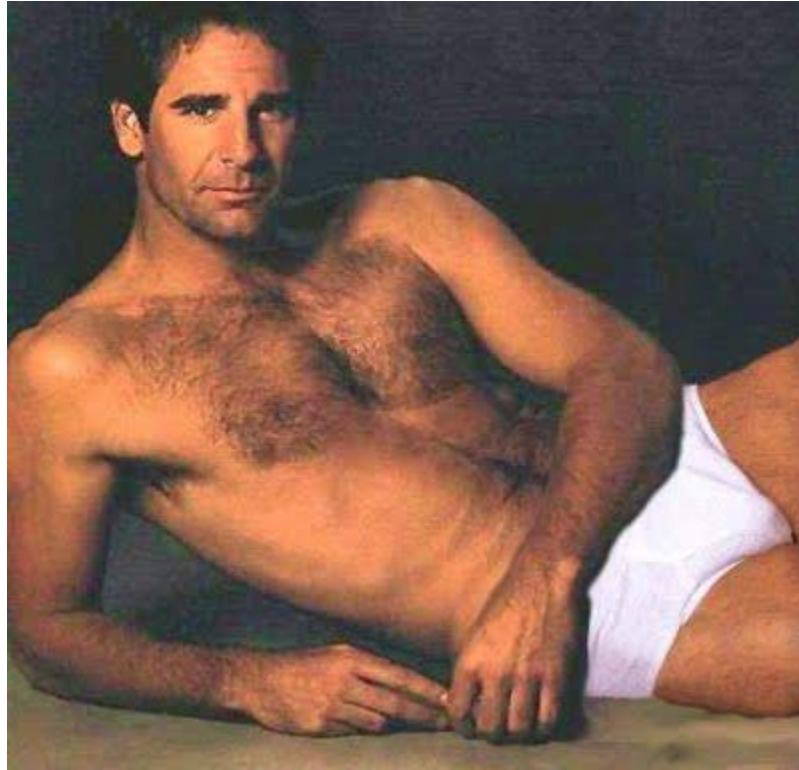
[Martha]

**Happy Birthday, Scott!**

May 19 • 12743.17-18

**Lara**

Happy birthday, Scott!!



**Scott**

Well, this is awkward. I never thought my photo shoot would make it online.

**Segel / Bobin Muppet movie**

May 20 • 10974.478-82

**Dave H** Where can I learn more about this "Muppet Bible".

**Michal** In the beginning, Jim created the heavens and the earth. And the land was just a huge pigsty, with bits of fleece and scraps of fur and ping-pong balls getting underfoot all the time.

So Jim said, "Let there be funny-looking creatures and fabulous monsters and a Frog in our image," and there were funny-looking creatures and fabulous monsters and a Frog in his image.

And Jim separated the funny-looking creatures from the mundane creatures, and these he called Muppets. And Jim saw that it was good.

[Martha, Scott, Cathy]

**Fan art** May 25 • 10834.308-312

**Carolyn** I enjoy the username "celerysteve."

**Mike C** It's a clean, fresh nickname that goes real well in most soups and stews.

**Anthony** How do you know it isn't his real name?

**Carolyn** If it is, I'll marry 'im! Or put peanut butter on 'im.

**Cathy** Kinky!

## **The Legalization of Marijuana**

May 26 • 12773.6-10

**Shari M** Personally, I think it should be legalized. Not only does legalization take Mary Jane\* out of the hands of criminals, it's also good for medical purposes.

\*Mary Jane is slang for marijuana, by the way.

**Ryan R** I thought Mary Jane was Spider-Man's wife.

**Shari M** Face it, tiger...you just learned something new today. ~\_^

**Martha** And I thought it was a candy.

Ryan, however did we get this far in life without knowing that Mary Jane was slang for marijuana?

**Ryan R** Now if I only somebody could tell me what wacky weed, Maui Wowie, ganja, mota, blunt, grass, wacky tobacky, joints and spliffs are.

[Cathy]

**Fraggle Rock Comics**

May 26 • 11890.128-32

**Joe** The trade collection of the Fraggle comics was just announced. The hardbound trade will be in stores in August and will retail for \$19.95. The bonus content will include the Free Comic Book Day issue and a preview of "Skrumps".

**Scott** Skrumps! Fuck yeah man, I can't wait!

**Ryan R** Hey Scott, who's your favorite Skrump?

**Scott** The burple one!

[Joe]

**Bridesmaid Dresses**

May 27 • 12728.49-50

**Quinn** After Melissa threw the bouquet at our wedding, the girl who caught it did a sort of provocative dance with it. So I guess that's how Mormon weddings go.

**Joe** This wouldn't be a problem if there were more nudist weddings.

[Michal]



## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

May 31 • 9511.5843

**Robyn** My son told me about a new drink he invented it's called Chocolate Ice Cream Pop. Sounds delicious right?

The ingredients include, juice, flour, wine, ketchup and mustard. He says that it does contain just a little bit of pop but no ice cream. To top it off it's green because green is his favourite colour.

I told him that there is a drink sorta like chocolate ice cream pop called a root beer float. He didn't seem to be interested.

**National Doughnut Day**

Jun 7 • 12802.14-17

**Ryan R** I had thought a lot of people here were really excited that Tim Horton's was coming to NYC. Maybe they were all Canadians.

**Cathy** Are you saying Canadians are easily excitable?

**Ryan R** I think Alex Trebek is proof that that is not the case.

**Robyn** I'm soooo excited that you said that!!!!!!!!!!!!!! W00t11!11!

**Charles Grodin turns down Muppet movie**

Jun 7 • 12794.59

**Peter P** Does Charles Grodin lose his flavor if you leave him on the bedpost overnight?

[Michal]

**Renting Right Now**

Jun 10 12808.26

**Quinn**

I approve of Martha's butt.

**Segel / Bobin Muppet movie**

Jun 11 • 10974.534-41

**Nick** ALRIGHT The Muppets are coming out that is exciting but is it a remake to the 1979 Muppet Movie where Kermit and the Gang travels to Hollywood and is Doc Hopper gonna make a comeback also?

**Ryan R** It's actually a remake of The Dark Crystal with The Muppet Show characters.

**Justin W** You beat me to it.

The exciting thing is that since The Dark Crystal was originally a Disney movie, the Muppets didn't have the rights to remake it until a few years ago, when they bought Disney.

**Ryan R** It's a remake of Muppets From Space, but with the Jonas Brothers taking turns playing Gonzo.

**Joe** I heard it's going to be a remake of The Muppet Movie with the Dark Crystal characters.

**Justin W** "Be the spokesman for my new fast-food chain. Please? Please. Please! Please?..."

**Nick** gosh that's weird I wanted to see that

[Tom, Michal]

## Bert on Twitter

Jun 12 • 12823.1-10

**Ryan R** If my Google alerts are any indication, the response to this recent tweet from Bert on Sesame's Twitter account is all over the internet:

*[Link to an article about Bert's tweet "Ever notice how similar my hair is to Mr. T's? The only difference is mine is a little more 'mo,' a little less 'hawk.'" Some interpreted this as an admission that Bert is gay.]*

**Robyn** Maybe I'm a little naive but....I, don't get it? How is what he said confirming he's gay?

**Ryan R** 'mo is a slang word... It's short for "homo." I just can't figure out if the Sesame Twitter people realized that when they wrote it.

**Tom** Next, someone will post, "Official Sesame tweet confirms that Grover was hit by a bus and Ernie died of AIDS to explain their disappearance when Jim Henson died."

Some urban legends will just never go away. People interpret what they want to interpret.

**Peter S** I think it's great as a theory for Bert and Ernie...

As long as the people who think it might be "true" think it in a progressive way (rather than a ha-de-ha cynical way), and the people who prefer to think of them as just great, codependent, deeply bonded pals prefer it that way because we need to strengthen the idea that straight men can love each other too (and not because the gay theory grosses them out).

Otherwise, it does no harm to anyone. Kids having a nice, even possibly gay, "couple" of guys to feel familiar with when they're young can only mean all sorts of bonds between males are accepted and appreciated.

Then one day, you know, less antagonism or defensiveness between men, and lots of hugs (both platonic or a little... um... bumpier...) can only lead to a more peaceful planet.

**Tom** I hear ya, bud.

I merely meant that, in particular case, it's not true. Howard from Muppets Tonight and Puppet Up? He's gay, no question about it. But Sesame Workshop has gone on record in the past as saying that Ernie and Bert aren't gay. Then someone goes out of their way to misinterpret the word "mohawk" and suddenly, everyone's saying, "Ah-HA!" and it's being reported on the 'net like it's actual news.

In a way, it's kind of like reverse homophobia, if that makes sense. There was a time in this country where people would freak out if there

was the slightest hint of homosexuality in someone's behavior. Now, it's easier to make jokes about kids' puppets having sexual lives because: two guys, living together, caring about each other and hugging each other and NOT being gay? No one's willing to accept that. They just want to put everyone they meet into little "boxes" rather than taking a chance on knowing people individually.

**Scott**

Also, if kids see gay on TV, it will turn them gay.

## **Underrated Muppets**

Jun 13 • 12826.1-4

**Quinn** So as I was in my fifth hour of driving today, I was contemplating Muppets, and thinking that there were some that were either underrated or underused. Or in some cases, underused because they were underrated, or vice versa.

If you could pick one Muppet (only one) and give them a new lease on life, who would it be?

**Max** I'm concerned that Elmo isn't getting enough attention.

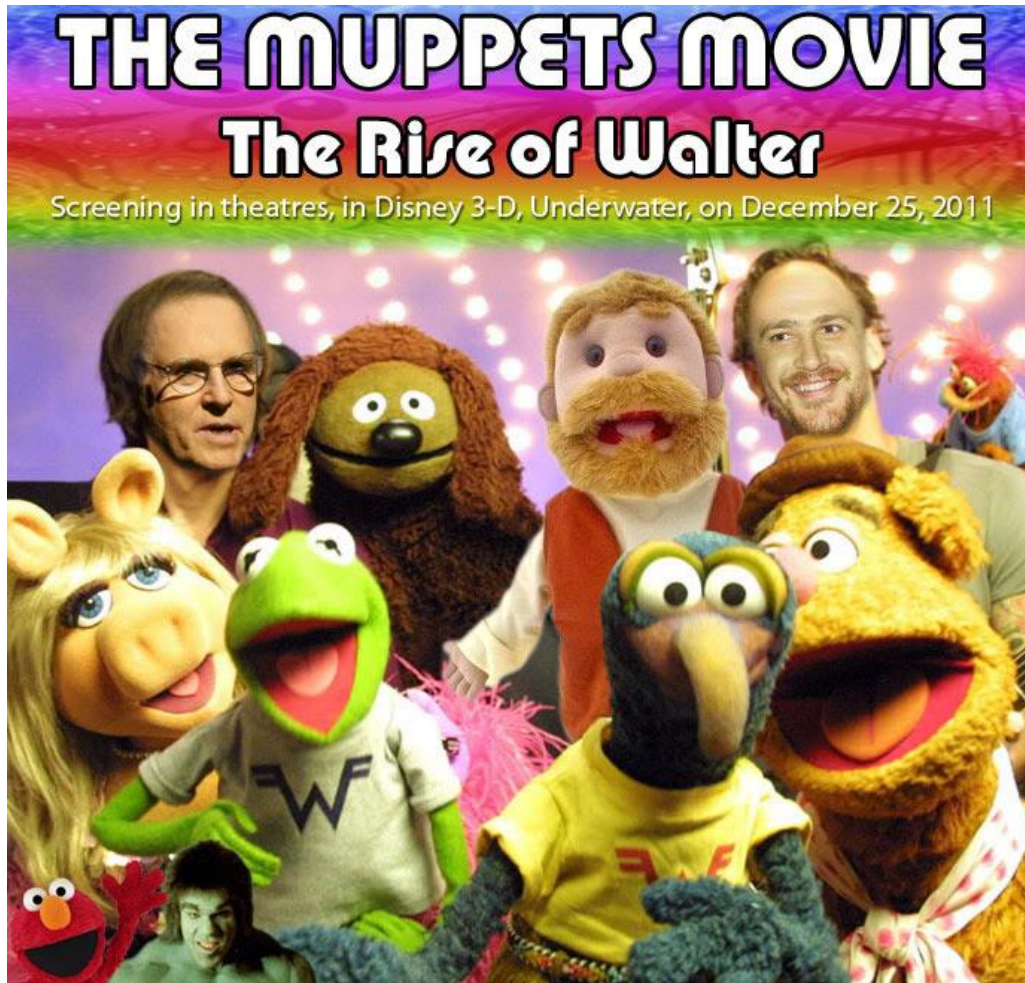
[Joe]



Rename the new Muppet movie?

Jun 14 • 12814.42

Scott



## **My Interview with Jerry Nelson**

Jun 16 • 12834.4-24

- Shari M** So far, so good! It's always good to hear from Jerry Nelson. He's a great guy, as was Richie. :-)
- Cathy** Who the hell is Richie?
- Ryan R** Richie Rich. He's that little kid from the comic books who has a lot of money. He's a pretty great guy.
- Justin F** And he looks a lot like Casper!
- Martha** Lionel Richie. As in, "Hello?"
- Robyn** Is it me you're looking for?
- Joe** I thought Casper was just Richie Rich after he fell down a well or something.
- Cathy** Didn't he voice Fonzy the Bear?
- Joe** No, Brian Henson took over performing Fonzie when his dad died.
- Martha** Actually, you're mistaken. It was Jerry Nelson.
- Cathy** Nice try, Martha, but I think this thread is lost.
- Martha** Maybe it should try Hare Krishna.
- Justin W** Hairy fishnuts?
- Cathy** Pear pimples?
- Justin W** JUST COUGH UP SOME DOUGH, MAC.
- Cathy** Your awesome point just went up by 10x.
- Martha** So now he has 10 awesome points?
- Shari M** Richie's the nickname I sometimes give to Richard Hunt. He deserves it (to me, it's a big honor to call someone well-known by their nickname).
- Anthony** That's nice that you and Richard Hunt were best friends.
- Max** This whole thread made me laugh so loudly on the back porch I scared away a bird.

[Peter P]

**PhotoShop help**

Jun 20 • 12847.1-4

**Jes**

This is random and last minute but I am working on a project for a kid I minister to and I really need help... can anyone make this shadowy image appear male? I don't even know if it's possible but I need it ASAP- have to print it tonight.



**Justin W**



## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Jun 21 • 9511.5958

**Quinn**

An hour ago I took two sleepijg pills, and i just now thought, "damn, Im really getting tired. OH.' like that. Even with the bad seplling and punctuaion in my head. And I'm not even fixing it, so your grammarian polieces can just getkepe your rulers to yourself!

[Martha]

**Rambling bloggers**

Jun 21 • 11267.68086

- Joe** Sometimes I wish I didn't dislike Dark Crystal so much, because the design work is so so so amazing.
- Quinn** Yeah, it's a beautiful movie...I just hate watching it.
- Martha** Haters.
- Cathy** Yesssssssss. They are.
- Anthony** Dudes! It's so boring!
- Cathy** You'll never convince me that it was anything less than an amazing movie.
- Anthony** Let's watch it together someday! Perhaps I can convince you by falling asleep after 17 minutes.

[Michal]

**What are you reading?**

Jun 21 • 10331.822-23

**Joe**            That book does sound pretty interesting. I'll buy it tomorrow if it includes a naked Alan Ruck.

**Lara**            HE'S MINE I TELL YOU!!!!

\*collapses from her own crazy\*

[Michal]

**News Stories**

Jun 23 • 9750.1641-49

- Robyn** I was in the basement on the computer and my screen started to shake I thought I may have pushed off on my chair too hard with my foot against the desk, then I thought earthquake. I forgot about it for an hour then my friends facebook statuses started talking about it. <http://www.thestar.com/breakingnews/article/827425--tremors-felt-in-toronto?bn=1> I'm in Niagara Falls BTW.
- Erik** Magnitude 5.0? Pffft! Call us when you have a real earthquake.
- Robyn** I know in some places it's no big deal, but it made the news around these parts, so there!
- Joe** And with the Canada-USA exchange, that's like a 7.5!

[Michal]

**14 Daytime Emmy Noms. for Sesame Street**

Jun 28 • 12739.22-23

**Shari M** I heard about it on Facebook. I'm really happy for both Kevin and Joey.

**Scott** Me too. Or as I like to call them, Kev-Kev and J-time.



**Favorite kind of cake?**

Jun 30 • 12811.114-19

**Martha** My new favorite might be the Oreo cupcakes I made a few days ago.

**Joe** I want!

**Martha** Next time you're here, I'll make 'em.

**Joe** I'm running to Boston right now! No time for pants!

**Martha** Yikes! I've got no Oreos in the house, man!

**Joe** You tell me now??? I already left the pants behind!

## Fraggle Rock movie

Jul 4 • 8499.206

### Danny

Cory Edwards is such a douche that I cannot handle myself.

"My blog created quite a brushfire. And I kind of thought it would. But what it's also done is gotten people talking again."

Yeah, they're talking about what a jerk you are, badmouthing the people who are trying to make something out of your terrible script.

"Since then, I've been able to sit down with Weinstein's new VP of Development and really talk about their issues with the movie."

Yeah, I bet you did. I wonder if the phrase "stop talking about it on the internet" came up.

"They want this movie to connect with an older, more sophisticated audience. I want to help them figure out what that means so that we are both happy."

Because Cory Edwards being happy is the key to making a good film.

"I think this was an important moment in the film's development. It was an important time for me to dig my heels in and shove back a little. And I think that those times create good dialogue and good results."

Everybody always respects the guy who digs his heels in and whines on his blog. It's good for the creative process.

"I'll only move forward if we're all happy, and that includes me. I really feel like I'm one of a very small handful of people that needs to be happy with moving forward."

Such a douche!

"So yeah, I won't move forward until I feel like the script is an exciting thing."

SUCH a DOUCHE!!

This is a guy who has made one film, five years ago, and it was not a hit. He is not helping the process by whining about it on his blog. He is generating bad buzz that will make Miramax feel like the project is not worth the trouble. He's not James Cameron; he can't get away with this crap. He makes me mad.

[Michal]

**Judge Everything** Jul 8 • 8892.3951

**David B** Experienced mountain climbers with a team of a dozen sherpas would have trouble getting past Helen Hunt's forehead.

[Cathy]

**Music stuck in your head Right Now**

Jul 10 • 9639.2523

**Shari M** I've had "I Am the Walrus" stuck in my head since I got my Beatles CD yesterday. There's something about it that makes me want to listen to it more, besides the weirdness and the nonsense.

"I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together."

**Ryan R** Be sure to listen to all the secret clues that tell you Paul is dead.

**Shari M** I did. That's a passage from "King Lear".

And as for the "Paul is dead" rumors, everyone knows they're not true. If they were, Paul wouldn't be living today.

[Michal]

**Delphi forum promos**

Jul 11 • 3907.2976

**Quinn**

I have a book somewhere about a gummi bear who grows up to become pope. But then the cardinals use his hat as a weapon, and I don't remember the rest. It didn't end well for him. There was also some naked gummi cavorting going on. Where is that book?

[Michal]

**Selling / getting rid of stuff**

Jul 12 • 12889.15-17

**Justin T** How many pieces is that Fozzie puzzle? My niece loves my Kermit, Animal, and Gonzo on skateboards puzzle. She can only do about 100 pieces though. I'll consider taking it off your hands. After seeing Toy Story 3, I can't let things go to the dump.

I say consider because I'd have to be able to convince my parents that I'm not just giving out my information to Nigerian scammers or something. Even at 21 they don't think I'm intelligent enough to not do stupid things.

**Justin W** Dear, Justin T. (jwtonglet)

Good day to you. Being as this letter may come as a surprise to you I wish you good wishes. I am recently come into possession of one (1) Fozzie puzzle with comprising two hundred fifty (250) pieces . I ask your kind assistance in transferring this puzzle safely to your possession. This tranaction is completely free (\$0 US) and legitimate. To facilate this tranfser, please send the details of your U.S. mailing adress to me, along with a small payment which is necessary to release from bureaucratic lock and transfer fees of U.S. postal service.

With peace and blessings,

Sincerely.

[Cathy]

**Delphi forum promos**

Jul 15 • 3907.2987-90

**Cathy** The 10 Lies of Feminism  
The feminist movement made exciting promises to women - promises that could not be delivered.  
-In Religious Law vs Grace

**Carolyn** Really? 'cause I think right now I'm a registered voter working in a job alongside men and wearing pants.

**Michal** Girls still read the Twilight series. Feminism hasn't worked yet.

**Carolyn** Hah! I read and semi-enjoyed the Twilight series, and I'm at least mildly feminist.

I think you can be a feminist and still want to be dominated in the bedroom. By a vampire. Feminism is all about having choices.

[Michal]

**Secret Life of Toys DVD?**

Jul 22 • 12910.13-17

**Justin W** It seemed perfectly clear to me. YMMV.

**Martha** You Make Me Vomit?

**Joe** I didn't want to do it, I didn't want to do it.

**Scott** But all the time you knew it, all the time you knew it.

**Cathy** Didn't want to do it.

[Carolyn]



**1985 Muppet museum exhibit**

Jul 27 • 12915.5-10

**Dave H** If there is a God and Heaven, then there has to be a time machine that will let me go back in time to see this stuff. This is awesome.

**Peter S** The internet IS the time machine. Just push ctrl backspace T (for time).

**Tom** All my computer did was open a couple of tabs when I pressed that. Do you think I should call tech support about this?

**Ryan R** Really? I just tried it, and I'm now writing this post from January 14, 1973. Now which key do I hit to get back?

[Michal]

**In Development**

Aug 2 • 10137.527-32

**Daniel** That looks awful. Akroyd does a horrible Yogi Bear. With a character like this, who still pops up and sounds a certain way, why the need for stars when there is already a voice actor? It would be much better IMO. This is...yuck.

**Peter P** Yeah, it sounds like a bad Ralph Kramden impersonation. Even I can do a better "pic-a-nic basket."

It's important to note that I'm terrible at voices. If you've heard my Seymour, you'd know that already.

**Ryan R** Actually, I just read that you've been cast as a computer-animated Seymour in a new movie alongside Kayne West as Pepe.

**Peter P** We're two of a kind, muthafuckas!!!

[Martha]

**In Development**

Aug 2 • 10137.529-42

**Shari M** I can do pretty good impressions of Grover, Cookie Monster, and Elmo. And I'm a soprano.

**Cathy** But how's your Seymour?

**Shari M** Oh, now Seymour, I haven't heard. Where's he from? Because I'm not really familiar with him.

**Scott** <http://muppet.wikia.com/wiki/Seymour>

**Shari M** Ah, he's from Muppets Tonight. That's probably why I've never heard of him (because I never watched Muppets Tonight).

And he's an elevator operator? Well, that gives new meaning to "Elephant Elevator Operator".

**Joe** As opposed to the old meaning?

**Justin F** It's a funny, funny world.

**Favorite mustachioed Sesame character?**

Aug 11 • 12944.29-31

**Dave Hulteen**

There are a disturbing amount of Muppets with Hitlerstaches, but Herbert Birdsfoot gets my vote. I never realized how much he looks like Flanders.

**Shari M**

A lot of people on YouTube have said that Herbie looks like Flanders.

**Peter P**



**Smallville**

Aug 13 • 8554.702-5

**Scott** They just cast a ripped, blonde hunk to play Desaad. I don't see how that makes sense even by Smallville standards. Is there an Apokolips story where Desaad inhabits the body of a Teen Bop model that I should know about?

**Joe** I don't think the Smallville casting directors know that they're allowed to hire people who haven't been on Gossip Girl.

**Anthony** That sounds like Smallville. They also cast some tall, thin 20-something as Mxyzptlk, as I recall.

**Joe** Didn't they cast a baby armadillo as Lori Lemaris? And a BLT as the Parasite?

Man, those casting people suck.

**Do Doo Do Do Doo**

Aug 20 • 12965

- Cathy** Phenomenon.  
Islamabad.  
The Parthenon.
- Anthony** Bananaphone.
- Martha** Banana bread.
- Peter P** Parabola
- Cathy** Blagojevich
- Carolyn** Roflmao.  
Apply Head On.
- Shari M** Manah Manah.
- Cathy** Huh. I wonder why I didn't think of that one.
- Jenny** Menomonie?
- Cathy** Hermione.
- Quinn** Lobotomy
- Martha** Monotony.
- Erik** Metonymy.
- Robyn** Debauchery.
- Peter P** Leah: Synechdoche
- Quinn** Schenectady
- Jog** An M&M.
- Justin F** Calliope  
Monogamy  
Banana Tree  
Bumble Bee  
Broken Knee  
The Number Three

I Have to Pee

**Michal** Hapax legomenon.

**Andrew L** Die Autobahn.

**Quinn's Class**

Aug 23 • 8351.554-57

**Quinn**

First day of school was today.

My favorite three names on the rolls:

Jessica (a boy)

Kobebryant (a girl)

Pak Man (a boy)(that has an insatiable appetite)

**Cathy**

I call bullshit.

**Justin W**

She was Quinn's next favorite.



**Songs You're Ashamed to Love**

Aug 30 • 12966.91-93

**Cathy** I still love the cosmically bad song Heart and Soul, by T'Pau.

**Anthony** I went through Pon Farr during that song.

**Joe** That is possibly the geekiest, most amazing thing you've ever said.

[Joe]

**Kermit and Sam & Friends at Smithsonian**

Aug 31 • 12971.23-27

- Jog** Willard Scott says that he was involved with Jim in 1953, and Matt speculates it might have been in a puppeteering role. But I wonder if he was involved in some other way - production, artwork, or some other behind-the-scenes thing. Heck, he might have just been getting coffee for people. Or maybe Willard remembers the dates wrong.
- Anthony** Willard Scott is a rather elderly man. So it's not at all unlikely that he got the dates wrong.
- Ryan R** He's so elderly, he's old enough to announce his own birthday!

[Michal]

## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Sep 1 • 9511.6392

**Michal** I attended a wedding on Sunday at Inwood Park, in Washington Heights (booking the venue cost the couple \$25, and they served us pizza).

At one point, the guests were munching idly on the pizza, while across the lawn and out of earshot, the band members were tooling around, sitting at their instruments but not really playing much.

Amid the awkward chit-chat, I made some weak attempt at a pun that was so unfunny that I can't even recall it. And half a beat later, a rimshot sounded over the lawn.

I promptly declared out loud, "This is the best day of my life."

**Cathy** Win!

**Michal** I know. It's all downhill from here.

**Judge Everything**

Sep 5 • 8892.4287-89

**Quinn**

Eavesdropping on Miles and Carter's debate over who's cooler:  
Aquaman, Blue Beetle, Plastic Man or Batman: 8

Carter winning the argument, because Plastic Man makes him laugh: 9

Miles' Charlie Brownesque AUGH of frustration: 9

**Joe**

I love the fact that your kids (or really, any kids anywhere) had that argument. Who did Miles think was cooler?

**Quinn**

Miles thought Blue Beetle was cooler, "because he has the thingy."  
Which I assume is the scarab.

When it comes down to it, Batman is undoubtedly the coolest, but they're loving The Brave and the Bold so much right now it opens up the debate.

The silly, silly, debate.

**Joe Mathieu Q&A**

Sep 6 • 1294.19-30

**Martha** Ponyboy was, I think, the very first resident of my closet. C. Thomas Howell. Rawr.

...And here's someone to yell at me for muffining the Joe Mathieu Q&A thread.

**Michal** \*puff puff\*

I am here! Here I am!

...Wait, I brought all of my accoutrements and paraphernalia and you're introducing me just to yell at you? Well, forget it, then.

**Ryan R** You brought accoutrements AND paraphernalia? No wonder it took you so long!

**Michal** It took me quite awhile as they were both cumbersome and heavy. The accoutrements were a pound of feathers; the paraphernalia was a pound of bricks.

**Erik** Which one weighs more?

**Michal** Both together weigh more.

**Peter P** The duck.

**Michal** All right. So which one's a witch?

**Shari** Nice Monty Python reference.

**Peter P**



**What are you reading?**

Sep 7 • 10331.916-20

**Beth** I am reading "Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean: How a generation of swashbuckling Jews carved out an empire in the New World in their quest for treasure, religious freedom" by Edward Kritzler.

**Joe** Kritzler is my mom's maiden name! I wonder if I'm related to that guy.

**Beth** Maybe you're actually a Jewish pirate!

**Joe** Yo ho ho and a bottle of Manischewitz!

[Michal]

**Star Wars**

Sep 8 • 9516.206-13

**Quinn**

Melissa was on the edge of her seat for every Admiral Ackbar line. I think I have new competition. From 1983.

**Cathy**

Does he have more lines than "It's A Trap!"?

**Ryan R**

Aww, he gives a whole speech about how to destroy the Death Star. Do you think Ackbar ever gets frustrated? He's this smart, interesting guy with all this military knowledge and experience... and he probably has some interesting hobbies too, like maybe he writes poetry or collects baseball cards, but when he goes to parties, all anyone ever wants to hear him say is "It's a trap!"

[Michal]

**Star Wars**

Sep 8 • 9516.218-29

**Quinn** *Nien Nunb*

Do you know how much I love you for spelling that slobbery bastard's name right?

Tell me you didn't look it up. Tell me.

**Cathy** Sadly, I did not have to look it up, Quinn. Why is that sad you ask? Because it means I've spent far too much of my time discussing Nien Nunb. Time I will never get back from that slobbery bastard. Creepy little time stealer.

**Quinn** My heart just grew three sizes.

**Quinn** Um. And.

**Martha** \*snort\*

**Scott** Now I'm thinking about your penis.

So, no difference there!

**Quinn** It's a trap!

**Cathy** If I say something like "thinking about Quinn's penis is my favorite pastime!" is that going too far?

Yeah. It probably is.

Forget I said anything.

**Ryan R** Too late. In fact, I just created a new Delphi forum promo:

**What's Cathy's favorite pastime?**

Thinking about Quinn's penis!

-In Tough Pigs Muppet Fan Forum

[Martha]



**The Muppets Kitchen with Cat Cora**

Sep 9 • 12996.27-32

**Joe** Don't forget the original title, "Cooking with Cat Cora".

**Kim McF** "Cooking Muppets with Cat Cora."

**Joe** "Cat Cooking with the Muppets"

**Kim McF** Muppets Cooking Cats.

**Ryan R** The Muppets Kickin' it with Cat Stevens

**Jog** How to Cook (for) (for)(ty) Muppet(')s with Cat Cora (the Human).

[Michal]

**Segel / Bobin Muppet movie**

Sep 11 • 10974.597-600

**Ryan R**

If he had said "eight weeks in," I would assume they're filming now. But he said "eight weeks out," which makes me think they will be filming soon.

**Joe**

Eight weeks in, eight weeks out, eight weeks in and you shake it all about.

**Michal**

That's the most painful gestation process I've ever heard of.

**Sesame Street on YouTube**

Sep 12 • 9145.920-26

**Robyn** I enjoy Mumford and Gladys together.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhfKCPU6JcM>

**Michal** Wow. What a fabulous pairing; Gladys is really in her element here.  
And what a fabulous feather headdress.

**Ryan R** How is it that Gladys never became a major gay icon?

**Max** Don't worry, I'm working on it.

[Michal]

**Rambling bloggers**

Sep 14 • 11267.729-36

**Cathy** I have no opinion on Doozer towers. It just always stuns me that people can't post coherent thoughts in their replies. Verb tenses exist for a reason people of the internets!

**Ryan R** People on internets aren't knowing for they excellent language skills.

**Cathy** I shall not rest until every person on the web is using proper English!

**Cathy** Eh, forget it. I'm one person in and I'm already exhausted.

[Michal]

**GMC movie prop?**

Sep 17 • 13007.6-10

**Jog** Hmm... Speaking of which, does anyone here know anything about photo developing? I've done a course in college, and I'm thinking that there's a plothole going on here.

In the script, Gonzo is developing a film from his camera. He ends up with a negative. He didn't take time to fixate it, so when the daylight came in, the negative was ruined and all evidence was gone.

But they have Gonzo doing the wrong thing.

What he is actually doing, with the lighting apparatus and putting photo paper in chemicals, is PRINTING a photo copy from a negative.

Which makes no sense, because you can't end up with a negative that way. And if daylight ruins the photo, who cares? The negative is still inside the machine, and you can always print endless copies.

(And then he sets a perfectly wrong example by placing the photo paper in the chemicals with his bare hands...)

**Joe** Y'know, you're right. To print the photo the way Gonzo was doing it (with the photo paper in the chemicals, using a red light, etc), he would've already had to have the negatives. And then after everyone burst through the doors, all he would've had to do is print off another copy.

And then the movie would be over.

**Peter P** Unless Animal ate the negative.

**David B** Zoot left the negative in his other pants.

[Michal]

**Rosalind Franklin, what you say?**

Sep 17 • 13008.1-4

**Grant** I said I figured out the structure of-a DNA.

**Mike C** dayum

**Ryan R** What percentage of the population do you suppose would understand that?

**Grant** Zero point zero?

**Season 41**

Sep 20 • 12590.106-116

**Ryan R** A lot of people on Facebook and YouTube are complaining about [Katy Perry's] boobs now. I'd be very interested to hear a response from Sesame Workshop, or from the boobs.

**Shari M** Just as long as they're covered, so kids can't get tempted.

**Ryan R** Tempted to do what?

**Carolyn** Nurse?

**Shari M** All I'm gonna say is, what do you think kids would do when they become teenagers?

**Carolyn** Nurse?

**Jenny** Whoa, chill, Carolyn. The nurse is coming.

**Cathy** Smoke a lot of weed\* and contemplate the silly tattoos they'll get as an act of ill-thought out rebellion?

(\*FYI, weed is slang for marijuana.)

**Joe** You realize that the age of most Sesame Street viewers is 2-4, right? Kids that young are not thinking about sex. At least, not in the way you're probably assuming they do.

**Scott** From the very first moment I ever laid my young eyes on Phyllis George's wonderful breasts on The Muppet Show, I committed my life to the creation of the internet so that I could talk about them with other fans whose faces I couldn't see when I became a teenager.



**Cathy** Vile temptress and her ample bosom!

**ROCK GIANT needs your help**

Sep 21 • 13017.1-2

**henson87**

When a young girl is walking down the beach she discovers and quickly befriends a melancholy rock giant. Through her love and devotion she is able to slowly melt away his rocky exterior to the man trapped underneath... her father

Find out more about the project at

<http://www.chrisheady.com/rock-giant.html>

Thank you

**Cathy**

Brian?

[Martha]



**The website thread**

Sep 21 • 9574.1191-1200

**Anthony** So this certainly is . . . something.

<http://holykaw.alltop.com/1938-rejection-letter-from-disney-to-female-a>

**Shari M** Oh, that's sexist. And I'm an artist.

Haven't they learned anything from all the women's rights movements, right up until the 19th amendment?

**Cathy** The 19th amendment was ratified in 1920 and gave women the right to vote, not to equal opportunity employment. And since 1938? I'd say yes, they have learned a few things.

**Anthony** Ah yes. The 19th Amendment. The last time women fought for equality in the US.

**Carolyn** Yeah, after that I just relaxed and said "I'm done!"

Well, and I guess it was nice when Hepburn wore pants. But other than that, DONE!

**Cathy** Hey woman, don't you have some babies to be rearing?

**Carolyn** My gosh, you're right! I'd better put down my embroidery and find some semen.

[Michal]

**YouTube vids**

Sep 23 • 10888.1337-42

**Erik** I've seen the phrase ["I couldn't care less"] misused here twice today, so I thought I'd post a gentle reminder:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=om7O0MFkmpw>

**Joe** I could care less about people who are so upset by the fact that idioms can evolve that they feel the need to make little greenscreen videos to complain in front of the entire internet.

**Ryan R** Awww, it's sweet that you care about that guy.

**Cathy** Who said I misused it? I could care less that Joe hated the show, implying I do care a little bit, because I did. I cared enough for it to bother me to the point where I felt the need to explain myself, and yet not enough to try to convince him to like it.

Take that grammar nerd.

**Martha** *Take that grammar nerd.*

Which one? Erik? Gladly.

**Cathy** I'm so glad it was you.

**Pushing Daisies**

Sep 23 • 10765.239-42

**Tom** I need to start watching this show.

**Joe** Yes you do. But first, please go back in time and add to its ratings so it won't get canceled. Thanks.

**Tom** I'm working on my flux capacitor right now.

**Scott** TMI

[Joe, Michal]

**News Stories**

Sep 27 • 9750.1733-34

**Cathy** Huh. You know, I just watched the finale of Titanic yesterday. I caught it when it was on FX or TNT or one of those channels that always shows Titanic.

**Justin F** I have not seen Titanic.  
But my heart will go on.

**The Possibility Shop**

Sep 28 • 12276.13-14

**Ryan R** Apparently the Jim Henson Company's "Possibility Shop" web series was such a monster hit that they're doing a second season.

**Joe** FUCK YEAH!

**Rachel Bilson will be Miss Piggy**

Sep 29 • 13032.5-34

- Tom** Well, at least it's not another news story about a young celebrity in rehab or prison. If all she wants to do is dress up as Piggy, more power to her.
- More on the "duh" side of things is the notion of Selena Gomez dressing up like Katy Perry. Um, Katy Perry is a pop princess. You're a pop princess, Selena. Isn't that kind of missing the point of dressing as someone you aren't?
- Now if she dressed like Katy Perry and had someone following her around dressed like Elmo, that would have been extraordinarily clever.
- Ryan R** I hope Katy Perry dresses as Selena Gomez for Halloween.
- Joe** I hope Katy Perry dresses up like Gomez Addams for Halloween.
- Ryan R** I hope Gomez Addams dresses up like Perry White for Halloween.
- Joe** I hope Perry White dresses up like J. Jonah Jameson for Halloween.
- Ryan R** I hope J. Jonah Jameson dresses up like J.J. Abrams for Halloween.  
(How long can we keep this up? Forever, probably.)
- Scott** I hope J.J. Abrams dresses as Abraham Simpson for Halloween.
- Anthony** I hope Abraham Simpson dresses up like RuPaul for Halloween.
- Ryan R** I hope RuPaul dresses up like Rupert Pupkin for Halloween.
- Martha** I hope Rupert Pupkin dresses like Rupert Penry-Jones for Halloween.  
And then, I hope that Rupert Penry-Jones dresses like INDIANA JONES for Halloween.
- Peter P** I hope Rupert Pupkin visits Linus van Pelt on Halloween.
- Mike C** I hope Major Minor finally gets Snagglepuss' Linus Van Pelt this Halloween.
- Joe** I hope Snagglepuss dresses up like Mr. Snuffleupagus for Halloween.
- Ryan R** I hope Mr. Snuffleupagus dresses up like George Stephanopoulos for Halloween.
- Carolyn** I hope George Stephanopoulos dresses like Debbie Matenopoulos.
- Martha** I hope Debbie Matenopoulos dresses like Debbie Gibson for Halloween.
- Peter P** I hope Debbie Gibson dresses up as a gibbon for Halloween.

**Joe** I hope Debbie Gibson dresses like a Gibson guitar for Halloween.

**Quinn** I hope the Gibson guitar dresses like a Guitar Hero for Halloween.

**Cathy** I hope a Guitar Hero dresses like Hero Guy for Halloween.

**Quinn** I hope Hero Guy dresses like Guy Gardner for Halloween.

**Tom** I hope Guy Gardner dresses like Guy Smiley for Halloween.

**Martha** I hope Hero Guy dresses up like Teeny Little Super Guy for Halloween.

**Cathy** I hope Teeny Little Super Guy dresses up as Tina Yothers (circa 1985) for Halloween.

**Joe** I hope Tina Yothers (circa 1985) dresses up like Tina Yothers (circa 1998) for Halloween.

**Tom** I hope Tina Yothers (circa 1998) dresses up like The Partridge Family 2020.

**Ryan R** I hope the Partridge Family 2020 all dress like 20/20 host Barbara Walters for Halloween.

**Mike C** I hope Barbara Walters dresses up like Walter Mondale for Halloween.  
Though if she did, who'd be able to tell? WOO!

**Star Wars**

Oct 1 • 9516.288-89

**Quinn**

that book where Chewbacca died is also the point that I stopped slavishly reading every single Star Wars book that came out. I'll still pick one up now and then if it's getting particularly good reviews, or if it's set in a certain point along that timeline, but Han without Chewie...it's too sad.

**Scott**

Every book contains at least one scene of Leia getting mad at Han for neglecting her and spending his nights sleeping on their shag carpet.



**Amy Adams in the new Muppet Movie?** Oct 4 • 13044.11-29

- Scott** We first heard the Amy Adams rumor back in May:  
<http://forums.delphiforums.com/toughpigs/messages?msg=12715.1>
- Joe** Thanks for ruining my scoop!!!  
I hate my crappy selective memory.
- Quinn** Hey, everybody! I heard Jason Segel is writing a new Muppet movie!
- Cathy** Steven Seagal is writing a new Muppet movie?
- Ryan R** There's still such a thing as Muppets?
- Quinn** Stephen King is writing a new Muppet movie?
- Cathy** King Kong is writing a new Muppet movie?
- Martha** Donkey Kong is in the new Muppet Movie?
- Quinn** Don Quixote is directing the new Muppet movie?
- Justin F** Don Knotts is making a new muffin movie?
- Justin W** Knott's Berry Farm is selling muffins?
- Cathy** Halle Berry is buying a muffin farm?
- Robyn** Dave Barry is eating the Muffin man?
- Quinn** (Scooby-Doo laugh)
- Martha** Are there Scooby Snacks at the Halle Berry Muffin Farm?
- Joe** The Scoobies are burying holly in a fern?
- Jog** One sad Christmas you went bowling in Connecticut?

**News Stories**

Oct 5 • 9750.1749-60

**Anthony** Man, Andy Rooney is so awesome.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6923502n&tag=mncol;lst;1>

**Cathy** Oh Andy. Sweet, misunderstood Andy of mine.

**Ryan R** I don't know why people think he's a cranky curmudgeon just because he doesn't understand any technology invented in the last 45 years.

**Cathy** Nah, he's a cranky curmudgeon because he gets mad that people are carrying so. many. things.

**Quinn** That reminds me--this morning I ripped out an eyebrow hair that was at least four inches long. But it wasn't there yesterday. Where do these things come from?

**Martha** I blame Andy Rooney.

**Anthony** "These days, a lot of people have very long eyebrow hairs. This is something that I can't understand. Why do we need to have long eyebrow hairs when we could just wear a hat instead?"

[Peter P]

**Comic book fanboys**

Oct 6 • 9185.3582-84

**Mike C** I love how the Ultimate series of comics always puts the 'ultimate' modifier over everyone's name. Ultimate Aunt May. Ultimate Graydon Creed. It's a shame there's no Ultimate Forbrush Man.

**Tom** Heh. It does help us to keep the seperate interpretations straight in our minds, though. :)

I'd read a comic called "Ultimate Aunt May."

**Quinn** Ultimate Miss Lion would be awexsome.

**Lara** I want "Ultimate Loan Officer from the second movie who refused Aunt May her free toaster"!

**They crack me up**

Oct 6 • 12476.34-38

**Robyn** Noam(2) just told me he was going to play "Robby and Noam's great adventures coming soon"

Also, when the boys play in the McDonald's Playplace tubes they pretend they are Boober and Wembley and the tubes are Fraggle tunnels, and my husband and I are Gorgs.

**Cathy** Can I have your kids?

**Robyn** I'm willing to go halvesies with you.

**Martha** Don't you have three?

That could get messy.

**In Development**

Oct 8 • 10137.560-61

**Mike C** Did you know he has Tourettes? Dan Aykroyd not Ranger Smith.

**Anthony** You're thinking of the late Rue McClanahan, not Dan Aykroyd.

Also, you're thinking of narcolepsy, not Tourette's.

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Oct 11 • 9511.6511-12

**Max**           Galleooooo... HOOP HOOP!

**Ryan R**       Keep your filthy sex talk to yourself!

**Season 41**

Oct 12 • 12590.213-22

**Ryan R** The all-singing, all-dancing episode that aired here today was pretty fabulous. The soulful song stylings of Leela! Onscreen appearances by Tyler, Stephanie, and Carmen! A possible Buffy reference! But why were Gordon and Bob so surprised to be singing? They've been singing while going about their business for years.

**Lara** Gordon and Bob are old. They've forgotten what it is to be young and care free. They have their non-existing retirement plans to think of.

**Mike C** If you had to work on Sesame Street forever, would you complain?

**Lara** I guess not. I might be a bit mad if they took away my deaf girl friend tho.

Heck, \*I'm\* still mad about that.

LIIIIIINNNNDDAAAAAAA!

**Joe** You might have to shout a little louder than that.

**Quinn** I can't transcribe how funny I just thought that was, but I do need to clean up my kitchen table now.

[Peter P, Joe]

**Judge Everything**

Oct 14 • 8892.4375-77

**Kim McF** Two camels in a tiny car: 8

Three people in a tiny office: 3

**Michal**  $n$  clowns in a tiny car =  $n(1/x)$ 

...where "n" equals the number of clowns and "x" equals the square footage of floor space available inside the car.

Therefore:

1 clown in a 5-square-foot car = 0.20

5 clowns in a 5-square-foot car = 1

10 clowns in a 5-square-foot car = 2

100 clowns in a 10-square-foot car = 10

110 clowns in a 10-square-foot car = 11

100 clowns in a 5-square-foot car = 20

100 clowns in a 2-square-foot car = 50

1000 clowns in a 5-square-foot car = 200

1000 clowns in a 2-square-foot car = 500

1000 clowns in a 1-square-foot car = 1000

**Ryan R** Are you a professor at clown college?**Michal** For some reason they won't give me tenure.



**Misread Thread Titles**

Oct 15 • 9486.962-63

**David B** "Air Lew Zealand Ads"

**Mike C** Air Lew Zealand: I throw you away, and you come back to me.

**Star Wars**

Oct 20 • 9516.378-93

**Cathy** Hmm. Star Wars themed men & women of Tough Pigs swimsuit calendar for 2011? What do you think? I'm sure between you and I we could get at least 4 people to buy one.

**Martha** Rawr.

**Joe** Dibs on the Gonk.

**Mike C** All I have to do is take off my shirt to be Jabba the Hutt.

**Anthony** Ooh! I call Greedo!

**Martha** ...in a Speedo?

**Joe** That rhyme was neat!

**Quinn** I've got a hankering for a Frito!

Just one.

**Cathy** This conversation is elevating my libido!

**Where we at?**

Oct 21 • 10718.957-61

**Tom** I hope you get to do more awesome things soon, like the time you handed out balloons. That is very much a Joe job. Heck, I'd kind of like to do that. A Joe job should be about spreading sunshine and happiness everywhere, because that's what you do best.

**Joe** I didn't actually have a job handing out balloons. I worked at an event organizing company who needed balloons. At the end of the day, the guy I was working with volunteered to take the balloons home, and I insisted that he take my picture holding them all.

I would love nothing more than to put Richard Pryor Balloon Distributor on my resume.

**Jes** haha Richard Pryor hahaha

\*falls down\*

**Grover Old Spice Ad**

Oct 23 • 13072.18-24

**Andrew L** Should I feel sad that the Sesame chappie refers to Gladys only as "the cow?"

Or take it as further proof of Gladys' everycow status?

**Joe** Are you sure that's Gladys? Because I think it's just a cow.

And every cow is "just a cow" in comparison to Gladys.

**Andrew L** Well, it's the exact same puppet they're using as Gladys since her revival.

**Joe** I think we should write an angry letter.

**Smig** How about "R"? That sounds like a pretty angry letter.

Or at least mildly pissed.

**Tom** "Q" doesn't get used a whole lot. I imagine it's a pretty ticked-off letter.

[Max]

## **Sesame Street is totally gay**

Oct 24 • 13089.2-8

- Quinn** Interesting article. In the 70's, the same article could have been written, proclaiming "Sesame Street is totally black." I think a better article would take the longview of the show, and look at how it's promoted acceptance of all people, monsters, races, families and lifestyles. They get to that in the article, but I wouldn't say Sesame Street has a "Gay Agenda." Maybe they've got an "Acceptance Agenda" or "Diversity Agenda."
- Scott** Isn't that all the "Gay Agenda" is?
- Ryan R** Yeah, and Sesame Street has only set out to appeal to gay viewers in that they've set out to appeal to everyone of every race, creed, and orientation, including monsters.
- Joe** I can't wait for Sesame to introduce their latest character: a gay, Hispanic, wheelchair-bound Grouch with Tourettes, a lazy eye, and three adopted children (one of whom is a monster, one is a bear, and the third is made entirely of plasma).

**Miles & Carter stories** Oct 24 • 7711.958-63

**Quinn** ...and, and-and, Miles is lucky to be alive after yesterday. After a nice time downtown touring a crumbling 1919 movie palace that they're looking at renovating, and wandering around the city looking at various construction projects because we're architecture nerds like that, Miles and I came home. Did some yardwork out front while we were outside, then Miles borrowed my keys to go inside. So he went inside, came back out, and we did some more yardwork, mowed the lawn, blah blah.

After about an hour of that, we went to go back inside, and Miles had locked the keys and my cell phone inside the house. Thinking Melissa and Carter would be back home any minute, we decided to just hang out. Did some more yardwork...then it started to rain.

We ended up spending about two hours inside my SUV reading books and eating Halloween candy. There are worse ways to spend an afternoon. Miles wrote the entire episode up in a short story titled "Trapped." It fails to explain exactly how we got left outside in the rain. Ah, the perils of autobiographies.

**Martha** I want to read said story.

**Quinn** Sat., Oct. 23, 20010

Trapped

Miles and dad came home from Lowes. We did some yard work. And when dad asked for the tulips. I ran to the door. I tryed to open it. But it was locked! Dad said, "try the back door." it was locked too! I rode my scooter for a little while. Then I got wet. So we went into the car. I read some books. And tryed to have a nap. We wher in the car for two and a half hours. Dad went to try the door under the porch. It was open! I climed insid and unlocked the back. We had hot chocolate.

"THE END"!

## Little Jerry and the Monotones

Oct 25 • 13090.1-2

**Nick** Hey Y'all I've been watching alot of Little Jerry and the Monotones Videos on YouTube and looking up their article on Muppet Wiki but Muppet Wiki made a mistake of Rockin' Richard and Chrissy's Names to Pumpkin Monotone and Lavender Monotone and left Little Jerry and Big Jeffy's names the way they are and in the album version of the song Four found on YouTube account's Wattamack4 All 4 Monotones introduce all 4 names, seem's very strange It seems strange that their last appearance on Sesame Street was the Video from Sesame Songs Rock N Roll when Gina (when she was a teen before a veterinarian) called Jackman Wolf to request the song Telephone Rock on the phone till the Policeman and the Telephone Operator both brought them into the radio station cause Jackman Wolf hired them to sing their song on the radio but then only Little Jerry, Big Jeffy and Chrissy came back briefly in 2000 singing about a computer without Rockin' Richard that sucks, but hey Little Jerry and the monotones rule hope y'all like 'em too.

**Justin W** I think you misplaced these:

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[Cathy]

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Oct 26 • 9511.6549

**Cathy**      There's a zombie invasion in NYC! If I don't make it out alive, you guys can have all my cool Muppet stuff.

**Erik**      You know, if the zombie apocalypse ever actually happens, we're going to be so screwed because everyone will think it's a bunch of weirdos dressed up as zombies.

Until it's too late.

[Cathy]



**Judge Everything**      Oct 27 • 8892.4443

**Quinn**      Dissolvable stitches: 9

Dissolvable stitches that only partially come out: 4

Of my balls: 1

[Michal]

**Battlestar Galactica**

Oct 28 • 11996.290-94

**Joe** Well, Caprica's been canceled. Anyone care?

**Anthony** Eric Stolz probably does.

**Joe** I wonder how well the show would do if they replaced him with Michael J Fox.

**Martha** Shaky, at best.

[Cathy]

## The Random Thread of Randomness

Nov 2 • 9511.6578-84

**Quinn** So we're watching The Muppet Show, and I must know.

What the hell is wrong with Leo Sayer???

**Anthony** True story - my uncle Mark once did a report on Leo Sayer for a school assignment on Famous Black Americans, not realizing that he definitely did not meet two of those qualifications and would shortly cease to meet the third.

**Carolyn** How much research did he do?

**Carolyn** Also:



**Scott** My aunt has one of those suction-cupped to her rear window.

**Election Day**

Nov 2 • 13118.1-9

**Joe** Don't forget to vote today!

Also, don't forget to post in Misread Thread Titles when you think this thread is called "Erection Day".

**Cathy** I voted this morning! And I got to use the fancy schmancy new voting machine. It was quicker, but I liked the old curtained booth with the lever better.**Quinn** I voted. I don't think I've ever pulled the giant lever, ever.

And I'm wearing the heck out of this sticker.

DOWN THERE.

[Joe, Michal]

**YouTube vids**

Nov 3 • 10888.1365-70

**Scott** Do you think we can get Disney to put Kermit and Piggy in a purity rings PSA?

**Ryan R** I don't know... Do you think anyone would buy the claim that those two aren't already doin' it?

**Scott** I dunno, but I think Kermit would go for the idea.

**Mike C** In order to stave off that pig, Kermit would need a purity battleaxe.

[Martha]

## **There's an App For That**

Nov 4 • 13121.1-5

**Ryan R** Sesame Street posted this song on YouTube from an episode this season... A Muppet with a high-tech "iPogo" pogo stick is telling Telly, Baby Bear, and Chris about all the apps it can run.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhkxDIr0y2U>

And every day this week I've seen blogs where people are like, "Apple is definitely going to sue Sesame Street over this," but I would just like to point out that that is never going to happen.

**Joe** Yeah, I hear Apple hates free advertising.

**Scott** What most people don't know is that Apple owns the copyright on the lowercase letter i.

**Cathy** That's why we all live in a capital I.

**Arkin & Cera in new Muppet movie?**

Nov 4 • 13117.46-48

**Robyn** "There's no crying in a Muppet movie!"

**Daniel** Tell that to the Pig...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZRB6dLIdG8>

**Mike C** First law in the Muppet bible: All herein does not apply to the pig.

[Peter P]

**Election Day**

Nov 4 • 13118.30

**Quinn** Now rub the lamp three times, and you'll get your wish!

**Kim McF** And no "lamp in my pants" tricks. Fool me once, shame on you.  
Fool me twice...

**Quinn** Saw right through that one, eh?

\*takes lamp out of pants\*

\*leaves the lightbulb in pants\*

\*walks gingerly from the room\*

**Kim McF** Be careful. Don't bust your bulbs.

**Erik** Too late.

Too soon?

[Michal]



## **The Random Thread of Randomness**

Nov 6 • 9511.6608-14

**Quinn** Just the other day Miles informed me that Fraggle Rock is his favorite Jim Henson production. Over The Muppet Show and Sesame Street. I was agog.

**Cathy** That makes me sad.

**Quinn** It also made me sad, my sweet. I really felt like a failure as a father. Then I realized how awesome I am, and realized that Miles is a failure as a son.

(Miles, if you're spelunking through this someday as a TP proprietor/pro prospector, I'm only kidding. Don't turn off my oxygen/nitrous oxide. Daddy needs his gasses.)

**Rare Video Link**

Nov 8 • 13135.1-12

**Zach** Just came across tis earlier today. Hope it works though. I'm not sure if I can getit to upload though. Hopesomeone else can figure it out.

**Anthony** Zach, I hope someday you realize your dream of getting to see "Out to Lunch."

**Peter S** I like "hopesomeone" as one word. It's sort of romantic.

[Martha]

**Happy Birthday, Sesame Street!**

Nov 10 • 13138.8-9

**Tom** Hooray! 41 years!

There's a movement on Facebook right now to change all our profile pictures to our favorite Sesame character. A lot of characters could fill the "favorite" role, but I went with my gut and chose Cookie Monster.

**Anthony** I did Cookie yesterday and Ernie today. Tomorrow I think I might do Bob.

**Joe** <<Tomorrow I think I might do Bob.>>

That's the dream of many people. Especially Japanese girls.

[Peter P]

**More Muppet movie casting rumors**

Nov 14 • 13144.35-41

**Ryan R** Update! Jane Lynch says they haven't even asked her to be in the movie.

**Anthony** She says that she would do if they asked her.

I am firmly of the opinion that they should ask her.

**Ryan R** I concur.

**Joe** So if Jane Lynch isn't in the movie, what about Danny Trejo?

Won't somebody think of Danny Trejo?????????

[Anthony]

## **People are wrong about Muppets**

Nov 15 • 13150.36

**Mike C** I think people who confuse Animal for a Platypus are simply remembering the Christopher Reeve episode where Animal tracked down Miss Piggy using his keen reception of her electrical field, and then poisoned her using the hooked spurs in his ankles.

[Peter P]

## Searching for Tough Pigs

Nov 16 • 11228.223-34

**Ryan R** Here's a new round of Actual Searches that have led people to Tough Pigs:

...

cathy whitlow toughpigs

(There were 22 searches for this.)

**Jes** Ok, I'll admit I searched for Cathy 21 times, but who is the other stalker? Huh? HUH?

[Scott]

## Searching for Tough Pigs

Nov 16 • 11228.226-46

**Martha** That's a whole lotta people looking for Cathy.

And I don't know who's responsible for "joe hennes stars in tales of ribaldry" and "ryan roe salior of the year," but they cracked me up, especially the Joe one.

**Ryan R** It may be that one of the other Ryan Roes out there actually was declared Sailor of the Year. And to him I say: Congratulations, not-me!

**Joe** Have you tried Googling it? Because you're totally right.

[http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story\\_id=35770](http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=35770)

**Ryan R** Oh, gosh, I didn't expect this. I don't even know what to say. Oh, this thing is heavy.

Well, first of all, I'd like to recognize the other nominees. It's an honor to be in the company of such hearty seafarers. You're all Sailors of the Year in my captain's log! I'd also like to thank Popeye, for being my #1 inspiration for entering the sailorhood. I love you, Popeye! Keep eatin' that spinach! Ha ha. Finally, I'd like to thank water, because if there wasn't so much of it, there wouldn't be an ocean, and then we wouldn't have anything to sail on, and then I wouldn't be here today.

Oh, and to the chief petty officer: I'm sorry I called you that. You're not petty at all, really! Oh, they're playing Anchors Aweigh, I guess I have to get off the stage. Thanks again, everyone!

[Cathy, Michal]

**New Spencer Gift Merchandise**

Nov 17 • 13161.2-5

**Carolyn** Oh cool. You found the footie pajamas online.

I have to say that I find adult footie pajamas to be an odd trend.

**Mike C** When you war them you feel like a bear. This is what a bear feels like.

**Erik** Sorry, you made a spelling mistake. It should be, "When you war them you feel like a bar."

[Cathy, Michal]



## **People are wrong about Muppets**

Nov 17 • 13150.56-62

**Grant** A friend of mine once had a photo of Traveling Matt, and her teacher saw it and said "Is that Big Bird?"

**Anthony** Wow, is that true?! How can someone possibly make that mistake?

**Grant** From what I recall, the teacher was looking at the photo upside-down, but still.

**Anthony** The other day, a Silly Creature mistook me for something called a "Big Bird." I don't know what these birds are, but they must be very handsome.

**People are wrong about Muppets** Nov 17 • 13150.54

**Peter S** The "is that Elmo" thing is so prevalent.

It's like when dopey straight guys see a girl with long blonde hair and immediately respond like she's the very archetype of a porn star... Or when gay guys see muscles and act like they're in love.

Like anything fuzzy of any colour or size could be Elmo. Like...

Grover

"is that Elmo"

Cookie Monster

"is that Elmo"

Bathroom rug

"is that Elmo"

Moldy cheese

"is that Elmo"

46 year old Raver

"is that Elmo"

Toupe

"is that Elmo"

Bikini Wax

"is that Elmo"

[Cathy, Tom]

**Rock Paper Scissors pigs**

Nov 19 • 13164.9-14

**Martha** And here I was hoping maybe TP had some fabulous new game.

Ah well.

**Cathy** I nominate you to invent one!

**Ryan R** Let's play Rock Paper Scissors over the forum! Ready?

Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!

SCISSORS!

**Kim McF** Paper!

Damn.

**Ryan R** Wow. I honestly did not expect to win that round.

**Kim McF** Neither did I. Lucky me, my expectations were met!

## **The Muppet Vault**

Nov 23 • 12962.63-78

**Ryan R** I think it would be fantastic if folks who can't make it to Brooklyn on the 19th watch Muppet Christmas stuff at the same time while all chatting or conference-calling. And because it'll be at your respective houses, you won't even have to pay \$5 to get in!

**Erik** Yeah, my house only charges \$3.

**Martha** Your mom only charges \$1.

**Erik** Well, yours charges \$2.

**Joe** My mom charges, but only because she's part bull.

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**Mike C** I can only imagine what that deleted message said.

**Joe** I wonder that every single time.

### **Message 71 of 96 was Deleted**

**Joe** Gah!

### **Message 73 of 96 was Deleted**

**Joe** WWHHHYYYYYYY??????

**Anthony** Settle down, brother. It's cool.

**Joe** Oh. Good to know.

### **Message 77 of 96 was Deleted**

**Joe** \*head implodes\*

**Martha** Looks like you're going to have to find a new co-host for the next Muppet Vault.

[Michal]

**Campaign for Cookie to host SNL**

Nov 24 • 13174.35-39

**Daniel** I love that they made a video that is all fun with no educational value. Using the characters to attract folks of all ages is nothing but a win for the show and the workshop. A show hosted by Sesame Street would be really fun. They could through anything muppets all over and have cast do a pagent with Prairie.

**Michal** Yeah! And then Cookie could sing a duet with Scred.

**Joe** "Me Got You Babe"?

**Michal** Yes. Or perhaps he could sing it to a cookie.

"They say that our relationship crummy  
That me should never put you in me tummy...

So let 'em say your chocolate chips  
Will just end up forever on me hips...

Cookie. Me got you, cookie."

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Nov 25 • 13180.3-5

**Anthony** Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Here's my favorite thing about this Thanksgiving. Roz's 18-month-old niece Alina's new favorite object is a Sesame Street toy with 4 pop-up characters - Oscar, Ernie, Elmo, and Cookie Monster. When you press one of the four buttons in front, it will make its respective character pop up and sing the first few lines of his signature song.

The sound of Oscar singing "I Love Trash" is the only thing guaranteed to bring Alina in from another room. This morning her dad used it to lure her into the bathroom to get ready for church. Amazing.

**Cathy** Happy thanksgiving to one and all. This year, I'm thankful for incredible thanksgiving traditions. I am thankful for roadtrips and for sharing hotel rooms with awesome people and for houses in Vermont. I'm thankful to have friends who think like I do. I'm thankful for cool new Muppet projects to talk and bitch about and for beyond awesome Sesame Street viral videos. I'm thankful for the highs and the lows and the in between. I'm thankful that I have a place like this one to always come home to. And I'm thankful for each and every one of you Tough Pigs. My friends, my confidants, my soul mates

Happy thanksgiving everyone.

**Peter S** HAPPY THANKSGIVING TURKEYS!

**Jim Henson fleece allergy?**

Nov 28 • 13186.1-14

**Grant** This "fact" seems to be making the internet rounds lately:<http://www.factropolis.com/2006/12/jim-henson-developed-allergy-to-fleece.html>

Infuriatingly, they don't cite any sources (and googling only yields other "did you know" sites like this one). That, coupled with the fact that I've never heard of this before, suggests to me that they made it up. Anyone know any different?

**Joe** Maybe he was allergic to fleas.**Peter S** Or some lady named Felice?

Or houses for lease...

**Michal** Or to the song "Feliz Navidad". I know I am.**Peter S** Maybe he was allergic to Los Feliz, in LA?**Michal** Perhaps it was a misprint, and he was allergic to sleeves.**Peter S** Or John Cleese?**Mike C** He's not allergic. He's....resting.

[Martha, Max]

## **Muppets In The Night**

Nov 29 • 13190.1-11

**Ryan R** Can this possibly be for real?

*[link to a Yahoo Answers question about a woman who named her baby "Muppets In The Night"]*

**Carolyn** I hope it's real. I have no idea why they would come up with that though.

**Scott** Maybe they took influence from foreign cultures and named their child for the way in which it was conceived.

**Ryan R** So... they were watching The Muppet Show at the time? Which episode do you think it was? Probably not Bruce Forsyth. That guy wouldn't get anyone in the mood.

**Anthony** But -

But -

But -

Love between Bruce and the pig!

**Ryan R** Does that get you hot and bothered?

**Anthony** Not me, but maybe some people.

Such as Bruce.

And the pig.



**Misread Thread Titles**

Dec 1 • 9486.989-90

**Erik** Poisson Glasses

**Martha** Like this?



Or like this?



Or even this?



**Judge Everything**      Dec 1 • 8892.4538-76

**Shari M**      My little sis: 9

Her badly sprained ankle: 5

**Jes**      I'd like to petition the Judge Everything panel to re-rate your little sis as a 10.

**Shari M**      Well, you'd have to know my sister pretty well. If you were to live with us for a day, you'd see that she annoys me a little. Even with a sprained foot, but not this time.

**Cathy**      Most sisters: 10

**Shari M**      I am one of them, as is my older sister, Stevi, who is in college.

**Robyn**      Having no sisters: 1

Having no brothers: 1

There is maybe some good in being an only. Not much, but a little.

**Shari M**      Well, you've got ToughBrothers and ToughSisters.

And trust me, I know what it was like being an only child. Before my sis came, of course, 7 years later.

**Anthony**      Didn't you just say in this very thread that you have an older sister?

**Shari M**      Oh yeah! I did!

\*slinks off in embarrassment\*

**Anthony**      So . . . which is it? Do you have an older sister or not?

I'm just genuinely wondering.

**Shari M**      Actually, I have two older sisters: Stevi, who's in her early 20's; and Melodee, who's 45.

**Anthony**      Ah.

Then why did you say you used to be an only child?

**Shari M** At the time, I thought I was the only one. Till I saw pics of me with Stevi when she was little.

**Ryan R** Sorry, but I'm still confused. Your older sister Stevi is in college and in her early 20s, and I remember you saying you're 19... So she's only a few years older than you, but you didn't know about her until you saw pictures of her sometime after your younger sister was born? Please pardon my inquisitiveness, but I'm really curious about this.

**Shari M** Exactly!

Stevi was born in 1988.

And your curiosity is no bother at all.

**Anthony** Well, okay, but why didn't you know about her? And how did you learn? I think that's what Ryan was asking.

**Shari M** Well, I was only a little girl when my mom showed me photos of me with Stevi. Stevi was a little girl, and I was a baby. I was too young to remember then (the photos must've been taken in 1991).

**Cathy** How old were you when your younger sister was born?

**Shari M** When my little sis was born, I was 7 going on 8.

**Ryan R** So you had never met Stevi before when your mom showed you the pictures? Or did you just not realize she was your sister? This is a very interesting story...

**Shari M** Oh, I did meet her on the day the pic was taken. I just didn't know she was my older sister.

It's a long story.

**Michal** How long is it?

**Shari M** Mom had Stevi before she met my dad. She was with another man at the time Stevi was born. The other guy was a couch potato who never listened, so Mom left him.

Then she met my dad, and the rest is history. So technically, Stevi is my half-sister, but I treat her like I treat my other two sisters.

**Michal** That makes sense, I suppose. But then is your oldest sister also your half-sister?

**Shari M** Technically, yes. But it's not like that in our family. We treat everyone equal.

**Ryan R** Now I get it. Thanks for the explanation.

**Shari M** Hey, no problem!

You learn something new every day.

[Michal]

**The Beatles**

Dec 1 • 13154.20-35

**Justin F** This just in... The Beatles are great!

**Shari M** I second that.

And I have been a hee-u-ge Beatles fan since I was little. My mom introduced me to them. Through their music, that is.

**Ryan R** Wouldn't it be cool if she had introduced you to them personally?  
"Shari, Ringo. Ringo, Shari..."

**Shari M** Oh, that would've been awesome! Unfortunately, John wouldn't be there. I was born in 1991.

But what I'd give to meet Ringo!

**Justin W** "Ringie."

**Scott** Would you give a ham sandwich, two pairs of socks and a Little Jerry action figure to meet Ringo?

**Shari M** Only 2 out of 3. I couldn't part with a Little Jerry figure, if there was one!

**Joe** I'd never part with my beloved ham sandwich.

**Ryan R** I think I'd like to have Ringo Starr make me a ham sandwich.

**Shari M** I'd want to sing with him.

**Scott** I'd want to sing with him about ham sandwiches.

**Shari M** Trust me, Ringo would sing about anything.

Even love for his drum set. :-P

**Cathy** I bet his love of ham sandwiches exceeds his love of his drum set. I know mine does.

**Shari M** Do the British eat ham sandwiches like you and I do? Or do they cut them into fancy triangles and have them with tea?

**Ryan R** A lot of people don't know the first draft of "Octopus' Garden" went like this:

I'd like to be  
Under the sea

With a nice ham sandwich  
Except then it would be all soggy and gross and I probably wouldn't  
really want to eat it

[Martha]

**It Gets Better**

Dec 2 • 13064.30-31

**Quinn**

When I get the hiccups, I find the nearest carnival, go to their cotton candy booth, climb up on a stool, put my head upside down into the cotton candy machine, and go around and around and around and around and around and around and around and around and around and around until I'm really dizzy and then I go find someone to lick all the cotton candy off my face. And then I say SURPRISE! IT'S ME! And they don't know who I am. And that's best.

Uh...it doesn't actually cure the hiccups.

**Cathy**

You do that too???

## **Feminism and Religion**

Dec 2 • 3096.146-58

**Cathy** (quoting Quinn in a post from December 2003)

*But I will be planning a spin-off, the Quinnitarians, which should open sometime in 2010. And if you think Rubber Duckie won't be involved, you're nuts.*

You've got 29 days left to make your announcement. Don't let me down like TMS season 4 DVDs inevitably will.

**Anthony** Wow, killer callback! Have you been keeping that in your pocket for the last 7 years?

**Cathy** I like to give people every opportunity to not disappoint me.

...before they usually disappoint me anyway.

**Quinn** Wow. For the last three or four years I've been telling my students I'm a Quinnitarian. There's been quite a dogma built up through my preaching to seventh graders. I'll have to see if I can compile some of it between now and the end of the year.

**Cathy** I'll be waiting. Don't disappoint me. Please? Help me Obi Wan Quinnobi. You're my only hope.



**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Dec 4 • 9511.6809-13

**Cathy** Who owns the rights to John Denver and the Muppets: A Christmas Together special? Disney or John Denver's estate?

**Alaina** I do!

**Ryan R** Then why don't you release it on DVD?

**Alaina** Too greedy. I have a vault full of the DVD's that I dive into Scrooge McDuck style.

\*backstrokes\*

[Michal]

**Get a job, sha na na . . .**

Dec 9 • 12790.35

**Michal**

I'm stationed with the Customer Service department for a legal publisher in downtown Brooklyn. And so far I've met a number of wacky characters, including a couple of serious Muppet fans. (Dead serious.)

There's the British chap who made this music video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNHTIBSTQ4w>

And then there's the fellow who's built like a construction worker and mostly keeps to himself. When I complimented his Animal plush, my supervisor explained, "Michal is a huge Muppet fan."

And the big burly dude responded soberly, in a heavy Bronx accent: "Either yer a huge Muppet fan -- or yah DEAD inside."

Then he went back to his computer screen.

**Sesame Nativity**

Dec 15 • 13234.1-2

**Scott**

This looks like it was a photoshoot for something, but I don't know what. Whatever it is, it's awesome.



**Jog**

Good grief! Jesus is a bear!

[Joe]

**The Random Thread of Randomness**

Dec 20 • 9511.6892-96

**Michal**



**Anthony** We look more like scrotums.

**Joe** I prefer to read your post out of context.

**Anthony** I have no problem with that.

[Martha]

**Campaign for Cookie to host SNL**

Dec 20 • 13174.93-96

**Ryan R** So how soon can they make a Cookie Monster/Dude buddy movie? Something about a losing a cookie that really tied the room together...

**Joe** "You want a cookie? Me can get you a cookie. With blue sprinkles."

**Joe** "Me am not 'Mr. Monster'. You Mr. Monster. Me am the Cookie. So that what you call me. You know, that or His Cookieness, or Cooker, or El Cookerino if you not into whole brevity thing."

**Joe** "Eh, fuck it Dude. Let's eat cookies."

**Spider-Man**

Dec 21 • 13059.91-93

**Daniel** [link to an article about yet another injury on the *Spider-Man* Broadway musical]

Yeah, I think maybe it's time to just close the book on this thing.

**Anthony** Yeah, that would probably be the best course of action at this point.

**Cathy** Not until Julie Taymor's blood lust has been sated!

**Peter Linz article**

Dec 21 • 13246.5

[A profile on Peter Linz refers to him as "the man behind a multitude of marionettes."]

**Peter S**

"multitude of marionettes"? Alliteration isn't so momentous as to maintain the manner of misnaming Muppets!

[Cathy, Scott]

**Walter** Dec 28 • 13187.30-33

**Scott** Walter's feet remind me of Piggy's...

**Daniel** They look like little dinner rolls.

**Joe** Oh man, I totally want to eat Walter's feet. Maybe with some of Scooter's hair, boiled and topped with a thick Alfredo sauce...



**What other Henson film...?**

Dec 29 • 13274.6-8

**Ryan R** So, the poll expired, eh? Oh well.

**Brian K** Hi Ryan

Yeah I left it 'open' for one day. Do you or others wish to have them go for longer? How long would be good? The current G vs PG is still ongoing with no end date set.

**Scott** I prefer a poll to run for exactly 47 days, and then expire at midnight just before the 48th day.

**Ho Ho Ho?**

Dec 2 • 13194

**Cathy** Santa oh Santa, I've missed you so  
But appeared you have not yet this year  
I daydream of hearing your "ho, ho, ho"  
In a voice so crystal clear

A calming presence you always are  
In these frantic holiday times  
You bring us together from near and far  
To bask in your glorious rhymes

So Santa if you're out there listening  
Come bring us your holiday cheer  
We promise our smiles will be glistening  
For you the rest of this 2010 year

**Shari M** YEARBOOK!! :-D

I didn't know you wrote poetry.

**Cathy** You're new round these parts  
Oh Shari my dear,  
So you've may not have heard of St Nick

He comes to the forum  
'bout this time each year  
And rhyming posts are his schtick

He hears our wishes  
He shows us his love  
He offers us his time

And all he asks  
Of us in return  
Is that our posts be composed in rhyme

**Ryan R** Cathy, when it comes to rhyming  
You're a champ, I'd say  
I share your hope for Santa's presence  
During this holiday

I'm a bit too big to sit on his lap at the mall  
That wouldn't be proper decorum  
So I always look forward at this time of year  
To his visits to our humble forum

So Santa, if you're out there reading  
I hope you can hear me and see me  
And I hope that you'll come hang out with us  
Whether our schemes are ABAB or ABCB

**Shari** Oh cool, now I completely understand.  
St. Nick seems to be a fine fellow.  
He's known by children all over the land;  
And everything seems so mellow  
When his eight reindeer, with their little hooves,  
Fly up on our roofs so gently,  
St. Nick, with his sack, down the chimney he moves.  
I hope he doesn't get stuck permanently.  
Yes, I've heard of St. Nick. 'Tis true, I have heard.  
Though I'm 19, I still believe.  
Now let us rejoice and spread the word,  
For the joy shall never leave.

**Scott** Let it be said  
Or my name is not Fred  
I'll wager my ham that Santa is dead.

**Shari M** If that's so, I wouldn't believe it.  
If I've lost my mind, I need to retrieve it.  
Should Santa be dead,  
I'd be tossing in bed.  
And the lack of gifts? I shall grieve it.

**Daniel** I didn't notice Santa's absence,  
til I read your post.  
Now I wonder where he's gone,  
or if Scott's right, he's toast.

That would be a crying shame,  
he seemed to really dig  
spreading yuletide rhyming joy  
with all of us toughpigs.

He'd answer each and every post,  
call us each by name,  
Now that you've pointed out he's gone,  
it isn't quite the same.

I'm sure he'd love to see this thread,  
that even though he's gone,  
we've kept up his tradition,  
the rhyming must go on.

Perhaps he's out there watching us,  
or maybe hit rock bottom,  
or maybe Bill O'Reilly's right,  
the Liberals fucking got him.

**Michal** That was spectacular  
Use of vernacular;  
You're a clever guy.

Here's hoping Kris Kringle  
Hasn't taken his jingle  
Bells on their last ride through the sky.

**Joe** Violets are blue  
And so is the moon  
I miss Santa  
I hope he comes back soon.

POETRY!

**Ryan R** Look at all these rhyming lines!  
These limericks, verses, and couplets  
We're all so talented at many things  
Besides just discussing the Muppets

I still hope Santa visits us  
Here in our web forum home  
But heck, when it comes to rhyming  
We're doing just great on our own!

**Peter S** Though my heavy noggin pounds  
From Christmas party ups and downs,  
I'm forcing out a little verse  
Then all I'll make is snoring sounds.

**Santa** I couldn't not be here  
Where I have friends so dear.  
Was just a tad late  
getting started this year.

Merry Christmas to you -  
And all you hold dear!

**Santa** Now Scott you owe Ms. Cathy a ham  
Your post was truly such a sham?  
Santa dead? Heaven forbid!  
Surely you jest, am positive you kid!  
After all here I am, laughing and jolly  
Enjoying these post, having fun bi golly!

Never fear Shari! I am safe and sound.  
Was never lost, no need to be found.  
Elves are busy making gifts as I post.  
Am sure your one of the ones with the most.

## Merry Christmas Friends

Dec 3 • 13204

**Santa** Another year is almost through  
And yet I've still a lot to do.  
But love to visit your friendly place  
As a way to escape from the rat race!  
So tell me friends, What is new?  
What adventures have you found to do?  
Are you ready for Christmas? Lights on tree?  
Shopping complete? Whats on your list for me?

**Anthony** Santa, your appearance  
Makes the season really start!  
In another thread, your absence  
Was breaking all our hearts.

I don't need a lot for Christmas  
This year, Santa, and here's why:  
My very favorite person  
Becomes my wife in mid-July.

**Joe** I totally read that as "Becomes my mid-wife in July."

**Anthony** I needed one more syllable,  
You silly, silly fellow.  
I'm not much of a poet  
As I'm certain you can tell-o.

**Santa** Anthony thats the best news of all  
Am glad in love you both did fall  
To marry a friend - you are truly blessed  
The Mrs and I wish you both lots of success!

**Joe** Hooray for Santa!  
I'm glad you're back  
Your year-long absence  
Gave me a panic attack  
  
But now I must stretch  
My rhyming muscles  
Or else I make lame ones  
Like: Jean-Claude Van Damme is from Brussels!

**Santa** Joe your post always make me smile  
I love the verses you seem to compile.  
What fun it is to visit this wonderful place  
For tough pigs are more fun than a dace!

**Cathy**

Santa! You're back!  
My heart is delighted  
Now for this Christmas  
I'm truly excited!

Been a strange year  
Still good, nonetheless  
But to have a fresh start  
Would be nice, I confess

'Cause with a new year  
Brings new hopes and new dreams  
Grown tired of the old ones  
I have, it would seem

New places, new people  
For my heart to love  
I just need some changes  
Of this I'm sure of

So no fancy wrapping  
No gifts in a bow  
I just want to feel healthy  
And happy, you know?

**Santa**

Dear Cathy I know just what you are feeling.  
The need for a change and new beginnings.  
I hope this new year will be especially bright  
With love, and laughter and a new start in life.  
The friends you will make, the people you meet  
Will bring you such love and laughter so sweet!  
For what you give is triply returned to you.  
Just show compassion and kindness in all that you do!

**Robyn**

Gee Santa I've never posted  
for fear I'll suck and be roasted.  
I'm not so good at these rhymes  
I'll try to re-word this many times.

Thank you for your Christmas cheer  
I feel I really need it this year!

**Santa**

Robyn I promise there will be no roasting here.  
Just fun with friends, and laughter and cheer!

**Santa**

It doesn't take much to become a poet  
You just need to rhyme - don't cha know it?

**Shari M**

Santa, though I may be of young adult age,  
I've got the heart of a child, and the mind of a sage.

Well, almost, but I do have the silver hairs to prove it.  
But my belief in you is so strong, no one can move it.

My sister just laughs when I say you are real,  
But I just brush it off. I guess you know how that feels.  
I hope you read this now, and I don't mean maybe,  
Because I'd really like to hear from you, Santa baby.

**Santa** Shari do you know what you've done with the post I just read?  
You made me smile but Now I have that song stuck in my head!

**Tom** <Santa haiku>

The jolly fellow  
Round, red, full of merry cheer  
Is back again. Glad.

</Santa haiku>

**Santa** Its been awhile since I tried  
To write Haiku  
So give me some time and I'll  
get back to you!

**Joe** This truly is the most wonderful time of the year!  
And some day, Santa, we'll treat you to a beer.

**Anthony** Santa, my fiancee Roz heard you were making the rounds, and she  
asked me to post this -

Oh, Santa! Oh, Santa!  
Here's where you are!  
Ever since I was 5,  
I've looked near and far!

I was at all the parades.  
Macy's was another good bet.  
But, then my sweet fiance' told me  
You're on the internet!

I got engaged!  
To a brilliant Tough Pig  
He's so sweet and perfect  
And the wedding will be BIG!

So all I have to ask  
Is to help others I know  
My brother wants a baby  
and he can't have one so....

If there are any kids out there,  
Babies all alone  
Put a word in for my brother  
He could give them a home!

Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Glad I get to say,  
Be safe flying on Christmas Eve  
And have a Blessed Christmas Day!

**Lara** Dear Santa all I ask is this:  
For help with my AVON business.  
And one last thing to bring joy to me  
Is the rest of "Night Court" on DVD!

**Santa** Dear lara you don't need my help with Avon you see.  
Because all thats needed is for you to believe.  
I know you can do it, because I believe in you.  
Just keep yourself focused in all that you do.  
I bet you will find, when you give it your all  
That many will reach out and make the first call.

Merry Christmas!

**Santa** To all of you here, I am so sorry I haven't been by  
The elves shared there flu, I thought I would die!  
But I didn't want to sign off before leaving Delphi  
Before apologizing for being an absentee.

You have to know how much I love visiting here  
I hold all of you rhymers so very close and dear.  
You never fail to share a smile, even while you rhyme  
You make it extra special in Delphi at Christmastime.

You have been a part of my visits for so many years.  
Together we have forged some new frontiers.  
What with the Tough Pigs and a Rhyming Santa posting  
Its the truth, I am not just boasting!

But now I need to sign off and get ready to fly  
But oh how I hate when I have to say Goodbye.  
I want you to know I think of you all year through  
And no matter what your trials, I believe in each of you!

Merry Christmas my friends. May it be filled with Love  
may you find peace and joy, and friends to be proud of.  
The New year approaches, time to create magical memories  
Will be counting the days til you can share those with me.



Merry Christmas  
From Me and the Mrs.

**Cathy**

Oh Santa! I'm sorry to hear you were sick  
But I'm happy to hear that you've healed rather quick  
I can not believe how time has flown by  
And in just a few hours the reindeer will fly

I'm not sure you know how much joy you deliver  
Each year when you stop in - you're truly a giver  
When I read your posts my heart becomes lighter  
You really do make my holidays brighter

A million thanks for each year of laughter and joy  
You've brought every Pig girl and every Pig boy  
In such stressed out times it seems hard to conceive  
That such a simple kind act can make us believe

We're in it together on this earth we call mother  
We need to remember to take care of each other  
So my gift to you is to go spread your cheer  
The other eleven months of the year

Be well. Be safe. Be merry. I wish you all the love, kindness and  
cheer your heart can hold for Christmas and for always. Merry  
Christmas, old friend.

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