

# Tough Pigs Yearbook 2004



**"Good Thing There's An Internet"**

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**New Kermit and Robin Shirt!**

Jan 2 • 3252.39-54

**Isha** I've thought about getting a 'Simba' tattoo like the one Rafiki drew on his tree. The one with the mane. Because I am also a geek.

I'd get him on my hip. But I hear that hurts real bad too. And I'm also worried that my hips will not always be so flat and sexy. And Simba could get funkified.

**Daniel** wait now girly... tell us more of those hips...

mmm... flat and sexy

homer gurgle\*

**Isha** Uhm, I have two...

Backs away slowly\*

**Daniel** It's just an impression!

Come back my little flower...

\*cue Pepe le Pew music\*

**Isha** Le Mew? Le Purr?

\*bumps into a can of white paint, spilling it down her back\*

**Daniel** \*hops toward Isha\*

I feel a drawing coming on...

**Isha**      \*laughing\* I have no idea what's going on, but if you don't watch out, I may fall into a vat of something wet and sticky, and emerge sputtering and hacking, only to find you've turned blue and become suddenly enamored with you in that 'my giant heart is pulsing out of my body' way.

**Daniel**      Le eek...

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**George Lucas must be stopped.**      Jan 2 • 3296.30

**Quinn**      *I so want to be Salacious Crumb when I grow up.*

I hope my new baby is Salacious Crumb.

Or at least has the laugh.

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**Last Appearance of Uncle Deadly?**      Jan 3 • 3327.15-16

**Quinn**      I was wondering if the puppet even existed anymore, or if it had succumbed to age and they never bothered to rebuild him...

**John**      It's a known fact that the Henson family uses old Muppets as dust rags, shammies, and sponges for washing the car. Uncle Deadly's last performance was in the upstairs bookcase, wiping away a particularly nasty cobweb. A brief cameo on the bathroom floor followed, but a stint cleaning the bay window never materialized.

When asked to comment, Jane Henson noted, "He was very good at getting in the corners."

## My New Year's resolution is...

Jan 6 • 3357.35

**Michal** I've got wonderful friends, live in a fantabulous city and go to a pretty darned nifty school. So out with the melancholy, in with the tiptoeing towards responsibility, and on and on with the silliness and non-sequiturs.

[ Martha ]

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## Birthdays

Jan 6 • 3366.4-93

**Julian** PS: Our dear Kevin's b-day is 2003-11-13.  
(That's Kev le goat, not Kev le Foz!)

**Cathy** Hey, the goat's a scorpio too...

That explains a lot.

**Danny** Do Scorpions tend to be hircine sex puppets?

**Cathy** Only us Scorpions will know the true answer to that question.

**Erik** Wouldn't a goat be a Capricorn?

**Cathy** You've just uncovered the magical irony that is the goat.

[ Michal ]

**My New Year's Resolution is:**

Jan 7 • 3357.52

**Ryan R** My resolution is not to shoot anyone. I'm optimistic because last year's was not to become a cannibal, and it turned out pretty well.

[ Michal ]

**Quinn goes back to school**

Jan 8 • 3349.46

**Danny** I love all kids. Kids are so easy. You just have to figure out what the thing is that they're into, and ask them about it, and then listen to what they say. Adults don't do that very often with kids, so if you do that, they will idolize and adore you. I'm always good with cats and kids.

It's adults I can't stand. Adults are fuckers.

[ Scott ]

**Home Movies**

Jan 8 • 3367.19

**Erik** You know, the first time I went to the Virgin Megastore I was really disappointed. All they had was music and stuff.

**Home Movies**

Jan 8 • 3367.21-23

**David** I'm starting to realize something, though: What isn't overpriced in this city?

**Michal** Welcome to the Big Apple, my dear. Eat or be eaten; purchase or be purchased.

**My New Year's Resolution is:**

Jan 9 • 3357.54-115

**Daniel** I've changed my mind, my resolution is smoke too much, drink often, blow my money, and engage in unhealthy relationships.

Done and done.

**Scott** You smoke?

**Daniel** Not cigarettes my friend. I kicked it... a few times. I'm a quitter, and then a quitter quitter, and now a quitter quitter quitter. It's been over a month and a half. I wouldn't necessarily say I've been a full fledged smoker for this past year, but I was definitely a cheater. An "it's ok, I'm out with people" sort of thing. Which beats the "I just woke up and will smoke with my coffee" sort of thing. But yeah, no more cheating. Feels great.

**Daniel** Wait, I'm a liar, I had a few during my breakup-family confrontation-Christmas freakout week.

**Sarah** I think that phrase needs more hyphens.

**Daniel** It also needs to be written by someone who can spell liar apparantly.

Dammit.

**Martha** Pssst. Hey, bud!

Ya wanna buy an "apparently"?

All it's gonna cost you is... a nickel.

**John** Minx, when we became the Jinx Minx Twinz it was just "one of those things." However, now that I am fully aware of your love of proper grammar, I realize it was fate! I am exactly the same way.

Now we need a monkey. We can name it Miriam Webster! Anyone want to audition?

**Michal** Just use Miles, and disguise him with Spandex.

**David S** Wait a minute here. I thought you were so sexy, the two of you didn't need a monkey. What are you trying to pull here, buddy?

Hey WT, do you think Charlotte could take on Miles? Using babies as weapons is VERY 2004...

**Mar** Yeah, from what I can tell in Playgroup, Charlotte can take on any kid with no problem. But what are we going to do with the monkey?

**David S** Aren't the Jinx Minx Twinz in the market? I bet we could sell it to them and make a tidy little profit... I mean, I bet we could get them a great deal on a monkey!

**Martha** Actually... and Jinx is going to have to back me up, 'cause it may be the Percoset talking... but I think we discussed finding a 22 year old hottie instead of a monkey. Heck, even if we didn't actually discuss it, it's a brilliant idea.



**John** That's right, Minx, we did decide to find a twenty-two year old hottie to hold the Magic Dictionary. However, after auditioning a few, I've found that most got bored after a few minutes of page flipping and needed to be set free.

Bring on the slightly used monkeys!

"No box, no tags, label ripped off, dirt smudge on face *cannot* be removed (see picture), has a faint coffee smell even after I washed it – otherwise MINT."

**Michal** I thought I was going to sell you guys David B.

After January 28<sup>th</sup>, he will be a 22 year old hottie.

**John** Yeah, but David B already has a promising career. Monkeying around would get boring for him, and he'd probably leave us in the middle of his probation period.

**Daniel** So does that mean I'm too old now?

**Martha** Are you volunteering to be the Jinx Minx Twinz mascot? For you, we'd be able to make an exception.

Now, as far as your name is concerned: Jinx and I each took the first initial of our first name, and added "inx" to it.

That would make you "Dinx."

Hmmm.

**John** Well, if that doesn't convince him, I don't know what will.

**Danny** Daniel can't be Dinx, he's already part of the D-Boyz.

D-Boyz forever!

**John** Why would he want to stay in that boy band manqué when the Jinx Minx Twinz beckon?

**Danny** Yes, the D-Boyz ARE like a boy band.

We're a little crap and embarrassing, and a couple years from now we'll be on a "where are they now" show.

But we're really sexy and you can't help but secretly like us.

We are your guilty pleasure.

D-Boyz forever!

**John** Okay, I admit it, I own all of the D-Boyz CD's. And the posters. Not to mention the inflatable bobblehead dolls and tour t-shirts.

**Anthony** Yeah, but do you have every episode of the cartoon on tape?

Because I sure as hell do.

**Danny** Would you like to join the Official D-Boyz Fan Club for the introductory price of only 12.99? You get an official membership card, an official iron-on t-shirt transfer, an official 8x10 of the D-Boyz, and an official subscription to our official quarterly newsletter.

This issue of the newsletter features our Fantastic Facts File about the D-Boyz, including all our likes and our dislikes. (And why Danny says he'll never get married!) Plus a three-page article detailing our ongoing rivalry with the Pottymouth Sailors. You don't want to miss that.

**Daniel** And if they're lucky, one special D-Boyz fan will get the entire set of D-Boyz dolls, numbered and signed by the band. Boys and girls alike will wonder at Danny's doll's kung-fu grip.

*I nominate this explanation for the 2004 yearbook. By then, you'll all be old news, so it will be kitschy.*

This will be the perfect time to launch our reunion tour. Granted, I'll be a shell of what I used to be, what with the stint in the rehab after the big break up, but gosh, what energy.

**Danny** Wait. We're breaking up?

I thought we were... y'know... D'Boyz forever.

**Daniel** Only for a bit, while Dan tries to release a solo album, and I go into booze-comforted hiding following an unfortunate webcam incident. Don't worry man, we're getting back together. It'll all be covered in our E! true Hollywood story.

**John** Well I better get my newsletter while you're in the booze bin. I want to know why Danny will never marry!

**Danny** Phew. Glad that's settled.

Now to figure out why I'll never marry.

By the way, I've decided it should be D'Boyz. Way cooler.

Plus now we can sell twice as many hats and t'shirtz.

## **My day with Avenue Q**

Jan 10 • 3372.21

**Kynan** *Oh, Stephanie mentioned Kynan by name! Said that his girlfriend had been to see the show!*

Yeah, Peter Linz hit on her. And Johnny T was fantasizing about her visiting Sesame Street.

It's sweet that they like us and all, but I'm starting to wish these Muppet performers would just leave us fans alone. It's starting to get creepy.

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## **A few Palisades tidbits**

Jan 12 • 3377.51-52

**Quinn** The Kermits came in two batches – one was made with "good" plastic, one with "bad" or softer plastic.

**Danny** Are you serious? They finally admitted that?

Man, I remember when Series 1 came out, and all the usual suspects (Ken, Jamie, etc) were running around telling everyone that there was NO PROBLEM WITH KERMIT'S LEGS.

It was like the Iraqi Information Minister. "Kermit's legs are fine! Kermit does NOT lean! If you think your Kermit leans, just twist his feet! You will see the error of your ways! Anyone who says that Kermit leans is an enemy of the Muppets!"

I'm not even exaggerating. That's actually the way they talked.

## Birthdays

Jan 13 • 3366.86

### Danny

Oh, right, of course Rudolph Nureyev died on January 6<sup>th</sup>. I keep forgetting that I killed him at one of my birthday parties. Ah, memories.

[ Ryan R ]

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## Lovely Kermit marionette on Ebay

Jan 13 • 3395.14

### Anthony

Never watched Digimon in my life, but I have to say: It has the greatest theme song in history. I usually sing that thing at least once a week.

### Danny

How do it go?

### Anthony

Digimon, Digital Monsters  
Digimon are the Champions  
Digimon, Digital Monsters  
Digimon are the Champions

Change into Digital Monsters  
To Save the Digital World

And then it repeats at last once.

You really have to hear it. On paper, it's nothing. But when you hear it, you don't soon recover.

**Danny**

Gosh.

"Change into Digital Monsters To Save the Digital World"

Is that supposed to be a description of what the Digimons do?

Or is it an instruction for all the kids at home?

**Isha**

The Digimons are already digital monsters.

\*gives Danny a funny look\*

**Danny**

well

but

i don't even know *how* to change into a digital monster

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**My New Year's Resolution is...**

Jan 14 • 3357.149-157

**Danny**

I hereby create the Super Slurpee Fun Time Club. Anyone can be a member.

I appoint myself Everlasting Vice-Emperor, and I'm going to grab a handful of gold coins out of the treasury so I can get me some Vitamin Water. Hasta.

**Cathy**

From here on in, I shall now be known as Keeper of the Swedish Fish.

My powers are mystical and chewy.

## Hasbro Fraggie Customs

Jan 15 • 3435.3

**Grant** I really like Sidebottom. I used to be called "Sidebottom" back when I still visited MC. Ah, those weren't the days.

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## Tough Pigs Yearbook!

Jan 16 • 3341.77-79

**Julian** Those holographic, skin grafted watches: my wrist hurts by the mere thought of it, but beautiful idea!

**Scott** It's not my idea, they're coming sooner than you think.

They're basically going to be little tattoos on your hand controlled by a tiny microchip under the skin. Some of them will animate based on your body temperature. Some more advanced ones will have memory storage and serve as something like a palm pilot.

Writing a number on your hand at a bar will take on a new whole meaning.

**Danny** The fuck they will.

If the tech-freaks think they will be implanting anything in my body for any reason other than saving my life or restoring damaged body functions, they have got another think coming, supplemented by a smack upside their techy-freaky heads.

I will buy things, I will wear things. I will put things on my wall. I will plug the OmniContent Data Crystal into my Holographic Viewing System.

But if the tech boys who brought me a computer that gets infected by advertising-spyware viruses think that they're implanting something into my one and only natural-born wetware survival system... Nooooo no no no no.

I'm not getting on that damn transporter either. That thing tears you apart and then builds a copy of you somewhere else. Fuck that.

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**Isha's pet peeve**

Jan 16 • 3433.45

**Scott**      The number of straight men on the board is more like an idea, rather than an actual count.

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**Laugh it up, fuzzball**

Jan 16 • 3434.10-12

**Danny**      The Hulk made \$135 million and is considered a flop because it cost \$98 million to make and \$45 million to paste the Hulk's face on every Slurpee cup in America.

**Quinn**      They paid all that money to put Hulk's face on Slurpee cups, and then you need to pay nine dollars more for the frigging Slurpee cup!

Someone somewhere is making a lot of money. They're in the cup industry.

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**Feeling sorry for myself**

Jan 16 • 3437.20

**Cathy**      Nice girls are abundant in the tri-state area. Soon it'll be legal to hunt them to keep the population in check.



## **Muppet Movie Sing Along**

Jan 17 • 3441.14

**Quinn** We're starting to plan a fest for Utah, but so far it's just me and Travis and Miles.

Maybe Melissa if she feels like attending. It'll be in her living room, I hope she can make it.

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## **TPfest Official Dates**

Jan 20 • 3424.57-60

**Danny** I'm thinking of this more in "family reunion" mode than "convention" mode, since we all know each other.

**Daniel** If it's a family reunion, does that mean someone's going to have to play the part of the uncle who gets way too drunk, yells and then throws up?

**John** Um, yeah... I already said I'd be there, okay?

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## **Starwars and SS with songs to listen!**

Jan 22 • 3473.7

**John** What kind of self-respecting nerd says "I've seen Star Wars ten times"? Hello, I hated Star Wars, and I've seen it at least fifteen times. If you've seen it less than twelve, you haven't seen it.

## **Weird Outdoor Experience**

Jan 22 • 3493.10

**Daniel**      Woohoo! Go thyroid conditions! I have hyperactive thyroid, though it seems to have subsided. But when I get stressed out or burn my candle at both ends, WATCH OUT! I turn into a lunatic that I can only call Shakes McSpacecase.

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## **Pepe Finger Puppets at Starbucks**

Jan 22 • 3495.1-4

**Smig**      No kidding, folks! Right now at Starbucks you can get finger puppets of Pepe Le Pew, Tweety, and Sylvester the Cat Warner Brothers characters!

Had you going, for a second, didn't I?

**David**      Damn you, Smig!!!

**Martha**      Awww, Smiggy! That was SO unfair!

But funny.

**John**      You're no good, you're no good, you're no good, Smiggy you're no good.

:: *Wishing I had thought of it first* ::

[ Ryan R ]

**Elmo wins award**

Jan 23 • 3490.13

**John**

Elmo is like the Tim Conway of the Muppet characters. In a few years, he'll be selling straight to video golf instruction tapes dressed in that chicken suit.

[ Quinn ]

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**Elmo wins award**

Jan 24 • 3490.29

**Patrick***re: Avril Lavigne*

You got it dude! In addition, regarding the whole punk thing, she revealed in Entertainment Weekly about a year ago that she didn't even know who the Ramones were! I mean, if anyone needs a big ol' piece of shut-up cake, it's her.

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**The Very Secret Diary of Emmy**

Jan 25 • 3509.40

**Ryan R**

Once I ate a bunch of staples. Then I realized they probably wouldn't be very good for my insides, so I ate a staple remover.

**TPfest Official Dates**

Jan 26 • 3424.120-123

**Kynan** If you guys are still looking for a special guest for TPfest, why not invite me?

**Danny** Cool. Kynan will be our special guest. We can pay him in attention.

**Michal** Wait. We're gonna pay attention to Kynan?

Somebody needs to alert me before we make policy changes.

[ Michal ]

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**We're gonna turn it on...**

Jan 27 • 3459.63

**Ryan R** I went to a wedding recently in which we were all handed a bell just before the bride and groom left. Turns out we were supposed to ring the bells, not throw them. Oops.

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**Baby Kermit Coin-Op Ride @ Wal-Mart** Jan 28 • 3477.13-30

**Ryan R** I know I scanned one of those pictures at one point, but I can't find it on this computer. The closest things I have are me as a kitten, and me with Regis Philbin. But I'll keep looking.

**Kynan** Ryan, why on earth would you assume we don't want to see pictures of you as a kitten and/or with Regis Philbin?

Silly monkey.

**Michal** I would also be interested in seeing a picture of Ryan eating pancakes.

**Ryan R** What would really be cool is if I had a picture of me as a kitten eating pancakes with Regis Philbin. Or me as Regis Philbin eating kittens with a pancake.

But do you people honestly want to see these pictures?

**Kynan** Pictures.

Regis, pancakes, kittens.

Pictures. Yes. Koko good apple banana eat.

**Ryan D** I am so frigging confused.

**Ryan R** All you need to know is that Kynan was raised by gorillas.

**Cathy** Gorillas who REALLY like kitties.

**Kynan** All-Ball sad goodbye Koko cry!

**Cathy** Oddly enough, while reading your message, I accidentally clicked on one of those annoying Google ads and gorillas popped up on my screen.

What does it mean, Koko?

**Kynan** Happy Google gorilla friends!

Internet give Koko many gorilla porn.

Porn gorilla warm touch.

**Ryan R** Say, is the real Koko still alive? I haven't heard anything about her in a while.

**Kynan** Yeah, she's still going, but her last album tanked so she's been trying to concentrate on her novel.

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**Piggy and Fozzie**

Jan 28 • 3539.18-19

**Ryan R** That's an attention pentagon! This is a rare occurrence. I hope you're documenting the whole thing.

**Kynan** Actually, I'm dodecamenting the whole thing. Same as documenting, but I'm covering more angles.

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**Happy Birthday Warrick!**

Jan 29 • 3545.29-32

**Warrick** Aw, all you guys are so nice!

Quinn, you can say anything bad about me... just don't diss Miss Mousey.

**Quinn** Your birthday's over?

I hate that Miss Mousey. I'm glad Piggy killed her. And her stupid bonnet hat thing.

## Miss Mousey

Jan 30 • 3572.4

### Quinn

Miss Mousey sucks. She doesn't even suck anything nice, she just sucks calico-patterned, lacey-hat dull Season One ass.

And I don't think "that character really had potential" should be enough to be remembered.

Whoa, I'm almost dizzy from my Mousey Hatred.

Someone point me to an episode where she does something.

Anything.

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## New MuppetHugging

Feb 3 • 2568.263

### Kynan

You are so freakin' clever, Julian.

I'm so glad you use your powers for good, and not evil, like all the other Germans do.

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## Bad Saturday Night Live

Feb 3 • 3613.4

### John

I always thought it odd that Janeane Garofalo was on SNL. She's not very good at playing characters (other than herself) and is especially bad at playing caricatures (by which SNL lives and dies).

There are scenes from her season where you can imagine exactly what she's thinking. In one overlong OJ trial spoof, she does a two second walk-on as an archetypal blonde bimbo. When she delivers her line, one gets the impression she wrote a three page "backstory" for said character and told the director that her creation would not be demeaned by the sexist gaze of phallo-centric network comedy-heavy-quotes. Go integrity, but not very funny.

## **The big Muppet event**

Feb 4 • 3604.16

**John** I think Janet's stunt bustier involved plastic cups and metal snaps. Obviously a custom job, not for civilians.

Whenever the aging divas resort to such publicity stunts – Madonna slurping Britney, Janet's wrinkled raisin boob, Elton duetting with Eminem – it smacks of an especially rancid desperation. These horrific zombies of fame, vampirically attaching their decomposed corpses to the nearest heaving bosom of blooming life, sucking the blood out of pop music. They make it so crass and dirty and shameful – in a bad way. Someone put them out of their Dorian Gray-like misery, pronto.

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## **Lion King 1½ Review**

Feb 6 • 3616.28

**Danny** Apparently this is the thread where not funny jokes go to not die.

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## **Sesamstraat CD's**

Feb 6 • 3628.6

**Jog** I liked this dialogue during a rhyming song:

Bert: "I have an idea! Why don't we let the kids at home sing something, and we'll rhyme with what they sing!... Right? Or isn't that possible?"

Ernie: "I don't think that's possible."

Bert: "Why not?"

Ernie: "... I don't know. I have to think about that one."



## Deena & Pearl

Feb 7 • 3647.1-6

**John** Does anyone remember the short-lived characters, Deena and Pearl? I have vague recollections of Deena, but I don't remember Pearl or any of the sketches the two did together.

**Danny** If you listen to "The Best of Elmo" album backwards, you can clearly hear the words: "I buried Pearl."

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## Getting into AQ

Feb 10 • 3648.18-23

**Michal** Ladies, ladies! There's plenty of Michal to go around.

**Kynan** Ohhhhh, no there's not.

**Michal** Look, I don't know where you're going with this, but I'm not THAT little.

**Kynan** I never know where I'm going with anything. Maybe I should just go back to talking like a gorilla.

**Ryan R** I'll cast my vote in favor of that.

**Kynan** Ryan good. Warm hug play kiss. Gorilla sleepy.

**Norah Jones and David B**

Feb 10 • 3672.1

**Daniel** Well, I bought the new Norah CD. I LOVE IT. All the naysayers can eat my ass.

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**Death to Atkins!**

Feb 10 • 3678.1-21

**Danny** Death to Atkins! I say.

Death to all food fads!

Thank you.

**Cathy** I just saw a news report tonight that was talking about how Dr Atkins' medical records were released to the public after his death. That fat fuck hypocrite died weighing in at 258 lbs.

**Kynan** Oh my God, Danny killed Dr Atkins!

**Danny** Bwa ha ha ha! And I got away with it too. The meddling kids were of no consequence.

## Book Club

Feb 11 • 3680.3

**Michal** My apartment-mate just found a new source of nostalgic joy last night when she saw me online looking at Muppets stuff, and mentioned that she used to love "Cookie Monster and the Cookie Tree." Imagine her surprise to see every page lovingly posted online.

She read me the entire book out loud, and laughed her buns off through everyone's comments. Then she said that my Internet friends are much smarter than her Internet friends. So we all win.

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## The Short Reign of Terror of GPlanet1:

### Star Wars on DVD

Feb 12, 6:43 am • 3667.48

**GPlanet1** George Lucas is a fucking bore. This "muppet" forum is debating the merits of pulp movies? Oh, wait, the muppets... Being a big fan of the muppet style, I would love some advice on finding a basic template for any basic character. Any tips smart guy?  
GPlanet1

### SS Lanyards at Claire's

Feb 12, 7:43 am • 3623.49

**GPlanet1** It is ten minutes till six here in albuquerque and still nobody has been able to donate a sewing pattern or whatever the fushizzle. Huh!?! Bring on the patterns lamos! Nobody gonna defend dipsh... I mean George Lukas. Godammnit I need dimensions and cut-outs!  
OK!  
GPlanet1

## **The Simpsons**

Feb 12, 8:04 am • 3634.98

**GPlanet1** S'right. Moe always was the ambitious one.

Now what do I (I don't curse) to get some muppet design instructions around here. I'll suck Lucas's cock in exchange for everlasting fame and respect?

It's just a pattern!!! Come on, someone has a muppet head pattern somewhere! Geoff, yeh, Geoff!

## **Star Wars on DVD**

Feb 12, 8:42 am • 3667.52-58

**GPlanet1** Forget about Lucas. How about some expert tips on finding Muppet patterns? Does anyone build there own Muppets or not? Geoff

**Scott** You are so out of here.

**Danny** I showed him the door. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Some people are just crazy.

**Isha** Or, as my brother would say, "He's bad at the internet."

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## **Letter B**

Feb 13 • 3684.36-37

**Ryan R** If I ever talked to Christopher Cerf on the phone, I would picture him looking exactly like Little Chrissy.

**Kynan** What would you picture him looking like if you sent him a FedEx?

[ John ]

## Puppets on "Angel" spoilers

Feb 17 • 3606.105-114

**Ryan R** Wow, I have a lot to say about vampire shows. Too bad I never have anything interesting to say about anything else.

**Kynan** Woojums! You're a very interesting young man.

**Ryan R** "Woojums"?

**Kynan** Apparently that was my word of the day yesterday. But, yes, woojums. I stand by my remark.

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## Disney Buys the Muppets

Feb 18 • 3740.64-65

**Danny** This list just popped into my head...

Projects with Disney involvement:

Muppets at Walt Disney World

MuppetVision 3D

Muppet Xmas Carol

Muppet Treasure Island

Bear in the Big Blue House

Projects with no Disney involvement:

Muppets from Space

Kermit's Swamp Years

Animal Jam

Very Merry Xmas Movie

It's not quite a slam dunk for Disney, but I think there's enough evidence there to say that it's just not true that Disney involvement = crap Muppet projects. Mostly the opposite, actually.

**David** Nuh uh! Just think about the Pizza Hut commercials! Or Kermit on Hollywood Squares! Or... um... well, dag, yo.

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**MC's reaction to Disney news**

Feb 19 • 3772.30

**Ryan R** *Why worry what happens to the Henson kids? They're not worrying about you.*

They're not worrying about me? That's sad. And here I had this image of Brian asking Lisa if I remembered to put on a jacket before I went outside...

[ John ]

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**One-eyed Bunsen**

Feb 22 • 3795.1

**Ryan R** There I was, playing with my Muppet friends, happy as a little schoolboy. Suddenly, something went terribly, horribly, awfully, tragically, not-goodly wrong.

I dropped Bunsen. I didn't think it was a problem until I picked him up and HALF OF HIS GLASSES HAD BROKEN OFF. The half over his right eye, to be exact. "Bunsen!" I cried out. "Your eye!" Of course, this didn't exactly make sense, because he has no eyes under his glasses – his head is as smooth as a melon. Let's say... a casaba melon. He put on a brave face. His expression did not change. But I think I saw a little tear fall from where his eye would be.

I now have Bunsen standing in the Muppet Labs playset with his head turned in profile, so it's not too obvious. But the robot rabbit now has a scornful look on his face, and it's obvious he sees Bunsen as a one-glassed freak.

I may look into repairing his glasses with some Super Glue. Or I may get him a new prescription, or just put him in my CD player and hope it has the same effect as LASIK surgery.

I just thought I would share my sad story (Bunsen's sad story, really) with you all. Thank you.

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**Muppet Kubricks**

Feb 23 • 3810.5-7

**Nate** Why can't I be made of money?**Alaina** Because people would get paper cuts when they touched you.

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**The Oscars**

Feb 24 • 3824.6

**John** I hate the Oscars. They perpetuate the notion that movies aren't derivative pieces of shit.

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**Keep Fishin'**

Feb 25 • 3793.9

**Tom** Actually, I think Bobo himself was performing Rowlf in that scene.

It's the latest cost-saving measure. Rather than paying for puppeteers, they're just having the puppets perform each other.

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**Why Alaina is cool...**

Feb 25 • 3807.25

**Isha** That totally made me almost choke on my sammich.

**Michal** I'm kind of scared of the real Doglion, and the idea of one that's several inches tall is not very comforting. What if he decides to clamp onto my calf and never let go?

**Kynan** Then when people introduced you, they'd have to say, "This is Michal; she has a miniature Doglion clamped onto her calf."

And when new people met you, they'd be all like, "I'm sorry, do you realize you have a miniature Doglion clamped onto your calf?"

Ooooh, and when you took a bath, you'd have to take extra care to wash behind the miniature Doglion clamped onto your calf.

Not to mention airline security. When travelling, you might have to get an extra passport for the miniature Doglion clamped onto your calf.

And I just realized. If you had to take a driving test, the instructor might say, "You passed, despite the fact that you have a miniature Doglion clamped onto your calf."

Oh no! What if you were a District Attorney, and you just gave your closing argument in a really important drugs case, and the judge had to say, "The jury is instructed to disregard the miniature Doglion clamped onto the DA's calf."

Wow. Life would really be different for you.

**Ryan R** I understood everything in that post, except for that one part about the miniature Doglion clamped onto the calf.

[ Michal ]



**Kynan**

Bizarrely, DC has recently relaunched the Titans book with a tie-in book where everybody dies and everybody else comes of age. I get the impression that Teen Titans is trying to be less kiddie-book and more X-man, young adults with issues-ish.

I only mention it because, in classic DC style, they've essentially wiped the slate clean and gone back to what Wolfman was doing, back in the day. 15 years of evolution and they suddenly realize he had it right in the first place?

Somebody correct me on this, because I've just talked myself into an alternate DC universe where nothing makes sense.

**Tom**

That sounds like every DC universe. Do you remember the "Zero Hour" event of the 90's, where they had to have a multi-title spanning miniseries all about alternate universes, just trying to fix all the continuity errors?

**Danny**

Wasn't Zero Hour something else? The alternate universe continuity-fixing series was Crisis on Infinite Earths.

also known as

CRISIS!

on INFINITE EARTHS!

where everyone stood around and talked about how this was happening on Earth-17, and that was happening on Earth-14, and the other was happening on Earth-Prime.

And then they blowed it all up.

One of the great moments of comic book lunacy.

**Kynan** I think we're all missing a crucial point, which is that superheroes and guns are for straight boys. It might seem flip, but that doesn't mean it's not true.

**Danny** Yes, actually, that's exactly right.

**Kynan** Hey, look, we're back in the universe where I'm always right!

**Michal** Oh, crud. This one doesn't look any more believable than the one where you were a big fat liar.

\* kicks over a cardboard building \*

**Ryan R** By some interdimensional snafu, we've ended up on Earth-KynanIsRight. It's not far from Earth-DogsAreCalledShoehorns.

**Danny** Hey, have the buildings always been cardboard? I've been living in a fool's paradise.

**Michal** Yeah, I've been freezing my buns off all winter and wondering about the insulation. Just look at this shoddy \*shoves fist through front door\* workmanship!

**Jess** Oh, okay. That's not an alternate dimension. You're in campus housing.

You'd be surprised how often the two get confused.

**What Disney is getting from Henson...** Feb 25 • 3818.17

**Kynan** Can't we just once have a conversation in this forum without somebody shattering the fabric of reality?

**Woman Dies Following 'Passion' Screening**

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

WICHITA, Kan. – A woman collapsed Wednesday during a screening of The Passion of the Christ and later died at a hospital.

The Wichita Eagle identified the woman as Peggy Law Scott, 57. No cause of death was immediately available.

Scott was attending a 9:30am showing of the movie with some co-workers from Clear Channel Radio when she collapsed about 20 minutes before the end of the movie.

KAKE-TV, which was filming a story on local reactions to the film, reported that Scott collapsed during the film's bloody crucifixion scene.

Two medical professionals who were at the movie tried to revive Scott, said Ken Crockett, a spokesman for Warren Theatres.

Emergency dispatchers said they responded to a report of a woman who wasn't breathing and might be having a seizure.

An autopsy will be conducted on Thursday, according to a spokeswoman for Sedgwick County.

**Scott** My verdict: this film is a film to see.

**Danny** Are you serious? This movie kills!

It's a rogue movie! It's snapped its tether and it's killing old ladies!

If it were up to me, I'd chase this movie up to the Empire State Building and then shoot at it with biplanes.

**Danny** I would just be reluctant to sit there for 70 minutes watching someone being physically tortured. I don't care if it's Jesus, Joseph or J J Walker, it sounds like a snuff film to me.

Besides making me nauseous, I'd probably be bored out of my skull by the third rib-cracking.

My ideal version of Passion of the Christ involves a giant shark menacing a small coastal town, and the spunky young reporter who falls in love with a handsome but distant molecular biologist. And then the Space Vikings arrive.

Nails through the hands simply do not compare, entertainment wise. This whole thing is a mystery to me.

**Anthony** I can't speak for anyone else here, but for myself and a lot of other people I've talked to, it's a chance to actually see what Jesus went through. It makes the sacrifice that much more real. You can sit around and read the Gospel a hundred and twenty-eight times, but it still isn't the same as actually seeing it.

That's why many Christians want to see the picture, anyway. As for yourself and other atheists, no, I can't imagine there would be much appeal.

**Danny** Yes, that's true. I should probably be quiet about it. I don't want to piss people off just to serve my unquenchable desire to be flip.

PS. Don't let it kill you, though! Wear a helmet.

## Disney Buys the Muppets

Feb 28 • 3740.211-214

### Ryan R

When I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I created a pretend video game called Sesame Street Fighter 2. I wrote and illustrated a whole "strategy guide" for it. The fighters were Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, Grover, Cookie Monster, the Count and Oscar. They had attacks like the beak peck, the flying pigeon kick, the projectile rubber duckie, the near-far combo, the projectile cookie, the lightning strike, and the smell attack, respectively.

The first boss was a character I made up named Dr Illiteracy, and the final boss was Newt Gingrich, who threatened to cut federal funding for PBS.

### Kynan

Can sixth-grade Ryan come over and play at my house? He's COOL.

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## One-eyed Bunsen

March 1 • 3795.60

### Ryan R

I got some Krazy Glue in an attempt to fix Bunsen's broken glasses. Did you know Krazy Glue comes in a brush-on bottle now? It's brilliant! Makes me proud to be an American.

With surgeon-like hands I held the glasses to Bunsen's face, applied the glue, and tried not to get glue on my fingers. I got glue on my fingers. But after holding the glasses for just a few moments (I know because I checked the moment hand of my watch), Bunsen was as good as nearly new. You can't even tell he was ever broken. And now he can see! I think he winked at me.

## 2/28 NYC screening

March 1 • 3861.7

**Tom** *Dick Cavett talks to the four puppeteers – with Carroll still wearing his Bird legs.*

\*gasp\* I can't BELIEVE Carroll did that!! He said he'd NEVER do that!! That ruins the MAGIC of Big Bird!!

All this must be the result of Disney buying the Muppets.

This would never have happened while Jim was alive.

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## The Orson Welles Show

March 1 • 3863.1-25

**Danny** At the Carriage House screening, Craig showed us the Muppet bits from The Orson Welles Show, a 1979 talk show pilot.

In an afternoon of amazing, funny and historic clips, this was the most striking and memorable – equal parts horrific and hilarious. We can try to describe it here, but it was kind of like being in a war together. We'll never be able to make anyone else understand what it was really like, unless you went through it yourself. The people who were there are now bonded for life, we're different inside.

**Dan** I think the best thing about this was when Orson pretty much yelled at Jim because he had never played with puppets growing up, but Frank had since he was 12.

**Cathy** Orson Welles saying the phrase "squeaking box of dolls" is the clear winner here.

**John** My favorite moment was when Orson invoked the name of Rasputin and the entire room simultaneously went "huh?!?"

**David**

I think the entire room was simultaneously going "HUH?" the entire time.

"So here is a man... who is the biggest name in puppetry... and you're telling me that you only got into puppetry... to get into TELEVISION?!?!?"

Stop shaming Jim, you house of a man!

**Amy**

The thing that fascinated me the most was the isolationist feel of the program. I don't think I've ever seen an interview/talk show in which the interviewer, guests, audience and (in this case) cue card guy all appear to have been filmed separately.

It's not just the jarring cuts between film and video, it's the editing. The sound isn't consistent and the cuts are trimmed too closely. Besides which, the idea of dramatically lighting and buffing Orson Welles and having poor Jim and Frank sitting there sweating with no make-up artist to at least mop the perspiration from their brows is just as bizarre as the interview itself.

**Tom**

Thank you – someone finally explained it a little so that I could understand it.

I'm hearing howls of pain here akin to the Star Wars Christmas special... or that OTHER Sesame Street Christmas Special that aired on CBS.

But now, thanks to Amy, I'm starting to see it. A little.

**Danny**

It's true that the Orson Welles Show is worse than both the Star Wars Xmas special and the Sesame Xmas special put together.

I watched both of those specials, and I hated them and laughed at them, but they didn't make me curl up into a ball. By the end of Orson, I had both my legs up to my chest and was holding them, rocking back and forth like an autistic child. Just trying to make it stop.

I think the thing that makes OW so awful – and what an apt acronym that is, by the way – is that Jim and Frank are just sitting right there, unwilling victims to this horrorshow. Obviously, they both agreed to be on Orson's show – in repayment for him appearing in The Muppet Movie, according to Craig. But I don't think they realized what it would be like until they were sitting there and suffering through it.

At one point it looks like Frank is trying to hold himself back from getting up and just smacking Orson across the mouth. Jim's legendary calm is slightly ruffled.

So the Xmas pain is all about the audience. The OW pain is the sympathy that we're feeling for Jim and Frank, and that's much worse.

**David**

Part of my pain was also dread that Orson would unhinge his jaw and swallow me whole.



**Forum stats – Feb 04**

March 1 • 3871.4-8

**David** Wheeeeeeeee! Now, on top assassinate Danny and Scott are rule over Tough Pigs like a king!

**Danny** Wow. How excited can a guy get. Nice syntax.

**Ryan R** Yes! Up eight spots! Yes! TOP TEN for the month! Yes yes! Still in the all-time top ten! Yes yes yes!

Now that I've cracked the top five, I have no reason to stick around!  
So long, suckers! Yes!

And now here are some more yeses: Yes yes yes yes yes yes yes yes  
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**Muppets and AICN**

March 2 • 3882.9-10

**Kynan** *The people down at "ain't it cool" have weighed in on the Disney/Muppets situation.*

No, they haven't. Jim Hill has.

I happily declare this conversation null and void.

**John** Jim Hill + AICN = the apotheosis of assbattery.

## **Pics from the NYC trip!**

March 3 • 3853.44-47

**John** I have yet to develop the rolls of pics I took on my trip to LA a few years ago. Well, in my defense, one of the pictures is me meeting Bobby Trendy. You may understand my reluctance now.

**David** You took a picture of Bobby Trendy? The film has probably long since disintegrated anyway.

**Cathy** I'm surprised the film didn't up and develop itself in a pitiful attempt to be noticed.

**John** Yes, I met him at the Halloween Parade. Oh God, I just remembered I took pictures of Arista recording artist Pink, too. Maybe I should just drop my camera in acid.

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## **Forum stats – Feb 04**

March 3 • 3871.42

**Danny** Ryan Dillon is a total whore.

I hope his mom is walking by while he's reading this post.

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## **Disney Meeting**

March 3 • 3887.57-58

**Kenny** Wow, the meeting was an hour longer than expected. That was fun.

Should've known there wouldn't be any Muppet questions asked. Guess they had more important things to talk about.

**Daniel** The room must have been full of Tough Pigs.

**Ryan R** I was thinking, if I had kids, which would I be more concerned about: their seeing violence, or their seeing sex?

And I think that they're likely to understand what's going on when they see scenes of sex, but it doesn't take much comprehension to understand what violence is. So if I had to choose between a violent movie or a sexy movie for my hypothetical kids... I suppose I'd choose the sexy one.

That's only if I had to choose. Seeing as how the kids don't exist, I don't know how that situation could possibly happen.

**Danny** I think instead of taking their kids to movies, parents should make a big batch of chocolate chip cookie dough. Then the kids and parents lie down on their backs in the den with the cookie dough between them and make up songs about farts.

That's what I'd do if I had kids.

**Scott** That's what Gillian and I do.

Except they're Elmo fruit snacks and we sing about how our butts stink.

## **Proud to be a Puppet Geek?**

March 4 • 3856.15-17

[ *Ryan made Café Press shirts for Dillon Puppets, with Danny Monster quotes.* ]

**Danny** Hey, you're using my catchphrases, bitch! You didn't even tell me.

I want a piece of this pie. I demand eight dollars and fifty-seven cents. If I don't get it, then I'm gonna organize the shareholders to vote you out as CEO of Dillon Puppets.

I might do that anyway, just to be persnickety about it.

Man, I knew someday I'd be working in a comedy sweatshop, cranking out catchphrases for some corporation fatcats to profit on. I just never thought – (\*sniff\*) – I never thought it would be you, Ryan.

**Ryan D** Don't worry, your part of the deal is in the mail now!

:: hurriedly sends out package with tons of arm rods for Maxwell ::

**Danny** I get paid in arm rods?

Huh. Okay. I get paid in arm rods.

[ Ryan R ]

**Kubricks**

March 4 • 3889.32-33

**Danny**

Anyway, we do have friends who will trade with us. I don't know why this hasn't occurred to us before. If anybody gets Sesame/Muppet Kubricks and ends up with doubles, just post about it, and we can trade them through the mail.

Japanese children got nothin' on us! We can do anything they can.

**Nate**

Except linear algebra.

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**More weirdness from Ebay**

March 4 • 3897.3

**Martha**

"McDonalds Stuffed Baby Muppets" sounds like some awful new offering on the menu.

[ Ryan R ]

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**Girl Scout Cookie Boycott in TX**

March 4 • 3899.9-21

**Ryan R**

I was a boy scout for two years. The first year I missed all the meetings but one, and at the end of the year I got a badge and a promotion to the next level of boy scouthood.

The second year I entered my soapbox car, which was unadorned and not even sanded down, in a race against soapbox cars that were painted, buffed, sanded and weighted down with washers, and I got to the finals.

Somewhere in there they turned me upside down to put on my Bobcat badge, and we ate s'mores at Jon Strelek's house.

That's the story of Ryan in boy scouts.

**Anthony** Sounds to me like you were a Cub Scout for two years. You don't become a Boy Scout until you've been at it for five years.

I was a proud Cub Scout for five years, and even I knew how lame Boy Scouts were. Once I hit sixth grade, there was no way I was gonna run around in one of those goofy-ass uniforms anymore. Honestly, you'd think people would have something better to do by the time they reach sixth grade.

**Ryan R** Okay, I was a cub scout for two years.

I would like to apologize to any cub scouts, boy scouts, tigers, wolves, bears, webelos, and minotaurs for any confusion I may have caused.

What is a "webelos" anyway?

**Danny** Webelos stands for We Be Loyal Scouts.

I learned that from my Cub Scout handbook approximately fourteen seconds before I quit the Cub Scouts.

I was in Scouts for two weeks, but I quit because I thought it was faggy.

**Anthony** WE'll BE LOyal Scouts. Incredibly lame, yes, but that's what it is.

Are you serious?

**Danny** About quitting? Yeah. The meetings took place indoors. They were sewing and rehearsing musical theater. Even for me, it was one gay ass Scout troop.

At least that's how I remember it. My memories of my early years are a little unreliable, on account of my parents' love deprivation experiments.

**David**

I was in Cub Scouts for a while too, and my time in Scouts hit its apex in 1990, when Dick Tracy was released. Before meetings, I used to climb onto the table and do my impression of Madonna as Breathless Mahoney. It was a big hit with the kids, who thought I was funny, but I think the Scout Leader looked at me a little askance.

Needless to say, I didn't go on to Boy Scouts.

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**Pops Lobby – Voting at Palisades**

March 4 • 3901.24

**Danny**

Dude. Seriously.

The Palisades forum is Loser Town and everybody knows it. The people who go there live in their aunt's basement and eat ramen six days a week. They own two t-shirts, they smell like pot roast, and they haven't been outside since they flunked out of tenth grade. They have never known the touch of a lover's hand. They have never been mellow. They call themselves Satanists but don't really know what that means. They listen to Dr Demento. They have split ends. They think about filing their teeth down like vampires but they're worried it might hurt. They masturbate quietly and without joy. They worry about identity theft, but there is nothing about their identity that anyone would ever bother to steal.

U G L Y, they ain't got no alibi.

## Emmy Nominations

March 4 • 3902.1-14

**Nate** The Daytime Emmy nominations were this morning, and here's the rundown:

Performer in a Children's Series – Lynn Thigpen as Luna in Bear in the Big Blue House, Kevin Clash as Elmo on Sesame Street, and David Rudman as Cookie Monster and Baby Bear on Sesame Street

**Quinn** Interesting that a performer is nominated for certain characters and not others... For example, Rudman *could* be nominated for Cookie Monster, but not Baby Bear, right? I mean, he'd still get the statuette, but it's for a specific performance. Interesting. I don't think I realized that.

**Danny** When David Rudman wins the Emmy, he'll walk up on the platform, and the host (who we will assume for the sake of argument is Kelly Ripa) will hold out the statuette.

David will reach out his hand to take it, and Kelly will snatch it out of his reach, wagging her finger. Now, she will say, before you take this, we want you to understand that you are NOT getting this award because of Baby Bear. Because WE ALL HATE BABY BEAR. Got that?

And David will say yes, he understands. And Kelly will make him get on the floor and do fifty push-ups.

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## Pops Lobby

March 9 • 3901.64-65

**Shawn** Zing! Or is that zam?

**Danny** That's a zing-zam, a very rare occurrence that I average once every few posts.



**Anti-Bush thread**

March 9 • 3927.7-12

**Jamie D** I've not smiled in about four days but I read that and a grin appeared. Congratulations, you are responsible for making a person smile, pat yourself on the back or go buy yourself a cheesecake.

**David** Hooray!

But I don't like cheesecake... a hooker it is!

**Cathy** Hooker? I hardly know her!!!!

**Shawn** Oh, for... That earns you a bonk from the Giant Clown Hammer.

\*bonk\*

There. Now I hope you've learned your lesson.

**Cathy** Hammer? I hardly know her!!!!

**Shawn** ERRR-NIEE! Aargh!

## **Big Bird and Dan Aykroyd?!**

March 9 • 3926.23

### **Kynan**

Hey, Daniel. I've just realized I've never seen you without your glasses.

And whenever Superman saves me, you're nowhere to be found.

This leads me to conclude that you are a) very careful about your eyesight,

and b) allergic to Superman.

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## **Palisades Muppet Ladies**

March 9 • 3928.27-34

### **Ryan R**

What if they put Miss Mousey in a halter top and a leather miniskirt, with one of those little hats like Britney Spears wears?

### **Shawn**

Oh, dear god, no.

Plus, Danny's right – the damn puppet is nasty. I don't care what kind of clothes you put it in, the face is wrong. Miss Piggy went through subtle refinement, but the elements of the character are all still there. The only way to make Miss Mousey palatable would be to scrap the design and start over, but by then it'd be a different character. And since the character's been 'dead' for a loooooong time, it's not going to happen.

### **Anthony**

They did that with Baby Bear, basically, in about 1997. Completely changed his look, from the original generic bear to the much more unique round-headed bear we all at least know today.

**Shawn**

Well, if they can do that, then cool. Make Miss Mousey the star of the new Muppet Show, give her an annoying speech impediment, and ignore all the other, better characters in favor of...

Wait, never mind. That wasn't really where I intended to go. Just get her out of that godawful Little House on the Prairie / Holly Hobbie outfit.

**Danny** The Sesame LP's thread has brought up some really cute stories about Muppet fans as kids, being strange and spirited. I love those stories more than anything else in the world. So I'm starting a thread for stories of nutty shit you did as a kid in the name of Muppet love.

**Martha** When I was about four, I told my mother that I could speak Froggish, and that Kermit had taught it to me. I then proceeded to speak it. She told me that I was just saying silly things, and I told her that she thought that because she didn't know how to speak Froggish.

The end.

**Danny** Yeah, that's pretty much where I was going with this.

Damn, that's cute.

**Shawn** I pretty much started drawing with the Muppets. Every birthday and holiday I'd get pads of paper, and fill them with Sesame and Muppet characters. I also made a lot of puppets, too – I'd read somewhere that Jim made Kermit out of an old coat, so I'd butcher old clothing, and use cardboard and Elmer's glue to make my own characters, that I would then lip-synch to the Muppet Show with. I remember when I'd get really ambitious and cut up wire coat hangers for arm rods, and use styrofoam craft balls for Muppety eyes. So very ghetto, I remember I couldn't find any styrofoam balls, so I balled up white masking tape, and pretended the character was insane like Crazy Harry.

Oh yeah, don't know if I mentioned this here before, but when I was really young, I'd tell random strangers that I wanted to be Big Bird when I grew up.

**John**

When I was about four, I was introduced to our new neighbors – one of whom was an especially talkative baby. Not understanding his baby gibberish, but remembering what I learned from Sesame Street, I turned to my mom and declared, with confidence, "He's speaking Spanish."

**Emmy**

When I was younger, watching an episode of Fraggle Rock was like Christmas Day for me. I was energized, hyperactive, and overexcited. I loved Fraggle Rock.

Watching Fraggle Rock was a true family event, so my parents would sit on the couch, and turn on HBO. Almost time, and my energy level would go through the roof.

Then the HBO intro thing would come on, and that was all the excitement I could take. I would get a couple of inches from the TV, chant "sah" – my word for everything – and shake my butt to the music. And then the Fraggle Rock theme would play and I would sit down and be mesmerized.

To this day my parents would still make fun of me about this.

**Patrick**

Whenever I was at Sunday mass, I'd pretend that it was the Electric Mayhem on the altar, a la The Muppet Movie, rather than the mean old priest.

Picture it: 1<sup>st</sup> grade and it's class picture day. Well, I had just seen the Muppet Show episode with Candice Bergen, and she was taking a portrait of Kermit. Kermit did a little posing from side to side, pointing out his "good side." Anyway, I posed like Kermit for the picture, and my parents were not thrilled about it when the prints were ready. They were all like, "Why'd you do that? Who told you to do that?" I told them Kermit did it on The Muppet Show the other night. I mean, duh! Wouldn't you?

**Ryan R**

I made a Muppet trivia game based on stuff I had read and seen that seemed behind-the-scenes. There were vague questions, such as "Who helped Jim Henson the most on TV?" (Answer: Lord Lew Grade.) There were easy questions, such as "Who plays Fozzie?" (Answer: Frank Oz.) And there were redundant questions, such as "Part 1: What was the first Muppet TV show? Part 2: What was it called?" (Answers: Sam & Friends and Sam & Friends.)

**Kynan**

When I was ten, I lived in the extreme country. Like, totally in the country. Imagine the loneliness and desolation of living in Australia, then multiply it by about eleven thousand. We had two TV channels: The regional version of Australia's PBS, and one, single, lonely commercial TV affiliate – also regional, so national shows were often pre-empted by lengthy programs about tractors and sheep dip.

The commercial affiliate carried Fraggle Rock for a while, like early Saturday mornings or something. Technically, this wasn't pre-VCR days, but like I said, I was in the extreme country, and we were lucky to have electricity, so although I could record the eps with a tape recorder held up to the speaker, I struggled to read the performer credits at the end.

All I knew about Muppets I had gleaned from my copy of *Of Muppets and Men*, which as you all know doesn't include Fraggle Rock. So, in my secluded, isolated, Muppet-fan head, I decided the only way to get hold of any information about Fraggles was to write to this local network affiliate. "Dear Channel 6, can you please help me with a detailed cast list?" Oh, and I threw in something about Sam & Friends as well, because, I figured, everybody who worked in TV must know everything about TV. And would have nothing better to do than share their wealth of international and historical television knowledge with 10-year-olds.

The only thing I can remember from the reply letter I got is this sentence: "We regret we can't help you with the early Henson material you mentioned."

(This was the same year I wrote a letter to Santa asking him to get rid of my cold. Weird. Weird kid.)

**Michal** These stories all seem to show that Muppets turn children into budding puppeteers and puppet-builders. Not so myself and my sister! We turned into budding drummers.

By "budding," I only mean that we'd stomp around the house chanting, "BU-DDY-RICH! BU-DDY-RICH!" and then tap out sound effects on various household objects. My parents soon followed suit.

I think it's the only reason that I resolved to someday take drum lessons. The only reason I finally followed through is that my drum teacher is a very attractive man okey.

**Quinn** I was Muppet Show deprived; for the longest time we couldn't pick up the station that broadcast TMS. When they finally boosted their signal, it turns out it was on opposite 60 Minutes, and owning only one television meant that Professor Rollins got to watch what he wanted, and we languished in Muppetless agony.

**Kynan** At the age of maybe 16 or 17, I was outside playing with my sister when all three of my brothers came tearing out of the house. "It's on TV!" "Come look!" "The chickens! The chickens!" They all but dragged me into the lounge, where the opening credits of The Ghost of Faffner Hall were still playing.

"It's got the chickens from The Muppet Show!" my brothers yelled. And you know what? God bless 'em, it did.

**Danny** I taped Muppet Shows with a tape recorder up to the speaker. I'm sure lots of people did, that was the VCR of the 70's. I transcribed episodes and songs, and bugged my family by listening to the episodes over and over.

I remember the first episode that I taped – Ben Vereen. From then on, I taped every episode, often stealing my dad's classical tapes to tape over them. (I was seven. My parents didn't buy me tapes. What else was I supposed to do?)

I even tried to make mix tapes of songs and Pigs in Space sketches, by holding up one tape recorder to another. (The results were unearthly. I listened to 'em anyway.)

I learned how to use the write-protection tabs on cassettes the hard way. I'd taped the Bob Hope episode, and I wanted to play my favorite part for someone. (Which was Animal screaming "BUN-NY RAB-BIT, BUN-NY RAB-BIT!" Natch.) I accidentally pressed Record/Play instead of Play. No sound. By the time I figured out why, I'd taped over my favorite part. Sad, really. Since then, I was a demon about the write-protection tabs.

Luckily, my dad apparently never figured out the write-protection thing. (See: stealing his tapes and taping over them.)

**Patrick**

I used to do this too. However, we didn't have a cassette tape player until about 1983. Anything we taped prior to that was on 8-track! Eeeek! The only 8-track Muppet Show I can remember taping now was the Alan Arkin episode. I specifically remember Fozzie and Rowlf singing "I Got Rhythm." Loved it. We also taped Mary Poppins onto 8-track. Most of it fit, too!

Once the Muppet Show reruns started up on TNT in 88-89, I was using cassette tapes by then. I would only tape the Electric Mayhem songs though.

**Thijs**

I made Sesame Street comics with my brother, starring Sesame Street characters, Sesamstraat characters (the humans too!), Muppets and "imaginary" characters.

We also recorded "The Sesame Mega Show" with an old tape recorder, with the same characters. (They all sounded the same.)



**Nate**

On my registration for first grade, I saw a Muppet Show lunchbox in what was the lost and found. I didn't understand why it was in a big box of mittens, books, and junk, and I wanted my mom to buy it. She said she couldn't buy it, but I begged her. So she stole it from me. I have it to this day.

I got a walkman for my birthday one year, shortly after seeing The Muppet Show Live and The Ice Capades. I got my Fraggles cassette out, popped it in, put on my roller skates, and my own Fraggles Live out on our big patio in the backyard. This was the first of many weeks spent working out dance numbers for the live touring shows of Jim Henson's creations.

**Jog**

My favorite game was playing Muppet Show. I built Muppet theaters with blocks, added Playmobil and Smurf accessories and put on shows with my PVC's. I had four Schleich figures (Kermit, Piggy, Rowlf, Animal) and two Comics Spains (Fozzie, Animal). No Gonzo, but an extra Animal. That extra Animal became Byke, a Telly-like stagehand who'd do everything wrong.

Gonzo was still very, very missing. Occasionally I would play with the Schleich Muppet Babies, because I had all six of them, including Gonzo. But what good is a Muppet Show with Muppet Babies?

Eventually I did get my Gonzo... but the big problem began when I had a Waldorf, but no Statler. By the time I finally found Statler, I was too old for playing this game.

**Dan**

One of my favorite Muppet merchandise things when I was little was the Muppet Shrinky Dinks. I used to make Piggy have an affair with the Newsman. The second one was The Great Muppet Caper board game. I don't think I ever played the game the way it was supposed to be played, but it made a great set for the Shrinky Dinks.

Another memory that I have is when I was six, telling a friend that Big Bird lived in my attic. He believed this for a number of months. But when I showed him that he didn't, he was pretty pissed off.

**Kynan** *I used to make Piggy have an affair with the Newsmen.*

I imagine he would be brisk, yet efficient.

**Danny** And afterwards, things would fall on his head.

**Ryan R** Here's another thing I did.

You know how the book "Muppet Madness" has a menu for a Swedish Chef-run restaurant? My copy of the book was used and well-worn, so all the pages were falling out. I would pull out that page and play Swedish Chef's restaurant with my parents and the occasional babysitter.

I'd be the waiter, and come in and give them the menu. When they ordered, I'd go to the kitchen and, using the foods that I was allowed to mess with, try to whip up something that resembled the thing they had ordered.

This was not easy when the menu had items like Rübber Bööt Stew, or whatever, so my customers would never really eat any of my food. I can't blame them. I think I may have gotten paid a few times... but it was Swedish currency, so it was no good to me.

**Danny** I don't think any of my childhood Muppet games involved other people. My family would never have put up with it.

So I had to save it all up for being an adult. Good thing there's an internet.

**Ryan R** Have you ever played Swedish Chef restaurant as an adult?

**Danny** I play it every chance I get. What would you like?

**Shawn**

I just got back from my nephew's birthday dinner. He's six now, and his choice of restaurant was Bugaboo Creek. The family meets up, and we sit down.

I'd like to point out that my nephew is, currently, one of my best friends. He's smart, creative, VERY energetic (some might call him hyper) and INCREDIBLY funny. He always trots something out that makes me howl with laughter. Of course we sit next to each other. (Do I have to mention I'm the favorite "cool uncle"?)

We start doodling on a placemat with crayons the restaurant provides, and he tells me what he wants me to draw. I ask him, does he like Kermit the Frog? And his response is to bust out a really good impression of Piggy's "Step AWAY from the frog!" using a cup as an improv bullhorn. Jessica Simpson is referred to as "Some Lady." He likes the Muppet gang.

I ask, do you like Sesame Street? No, that's for babies. Elmo is for babies. But what about the others? Big Bird? In his best Big Bird voice: "Big Bird should say, 'Hi, Elmo! Would you like to come put your head in the toilet so I can give you a swirlie?'" Tsk's from mom, much laughter from me.

He got the child-portion spareribs for dinner, and the waitress is smart enough to ensure he has plenty of handi-wipes. I remark, you sure have enough wipes. "Yeah," he responds, "and you're one of them." Six years old, ladies and germs.

**Danny**

What a rockin' kid, and what a cool uncle.

It's good for him at six to think of Sesame Street as being for babies. Sesame Street *is* for babies. It's the Muppets that are big grown-up adult people. I would encourage him along those lines.

## **Proud to be a Puppet Geek?**

March 11 • 3856.100

### **John**

I saw one of those MTV "Real Life" shows where a kid came out to his mom... as a furry. And I was like, uhm, why did your mom need to know? Then I saw some furies at Columbus Gay Pride and realized, oh, I guess they're going to try to be the next The Gays.

:: shivers ::

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## **Gay Mormons in Love**

March 12 • 3964.41

### **Quinn**

*So am I going to hell because while at lunch I saw two Mormons walking around doing what they do, and I immediately started to laugh?*

... I think as long as you don't punch them in the stomach (Quinn glowers at Germans) you're fine.

Because they are inherently comical and inept and usually too serious.

My people.

\*shrugs\*

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## **What Disney Cartoon Do You Want?**

March 12 • 3967.31

### **Daniel**

I voted Duck Tales for the lack of better options. I feel the failure to include the Rescue Rangers was a grave mistake and a huge sign of disrespect to not only Chip, but Dale as well.

Monterey Jack will not be pleased.

## **Finally: My AQ Pictures!**

March 15 • 3999.9

**John** I didn't take any pictures, as my camera doesn't do very well indoors, outdoors, in shadows, at night, or on Saturdays from 11am to sundown.

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## **Sex & Violence**

March 16 • 4002.10-26

**Kynan** Palisades should bring out a Mount Rushmore.

**John** The Mount Rushmore bits were dryly hilarious. I'd buy that playset.

**Ryan D** I liked 'em a lot... but it'd be a rather dull playset... what is there to play with?

Just a big hollow piece of PVC with four dead guys on it.

**John** Their mouths would move, and you could make them say droll, witty things!

Maybe one day when you youngsters start rounding thirty, you'll more fully appreciate the calming appeal of a boring playset.

**Shawn** Exactly. The Muppet Newsman comes with what, a desk, a telephone and a pair of glasses? Who needs a Mountaintop Control Center when you have a desk and a phone?

And the Swedish Chef has real working cabinet doors! The excitement!

**John** I didn't buy either of those playsets because, frankly, who has the energy?

**David**

I do, I do!

\*runs all around the room, opening cabinet doors and picking up and hanging up telephones\*

Eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!

\*falls down\*

Man, so that's what it feels like to be one of the kids at MC...

**Scott**

Rinse and repeat.

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**Floyd Bust!?**

March 17 • 4011.14

**Michal**

Bisexuality was never trashy! Just avant-garde.

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**Li'l Muppet Fans**

March 18 • 3949.64-65

**Michal**

Hey, I wonder what happens when I push THIS button.

**Ryan R**

No, not that button ----!

KASPLONK

Now look what you've done. You made everything go kasplonk.

## **Muppet Show songs**

March 18 • 3950.93-94

**Tom** For those who were in chat tonight, I still contend that Isha and Martha are the same person.

Or maybe that was Isha and Roy Scheider.

**Ryan R** That would explain that one time in chat when Isha was yelling at everyone to close the beach.

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## **Wednesday Chat**

March 18 • 3963.16

**Ryan R** My imaginary band in high school was called the Dread Pirate Roberts Band. I played percussion, harmonica, and traded lead vocals with my friend, who also played guitar. We had a drummer who got kicked out for huffing whipped cream cans, and two chick bass players. It would have been an awesome band. I can only imagine the groupies, and the groupers, even though I don't like seafood.

Later I was a founding member of an imaginary boy band called Mark. Our hit song was called "Baby I Love You But I Gotta Go (to the Bathroom)".

[ Michal ]

**collapsible stool**

March 18 • 4023.19-21

**Shawn** What happened to appreciating tall, muscular guys? Why did they go out of fashion? Not all of them beat their wives.

**Cathy** Oh, pipe down now. You've got plenty of admirers here, you sexy thang. But can you safely sit on the collapsible stool?

**Shawn** No. Especially if it's the Count's face. Thing just gives me the jibblies.  
Here they come again... :a-jibbly-jibbly:

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**Dutch Guest at TPfest**

March 19 • 4033.34

**Cathy** Your reason has been declared invalid by me.

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**Pete the Porno Puppet**

March 19 • 4036.8

**Danny** I see everyone involved as losers. They want to bring together the porn community and the church community? I can hardly think of any two communities I would want to see interact less, except maybe the elementary school community and the serial killer community.

[ Michal ]



**Dutch Guest at TPfest**

March 22 • 4033.48

**Daniel** We'll have to have a Tough Pigs puppeteer free for all. I'll bring Monkey and a puppet to be named later, though Monkey is kind of a puppet to be named later, as I never named him to begin with, so maybe it'll be a puppet to be named later, and his friend, a puppet to also be named later.

Zam. I really need to stop eating all that paste.

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**More Muppet Show songs**

March 22 • 4053.4

**Michal** There are few people I don't love more than Florence Henderson.

[ Ryan R ]

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**So many posts! It's just like old times!** March 22 • 4056.4

**Anthony** Damn, man. It's 7:53pm and I'm done already. The sweet taste of reading posts all day has left my lips. Oh well. There must be something else I can do.

For the life of me, I can't think of what that is, but there must be something.

[ Ryan R ]

**Kermit & Miss Piggy on Variety Show**    March 22   • 4057.15

**Scott**            I've already started my online petition to get Scott Bakula on as a guest in a Muppet variety show.

It's at [scottbakula.muppets.scarypetitions-online.com](http://scottbakula.muppets.scarypetitions-online.com)

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**Muppet Show songs**

March 24   • 3950.145-149

**Scott**            All women are either a) fat, or b) have the body of a 12 year old boy. Just ask any one of them.

**Kynan**          I knew a woman once who had the body of a fat 12 year old boy. She was *really* unhappy.

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**Adventure Kermit!**

March 24   • 4070.12

**Scott**            I got home from work last night to find Kim and Gillian waiting out in front of the house for me, as well as a package from UPS. I got her all psyched up about what it was, and that I got it "special," and we rushed around to open it up, the suspense building: "What is it Daddy?" "Let's open it and find out!"

All the while Kim was eyerolling, but Gillian loved the whole thing and we played with Adventure Kermit and Koozebane Kermit all night. KK was the Daddy, and AK was the little girl. They had supper and talked about getting the vampires before laying down and getting tucked in for a nap. But Kermit can't sleep with his hat on. Little girls don't do that.

**Adventure Kermit!**

March 26 • 4070.24-26

**Martha** Weebles wobble, but they don't fall down.

**Daniel** This is not entirely true. I have a Weeble back home that can, in fact, fall down. I was shocked. Little fucker just laid there and then kind of rolled to the side. Poor bastard.

**Cathy** Dude, you got a Weeble to fall down? Are you Jesus or something?

[ Michal ]

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**Bandwidth What Who?**

March 26 • 4093.13

**Ryan R** I'm still getting the "bandwidth exceeded" thing when I try to go to any page, including [toughpigs.com/ballerinasinhardhats.htm](http://toughpigs.com/ballerinasinhardhats.htm), which I don't think even exists.

[ Michal ]

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**Muppet Show songs**

March 27 • 3950.165-167

**Martha** Well, ya know... the gay boys are all trying to lure you over to their side. SOMEONE's gotta make sure you stay on the straight and narrow, if you will.

**David** Scooooooottttt ... oh Scooooooottttttt ... come with uuuuuuussss. We have banaaaaaanaaa bread ...

**Scott** I dunno Martha, they have banana bread.

## **Too early for halloween?**

March 29 • 4110.8-25

**Danny** This is probably going to make it worse, but that mask is, um, a fetish object.

**Shawn** Aww, no, no, no no no nonoonooooaaawrrrrAAAAGGGHHHHHHHHH  
\*head explody\*

**Ryan R** HIS HEAD A SPLODE.

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## **Another regrettable Miss Piggy item**

March 30 • 4118.17-29

**Danny** The only thing I can say is that in the mid-70's, it was possible for fairly ugly things to just slide by without being noticed. It was a strange time.

**Shawn** From what I remember, the 70's was basically a fairly ugly thing that slid by, and on a trail of its own slime.

**Danny** Well, there were some extremely groovy things in the 70's too. Like the Muppets, for instance.

**Shawn** I think the various Muppet productions were the only things I remember fondly from that dark era. Mainly what I do remember are brown, orange and yellow rainbows, and knit hats reinforced with beer cans. And depressing country music.

**Danny** Well, there was a lot of gay sex in the 70's, that was good.

I can't think of anything else.

**Quinn** You did get an early start, didn't you?

**Shawn** Granted, but there was a lot of sex in general, and in general it was between overly-greasy people with fake orange tans.

**Danny** Dude, were you listening? I said gay sex. Guys with big mustaches and leather pants. They'd just invented it.

The 70's were big for my people.

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**Canada prepares for war!**

March 31 • 4126.1-2

**Andrew** Here in Canada, we're all pissed off and having a military dispute with – get this – Denmark. Apparently, Greenland isn't a big enough chunk of frozen wasteland for the greedy little Danes, so they've decided to seize Canada's Hans Island, a barren rock about 1km x 4km in the middle of the Arctic.

We'd be all set to dispatch soldiers and ships to teach those Danish bastards a thing or two except, uh, we don't have any boats that go through the ice up there. That's right, there's not one ice-capable boat in the whole friggin' Canadian navy!

**Danny** Why don't you just let the Danes have it? That's one less chunk of Canada that you have to worry about.

[ Michal ]

**The newest Palisades bit**

April 2 • 4082.28

**Danny** I'm kind of bored with PVC's that are just the character standing there. (And by "bored with" obviously I mean "still buy a lot of.")

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**The newest Palisades bit**

April 2 • 4082.33-34

**Quinn** The first season of The Muppet Show is seriously neglected.

Because it was so good – I mean, the quality of the characters overshadowed EVERYTHING to come after them. Why The Muppet Movie didn't star George the Janitor, I'll never know.

**Danny** You should see the Muppet Movie script I've written. It's a road movie starring George, Hilda, Gladys and Mildred. It's called 4 Fast 4 Furious.

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**Maxim**

April 2 • 4106.11

**David** Listen, boyo, don't try to tell me I hate women. You're talking to the dude whose CD collection is comprised of maybe 75% women. I just hate stupid, vapid, trappy, talent-free women like Paris Hilton, Britney Spears, or J Lo.

Now I'm all full of piss and vinegar!

\*trots down the hall\*

\*flush\*

Okay, now just vinegar.

[ Ryan R ]

**TP forum stats – March 04**

April 2 • 4159.5-10

**Quinn** Only 300-something more posts, and you're in the Top 25 of all time, Shawn. Get crackin.

But don't ever reach #3, because that'll just piss me off.

**Shawn** Oooh, whatcha gonna do, sic your bigheaded kid on me??

... um, seriously though, don't do that.

[ Michal ]

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**Tigger the pervert**

April 5 • 4158.12

**Danny** Dude, the people in the costumes are so gay. We got hit on by animals in Animal Kingdom, not to mention the people at Haunted Mansion. Flirting with people who have to stay in character is very amusing.

**Ryan R** I've never been hit on by costumed Disney characters. However, I really felt like the audioanimatronic daughter in Carousel of Progress was giving me the eye.

**Danny** That little slut. They couldn't invent birth control pills fast enough for her.

[ Ryan R ]

## Wonder Falls

April 5 • 4178.6-38

**John** Who Wants to Marry a Hobo? will have to wait until after The Swan, that new show where they take some ordinary shlubs, give them plastic surgery, slap on some designer duds and enter them in a beauty pageant.

**Isha** Hahahaha!

I thought you said: The Shawn.

But I guess that would be the show where they take some ordinary shlubs, slap on some monster suits and enter them into the ring.

**Shawn** Hey, it takes anything but an ordinary shlub to be a The Shawn. It takes 200+ lbs. of PURE AWESOME! Mixed with a little RAD! Sprinkled with a touch of ROCKIN' HARD! Your results may vary.

**Isha** I mixed that up and got a moose.

[ Anthony ]

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## The Street We Live On

April 7 • 4171.70

**Ryan R** I didn't get Elmo's World at first, but I've grown to appreciate it, even if I don't love it. That may just be from seeing more and more of it.

And I feel really smart when I can predict exactly what's coming next. He'll ask, "How can Elmo find out more about open heart surgery?" And I'll yell out, "Watch the Open Heart Surgery Channel!" And then he'll say, "Oh! Elmo can watch the Open Heart Surgery Channel!" And I'm like, "I told you."



## Cute Miles Story #842

April 7 • 4198.1

### Quinn

We were watching Muppet Treasure Island yesterday, since I was looking for some photo reference of this or that... and we ended up watching most of it.

As we were watching the part where Smollett, Gonzo and Rizzo were captured and brought to the pigs, Miles got VERY into the Boom-Shaka-Laka part, jumping with each "BOOM!"

Then as that flowered curtain parted, and we see Benjamina for the first time, Miles said "PEEEGGY!" and then (best part) as she trips and tumbles down the stairs, he said "Oh, Piggy! Careful! Careful! Careful! Careful!" ... all the way down the stairs.

It was funny. Maybe you had to be there.

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## Episodes with Baskerville

April 11 • 4205.32-39

### Danny

A little shout-out for Baskerville, if I may:

Baskerville was originally created for the Purina Dog Food commercials along with Rowlf – the two of them were a team, and they made some funny ads together.

Then Rowlf got the solo gig on The Jimmy Dean Show. Rowlf became a big star, and Baskerville was left behind.

Rather than get bitter, Baskerville kept his sunny disposition. He made occasional appearances on The Muppet Show and never seemed to resent it. He's a real trouper. He probably became an agent or something, with a successful business and happy home life. He and Rowlf get together once in a while for a bowl of Purina, just for old time's sake.

**Ryan R** Aw, that story had a happy ending. How nice. I can only hope Uncle Deadly's story ends as nicely. But how nice can it be for a guy named Deadly?

**Danny** Uncle Deadly's real name is Uncle Sol Dedlitzki.

When he stopped performing in the early 80's, he capitalized on the growing bagel-and-cream-cheese trend by opening Uncle Sol's Shmears on the Upper West Side. It was a very trendy store during the mid-80's, and his pioneering Double-Lox Deluxe got rare reviews in New York magazine, the Village Voice and Tikkun.

Unfortunately, he over-reached himself in 1991, when he opened Uncle Sol's Heart Heaven to cash in on the oat bran craze. When oat bran tanked in '93, the midtown rent for Heart Heaven drained much of his savings. He closed both of his stores. (One location is now a Starbucks. The other location is also now a Starbucks.)

Disappointed but not broken, Sol returned to his first love: scaring the pants off children. He opened a theme restaurant in Brooklyn, Uncle Sol's Scary Shack. Specializing in birthdays and Halloween parties for boys, the Scary Shack is staffed entirely by friendly monster types (many of them recent immigrants from Eastern Europe). In a 2001 article in New York Press, Sol commented on the longevity of the Scary Shack: "We give a good scare, and it's good value."

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**Ladykillers**

April 11 • 4223.3

**Tom** As for the Muppeteer credit: wow. I have no idea. It just gets more and more bizarre. First on Passion of the Christ, now this. Maybe there was a constitutional amendment that says all films must display a Muppeteer credit somewhere in them.

**David's Friend on Guiding Light**

April 18 • 4228.6

**David** Don't know who she's playing, but I think she's a recast. So she's probably playing someone's daughter who went out for the mail as a six year old and came back with tits a few weeks later.

**John** Everyone's a little bit recast.

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**John & Rod on Hollywood Squares**

April 18 • 4284.1

**David** My mother thinks I'm insane, with all the weird things I'm having her tape.

**Kynan** Your mom sounds just like a judgemental Tivo.

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**More pics of Quinn's family**

April 24 • 4333.13

**Quinn** Melissa does make a very pretty pregnant woman. And that's not true of just anyone. She's about five and a half months along. I think. Miles has started saying "baby in tummy!" but then half the time he pulls up his own shirt and pats his belly.

We did go to the zoo today. We had fun. Miles said "bye, elephant!" "bye, monkeys!" "bye, lion!" each time we would leave a given exhibit. Evidently, both rhinos and hippos are "dinosaurs," and several animals were "ggurubblnoxes."

The best part was at one of the monkey houses, where we were outside a glass window, and we could see the monkeys climbing all around on big concrete trees – when they were swinging around, he'd say, "Careful! Careful, monkeys!" And then one of them perched inches away from him on the inside of the window, and the two of them had a little conversation.

Mmmmm. My heart is happy.

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**Season 35 Commentary...**

April 26 • 4209.76

**John** In a fit of surprise, Alan threw some pink napkins into the air. It's not the gayest moment he's ever had, but it's probably close.

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**Kermit on Ant and Dec Tonight**

April 26 • 4270.16-17

**Danny** People can be so tacky sometimes.

**David** We can??!! Thanks, Danny!

\*runs off to be tacky\*

[ Ryan R ]

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**Suncoast Doozers**

April 29 • 4370.7

**Danny** I guess what I was getting at was I wish there was a Cotterpin plush.

Wah wah, I'm a big enormous greedy baby.

[ Ryan R ]

## **Wonderful Piggy on Ebay**

April 30 • 4377.14-15

**Ryan R** They could do Piggy as the Disney Princesses. Jasmine Piggy, Cinderella Piggy, Sleeping Beauty Piggy. And they could throw in Cruella de Piggy just to make it interesting.

**Danny** Oooh, I love the idea of a Cruella de Piggy, although it frightens me. It might create a black hole of camp from which nothing could escape.

[ Michal ]

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## **Palisades 2005: Ten Figures You Want** May 5 • 4412.27-28

**David** Yeah, Annie Sue and Mildred and Hilda would be good figures...

FOR ME TO POOP ON!!!!

**Danny** Ouch. You showed him.

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## **Elmo's kids**

May 5 • 4443.1

**Ryan R** You know those kids who yell during Elmo's World? Like, "Mr Noodle, you have to anesthetize the patient before you make an incision!" And then when Elmo asks if birthday cakes can take the bar exam, they yell, "Nooooo!"

[ Michal ]

## **Favorite Blue Frank Oz Character**

May 7 • 4458.14

### **Danny**

Cookie Monster's depth is about finding the things in the world that make you happy, even if other people feel differently. It's about pursuing your passion, finding your true self, and eating chocolate chippies.

Miss Piggy is my number-one favorite Muppet character, and Cookie Monster is number one and a half, because they are essentially the same character with a different accent. They are pure will, struggling against opposition and indifference to find their own personal version of happiness. They inspire me.

[ Michal ]

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## **Where have I been?**

May 8 • 4465.14

### **Michal**

I recommend two things: therapy and Tough Pigs. The best part of this combination for me is that my therapist tells me that hanging out at Tough Pigs is good for me.

[ Ryan R ]

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## **A Wrinkle in Time**

May 11 • 4493.5

### **Quinn**

I've tried to read the book a million times and can't make it through it. Well, a million = twice.

**Survivor: All Stars**

May 13 • 3973.33-35

**Danny** Do we get in the middle of your little robot threads and start talking smack about Optimus Beetlebot or whatever their names are?

No. We do not. Because we have some class.

**Shawn** You're right. I apologize that I have no class. It does nothing to change the fact that I have no class, but I apologize just the same.

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**"Empire" vs "Jedi"**

May 13 • 4499.50-58

**Doug** I am pro-Jar Jar.

**Kynan** I love how you say that, like it's a perfectly legitimate social position, instead of being total anathema to civilized society.

It's like you just said, "I'm pro breast cancer."

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**I'm Going to Go Back There Someday** May 13 • 4507.26

**Julian** Kynan would never take something out of context. Kynan is context.

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**Noticing Nigel**

May 19 • 4475.2

**Ryan R** What would The Muppet Show be without Nigel wandering around in the background? Why, they'd have to have Droop or Brewster wandering around in the background, and what kind of show would that be?

**Quinn**

Melissa and I have been praying at night with Miles for some time now... usually just simple things like this:

"Heavenly Father, we're thankful for this day, I'm thankful for Mommy and Daddy and my big fat head and my toys and Elmo and Kermit and Kiki and Quack-Quack and Duckie and Grandma and Opa and our backyard. Amen."

And we would usually do that standing by his crib, which has a Noah's Ark sheet set and bumpers and a wall hanging. And he folds his fat little arms together and at the end says "A-MEN! YAAAAY!" Because somehow our DNA has recombined to make something that's part Mormon, part Baptist, and part Kermit the Frog announcing the guest star.

Anyway, just this last week, he's started saying his own prayers, which are even shorter and sweeter:

"Heggooba Fadder, thankkou di-day, toys, A-MEN!!!"

Well, yesterday, we were kneeling in his room, and he said his prayer, then stood up, and started saying it again.

And then walked towards the bed, saying it again.

And then stood up on the bed, saying it again.

And then faced the wall hanging, saying it again.

After five times, he was basically burning sacrifices to the Noah's Ark wall hanging, calling it "Heavenly Father" and cursing us for not worshipping the graven image with him.

Good times, good times.

And then today he got all religious and just said a prayer in the middle of the living room:



"Heggooba Fadder, thankkou di-day... Hi! I love you! Kisses? Mwah! A-MEN!"

Anyway. Not to get all religious on y'all. But it was a moment. Probably had to be there. Pregnant Melissa just about wet herself laughing so hard; we were both Crying Real Tears at the end of it.

Crazy religious nut kid.

[ Michal ]

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**A visitor to TP**

May 20 • 4580.11-17

**Cathy**      Everyone's foxier when they're naked.

**Danny**      Abe Vigoda isn't.

**Cathy**      I beg to differ, my friend.

Mmmmm, Vigoda-licious.

**Danny**      Damn. You're right, I can't deny the truth anymore.

I burn for Abe Vigoda. And I always will.

**Daniel**      Clearly, you have really experienced this.

Ah, the beauty of Vigoda.

**Shawn**      Yet another vision I'm going to need removed with a psychic Brillo pad.

**Abe Vigoda: Hot or Not**

May 20 • 4594.1-21

**Martha** Poll: Abe Vigoda: Hot or Not?

Hot: 15 votes

Not: 8 votes

**John** I wonder who the hard-hearted Hannahs are who voted "not". C'mon! He's hot for a 90 year old, at least.

**Ryan R** I considered voting "hot". But... can't do it, Sal.

**Danny** I don't know, I was like you just yesterday. But when I read Cathy's post, I thought: What if I open myself up to the possibility of Abe Vigoda being hot? And as soon as I thought that, I felt a wave of relief. I felt peaceful and happy. It felt right.

I realized that for my entire life I had been working so hard to suppress my natural appreciation for Abe Vigoda's hotness. What a relief to finally lay that burden down, to release it and be able to shout to the heavens: Abe Vigoda is smokin'! In all senses of that word!

Just try it. Nobody's watching. Let Go and Let Vigoda.

**Daniel** I can barely make it through this thread without touching myself.

God damn, that's a hot Vigoda.

**Shawn** Ew! You guys! Someone might be reading this.

**MTI Day 6: Crazy Harry**

May 21 • 4601.7

**Quinn** I make everything out of Sculpey, unless it's too detailed or too fine, like feathers, lace and stuff. I made Miles out of Sculpey.

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**All y'all are haters**

May 25 • 4598.50-60

**Danny** Here is an actual e-mail exchange I had recently. I've had maybe four like this over the last year.

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From: Tufanza Primos  
To: Danny H

I really appreciate your opinion on Animal Jam, but let's face it the show is for children. They are not looking for the level of detail you are looking for. My 2 year old loves the show. It is the first show she has ever enjoyed watching. It gets her going in the morning and helps her learn animal names. I believe that is the purpose of the show. I hope you are able to understand that children have simpler expectations and you should voice that in your commentary.

Thank you very much for sharing your opinion, though.

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From: Danny H

Your child might be retarded. You ought to have her checked out.

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From: Tufanza P

I guess you should grow up. A grown man + muppet fanatic = sick child molester. I really pray for people like you. I was trying to provide another angle for you to pretend to see, but I see you really don't welcome other opinions. You have entirely too much free time and I hope you get a life.

Thank you very much.

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From: Danny H

Hey, don't get mad at me. It's not my fault your child is retarded. You shouldn't have had so many margaritas when you were pregnant.

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I get to do that every three months or so. Oh, for fun.

**Kynan** You are the meanest person alive.

Meaner than Karen Prell even.

**Danny** I know! I should be stopped.

**John** Danny wins this month's Tina Louise Award for completely inappropriate rudeness.

I was probably nominated for laughing.

**Cathy** The world needs more people like you, Danny Horn.

**Danny** Well, Tufanza said: "I really pray for people like you."  
Maybe what she meant was she prayed for more people to be like me.

**Cathy** But she did imply that you were a child molester, so maybe she's really praying for there to be more child molesters in the world. That woman is seriously effed up.

**Danny** I think she did more than imply that. She said it, straight up. To be fair, it's got to be hard for her, caring for a retarded child.

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## Ohio is where it's at

May 25 • 4651.5

**David** Ohio is where it's at... If by "it," you refer to boredom and suffocation.

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## Play Along Videos

May 25 • 4653.8

**Danny** Yeah, we watched Hey, You're As Funny As Fozzie Bear together. The conversation went something like this:

Danny: Ooh, I hate this. This is terrible. Look at that! That's not good. Neither is that part.

Kynan: Yeah, it's bad all right.

Danny: We should write an article about how bad it is!

Kynan: No, that's okay.

Danny: But look how bad! Ooooooh, I hate it to pieces! I want to stomp up and down on it and make it hurt!

Kynan: Well, it was made twenty years ago. It's not like they're making any more.

Danny: No no no! This must be stopped! We should kick it and bite it and pull its hair!

Kynan: Okay, let's watch something else.

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**Buffy Lego Customs 2**

May 27 • 4558.13-14

**Scott** Yeah, Oz was still a werewolf when he left in Season 4. He came back later that year to reclaim his love for Willow, but she was a lesbian by then. Poor Oz.

**Quinn** Dude, that is so my life. Hopefully Oz grew up and found a hottie, got married and started having hairy children with big heads.

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**Disney Treasures 3**

May 27 • 4578.28

**Danny** WARNING! Last night I watched the beginning of The Chronological Donald, and it includes THE SCARIEST CARTOON EVER MADE!

It's the second cartoon on the disc, "Donald and Pluto." I'll tell you about it, but do not watch this cartoon yourself UNLESS YOU ARE A PERSON WHO WANTS TO BE TERRIFIED!

At the beginning of the cartoon, Donald is a plumber, working in the basement of what I guess is supposed to be Mickey's house, cause Pluto is there eating a bone out of a metal dish. Donald is using a big horseshoe magnet to pick up his tools from the floor. He drops the magnet, and it ends up on the floor.

Pluto sniffs at the magnet. (fig 1, below) The magnet attracts the metal dish all the way through Pluto's body. (fig 2) The dish smacks against Pluto's butt, and then the magnet – attracted to the dish – jumps into Pluto's mouth and travels all the way down into his butt! And it stays there for the next six minutes! Seriously!



fig 1



fig 2

And as if that isn't scary enough! Once it's inside a dog's butt, the power of a magnet is magnified to thirty times the atom bomb power! Every metal object in the whole house is attracted to the magnet! (fig 3) And this magnet is INSIDE PLUTO'S BUTT! (fig 4)



fig 3



fig 4

Pluto doesn't understand what's going on! He tries to run away from the onslaught! But YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM YOUR OWN BUTT! The metal objects pursue him with a deadly vengeance!



Soon all the cleavers and knives pop out of the kitchen drawers and chase Pluto around the room! (fig 5) Big serrated knives and forks and a scary looking dagger, all headed inexorably for Pluto's butt!

CAN YOU IMAGINE!?!?!?!?!!!!!!!!

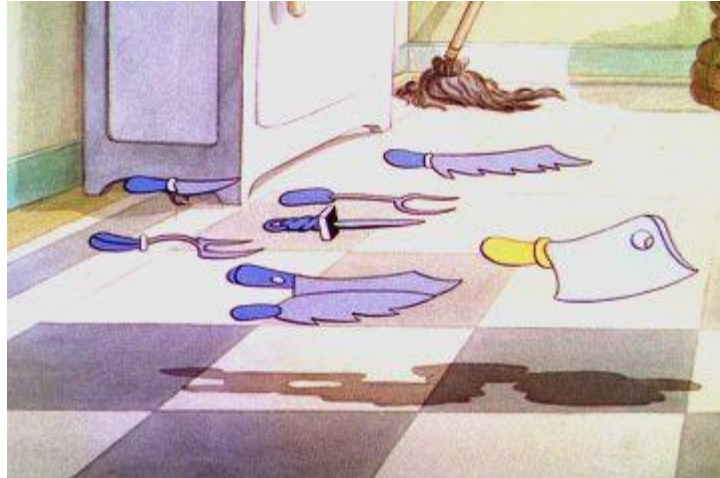


fig 5

I've seen some horrible things in my life. When I was in 'Nam, I saw things that I'll never forget. But I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING like a dog desperately running for his life, trying to escape from his own magnetic hinder.

Scariest cartoon ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Forum stats – May 04**

June 1 • 4710.12-16

**David**      HAHAHAHAHAHAHA! Take THAT, Emmy! I took you DOWN in the all-time postings! BOO-yah!

**Emmy**      I wouldn't be laughing much. I left a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in your chair...

**David**      Mmmm... my ass is delicious.

[ Martha ]

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**Jugband June**

June 2 • 4720.29-32

**Daniel**      But then, I tear up at just about anything.

**Quinn**      Yeah, me too. I used to be a robot until that freaking kid fell out of my wife. Now everything pushes me over the edge.

I'm gonna start crying right now.

\*sniff\*

**Patrick's Muppet Merch bazaar**

June 2 • 4726.10-12

**Dan** I saw the Janice doll. First thing I did was check and see what was under the hat. It looks like it can be cut off and she will still look okay.

**Scott** That's funny. The first thing I did was check and see what was under her skirt.

**Martha** And there you have it, ladies and gentlemen: The difference between the gay boys and the straight boys on the forum.

[ Scott ]

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**Fraggles in America?**

June 3 • 4737.20-21

**Danny** I think it would be funny if, after all these years, a Fraggles Rock DVD box set came out and then everybody complained that it was too expensive.

**John** That's not going to happen to me, because I've already decided to sell everything but the DVD player and the TV in order to get it.

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**Avenue Q, CBS Early Show**

June 4 • 4730.5-6

**Ryan R** "It Sucks To Be Me"... Is that a song from Avenue Q?

**Ryan D** Other Ryan... you trippin'.

## **Kermit's Feet?**

June 4 • 4747.12-14

**Danny** It always makes me happy to see stuff like that, because when they do it, they usually just have the legs move a couple times during the song. That means there's a puppeteer down there through the whole thing just waiting for their couple times to move Kermit's foot. That's dedication.

**Ryan D** That's also the first five years of a Muppeteer.

**Kynan** It's closer to fifteen years these days. There are Muppeteers who've been with the company for over a decade who still aren't allowed to touch the puppets.

Drew Massey spent eight years just working Kermit's eyelids, and Kermit doesn't even HAVE eyelids.

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## **Gaffer on the Backstage Shelf**

June 4 • 4755.4-5

**Scott** I don't sleep. I stay up and watch Buffy and Alias all night.

**Quinn** You must have wrists of steel.

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## **John's Ars Nova**

June 5 • 4766.2

**Scott** If anyone knows someone willing to pay me to stay home and be their digital Muppet bitch, I can send my resume ASAP. Cuz really that's all I wanna be doin when I don't have Gillian time.

**Muppets.com update**

June 5 • 4768.7

**Scott** I would be appalled if they moved that stuff over. The video clips used on Henson.com are ancient and have no business being used on a current site. They were excellent and largely appreciated for their time, but we live in a more civilized world where compression doesn't kill one in every two homeless children.

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**Muppets.com update**

June 5 • 4768.12-15

**Kynan** Someone help me, I can't convert seasons. When is "Fall 2004"?

**Danny** Oh my god, that is the cutest thing you ever posted.

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**Quinn's Raiders Customs**

June 7 • 4785.4

**Daniel** I wish you had girl parts.

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**Where's Shawn?**

June 9 • 4799.16

**Danny** Also by the way: When will stupid gay guys learn that it's not cool to talk to / hang with / take pictures of / have sex with people under 18?

It's one thing to "like 'em young," but for fuck's sake. Grow a soul.

**Patrick's Muppet Merch Bazaar**

June 10 • 4726.35

**Patrick** I think it's funny that they mentioned they're imported. "Ah, like a fine wine, this imported plush of synthetic fabrics and assembled by workers in third world countries will appease even the most discriminating plush collector."

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**Am I going to hell?**

June 10 • 4809.13

**Ryan R** Charles Nelson Reilly, eh? Sex dreams about a former Match Game panelist. So, was he a good (blank)?

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**Doing Voices**

June 11 • 4826.1

**Quinn** Blah blah blah my kid's so great.

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**Fun-4-All figures?**

June 11 • 4831.1-2

**Danny** Quinn mentioned the Fun-4-All Sesame figures in another thread... Is there any word on that? What happened to 'em?

**Daniel** I assume they are still sitting around sucking somewhere.

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**ePic War III**

June 13 • 4610.283

**Ryan D** Joggy, you're my center square. Whatever that means.

**Anthony** Even though Doug E Doug, my enemy, is in it, I'm definitely looking forward to it.

**Kynan** Does Doug E Doug know he's your enemy?

It would be cool if there were some other discussion board where Doug E Doug posts about his enemy, Anthony.

**Anthony** I don't think so. He might, if only because of the time that I sent him an elephant that had insults about his movies spray-painted all over it, including "Shitty Runnings" and "Hang With This, Homeboy."

That was ill-conceived. Never mind.

**Danny** Wait.

You what?

**Anthony** Like I said, it was ill-conceived. Never mind.

**Danny** Well, sure. I can understand that.

Why an elephant?

**Anthony** Operation Dumbo Drop, of course?

**Danny** Oh.

Why Doug E Doug?

**Anthony** He's my enemy because he consistently sucks, but continues to work, and because I know far too many people who think he's funny. And I brought him up because he's in Shark Tale.

**Danny** Well, sure. I can understand all that.

Did he write back?

**Anthony** No, he didn't. Because he was still on Cosby at the time, and I'm sure he was too busy, and um...

It was ill-conceived, dammit!

**Danny** Sure. No. I know.

Did you sign it?

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## Healthy Food

June 14 • 4860.1-12

**Kynan** Last night at my house we watched Let's Eat. Me, my housemate Jess and her sister...

**Danny** Did anybody else read that the way I read that?

**Cathy** Er...

\*raises hand\*



**Quinn** \*clears throat\*

Yeah.

But I'm that way anyway.

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**Tien beste...**

June 15 • 4854.5

**Quinn** My loins burn for that piece of pork.

Peeling back the folds of her skirt, I gently run my lips over her velvety thigh. The slightly foamy, yet firm texture tickles my lips as I part them to taste her unique aroma. I open the small flask of honey barbecue glaze, and spread it along her sturdy leg, letting it soak in, mingling with her natural warmth before I lap it up with my eager tongue...

How's that for inappropriate?

[ Scott ]

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**I have post ADD**

June 16 • 4882.1-7

**Daniel** Woah, I just realized I've recently hit the 2000 post point and didn't even notice. Now I'm at 2007. How fucking anti-climactic is that!?!

Rackinfrackinchickencow.

**Amy** Congratulations! If you had a penny for every post you've made, you'd have, like, \$20.07 by now.

**Shawn is awesome**

June 21 • 4688.27

**Shawn** I follow a strict regimen of awesome activities and exercises to maintain my awesomitude. I like to start out each day with a remote-control monster car demolition derby, followed by a breakfast of pizza and juice boxes. Later in the day is heated pool swimming followed by playing video games. Then an afternoon of motorbike racing and rock-show performing. I like to end the evening with a kickboxing workout and a night of passion with my, like, million hot girlfriends.

AWSUM!!

**Time to make the donuts!**

June 22 • 4944.5-12

**John** Have a great time at camp, bring back lots of pics and stories!

**Kynan** Awww man, I was so totally just gonna say that.

Spoilsport.

**John** Well I'm certain you can think of something else. This one is mine and I'm not giving it up. Hear me? Never! It took me several seconds to compose.

**Kynan** Rassafrackin mumble smumble muttering into my beard.

I'll be right back.

**John** Rassafrackin mumble smumble will be sufficient.

(Especially "smumble." That word gets me.)

**Kynan**      Dearest Michal –

May you open your arms and grab hold of the summer camp experience like a dingo's jaws clamping onto a newborn child.

May your young charges devour your Israeli dance curriculum like hungry Venus flytraps scarfing down white ants.

And may your fierce protection of your best friend resemble the efforts of Buffalo Bill, who trapped his victims in a pit in his basement, applying lotion to their skin under threat of torture, so that he could wear their flesh as clothing.

Also, have a great time, and bring back lots of pics and stories.

**Isha**      Nice. Very nice. You win the prize.

**John**      ... grumble smumble...

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**Lips Figure Pictures**

June 25 • 4963.22-23

**Scott**      But... Mulch was on The Muppet Show.

**Quinn**      Don't you Mulch was on The Muppet Show me.

**Melissa didn't know Herry.**

June 25 • 4978.1-15

**Quinn** Melissa didn't know who Herry was until Miles told her. What sort of parenting is that?

**Shawn** The real question is, why would you marry someone who didn't know who Herry was???

Oh, yeah, the rack.

**Quinn** Well, in our first conversation, she did a killer Swedish Chef impression, and she knows everyone else. That's what was so shocking about the Herry Fiasco. Maybe she just drew a blank. But still.

Rack.

**Danny** I think the question is: Does she feel bad about it? If she shows remorse about not knowing Herry, then she's perfect.

**Quinn** She just called me on the phone, and I asked her that very question. She didn't feel bad, because she didn't remember seeing Herry on Sesame Street much. But then she remembered Herry counting with John-John ("SIXTEEN!!! SEVENTEEN!!! EIGHTEEN!!!") and she felt profound remorse, mostly because we think if Miles were of a little more African and a little less Scandinavian descent, he would be very much like John-John.

And then I did a quick quiz on Roosevelt Franklin, Sherlock Hemlock, Fat Blue, and a few others. She passed.

**Kynan** Way to show her who's boss.

**Quinn** You soooooo don't understand marriage.

**Kynan** I'm sayin', you can make that remorse work for you.

**Quinn** I see, I see... yessssss...

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**Mirror Mask site up**

June 29 • 4982.3-7

**Danny** Another public service announcement: I would much rather have the same news item posted twice than have us miss something because somebody is worried the item's already been posted.

**Kynan** In that case: Has anybody heard of something called "The Muppet Show"? It's some kind of variety show, featuring a cast of Jim Henson's Muppets. I understand it's being launched on ITV in the UK, for worldwide syndication. Sounds exciting!

**Danny** Oh, I'll never get it right, never never never.

**Mark** I hope it has Wilkins and Wontkins. I love those guys!

I hope they don't ruin the Muppets with a bunch of new characters.

[ Scott ]

## **Greek Myths on DVD**

July 1 • 4962.29-30

**Kynan** Fun for you maybe. You might be at your best when you're cranky. But when I watch things that make me cranky, I get all cranky.

**Danny** Me too! But then the crankiness is funny and the funniness is cranky.  
And then we're all just a big ball of crankafunny.

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## **Naming the New Kid**

July 4 • 5056.14

**Quinn** I'm glad y'all like the name Carter. We really like Miles. Always have. I'm not sure what their problem was with his name... Some of them didn't like it because he was that weenie on Murphy Brown. Others... I dunno. It's a damn good name, and now Miles IS Miles, and they love Miles.

Our standard comeback when they gave us The Face was "You don't like it, go make your own damn baby and name it."

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## **Disney/Muppet Vault**

July 5 • 5068.3

**Tom** Can we just start adding things now, even if they haven't happened yet?

May 2005: The Muppet Wizard of Oz finally hits ABC.

Sept 2005: A massive 50<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration of the Muppets ensues, including Muppetfest 2, a network TV special about the 50<sup>th</sup>, and a whole mess of new merchandise.

Jan 2006: The Muppet Babies CGI series hits Toon Disney.

Summer 2006: New Muppet attractions premiere at Disney World.

Fall 2006: Muppet Show box sets, season-by-season, arrive in time for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Muppet Show.

Feb 2007: A crazed Frank Oz steals all the legal paperwork from Disney, crying, "I'm going to save Jim's legacy! A-HA-HA-HA-HA!!!" Muppet fans everywhere (and Roy Disney) rejoice.

July 2007: Kynan travels from Australia to Culver City, CA to smack a few Sony executives on the back of the head. He then heads to the Henson studios to wreak a little havoc. A few months later, Columbia Tristar finally releases Fraggle Rock on DVD. Coincidence?

Dec 2007: Fun-4-All releases yet another round of photos of the still-unreleased Sesame Street figures to the internet, assuring us all that these are "ONLY PROTOTYPES."

May 2008: Tom marries Linda Cardellini.

Oct 2008: Since the statistical probability was the same as marrying Linda Cardellini, monkeys actually fly out of Tom's butt.

Jan 2009: The monolith from 2001 finally shows up on Mars. "Sorry I'm late," it says. "I was caught in traffic."

2011: The advanced civilization of star babies now living on Earth make Tough Pigs the most visited website in the universe.

2012: John Tartaglia wins the US presidency in a landslide.

**Excerpts from Danny's Big Brother 5 rants,  
which he posted all summer long even though nobody cared**

July 7 • 5019.3

I'm rooting for the Pretty Man Alliance, on account of I love looking at pretty men. Drew, obviously, is the hottie of the year. I also like Scott – yes, he's a dick, that's not the issue. The issue is that he is very nice to look at. And Jase (also a dick) has a nice body. I hope they win.

July 14 • 5019.34

Top of my stupid list are Scott and Jase, who (on the strength of one HoH win) figure that they'll just go ahead and win every single competition from then on. After all, they have the power, right? The power, the power. Scott didn't refer to it as "the veto" when he won; he called it "the power." I have the power! Paging Castle Grayskull. Every time he says the word "power" he has a little orgasm.

And how funny is Jase's delusion that he can keep people from thinking that he and Scott are a team by saying "We're not a team" over and over? Conversations between the two of them must be so much fun. Scott: Our team has so much power! Jase: We're not a team!

July 19 • 5019.65

The food competition was the funniest thing in Saturday's episode. Their nutrition for the week is at stake, and what do they aim for? BEER! At least half of the house was aiming exclusively for beer. They would land on other things -- chicken, beef, fruits and vegetables, eggs -- entirely by accident. And when they lost it halfway through and only had forty-five seconds to pick up more food, what did they aim at? BEER! What were they upset about losing? BEER! What did they talk about afterwards? Beer, beer, BEER!

Jase! Scott! Drew! LOOK at yourselves. See all those muscles? How do you think you're going to keep a body like that functioning without -- oh, I don't know -- how about PROTEIN? And maybe some vegetables? Even a normal human can't live on peanut butter and beer all week.



Maslow's hierarchy of needs says that the three basic human needs are food, clothes and shelter. Apparently Maslow has never met a 26 year old frat boy in full party mode. Even ANIMALS know that you need to eat to survive, guys! You've already established that you're too stupid to be a decent human. Could you TRY to at least maintain your status as a living organism?

July 22 • 5019.89

Meanwhile, Karen is transforming before our eyes into the world's biggest crack whore. Look at her hair, her eyes, the way she slumps over, the perpetual waiting-for-a-fix pout. She can't wait to vote the boys out of the house, but hasn't figured out that you need to win something first. ("It's just not fair!") If she doesn't get voted out next week, then I look forward to watching her disintegrate further. Soon she'll just be a pile of rags.

July 27 • 5019.106

I think Jase and Scott are afflicted with some kind of debilitating mind-virus that sticks some random guess in their heads, and then makes them completely convinced that it's true. At some point tonight, some random photon bounced off of Jase's skull and made him think that the veto competition would involve eating -- so he goes and throws up in the bathroom!!! And then he goes and tells Holly about it, like a cat presenting a dead mouse to its owner!!! That's why this show is so great, that right there. That is good television.

Aug 6 • 5019.134

I have to say, after all my twist-bashing early in the show, I did really enjoy seeing the Natalie reveal, and I'm enjoying reading the feeds today. That was a good one.

Although I couldn't stand it last night as Julie was struggling through her long revelation speech, and Cowboy kept shouting, "It's Holly!" I wanted Julie to just reach through her little screen and smack him.

Julie: "A pair of twins in the house..."

Cowboy: "It's Holly!"

Julie: "Both twins have been playing this game from the beginning..."

Cowboy: "It's Holly!"

Julie: "... and they've switched off ten times since --"

Cowboy: "It's Holly. It's Holly!"

Julie: "-- since the beginning of the -- "

Cowboy: "It's Holly!"

Julie: "COWBOY, would you SHUT YOUR DAMN MOUTH for TWO SECONDS? FUCK!!!"

Sept 12 • 5019.205

You can tell it's a boring night when the most compelling part of the episode is them burning each other's clothes. That was pretty fascinating, since it was obviously all about them working out their long-buried hatred for each other. Nakomis' big flared pants stands in for everything they hate about Nakomis, so they cheer as they dip it in tar or slingshot it out of the house.

But the best moment of the episode was Diane deep-frying Drew's Goonies shirt. (Sorry, Martha Plimpton!) Earlier in the episode, they'd already set up the crazy underbelly of the Diane/Drew relationship -- with Diane insisting, "We have a great relationship! Who's going to visit who first?" and Drew saying, "Um, yeah, I guess we'll see."

Diane says, "If this was real life, I'd be your girlfriend," and Drew says, "If this was real life, I'd be able to screen your calls." But he only says that on the inside.

Diane finds out that the Goonies shirt was given to Drew by an ex-girlfriend, so of course that means just one thing: Diane HATES the Goonies shirt more than she has ever hated an article of clothing before. **THE GOONIES SHIRT MUST BE DESTROYED!**

The great thing about the deep-frying was that it reminded me of Fatal Attraction. The Goonies shirt is Diane's boiled rabbit.

## The bearable lightness of un-B-ing

July 10 • 5116.1

### Danny

In chat last night, David B requested that he be officially un-B'd. He has been laboring under the yoke of a last name for years now – and a last name that's difficult to pronounce, at that. He wants to travel light, and cast off the B.

He pointed out in chat that David S really doesn't post very much anymore, and that David H and Dave T don't post that much either. He has worked hard for the name David, and he deserves it. (No offense to the other Davids and Daves, naturally, we love you too. But he's the #14 all-time poster, he's got over 2000 posts, and he asked first.)

So I am now officially putting on my hat as the Tough Pigs Mohel to perform the de-B'ing ceremony. I've got my scissors here... and very carefully... this shouldn't hurt a bit... I'm snipping off the B. There! Mazel tov!

You may now change your name to David.

Go forth, B free.

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## Sesame Legos

July 11 • 5123.12

### Scott

I fucking HATE all the crazy Batman variations they make with toys.

Elevator-Shoe Claw-Retracting Allergy-Shield Freeze-Ray Batman with Erector-Set Glow-in-the-Dark Utility-Belt and Swamp-Glider-Attachment with Nuclear-Waste-Skis that change colors when you put him in warm water makes me want to puke my fucking guts out.

**Kynan** Why Spider-Man 2 sucks. By Kynan.

**1. Kirsten Dunst.** My love, my love, why hast thou forsaken me?

I mean, most of the cast isn't that great. I'm just singling her out here because my wasted heart was torn asunder by her performance in particular.

My own personal theory is, hey, maybe the kid just isn't that good an actress, and now that she's got Jake Gyllaananhaaaaaal all to herself, she's realized that Tobey Maguire ain't all that, and it shows. Honestly, she's just not that convincing. Not that she's got much to work with, because

**2. Mary-Jane is a total nutbar.**

The film starts two years after the first movie. Mary-Jane and Harry are still Peter's only friends, and they show up at his surprise party, even though he's apparently been much a slack-ass in the keeping-in-touch department. There have been NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TWO YEARS. And Mary-Jane's still all hung up on Peter. Which, fair enough, chicks, eh, except that she's only hung up on him in every alternate scene. Mostly, she's got her own life and a fiancé (who doesn't show up early enough in the movie to be a character, even though he's Jonah Jameson's son, which seems like a plot point only it isn't). Basically, what I'm saying is, she's random, and unmotivated, and basically functions to turn on a dime whenever it would most affect Peter.

Sample non-sequitur:

Peter: "Wanna get some pasta?"

Mary-Jane: "Peter, I'm GETTING MARRIED."

Hence, Mary-Jane is a total nutbar. Although this excerpt also counts as evidence towards point number three...

### **3. Worst. Superhero. Dialogue. Ever.**

As Octavius is giving the demonstration that will fuse his super-duper arms to his spine, he gives a brief technobabble speech about the trinium fusion which is oh-so-central to his experiment. I'm paraphrasing here, but basically, he says, "And, of course, you can't touch trinium with your bare hands, because it doesn't exist, and that's why I've invented these robot arms." To which crowd exposition lady says, "If these arms have the advanced artificial intelligence you say they have, what's to stop them from taking over your brain and turning you into a principal villain?"

Except he NEVER SAID IT. The arms are a total sidebar to the main event, and his explanation of them in no way leads to the question "what if they ate your mind." But she asks it anyway. And it's just as well, because otherwise he'd never get a chance to mention the safety chip, without which the arms would turn evil and take over his brain. And, whaddya know.

(By the way, the arms should totally be the Big Bad. They're sexy and sophisticated and pure evil. But the Big Bad, the threat of Doc Ock, isn't his arms, it's actually the technobabble trinium fusion, which is something about renewable energy but basically means a special effects explosion which can only be stopped by X, where X is whatever element the writer decides will stop the explosion at the end of the film.)

When he first meets Peter, Octavius says, "Intelligence is not a gift. It's a privilege." Later in the movie, Peter reminds him. "You said intelligence was a privilege." Octavius says, "Yes – a gift!" Yes! Or rather, NO. Specifically NOT a gift.

Doc Ock clenches his fist and yells: "Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!"

It's the scene they end every Simpsons parody of action movies with. It's such a cliché it's become a cliché AS a cliché. It's "Kaaaahhhnnn!" It's done. It's over. Alfred Molina can't save it. It nearly kills him. But he yells it anyway. Luckily the camera pulls back dramatically while he does it, otherwise it wouldn't be nearly such a cliché.

Luckily, immediately after this scene, Molina gets a chance to redeem himself, by grappling with the Superhero Villain Internal Monologue. That's where he realizes the arms are mounting a hostile takeover of his brain, and he says things like, "Arms... taking... over. Must... speak.. stiltedly."

Dialogue 2, Molina 0.

But my favorite? The bit at the end where Mary-Jane says, "Let me go! You've got what you want!" And Doc Ock says, "If I let you go, you'll just run straight to the police. Not that they could do anything to stop me now anyway." And he doesn't let her go. That's not flawed villain logic, that's just dumbness upon dumbness. Besides which, the police show up after that anyhow. For no reason.

**4. The plot doesn't make sense,** even if you allow for the part where the plot doesn't make sense.

So Doc Ock needs to recreate his trinium explosion (and, by the way, I'm assuming that there's no such thing as trinium, not that it matters). To do it, he needs more trinium. Harry supplied him with the original trinium, so he goes to shake Harry down.

Doc Ock's dangling Harry upside down from the top of a building. Harry, utilizing the leverage this position of bargaining power allows him, says, "Stop, I'll make you a deal." The deal is, Ock brings Harry Spider-Man, and Harry hands over the trinium. *And Ock agrees.* This makes five different kinds of no sense whatsoever. All Ock wants is his trinium. He just has to smack Harry around until Harry cries like a little girl. But instead, he thinks, sure, it'll be easier to take Spider-Man down than it would be to beat the living crap out of pretty-boy Franco.

But okay. Let's, for the sake of argument, let that part slide. Ock has to find Spider-Man, for a reason that makes sense. Good stuff. Harry has a hint: Peter Parker has access to Spidey. Ock just has to shake Parker down, and he'll get to the webslinger.

So Doc Ock goes downtown and THROWS A CAR AT PETER PARKER.

You know. To scare him. Peter and Mary-Jane miraculously survive, thanks to Peter's spider-senses, not that Ock or Mary-Jane realize that. And Ock says, that was a warning, go get me Spidey. (And then he kidnaps Mary-Jane, who's wearing a dress that shows off her boobs, so you know she's gonna be wearing it for the rest of the movie. Also, it gets wet.)

Anyway. "That was a warning." Great plan, psycho villain.

### **5. The subplots don't go anywhere.**

Aunt May is poor and gets thrown out of her house. At one point, it becomes extremely necessary to go to the bank to get a loan to pay off the mortgage to keep her in the house that Ben built. They don't get the loan. Aunt May moves out. It's no big deal.

Peter is poor and can't pay the rent. Somewhere along the line, that just stops mattering. The landlord's daughter, The Skinniest Girl in the World, gives him some cake, so maybe that's how this one was resolved. He gets cake, and, uh, she pays his rent. Yeah.

Octavius and Peter's lecturer are close friends. Octavius blows up the city and turns into a psychotic eight-limbed madman. Peter's lecturer patently doesn't give a damn. He's pleased that Peter's grades improve, though.

Peter gives up being Spider-Man. With, it would seem, no real consequences. There's a supremely silly musical montage, some stuff happens. Aunt May gives him a four-hour speech and Uncle Ben shows up in a dream. And then he's Spider-Man again. Hey, bingo. The Spider-Man no longer plot could really have been something. But here, it's really nothing.

Oh, and there's some thing where Jonah Jameson nearly changes his mind about Spider-Man being a menace, but then doesn't.

Also, Jonah's son/Mary-Jane's fiance is an astronaut. Probably because he was an astronaut in the comic.

There's more. But it really doesn't matter. Because

**5. The "Save My Baby" Woman is back.** This time with a husband.

Spidey's gotta save the WORLD'S BIGGEST STUNT BABY from a burning building. This is a seriously big bundle of not-baby-looking blankets. The kid might well be played by Gary Coleman. And it's just as well, because when Spidey falls, the kid reaches down and helps him up. And then he takes the MASSIVE BUNDLE OF STUNT BABY and gives it back to the parents, who are waiting outside. They are apparently oblivious to the social rule that suggests, "Before running out of a burning building, why not take your children with you, rather than standing round outside, later on, hoping a superhero will pass by?"

And then we hear that somebody died in the fire, which makes Peter feel sad, because he'd given up being Spidey. Except that he started being Spidey again for this fire, and he wouldn't have been able to save the guy anyway. So this amounts to precisely whatever.

The big one, the final whammy:

**6. Despite all of this shit, it still manages to be exciting!**

It's not the Phantom Menace, where you can just go, ah, it's shit, it was always gonna be shit, and no amount of polishing will alter its fundamental shitness.

This is Spider-Man 2, and Sam Raimi does an EXCELLENT job with the material, and the action sequences are unbelievable, and it's genuinely gripping and thrilling, and you just think – oh, for Pete's sake, why, why, **why** didn't they spend another week just getting the damn script right?



And the answer is, because it doesn't matter – the film's getting great reviews anyway. Sam Raimi and Alfred Molina and Franco and like nine thousand effects guys, and even the cute guy from Queer as Folk show up, and the whole thing coasts along just fine. But why waste all that in a film that doesn't seem to care if it's full of a bunch of unbelievably dumb stuff?

It just could've been better. It really could've been better.

And that's all.

**Danny**

Wow. I thought I'd liked it.

I've written a lot of reviews/messages/rants like that in my life, trying to convince people that the thing they liked really sucks, but I can't remember being on the receiving end of a real-life full-on what-you-like-sucks rant before.

And I'm happy to say that it's not the unpleasant experience I'd always assumed it was. I always felt a little guilty about doing that, like I'm the mean man who's trying to spoil everybody's day. But, in fact, it's kind of bracing and refreshing.

And it turns out you're right. There is a lot of crap in that movie. I feel like I want to go back and look at it again, and say, okay, yeah, that bit doesn't make sense, but that other bit is good. But right now it's like my love for the movie has been scrubbed clean, and all I'm left with is the fresh scent of pine.

You have great power, Kynan, and with great power comes great responsibility. Oh, and you have two number fives.

## Have we seen [magnets] yet?

July 12 • 5143.2-3

**Dan** I have that on my refrigerator. My mom got it for me from some kid that was selling stuff door to door.

**Cathy** You get kids selling Muppet stuff door to door in your neighborhood? What kind of magical land do you live in?

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## Miles Finds Idolatry

July 13 • 4577.17

**Quinn** Last Monday, we were saying our nighttime prayers with Miles, and he's started this thing where if he wants you to sing along with him, or repeat what he's saying, he'll point to you and say "SING IT!" or "SAY IT!"

So we're kneeling there and this is basically how it went:

MILES: Bless Grandma, a Opa... SAY IT!

Melissa: Bless Grandma and Opa...

Miles: Bless Mama a Daddy...

Melissa: Bless Mama and Daddy...

Miles: Thank you a toys...

Melissa: I'm thankful for my toys...

Miles: Thank you a farm...

Melissa: I'm thankful for my farm...

Miles: Bless Bert a Ernie...

Melissa/Quinn: \*snort\*

Miles: (pointing) SAY IT!

Melissa: Bless Bert and Ernie...

Miles: Bless Elmo, a Cookie Stnomper, a Big Bird...

Melissa: Bless Elmo, and Cookie Monster, and Big Bird...

Quinn falls over on the floor, laughing...

END SCENE

Anyway, Melissa was a bit taken aback by it, but I thought it was 1) hilarious and 2) sweet, that he'd want to include his Sesame Street friends in his prayers that he's otherwise saying for his Mommy and Daddy and grandparents. And toys. Always the toys.

I guess that's all.

SAY IT!

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**Kynan's Spiderman 2 hate**

July 13 • 5137.42

**Patrick** Tobey Maguire is soooo dreamy in that montage. Ugh. I just wanted to eat him up during it. I mean, if I saw him crossing the street I'd trip him just so I could pick him up and push him down again. He's that cute!

## Removing Muppets From Existence

July 13 • 5153.1-4

**Quinn** If you could remove three Muppets from existence... so they had never appeared in any production... who would you choose?

**Scott** If we choose three Muppets to erase from existence, we'd forget about them. And then have to choose three more. And then three more until there aren't any left. Is that what you want, Rollins?

And we might already be in the middle of the cycle right now. There might be hundreds of Muppets missing because of us, and we'd never know it.

Thanks a lot, jerk.

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## Isabel Sanford of The Jeffersons dies

July 14 • 5141.21-23

**Ryan R** Yeah, when I heard about it on the radio, my first thought was, "Now she's *really* movin' on up!" and I thought I was clever. Now I realize that was everyone's first thought, and I'm not clever at all.

Oh well, at least I smell pretty good.

**Dan** And to think, I saw the Swiffer commercial she was in a few days before and said to Mike, "She's so cute."

**John** That's Marla Gibbs, you insensitive monster.

**Danny**

I did a show back when I was doing MuppetZine called Personal F/X. It was on the F/X channel, when the F/X channel was broadcasting all of their shows from a big Manhattan loft that they'd dressed to look like an apartment. Personal F/X was their collectibles show, so it mostly took place in the living room. (There were shows in the living room, and shows in the bedroom, and shows in the kitchen, and each was more tedious and difficult to watch than the last.)

I forgot how I got asked to do it, but they said I could promote the magazine, so I did it. I rented a car and drove up to New York for the day with a few boxes of Muppet collectibles. They set me up in the "bedroom" where I had to unpack all the stuff and then hear endless stories about the lady who collected Garfield stuff had just brought tons and TONS of Garfield a month earlier, and she'd just FILLED the SET with Garfield stuff, and Garfield stuff was just on, like, EVERYTHING, even the mirror and hanging from the lamp, and gee, how come I only brought this? I mean, it's nice, but it's not, like, as impressive as the Garfield lady was. And everybody who came in was, like, oh, Muppets, this is just like that Garfield lady. Is that all you brought? No, it's nice.

So then I have to sit on the bed for a couple hours and wait, and curse that fucking Garfield lady who made me look bad because I'm not as borderline schizophrenic as she is, and what kind of life am I living where I'm actually feeling envious of someone who's clearly got severe mental problems. And then it's my segment, and this creepy hostess lady who's all hairspray and teeth comes and perches on the bed with me and has this whole conversation about why the Muppets? and what's your favorite piece? and isn't that interesting? I got to mention that the magazine existed, but that's about it. And then before you know it they're giving me wrap-it-up hand signals, and then I have to pack up my little boxes and carry them back to my rental car and drive home.

And I ended up kind of embarrassed and sad and feeling like I'd wasted a day of my life, plus gas and tolls, contributing a tiny bit of gristle for the all-devouring engine of television to chew on for a moment. They didn't even give me a fucking t-shirt, not that I would've worn a t-shirt with the F/X logo on it. And after a while I heard that all those shows had been cancelled, and I had a moment of quiet satisfaction.

All of which is to say that you should be very wary of television shows. Their concern is filling a certain number of minutes of airtime, and they will happily waste your time and humiliate you if it provides them with thirty seconds of useable footage. Take it from one who knows.

**Cathy** I feel exploited for you.

**Nate** I used to watch that show all the damn time. I liked John, the gray haired dude. I don't remember you on it though.

I remember the Garfield lady. That was one hell of a collection.

**Isha** I don't think you're helping.

**Danny** (sobs quietly)

**Nate** But that Garfield lady had EVERYTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Isha** Don't listen to him, Danny. We know you're better than any ole Garfield lady. A hundred times better.

**Nate**

Well, of course he's better.

I just never knew there was that much Garfield stuff.

Danny is cooler anyway.

But blue and pink plush Garfields?!?!?! Who knew!!!!!!!

**Danny**

Blue and pink plush Garfields?

Really?

That does sound pretty cool.

**John**

Garfield Lady went home that day, feeling like she had never felt before. For once the world had stood up and took notice of Gladys B. Herkenberg!

*That's right, world, I made it. They took me in, they liked me, they liked the Garfields. It just proves what I've always believed: Garfield is all about love. And I've never felt so alive, so ready to live. So in love with life...*

She called her mother and told her how it went. Mother grunted in her typical, disapproving way, but that couldn't dampen Gladys' mood. She made a ham loaf sandwich and had just started unpacking her boxes when she noticed the capidomonte Nermal was missing. Panicking, she rifled through crate after crate. It was 3am when she finally gave up the search, resigned to the fact that she had left it in the NYC studio, five hours away. Surely it was gone by now, pilfered by an intern or the toothy host. She sat on the bed cradling her head in her hands, the pistol lying in her lap. She closed her eyes as she dropped each bullet into its own little hole, closed the chamber, and brought the barrel up to her temple. So suddenly, life was incomplete again.

**Danny** Oh my gosh, now I feel terrible.

I think that on the way out of the studio, Gladys dropped one of her boxes on the sidewalk – plastic Garfields spilling everywhere. She was crouching down, frantically collecting them back into the box before she lost one, and a man bent down to help her. So kind, especially before a New Yorker. He asked her about the Garfields, they got to talking... and it turned out that he has the world's largest collection of Bloom County merchandise.

They're married now, and they have three children: Odie, Opus and F/X.

**Cathy** Dude! The Bloom County guy would NEVER fall in love with the Garfield lady! And even if he did, the world would never accept their love.

John's account is way more likely. Poor Gladys.



**Danny**

\* The Post Fairy appears in a puff of glitter and the fresh scent of pine. He is wearing a French maid's outfit made of spun sugar and spider webs. \*

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**Home Movies on DVD!**

July 15 • 5174.3-4

**Danny** I would be running around the room in circles making Whoooooo noises except I just clicked on Brendon Small's website:

<http://brendonsmall.com/news.html>

so now I'm just staring at pictures of Brendon Small and saying oh my god, I didn't realize how HOT he is.

Go see. What a cutie.

**Cathy** Oh yeah! That was the first thing I noticed on his site. I meant to post about it, but I got distracted... BY HIS HOTNESS!

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**Finding Series 8 figs**

July 26 • 5259.17

**Quinn** Marvin Suggs is perfection on a stick. If you mount him on a stick.

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**Drunken Rampage**

July 30 • 5302.23-29

**Shawn** Amber and I are fighting, so she's not letting me use the pool tonight. Nobody wins!

**John** Well, then... pour a drink and start typin'!

**Shawn** Funny you should say that – first thing I did when I got in was grab a Coke and hop on the net.

**Yancey** I believe you need to add something to that Coke.

**Shawn** Well... we have kahlua...

**Yancey** How about a shot of kahlua with a Coke chaser?

**John** And you can have more than one. Why not seven?

I'll pour them while you change into something less clothes-y.

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**Singing At Work**

July 30 • 5328.1

**Alaina** Cleaning alone all day with no noise other than mewing kittens and barking dogs can drive anyone insane. So I thought about it, and I noticed that I have a theme for each room.

Cat Iso (where cats/kittens first come in) – The Cat Came Back

Cat Feral – Smelly Cat

Dog Iso – Has Anybody Seen My Dog?

There are also the individual cats and dogs that I sing to based on names or personalities.

Then there are the songs I just make up. We got in four turkeys, four roosters and a potbellied pig. I sing to the pig constantly, but just nonsense... something like this:

You're lying in the shade

You've dug a hole in the ground

You are very ugly

Are you dead?

I'm gonna nudge you with this feed scoop

Oh, you're moving again

And now you're pissed off at me.

My job has made me stupid.

## **Quinn is selfish**

Aug 7 • 5418.1-7

**Danny** Quinn hasn't logged on to the forum since 10am Thursday morning. He's been gone for two whole days.

Just because he has a one day old baby, he thinks he can forget all his friends and spend all his time with his stupid old family.

Well, screw you, Quinn.

**John** Thanks to Quinn's selfishness, I am forced to put together a jigsaw puzzle.

Hey, it's actually kind of fun. I like it. Maybe I will never log on again.

Take that, Quinn!

**Shawn** Yeah! What's your newborn child got that we don't? Aside from... uh... NO TEETH!

(I admit I can't verify that all TP members have got teeth.)

**John** Indeed. It's been difficult to tell the toothful from the dentially-impaired ever since the "real names club" went into effect.

Say, I wonder whatever happened to ToothlessinTX and GummyGal.

**Shawn** Well, I also can't confirm that Carter hasn't got any teeth. He might have a mouthful of six-inch long gleaming incisors.

**Danny** We have always had a gentle understanding with Carter Rollins.

**Grant**

For my job, I fill bulk bins at a health food store, and I always sing as I do it. You know that sketch called "Business, Business" that the Muppets did on Ed Sullivan? There's this catchy jazz beat in the background, and they say something like –

Year-end profits, fiscal dates,  
Mutual funds, interest rates.

The other day, when I was sweeping up the store, I started snapping my fingers in a similar beat, and doing the same things with the labels on the bulk bins and spice drawers.

Kamut flour, steel-cut oats,  
Sushi rice, buckwheat groats.

Garlic powder, cinnamon sticks,  
Lima beans, pancake mix.

Baking chocolate (semi-sweet),  
Thompson raisins, cream of wheat.

Jolly Ranchers, carob bars,  
Rubbed oregano, anise stars.

(Once you get started, it's really hard to stop.)

Chickpea flour, by the pound,  
Garlic minced, ginger ground.

Curry powder (mild and hot),  
Banana chips, apricot.

Gala apples, sweet po-tah-toes,  
Bartlett pears, avocados.

And so forth. You all get the general idea.

**A Magical Halloween Adventure**

Aug 13 • 5394.37

**Mark** As always, young Danny, you infotain and opinionamate with the best of them.

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**Julia Child dies**

Aug 14 • 5452.3-4

**Cathy** I wonder if they'll bury her in a nice hollandaise sauce?

**Danny** That was the zinger we were all groping for.

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**2005 Sesame Calendar**

Aug 18 • 5411.15

**Quinn** I will accept Sesame Workshop's bone.

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**TMS and Music Rights**

Aug 19 • 5494.7-9

**Mark** Watch yourself there, bud. Eisner's hit squad have killed more than one vocal Muppet fan in their day.

**Nick** Wait....., seriously?

**Mark** Um, I can't tell you. Legal threats, you understand.

But the answer starts with a Y.

## **Mickey's Three Musketeers**

Aug 20 • 5524.4

**Ryan D** I'll always love Mickey. If he murders children in a huge Disney World murder spree, I'll still love him. Probably. I guess.

[ Ryan R ]

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## **Ashanti in Oz**

Aug 24 • 5557.39

**Tom** I love this line in the press release:

"It will feature several musical numbers, but will not be a musical."

What is a musical except a movie with several musical numbers in it?  
I wish they'd stop being embarrassed about musicals.

I'm waiting for this announcement: "The movie will have many  
Muppets in it, but will not be a Muppet movie."

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## **New Sesame CDs**

Aug 25 • 5574.5-6

**Scott** I wonder if Sam Goody has em.

**Danny** I love that after all these years, you still have this childlike faith that major retail outlets will stock Muppet products anywhere near their release date.

You're so innocent, it's beautiful. Don't ever change.

**Dave T** I just saw a news item that the second set of Batman:TAS and the first set of Superman:TAS had been announced.

**Quinn** Oh shit.

Why? Why does everyone want my money?

**Ryan R** I don't know, but as long as you're just throwing it around, can I borrow five bucks?

**Quinn** Five bucks? Yes.

**Ryan R** Hey, thanks! Now I can borrow those five 99-cent Jack in the Box cheeseburgers I've had my eye on!

**Dave T** Don't forget to account for tax.

**Ryan R** Oh, crap.

Could somebody else loan me about 31 cents?

I'll pay you back, I promise. And I'll be your best friend.

**Quinn** So for 31 cents, they're your best friend?

Screw the five bucks. Ask your "Best Friend."



**Mike C** The problem with some of the shows on the block is the same problem that Cartoon Network has with all of its shows: Nobody manages the programming. They seem to be more interested in collecting shows and sticking them randomly on their programming schedule than they are doing research as to what's working and what's not.

For example: they've got the rights to Spumco's "The Ripping Friends," which they never show, yet they refuse to allow it to air anywhere else.

**Danny** That's because The Ripping Friends is a terrible show.

A terrible, TERRIBLE show.

That is not just my opinion, it is a proven fact.

A TERRIBLE show.

Cartoon Network is doing a service to all humankind by keeping it under lock and key. If they have any public spirit, they will burn the master tapes. Plus they should permanently anesthetize John Kricfalusi and eat his pets.

Terrible, terrible show.

**Shawn** Oh, come on. It wasn't THAT bad. I admit it wasn't the best, but it had some good gags.

I mean... well, OK. There was one short that had an evil executive who swallowed a cereal prize as a kid, so now there's only lame stickers as cereal prizes. So when the Ripping Friends try to stop him, he swallows more and more stuff (puppies, telephones) so people can't have THOSE either. That's really funny, in my opinion.

For the record, John K doesn't really like how The Ripping Friends turned out, mainly because Fox kept changing all the weird funny parts to non-funny kiddie action stuff.

**Danny** I stand by my previous post in every respect except that I also think John Kricfalusi should be urinated on by the Washington Redskins.

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**FEMA for Kids**

Aug 28 • 5620.8-11

**Emmy** Wow! It's a shame this wasn't around when I was little. Because I was all: What are the scales for measuring tornados and hurricanes?

**Anthony** My favorite section is "Disaster Connection: Kids to Kids," where children depress other children with their sad stories of destruction and death.

Also, a crab.

**Michal** A spokescrab, no less. I'll read past that sometime, but for now I'm stuck on the spokescrab.

The spokescrab, so far, only reminds me of that site where the talking sheep told me that dinosaurs' bones are the mangled remains of sinners.

**Nate** Don't make fun of the spokescrab, his poor little shell caught on fire:

[www.fema.gov/kids/herman/hermanstory8.htm](http://www.fema.gov/kids/herman/hermanstory8.htm)

**Danny** Yeah, but that was his fourth shell.

His first shell blew away in the wind. His second shell was flooded. His third shell was in an earthquake. And then his fourth shell caught on fire.

What a loser! And I bet every time, he applied to the government for disaster assistance. Herman is the loser who lives in a trailer park in the middle of Tornado Valley. After the tornado blows through, he gets the government to give him money to fix up his trailer again, and then he falls asleep smoking and burns it down. Loser!

"This was terrible and I was very mad. Why did things keep happening?"

Well, things are gonna happen, Herman, especially if you're drunk all the time. Stop whining, and focus on getting sober.

**Mysterious e-mail: Frank and Northern** Aug 30 • 5640.1-25

**Danny**

From : Lillian Panariello  
Sent : Monday, August 30, 2004 11:37 AM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Frank and Northern

Hi Danny, I have a 31 year old daughter who loved Frank and Northern as a kid. She still talks about them with her friends. I would love to be able to purchase a video with these 2 characters. Is this a possibility? Thank you in advance for your help. Lillian Panariello

My response...

Hi Lillian:

I'm sorry, I have no idea who Frank and Northern are. Are they Muppets?

Please let me know what you or your daughter remember, because I'm curious to know what you're talking about.

-- Danny

Also, I did a Google search for "Frank and Northern," and I got nothin'.

**Mark**

Is it possible that Lillian read the Hipsters and Squares anthology and assumed the characters were named "Frank" and "Northern"?

**Scott**

Good theory, except who the hell had those two guys as their favorite characters? Unless this chick was using it as an excuse to hit on Danny.

**Anthony** She maybe really loved that sketch, and still looks back on it very fondly. It makes sense to me.

But I'm a lunkhead.

**Scott** Very mysterious.

**Danny** From : Lillian Panariello  
Sent : Monday, August 30, 2004 1:40 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Frank and Northern

During a yahoo search, sesame street hipsters and squares, they showed up. Written about them, Frank plays a man in a suit and tie, with a huge orange nose. Northern plays a free spirited hipster. I'm sorry I should have been more explicit. Can you help me. I would love to have something for my daughter's birthday. Thanks once again.

Hi Lillian:

Okay, now I know what you're referring to.

Still, I don't really understand how what you're saying is possible. Those characters only appeared in that one sketch, and they don't have names -- "Frank Oz" and "Northern Calloway" are the performers who played them. Plus, this sketch aired in the early 70's, and your daughter was born in 1973. Even if your daughter somehow remembers this sketch, I can't imagine that her friends remember it also.

Are you sure you're not thinking of something else? What does your daughter say when she refers to them?

-- Danny

As you all can see, I'm trying to get to the bottom of this mystery. What Lillian is saying can not be true. I am very suspicious. I don't know what she's up to, but if it's possible, I am going to get to the bottom of it. I think this may run very deep, possibly all the way up to the president. I will be relentless in my investigation.

**Amy** Does Lillian live on a grassy knoll?

**Danny** From : Lillian Panariello  
Sent : Monday, August 30, 2004 3:30 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Frank and Northern

She actually was born in 1972. It was a typo "the 31 yr old". She and her friends remember those two characters and laugh out loud when speaking of them. I was really hoping to be able to purchase a video of the day they were on Sesame Street. I really appreciate your help with this. I am sorry that I can't do this for her. I know it's hard getting things that are not on tape. So I understand. Thank you anyway. Lillian

So, naturally, I told her to go to hell.

Just kidding. Actually, I sent her a really boring response telling her that no, that clip hasn't been commercially released, so I can't help her.

But it's funnier if I say that I told her to go fuck herself.

**Ryan R** Even if she was born in 1973, is it possible she saw the sketch when it was re-aired? Or should I go to hell too?

**Danny**

From : Lillian Panariello  
Sent : Monday, August 30, 2004 6:36 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Frank and Northern

Danny, I just wanted to say "Thank You" for all your correspondence today. It's not often you find someone who would be as kind as you were to try and help me. Thank you anyway. Lillian

Argh! I hate myself when I act nice to people.  
razzafrazzin hasenpfeffer

**David**

Why? You should feel good about yourself, silly rabbit! She was obviously just a confused woman and I think you acted admirably.

\*kiss\*

There's just a big old pussycat deep down in there, isn't there, Mr. Horn?

**Ryan R**

Aww, that's nice. You had a civil, friendly conversation with a website visitor, without even insulting her children. Was it really so painful?

**Danny**

Yes! People who write to me are usually crazy and mean, so I make fun of them. When they're confused but nice like this, it takes me by surprise and makes me feel all oogly. Like I put my foot down on a stair that isn't there.

Oh, phoo. I guess I am just a big bunny rabbit.

## Godzilla vs Godzilla

Aug 30 • 5644.3-4

**Danny** It's funny that they seem to be promoting every Godzilla movie as "the final Godzilla movie." The kid's had more farewell tours than Celine Dion.

**Ryan R** Funny you say that, because the next final Godzilla movie is going to be "Godzilla vs Celine." Check out Celine's awesome "Canadioactive death breath."

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## Tough Pigs is three years old

Aug 31 • 5608.44

**Danny** I've often been asked why I'm not working for Henson, and after much trial and error, I've discovered the one answer that doesn't make me look like a loser. I pass along this secret to you in the hopes that it will help you in your future life.

The conversation goes like this:

Person A: Wow, your magazine/website is cool, it looks like you put so much work into it..

Danny: Oh, thanks. Do you really like it?

Person A: Yeah, I do!

Danny: What's your favorite part?

Person A: Don't put me on the spot like that.

Danny: Sorry, sorry. But you like it.

Person A: Yeah, it's great.

Danny: Aw, thanks.



Person A: So why don't you work for Henson? You're doing all this work for free.

Danny: (sad face) Oh, man... Henson's not hiring. The company's in a lot of trouble.

Person A: Oh, really?

Danny: Yeah, they got sold to Germany, then there were a lot of layoffs... then they got bought back, and then sold to Disney... From what I hear, it's a mess there. Even the people who work for Henson don't work for Henson anymore.

Person A: Wow, I didn't know that. That's too bad.

Danny: Yeah, well, the good thing is that I'm just doing my own little independent thing, so none of that affects me. I get to just keep doing my website and having a good time with it. Plus, it connects me to all these great Muppet fan friends.

Person A: Wow, that sounds great. You're a lucky man.

Danny: Yeah, it's neat.

Person A: Your life must be so full. Surrounded by friends, doing what you love. Anyone would envy you.

Danny: Well, you know. I don't want to brag.

Person A: No, it's amazing. You're really an incredible person. So interesting, so full of life.

Danny: Oh, c'mon. I'm not that great.

Person A: No, I'm sorry if I'm being corny, but I'm really taken with you. I don't think I've ever felt drawn to someone like this. I think it's your eyes. I feel like when you're looking into my eyes like that, it's like I'm just falling in... I'm sorry, that must sound crazy.

Danny: No, not at all. That's really nice of you to say.

Person A: Well, yeah. Wow.

Danny: Hey, do you feel like coming over for a while? We could keep, y'know, talking or whatever.

Person A: Yeah, that would be great. I'm just going to call my wife, Jennifer Aniston, and tell her that I'll be home late.

Danny: Okay, cool.

Person A: I might even tell her that I won't be coming home at all tonight, ha ha.

Danny: Yeah, ha ha. Go make the call.

Person A: I'll be right back.

[ Mark ]

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**Sex**

Aug 31 • 5638.17-21

**Mike C**

And who among us is most "Perot-like" to explain the chart to the rest of us using a big pointy stick?

**Shawn**

I'm very "Pero-like."

Because that's my last name!

HA!

Ow! Stop hitting!

## **That Summer Movie premiere**

Sept 1 • 5649.24-26

**Ryan R** The butterfly is funny, at least in that one shot. How did you do that, by the way? I guess that was the pyrotechnician's job... Was it just a firecracker? Or did you really shoot it?

**Danny** No, we shot a real butterfly. Apparently butterflies are full of nitroglycerin. I had no idea.

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## **New Muppet Plush?**

Sept 2 • 5500.12-31

**Danny** I think lots of these are great looking, way better than Sababa. The only truly, horribly ouchworthy one is Animal – that's a nasty piece of work, and it's not that hard to get Animal right.

But a lot of the others are cute as pie. Except for Animal, I would be very happy to pay hard earned American money for these.

**Daniel** And I thought Nate and I were the only two who smoked. Are you fucking nuts?!?!? You who chides Palisades at every possible turn, calls these good?!?!? Piggy maybe, but come on, Sababa has shat out better dolls. Wow. You've pretty much devoid yourself of any licensing credibility of any kind. That Rizzo, that Animal, that Gonzo, Fozzie's eyes buggin out of his head, the Statler and Waldorf that look nothing like Statler and Waldorf, your defending them simply for being S&W merch when you lament others' defense of Pal.Toys. Have you been reading too many crazy posts? What have you done with critical, nit picking Danny. Clearly you are some weird, straight Alien Danny, who probably doesn't even like seeing his ass grabbed in text by another man of the same name. What the fuck.

HAS THE WHOLE WORLD GONE CRAZY?!?!?!

Mother... is that you... Fozzie? Piggy? Where am I anyway?

**Mark**

Well then, I'll present the next in a continuing series of public service announcements on this forum.

This Week: How To Apply Tongue Tattoo Fruit Roll-Ups Onto a Giraffe's Tongue.

Step 1: Go to the zoo. Tell them you are performing a valuable scientific experiment, and you need to borrow a giraffe and a zookeeper. (You may wish to forge documents from the university of your choice which will back up your story.)

Step 2: Go into the giraffe's living area. Have the zookeeper bring you two tall stepladders. (Or, alternately, you can dig a deep hole and put the giraffe into it. The important thing is that you can reach the giraffe's mouth easily with your arms.)

Step 3: Climb onto one stepladder, and have the zookeeper climb onto the other. (Ignore this step if you dug the hole.)

Step 4: Make sure that you aren't wearing edible underwear, as this will distract the giraffe and make this job even harder.

Step 5: Have the zookeeper hold the giraffe's mouth open. It helps if you sing a soothing song to the giraffe to calm it. I recommend something from the works of Barry White or Stevie Wonder, but beware! Giraffes hate Rick James.

Step 6: Remove the Fruit Roll-Ups from the package. (If you haven't brought the Fruit Roll-Ups before this point, you'll have to go get them and then start over at Step 2.) Pull the Fruit Roll-Up off the backing paper, and apply it to the giraffe's tongue.

Step 7: If you're kinky, apply the tattoo to your own tongue, and that of the zookeeper if you're a real freak.

Step 8: Destroy the evidence.

Step 9: Post a report about it to this forum, so we know how you did.

Step 10: Watch Sesame Street. (This isn't a mandatory part of the procedure, but it couldn't hurt anything.)

[ Martha ]

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**Put your hand inside the puppet head**    Sept 2    • 5672.11-13

**Shawn**    He was the first puppet I've made, but unfortunately he stayed at Studio Kaiju when I moved from Boston to No Hamsters.

**Anthony**    No Hamsters! Shawn, did I ever tell you that I love you? Because I do...

You and Strong Bad are basically the same guy to me.

**Shawn**    Wow! That might be the best compliment I've gotten in a while!

Crap crappity crap!

**To be friends with Quinn Rollins**

Sept 2 • 5679.27

**Danny** To be friends with Quinn Rollins  
by Christopher Landeweer

Would it be okay  
to give me Quinn Rollins  
address and phone no  
in case I'd like  
to be friends, please?

I've checked out the Tough Pigs Thanks  
for the name of  
Quinn Rollins though.

Is Quinn Rollins  
a (he) or (she)?

I'm trying to find out Quinn Rollins  
address and phone no

How about that?

And don't forget to tell me  
what Rollins' address and phone no is.

**Danny**      Okay, now it's getting creepy. I got this e-mail on Wednesday, and then the next one on Friday...

From : Lillian Panariello  
Sent : Wednesday, September 1, 2004 10:40 AM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Frank and Northern

I am sorry that I ever contacted you. You proved to me that being a synic is the only way to be. NEVER TRUST ANYONE. You seemed to be a nice person, but much to my surprise you are a creep. I read all the emails dealing with my quest and was very disappointed. Go ahead post this one too. Have a great laugh. Why be a phony? Just let people know right up front what you are all about. GET A LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From : Dawn Dee  
Sent : Friday, September 3, 2004 11:51 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Zabba Zoo...

Hi Danny,

I'm looking to get a copy of the Sesame Street skit about shapes w/ the two guys and one makes a guitar. It's a REALLY old skit, but my friend and I remember it. We were probably in 1st grade when we first started talking about it. Now we laugh about it whenever it comes up.

It came up recently and now we are on a mission to try and find a copy of it. My friend did a Google search, found your site and found "Frank" and "Northern" (the voices of the characters). Do you know if that skit ever airs on Noggin? The pictures have the Noggin logo in the corners.

Thanks for you help.

Dawn

P.S. Do you think if I contacted the President and asked him to meet me on a grassy knoll he'd know anything about it? It's really not nice to talk about people behind their backs.

My reply...

From : Danny Horn  
Sent : Saturday, September 4, 2004 10:09 AM  
To : Dawn Dee  
Subject : RE: Zabba Zoo...

Dawn:

If you're trying to be funny, then you are way out of your league.

-- Danny

**Quinn**

"Go ahead post this one too. Have a great laugh. Why be a phony? Just let people know right up front what you are all about. GET A LIFE!!!!"

In your defense, Danny, I think you've always been up front about what you are all about. Startlingly up front. Like in peoples' faces. With your gigantic heh-heh.



**Danny**

It's gettin' kind of weird now. Check this out.

From : Brian Trifaro

Sent : Saturday, September 4, 2004 5:59 PM

To : Danny Horn

Subject : Frank and Northern...

Hey,

My friends and I are trying to find this old clip from Sesame Street. We saw pictures on your site can you help us try and get a copy of it?

Thanks.

Brian

My reply:

Hi Brian:

Hey, great to hear from you! Yeah, I can totally hook you up.

It's funny you should ask -- there's this crazy bitch named Lillian who's been trying to get a copy of this sketch, too. Man! There's no way I'd ever give it to someone like that, but you're a buddy, so no problem.

I'll just need for you to defray the cost of the tape and shipping... just send \$12 to my Paypal account and I'll send it right out to you, okay?

Take care, dude!

-- Danny

PS. I think I love you.

**Quinn** Don't get assassinated before Miles learns how to type...if he's your successor for TP, at least let him learn how to type. Otherwise it'll all be 13irjo 5i r gkjajq vESD pnf and cookies all the time.

**Danny** Nah, it's no problem. These people don't know who they're dealing with. I eat screwballs like this for breakfast.

**Quinn** "I eat screwballs like this for breakfast."

There are so many layers to everything you write.

**Danny** From : Richard Simmons  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 4:18 PM  
To : Danny Horn

Dear Danny,

You wrote my friend Dawn and told her that if she was trying to be funny she was way out of her league. If you're trying to be funny, then you are way out of your league.

-- Richard

P.S. Is it true you are a gay monkey fucker?

P.P.S. You think it's funny to print emails. The funny thing is that you are the fuckwit who has a site about Miss Piggy.

From : Danny Horn  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 5:14 PM  
To : Richard Simmons, Dawn Dee  
Subject : Gay monkey fucker

Dear Richard:

Always nice to hear from a friend of Dawn's. She seems like a terribly sweet person. The times you must have together! I'd love to just be a fly on the wall as you and Dawn while away those long winter evenings together.

-- Danny

PS. What do you have against gay people?

Yay! Look what Mark did.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Mark Rowan  
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2004 14:26:07 -0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Danny Horn  
To: Richard Simmons

Just for the record, Danny Horn is NOT a gay monkey fucker. I happen to know that he only has sex with heterosexual monkeys.

Thank you.

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From : Richard Simmons  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 5:38 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Fwd: Danny Horn

Even your friends think you fuck monkeys

Thanks, Mark! That was funny.

Although, for maximum impact, I think people should write to Lillian and Dawn.

"Richard Simmons," obviously, is an alias. I think Lillian and Dawn are both real.

I sent Lillian the "Richard" e-mail, just to let her know what her daughter Dawn is up to. What a sweet family.

From : Richard Simmons  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 5:44 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Gay monkey fucker

> The times you must have together! I'd love to just be a fly on  
> the wall as you and Dawn while away those long winter evenings  
together.

Probably more interesting than watching you playing with your Miss Piggy dollies

> PS. What do you have against gay people?

Nothing. I am only against the irritating ones. So which one of the Village People do you dress up as at parties? I bet it's the cop.

Apparently, Dawn's concepts about gay people are from circa 1983 -- Richard Simmons and Village People. Doesn't anyone watch Showtime?

**Ryan D** They're too busy to watch Showtime... they're playing with their Frank and Northern dollies.

**Danny** From : Richard Simmons  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 6:20 PM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : Re: Nice mouth

> Is Dawn there? Let me talk to Dawn.  
>  
> -- Danny

Why? Have you turned, Danny?

Don't try to be funny with me cunt. You are a little fart and i may have to blow you away

From : Danny Horn  
Sent : Sunday, September 5, 2004 6:39 PM  
To : Lillian Panariello  
CC : Dawn Dee, Richard Simmons  
Subject : Is Dawn okay?

Hi Lillian:

I just got this very disturbing e-mail from your daughter, in which she threatens to kill me. I hope that your family is aware of this situation, and is taking steps to help her through whatever problem she's going through right now.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this trying time.

-- Danny

>Don't try to be funny with me cunt. You are a little fart and i may have to blow you away

**Kellie**

Probably won't help a bit, but I reported this person to Gmail. I'm pretty sure they don't want people to use their shiny new service to send abusive and threatening e-mails. In fact, it's a violation of their user agreement.

**Danny**

Yay, that's always fun.

During the course of this correspondence, Dawn has both threatened to kill me and the president of the United States. I might even report her to the FBI if this keeps up.

From : Dawn Dee  
Sent : Monday, September 6, 2004 12:28 AM  
To : Danny Horn  
Subject : RE: Is Dawn okay?

Danny,

Dawn is fine and I didn't quite "get" your e-mails at all. I'm sorry for bothering you. I wasn't trying to be funny or cute or anything else in my last e-mail. My friend and I were sincerely looking to get a copy or any information on the skit w/ Frank and Northern talking about shapes and things obviously got out of hand.

My friends mom (Lillian) was being VERY sincere and got upset when she discovered her e-mails were being posted on your forum. Which in turn upset me and her daughter. We're just going to leave you alone and forget about it.

Dawn

So it looks like the stalkers have given up, which is nice. This letter doesn't really explain why she called me a gay monkey fucker or threatened to kill me, but it's good to know that at least she won't be doing it any more.

Slurpees for everyone, on me.

You know, if there's one thing I've learned from this experience, it's that it IS funny to make fun of people behind their backs, and it's even funnier if they find out about it.

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## **Sesame recasts**

Sept 5 • 5701.21

**Daniel** I agree that both Matt, David and Eric have captured a lot of the vocal and physical characters of, say, Big Bird and Grover, whereas Steve has gone from more of an imitation to a version of his own.

I think David captures Cookie very well. I don't know much about Matt, but he seems to really have a handle on what makes Big Big. And Eric, well, Eric doesn't count because he is clearly some sort of cyborg.

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## **Danny's Labor Day mission**

Sept 6 • 5718.1

**Danny** I had a very interesting afternoon today. I tried out a new sport that I've been wanting to try for a while, and I think I scored pretty well.

There was a pack of Jehovah's Witnesses prowling around my neighborhood today, and two of them came to the door. I didn't have anything special to do, so I thought it would be funny to invite them in, and then talk to them so much that they actually wanted to leave, rather than the other way around. It totally worked – I tied up six Jehovah's Witnesses for about two hours today.

Two women came to the door, and I invited them in – introduced myself, sat them on the couch, asked if they wanted anything to drink. They had a couple Watchtowers. One of them was about How To Be A Good Father, so we talked a bit about my father, and the fact that we don't really have much of a relationship anymore. (The main witness, Jackie, started getting really nervous; this was getting totally off script.)

The other Watchtower was about how we should turn to the Bible for counsel, rather than therapists or self-help books. I told her that I'd had great experience with therapy – that I'd had therapy for about a year, and it helped me tremendously during a very difficult time with my parents. I asked how turning to the Bible would stack up against my therapy. Jackie said that there were plenty of passages in the Bible that could help. I asked her for an example. She leafed through her Bible for a minute, her hands shaking, and then said that she would get some of the others to help. I said, sure, have 'em all come in. I'll get snacks.

Jackie and the other woman left, and about five minutes later, I was visited by Ron (Jackie's father, as it turned out) and Anthony. There were six of them out in the neighborhood, and at this point the other four were all sitting in the minivan parked in front of my house. Ron told me that they didn't have a whole lot of time -- they'd been out since 7am, and it was now almost noon. They were all planning to get something to eat and then go home, but he had a few minutes to answer my questions. I said, great, c'mon in, have a seat, can I get you anything?

I then proceeded to keep Ron and Anthony in my home for over an hour and a half. I just kept talking, asking questions, reading the Bible with them. Meanwhile, the other four sat in the minivan, wondering what the hell was going on in there.

The conversation went all over the place. I asked a lot of personal questions. Ron works at Septa (the Philly transit system), and he does mission work on weekends. He has a wife, Maria, and two daughters - - Jackie and another one that he wouldn't name. (The other one isn't a Witness, and he seems to have essentially written her off.) He wasn't planning a Labor Day barbecue, because Maria wasn't feeling well today. (I was concerned about Maria's health, apparently more concerned than he was -- he didn't even know what was wrong with her.) Ron was born in Italy, and moved to the US when he was 16. Anthony doesn't have a full-time job, so he does missionary work pretty much full-time. His wife works at some kind of live-in mental health unit. They've been married seven years, and they don't have any kids. I learned a lot about Ron and Anthony.



We also went through a lot of Bible passages, including Adam and Eve, Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, and a smattering of Corinthians 2 and one of the Timothys. Ron seems to believe that the world is particularly wicked and evil right now; I took the position that the world was basically okay. Ron says the world is full of drunkards, fornicators, idolaters and thieves. I said most of the people I know seem pretty nice.

Turning to my family problems, Ron said that I would have a better relationship with my family if I had a better relationship with God. He showed me a bunch of Bible passages about how gay people won't be part of the kingdom of heaven, and he kept asking me what I thought about them. I told him I didn't have much of an opinion about them one way or the other, which really frustrated him. He said that if I wanted to have a better relationship with God, then I would have to make some changes in my life. I showed him some pictures of me and Ed, and told him about how great Ed is. He didn't really want to discuss Ed very much, but I told some good stories.

One of the best parts was when Ron said that God was very loving and kind, and gives everyone a choice about whether to be close to him or not.

Ron: If you live according to God's word, then you get to live with him in paradise forever. Doesn't that sound nice? Living forever in paradise?

Danny: Sure, that's great. But if I don't live according to God's word, then I get –

Ron: Annihilated, sure.

Danny: Right, destroyed and annihilated. Now, that doesn't really seem like a choice, though, does it? It sounds more like a threat to me.

Ron: No, it's your choice. God is giving you a choice about how you want to live your life.

Danny: Right, but let's say I'm offering you a glass of water right now, and I tell you that you have a choice. Either you can drink that glass of water, and enjoy it very much, as naturally you would, or -- if you don't want to drink the water -- then you'll be destroyed and annihilated. Does that sound like much of a choice to you? If it was really a free choice, then why would the other option be annihilation?

Ron: Well, but, that's just a glass of water. God is offering something much better than that.

Danny: Well, let's say it's a really nice glass of water. Maybe I put some lemon in it or something.

Ron: That's not what –

Danny: Or it could be a glass of orange juice, or a Coke or something.

Ron: The point is –

Danny: Exactly, Ron! Exactly! It doesn't \*matter\* what kind of liquid it is. It could be anything. The point is –

Ron: Right, but –

Danny: Ron, I don't want to argue about that. Whether it's water or orange juice is completely irrelevant. All I'm saying is that if your options are water -- or orange juice, or whatever you want -- but it's basically either drink the water or be annihilated, I don't think that's much of a choice, do you?

Ron: Now, what it says here –

Danny: Hey, speaking of water, do you want something to drink? Cause you're sweating a little bit there.

Ron: No, actually, what time is it? Cause we really ought to -- there are people waiting for us outside.

I then kept them there for over half an hour more.

At the very end, I offered them some constructive criticism about how to do their missionary work: "I hope I'm not insulting you, I'd hate like anything to be insulting. But we started off by comparing the therapy I've been to with this kind of discussion that I've been having with you, and I have to tell you -- and I hope you don't take this the wrong way, I'm just trying to help -- but the therapy I've been to was really much, much better. Like, on a scale of 1 to 10, the therapy was like a 9, and this conversation we've had is more like a 2. I'm not criticizing, I'm just trying to give you feedback. Now, the thing I think you could do, if you really wanted to be effective, is this..." That kept them for about 10 minutes, at least. They kept trying to pack up their stuff, but they couldn't resist the feedback.

As they were trying to escape, Ron asked if he could come back and maybe discuss this with me some more. I said, sure, anytime -- hey, can I have your phone number? He said he didn't like giving his phone number out to people. I said, "Don't you trust me, Ron? That's a fine thing. We spent all this time talking, you gave me all this advice about how I should change my life, and you won't even give me your phone number? Here, let me just get a pen. Your first name is Ron... what's your last name? How do you spell it? Oh, that's a nice name... Here, I'm going to give you the pen, why don't you write down your number right there. Great."

And he gave me his number. It was awesome. I actually was still jabbering away and asking them questions while they were outside on the walk. One woman from the minivan was pacing around in front of the house -- they'd been waiting for about 90 minutes in the van. They finally tore themselves away as I smiled and waved from the door.

As soon as they were gone, I called Ron's house to see if I could speak to Maria -- Ron's wife, who wasn't feeling well. I got the answering machine, so I left a long chatty message asking Maria how she was feeling, asking about the kids, and telling her that I hoped she was having a good Labor Day. I might check in with her tomorrow, just to see how she's doing.

So I would say in this new sport of Jehovah's Witness time-wasting, I made a pretty good first score: Two hours of six Witnesses' time, plus a home phone number. I don't know how that would rank against a really world-class player, but at the moment, it's my game to lose. I might take this to the Olympics in '08.

**Shawn**

I just read the message that started this thread, and I wanted to say: My friend Sam and I did the very same thing when we were in high school! Granted, I don't know if I still qualify as an active participant in the sport anymore, as high school was a few years ago.

But I remember one afternoon Sam and I were hanging out at the mall (we were dressed all freaky) and a Witness came up to us and asked us how we were, what was going on, etc., then started in on the God-talkin'. We tried to get out of it by saying we had to get going because we had to walk home from the mall, which was quite a distance (God's honest truth). He said he'd be more than happy to give us a ride so we could talk about God more. We stood off to the side and discussed it for a moment and decided that even though he was kinda creepy, he was also a total wimp, so accepting a ride would probably be safe (kids are dumb, aren't they? Anyway, we obviously weren't axe-murdered).

So we got back to Sam's house and just started listening to this guy's schpiel and started pointing out inconsistencies when we realized it was really fun. I remember a particularly lengthy part of the discussion when he tried to convince us that the story of the Ark was real, and that dinosaur bones were fake, and carbon dating was a hoax, even though he said carbon dating was used to identify the shroud of Turin and the Ark itself.

Anyway, it's fun.

**Danny**

Yeah, the carbon dating stuff is a trip. Did I mention that Ron didn't believe in China? Cause he didn't believe in China.

**Kellie** Wow. No China. So how does that work, exactly? And where does he think everything he's bought for the last few years came from?

**Danny** Well, it wasn't that he didn't believe in China per se. He just didn't believe things that Chinese people say. The conversation went something like this.

Ron: Blah blah blah, Noah, blah blah, world destroyed, everybody dead, everyone alive now is a descendant of Noah's family. And that was four thousand years ago.

Danny: But that can't be true. There's been civilization in China for five thousand years.

Ron: Ah, well, what you have to understand about evolution is --

Danny: No, I'm not talking about evolution, I'm talking about history. Specifically Chinese history. Cause they go back five thousand years.

Ron: No, they don't, that's not possible. They must be wrong.

Danny: Well, you know how when you go to the museum, you see artifacts from Chinese civilizations? They've got all these different stages -- the Ch'in, and the Ming, I don't know them very well, but they've got them all dated back pretty far. You've seen that in the museum, right?

Ron: ... Um... well, yes, of course. (In a tone that indicates that he's never been to a museum in his life and isn't about to start now.)

Danny: So Chinese people must have come from somewhere, right? They've been there all that time.

Ron: Well, they're just wrong, that's all. It's like "carbon dating" the dinosaur bones. It's just not true, they're wrong.

Danny: Really? People in China don't know their own history? I mean, I don't know it that well, but I would assume they've got a pretty good handle on it. Do you think they're lying?

Ron: No, no.

Danny: Cause now that you mentioned it, I never really did trust China that much. They're kind of sneaky.

Ron: No, no, no. I don't think they're lying, they're just mistaken.

Danny: Like they lost count.

Ron: Exactly.

Danny: So where did Chinese people come from, then?

Ron: Well, the only people left after the flood were Noah and his family, so they got off the ark and repopulated the Earth, and, you know, their descendants spread all over, and became, you know, the Chinese people, and the Eskimos, and all of that.

Danny: Huh.

Ron: Right.

Danny: Well, you know what we oughta do. We oughta go tell China.

Ron: Oh, I don't --

Danny: No, we should, it's only right. We oughta shoot them off a memo and tell them how they got their dates mixed up.

Ron: Well...

Danny: They'll be so embarrassed. They hate being wrong about stuff like that.

And there you have it.

It will never cease to amaze me how the people who think they understand all the secrets of the universe have so little understanding of basic history and science.

**This completely changes M. history**      Sept 7 • 5676.34

**Grant**      *I taught Ethel Merman how to sing.*

Well, somebody had to do it.

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**Happy birthday, Tough Pigs Forum**      Sept 8 • 5725.20-27

**Ryan R**      If only we could harness that posting power... Can you imagine a car that runs on Quinn posts? Or a Quinn post power plant! Why, you could provide enough posting energy to power a third world country for months! Or Las Vegas for a few seconds!

The possibilities are endless! Unless you get writer's block.

**Quinn**      Oh, I'm posting, but not writing. I rarely write anything over here. Just mindless posts.

And this was mindless post #7174.

Enjoy!

**Scott**      Yeah, you don't get to the top by posting quality stuff.

**Quinn**      Cheers!

\*clink\*

**This completely changes M. history**

Sept 10 • 5676.45-46

**Anthony** I always thought that, but I'm a well known idiot.

**Michal** Really? How widespread are rumors of your idiocy?

Because that kind of fame could get pretty exciting.

[ Ryan R ]

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**Best Choice for New Superman Movie?**

Sept 10 • 5733.44-51

**Scott** I'll take Erica Durance (Lois) and Tamara Feldman (Kyla) and make me a yummy Scott sandwich.

Of course, in this dream, I'm as hot as Tom Welling.

**Quinn** If I were as hot as Tom Welling, I...

Well, who knows what I'd do.

Probably act.

And be an underwear model.

So really, same life I've got now.



**Cathy** Sweetie, in real life, you're not "as hot as Tom Welling."

\*\*\* You're hotter. \*\*\*

**Scott** [ blush ]

[ grabs my own ass ]

[ Ryan R ]

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**Gay Muppet fans**

Sept 10 • 5759.21-23

**Daniel** Outside of the annoying Geocities graphics, I think it's one of the better looking sites. Better than Henson.com, better than either of Disney's mere repostings, perhaps even better than Tough Pigs. Your site is tops in content, but the plain black and white sometimes leaves me wanting.

**Danny** That's fair, it leaves me wanting too.

WANTING TO POOP ON YOU!

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**Gay Muppet fans**

Sept 12 • 5759.34-59

**Danny** I would estimate that about half of male Muppet fans are gay, maybe a little more.

**Quinn** What?

**Danny** What do you mean, what?

**Quinn** I mean that seems high. I guess maybe we're considering different levels of fandom. Maybe half of all the guys HERE are gay, but Muppet fans in general? Seems high. Then again, you know your fans and your bidness better than I do. Maybe I'm just not paying attention.

**Cathy** I suppose we should let you digest it before we tell you which half you fall in.

**Nick** Which half he falls in? I was trying to figure out which half of Quinn is gay.

**Quinn** I'd assume it's my left half.

**Isha** Left... Is that the hamburger half?

**Quinn** Yup! Although in all fairness to my Hamburger Nipple, it's not very hamburgery these days. Just very gay.

**Isha** Aww. Little hamburger nip is growing back and coming out. Woojums.

**Quinn** You just made him all tingly. Maybe he's not so gay after all.

**Nick** Oh, good, because the left half is the hotter half!

**Quinn** Flattery will get you everywhere. With the left half.

## Happy Birthday, Mark!

Sept 14 • 5800.10

**Danny**

\* drumroll \* : budda budda budda budda budda budda

Mark, in honor of your birthday, I now give you the greatest present that is within my power to give.

budda budda budda budda budda

\* pair of ceremonial scissors \*

budda budda budda budda

In recognition of your valiant service, your funny writing, and the fact that you post way more than the other Mark does, I will now remove your last initial.

\* snippa! \*

Please report to your preferences page and change your nickname accordingly.

Congratulations, and happy birthday.

## **Fucking crappy action figures!**

Sept 15 • 5823.1

### **Danny**

I have owned Marvin Suggs for three hours. I took him out of the box two minutes ago. And now one of his drumsticks is broken!

All I was trying to do was trying to wedge the damn thing into his tiny little hand! And it snapped clean through!

Marvin Suggs is no good to me without two drumsticks! No good at all!

Fucking goddamn crappy ghetto fucking accessories!

FUCK!

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## **Carter's Here!**

Sept 16 • 5396.114-115

### **Quinn**

I never tire of loving Miles either... but I do get pretty damn tired of him not taking naps, waking up at 6am and then falling asleep at around 10am, and then when you try to move him or sneak away, he wakes up like nothing ever happened, and then he's a cranky little two year old all day.

On the other hand, he gave me about ten loves and hugs and kisses today when I was on my way to work, and then he called me on the phone to say "I yuv you soooo much TOO!" and then he hung up on me.

And by the way, the "I yuv you" isn't a speech impediment, in that he can say his "L"s. Every time he goes down a flight of stairs, he wiggles his hands in the air and says "LOO-LAH, LOO-LAH, LOO-LAH, LOO-LAH" all the way down the stairs. And then YOU need to do it. I was going down the fire escape tonight at work, and by the time I got to the bottom of the stairs, I realized I had been saying "LOO-LAH" in my head all the way down.

I don't know why I'm saying all this. I guess I miss that dumb kid.

**Quinn** That reminds me, I just put up my framed Jim Henson/Kermit "Think Different" poster for the first time since we moved, and Miles was looking at it in awe, and I said "who is it?" and he said KERMIT! KERMIT! KERMIT! JESUS! JESUS! KERMIT AND JESUS!

What a good, brainwashed little boy.

Of course, he thinks Lionel Luthor on Smallville is Jesus too.

**Danny** Chip off the old block.

Imagine what it'll be like when there are two of these running around in the world, or more. You're breeding a race of superhumans.

**Quinn** Just two? You underestimate my inseminating prowess.

**Danny** I meant, so far.

There's no way I would doubt the power you possess.

**Scott** Potent.

**Quinn** Very.

BANG!

**Danny** That'll leave a mark.

**Would you buy Elmo in Grouchland?**      Sept 18 • 5810.35

**Scott**      Here are the rules:

1) Elmo in Grouchland (hereinafter referred to as EIG) may not be purchased unless one of the following apply:

(a) Follow That Bird (hereinafter referred to as FTB) is already owned by the purchaser, or

(b) FTB is purchased alongside EIB.

2) Ownership of FTB does not require the purchase of EIG.

3) Almost every other Sesame Street DVD is not required to own before EIG, if EIG can be found at an excellent price.

4) Coooo-KIEEEE!!

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**Welcome to the Tough Pigs Forum**      Sept 19 • 1.15-19

**Quinn**      Ack.

I clicked on something I shouldn't have, and now I'm at the Beginning of Time.

Get me out.

**Ryan R**      Yep... Thread #1, the Beginning of Time.

Just go to a different thread number. But be careful... if you go to thread 1348, you might run into the plague. And thread 1865 will land you smack dab into the middle of the Civil War.

Thread 1969, though, will find the debut of The Brady Bunch, so that should be safe.

**Michal** So it seems that at the Beginning of Time, Danny SIGNED HIS NAME TO HIS POSTS.

Harumph.

**Danny** We all make mistakes. At the time, I also allowed pictures in the signatures, fake screen names, and Luke.

You live, you learn.

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**Survivor: Vanuatu**

Sept 19 • 5829.18

**Danny** Oh, making me look like a pompous know-it-all is the easiest trick in the book. Try something more challenging, like making me look not sexy.

[ Michal ]

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**Get Fuzzy Rocks**

Sept 19 • 5836.16-17

**Andrew** I believe you can divide the world into two distinct groups – those who like PVP and everyone else.

**Danny** I tried dividing the world that way, but people insisted on moving around while I was doing it. People are so impatient about things like that.

[ Ryan R ]

**It's Sunday Night! Let's chat!**

Sept 19 • 5867.4

**Ryan D** I'm creating a new song

Java Hates Me

Java Java Java Java ha-ates me  
Java Java Java Java loa-athes me  
Why why why why why why must you ha-ate me?  
Oh, look, cold pizza  
I think I'll ge-et some.

[ Ryan R ]

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**It's Sunday Night! Let's Chat!**

Sept 21 • 5867.18

**Ryan R** Wait... Talk Like a Pirate Day has really already happened? And I missed it? Dangit, yo.

I mean... Shiver me timbers, yo.

It doesn't seem like it's been a year since the last one. I guess I should start preparing now so I don't miss the next one.

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**Favorite Eric J Recast**

Sept 21 • 5876.11

**Jess** My head says Fozzie, but my heart says GROVER! GROVER! GROVER!  
(It really does. It's stumped physicians for years.)  
So I voted for Grover.

[ Ryan R ]



## **RIP Cookie Monster Mug**

Sept 25 • 5916.1-4

**David** Today is a sad day.

The Cookie Monster "Got Milk?" mug I've had for about six years met its untimely demise just minutes ago. It toppled from its lofty perch in my bathroom, where I keep (\*sob\* kept) it to shave with, and shattered into multiple pieces. It served its purpose well, but I'm very sad to see it go. Picking googly ceramic eyes off your bathroom tile is a very sad chore.

I loved you, Cookie Monster "Got Milk?" mug. You've hopefully gone to a better place.

**Mike** You've never heard of character mug heaven? Where the oatmeal flows like water and a little brother with a polishing cloth waits around every corner.

**Ryan R** Sad story. My condolences to you and to your other toiletry items.

**Danny**

"Ryan, Stop Reading Muppet Central"  
by the Tough Pigs

Once I was in Hollywood, just walking down the street  
I ran into a friend of mine, and had a bite to eat  
While I was eating sushi, a producer caught my eye  
He signed me to a movie deal because he liked my tie

My debut was a huge success, like none they'd ever seen  
And now my face is on the front of every magazine  
It's all because I took a chance, and flew out to the coast  
And where were you? At Muppet Central, wading through the posts!

Oh, Ryan, stop reading Muppet Central  
I've seen you there, up posting half the night  
Just look at you, you're wasting your potential  
On a bunch of kids who cannot read or write

The folks at Muppet Central, they all get into a tizz  
Cause Sesame, it used to be much better than it is  
It used to have Don Music, Twiddlebugs and Little Bird  
They took it off of Noggin, I've been cryin' since I heard

Now Elmo's taking over, and I don't know what to do  
He's taking time that used to go to stars like Betty Lou  
I wish they'd get a clue, and put things back the way they were  
And by the way, does anybody have a clip of Fur?

Oh, Ryan, stop reading Muppet Central  
They're all stuck back in 1969  
You mention Eric J and they go mental  
You know you hate to listen to them whine

Yeah, listen to me, Ryan  
I don't mean to be pryin'  
But you keep going back there  
And I don't know why you're tryin'  
I'm hopin' and I'm prayin'  
You'll see the game they're playin'  
They're nutty like a Snickers bar  
They don't know what they're sayin'

Now, if you've got some money that you don't need anymore  
Then trade with Phil, and you will see it flying out the door  
I don't know how it happens, such a gosh-darn mystery  
How Phil's got all the money that I thought belonged to me

There's Cory, Hester, Deanmo, S.S.Etta and Erine,  
There's Andy, who is crazy, and there's Luke, who's really mean,  
There's Furryfella, Cartman, Dantecat and Barry Lee,  
The place is full of psychos that you hope you'll never see

Hey, Ryan, stop reading Muppet Central  
The place is just a fucking waste of breath  
I'm sorry, but there's no way to be gentle  
Stop going, cause it bores you half to death

Yeah, Ryan, stop reading Muppet Central  
It only makes you angry and upset  
And for your mental health, it's detrimental  
It's just a shame they haven't closed it yet.  
The lamest Muppet fans you ever met!

Thank you.

**Favorite theme?**

Sept 29 • 5926.13

**Quinn**

I voted Sesame Street...I like the picture it paints of Sesame Street as being an actual PLACE that you can find, you can go to, where, you know, every door will open wide to happy people like me. Happy people like--what a beautiful--sunny day.

Plus Miles likes to sing it a lot. Like in church last week, when everyone else started singing some hymn or another, Miles said "Sing Sunny Days? OKAY! SUNNY DAYS--SWEEPINDA--CLOWNS AWAY! ON MYWAY-TUMAIRNE AIR ISSSWEET! CANU TELLME HOWNAGET, HOWNAGET TO SESASWEE SWEET?"

Like that. And loud.

[ Michal ]

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**Penguins and Robins and Skulls**

Oct 1 • 5944.27

**Daniel**

VIVA EL BASTARDO!!!

\* Does Quinn's a Bastard Hatdance \*

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**Your first TP post**

Oct 1 • 5981.40

**Peter**

I love it when Piggy has orgasms!

[ Ryan R ]

## Yay! Santa is back

Oct 3 • 5992.8

**Shawn** Christmas is comin', so don't be stupid!  
Don't order pizza and send it to Cupid!  
You better not pout, you better not cry,  
You better not poke Easter Bunny in the eye!  
But here's one of childhood's strictest laws:  
DON'T MAKE FUN OF NO SANTA CLAUS!!!

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## Finally

Oct 5 • 6013.8

**Michal** Ryan R: Without the forum, I am like a lost, hungry sheep with nowhere to graze.

Michal: I am like a little kid in a candy store, except it's a store where the candy has turned into cold fish.

Ryan R: I am like a desert wanderer who arrives at an oasis only to find it's salt water

Michal: I am like a tailor with a blunt scissors

Michal: I am like a welder who can't strike a match.

Ryan R: I am like an eagle who lost his remote control under a mountain of macaroni

Michal: I am like a balloon artist with asthma.

[ Ryan D ]

## What did you do with your time?

Oct 5 • 6015.1-24

**Ryan R** What did you do with your time while the forum was down?

Caught up on my reading: 2 votes (8%)

Caught up on my writing: 4 votes (17%)

Visited other websites: 8 votes (33%)

Drank myself silly: 3 votes (12%)

Freaked out: 7 votes (29%)

**Alaina** I sat and thought about what everyone would have been talking about. Then I had conversations in my head, where everything I said was hilarious. Then I had imaginary fights with Quinn about flavored condoms, and with Danny about who we thought was greater me or him.

I fell in and out of love twice and had a nap in between.

[ Ryan R ]

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## Come on Kynan, Light My Fire

Oct 6 • 6027.1-13

**Kynan** Last night one of our two Roving Enterprises production buildings totally caught fire and burned a lot.

Important details first: It was the production building that most of us DON'T work in, so all my stuff, especially my Muppet toys, is okay.

The few people in the building when the fire started were all evacuated safely and there were no serious injuries.

One of the strange things about working in TV is that when perfectly ordinary things happen to you and your friends, it's considered "news." Therefore, it is with some pride, and a notable lack of HTML skills, that I now present the Google News Search Page devoted to The Great Rove Fire of 2004:

[ link ]

**Cathy** I hate fires. Glad nobody was hurt, and that your Muppet toys are safe and sound.

So are you mentioned in any of the articles?

**Kynan** Glad we can focus on the main issue, which is: How does this further my own personal fame and glory?

I was mentioned tangentially in several reports. Figures and actual accuracy of reportage varied, but a few articles listed three people treated at the scene, and three people who entered the building to help evacuate. I was one of both threes. But rest assured, in neither case was my contribution either brave or adventurous.

**Scott** Wait, you were treated?

**Kynan** Turns out, if you stand in a street full of smoke for two hours, you're gonna start coughing. And if you spend five minutes flirting with a paramedic while breathing some sweet free oxygen, you get listed as "treated at scene."

Likewise, if somebody yells "the building's on fire," and you run up the stairs with a fire extinguisher, quickly realize your pissy little fire extinguisher ain't helping nobody, and bugger off back down the stairs, you get listed as "entered the scene."

By the way: If anybody anywhere ever offers you oxygen for any reason, take it. That stuff is gold. Plus, you sound like Darth Vader while you're wearing the face mask.

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**G Mail Invitations?**

Oct 7 • 6024.36-48

**Cathy** Hey! I sent myself an email that just contained the words, "electric armadillo stretcher" and you're right! Congratulations Ryan! You stumped Google!

**Ryan R** I may have stumped Google, but I didn't stump one Tex Rogers, who e-mailed me information on how to order a Rogers Electric Armadillo Stretcher, just hours after I made that post.

**Cathy** Hey, me too! By god that Google is one powerful machine. I don't think we've even scratched the surface of its awesome abilities.

**Ryan R** This was my reply to Tex Rogers, maker of the Rogers Electric Armadillo Stretcher:

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Dear Sir or Madam or Hermaphrodite:

I was surprised, delighted, and ever-so-slightly nauseated to receive your e-mail notification about the The Rogers Company Electric Armadillo Stretcher.

I have been looking for such a product for years, but despite searching in Wal-Marts on three continents, and scouring the world wide web-- including amazon.com, buy.com, and playboy.com-- I found it to be a fruitless wild goose chase, and I came up empty-handed. My hands contained neither fruit nor geese.



So I am definitely interested in ordering your product. I may even order more than one, as I am sure my elderly Aunt Cloise will want one. Now that she's old, and missing one eye from the Scrabble tile accident, one of the few joys in her life is cooking armadillos for a family feast. You ought to see the twinkle in her good eye as she peels the shells!

However, I have one question: Do they come in magenta?

Yours 4-eva,  
-Ryan Roe

[ Anthony ]

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**1990: Muppets Team Up with Mickey**      Oct 8   • 5523.44

**Scott**      Thanks for sharing, but what did you use to scan those, a wet sponge?

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**NYC World of Disney Store**      Oct 11   • 6020.22

**Peter**      As for the plush, Joe, think of it this way: "I can eat today or have Bean Bunny forever."

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**11 Year Old's Great Odyssey**      Oct 11   • 6066.9-12

**Kynan**      Thank God for friendly construction workers. They never turn a blind eye to an 11-year-old with car trouble. I'm just disappointed they didn't buy him a beer.

**Danny** I know, I'm not happy with the construction workers either. At least they didn't rape him, they've got that going for them.

**Kynan** They should all get T-shirts that say, "At least we didn't rape him." God bless those noble construction workers.

**Danny** I think we should all get T-shirts like that. We'd freak people out left and right.

[ Anthony ]

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**Buffy the Vampire Slayer**

Oct 14 • 6103.10-14

**Anthony** I don't, as a rule, like vampires that much. So I'm afraid that, as amusing and entertaining as the show sounds, my inherent anti-vampire bias will take over.

**Scott** Anthony. This is not a vampire show. Not the way you think it is. This is something entirely different. You would love Buffy.

**Anthony** Yeah, yeah, I know. I'll give it a shot eventually.

But honestly, it doesn't matter that I really fucking hate vampires?

**Cathy** Geez! What did vampires ever do to you???

## **A Muppet Show pet peeve**

Oct 17 • 6134.1-2

**David** James Coburn episode, Animal comes back at the goodnights in his kimono, and then we see him in his regular gear down in the pit. Continuity!

Now, I know it's not always feasible to pay attention to it. Animal was the main character of the Jimmy Coburn episode, so it's only natural he'd be onstage at the end of the show. But still... grr.

**Ryan R** You could tell yourself that the Animal in the pit is the real Animal, and the one onstage is his identical twin, Vegetable.

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## **Did You Vote Yet?**

Nov 2 • 6270.22-24

**Michal** This afternoon, we saw a bunch of kids lining a sidewalk carrying signs and cheering at drivers to vote for Kerry.

Two teenage boys dressed in red and black painted cardboard boxes and aluminum foil walked up to us.

Robot Boys: Vote for Kerry!

Michal: Hey, why the robots?

Boys: STRONGER!

Michal: But... you're made of cardboard.

Boy: She knows too much!

**Danny** I'm glad the robot vote is swinging blue.

[ Michal ]

**Daniel: NOOO, I AM POWERLESS!!!**

Nov 9 • 6332.1-9

**Daniel** My subscription ran out. I will weep.

and then... I will rebuild.

**Michal** We're talking about Sports Illustrated, right?

**Isha** I think he means Delphi Plus.

... or Nintendo Power.

**Shawn** Highlights for Kids.

**Danny** NOOO I AM POWERLESS Monthly?

**Shawn** I think I need a subscription to that.

**Danny** I would buy you one, but NOOO, I AM POWERLESS.

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**Tons of new Palisades photos**

Nov 11 • 6319.25

**Peter** Chucky was supposed to fall apart. Then, due to budget constraints, the decision was made that only his head would be removable. Then, due to the misalignment of the Saturn and Neptune, Palisades decided to make it one piece. Then, they convinced the people on the Palisades board to feel sorry for the company and be grateful that they were being giving the opportunity to give the company money at all.

**CBS producer interrupts CSI, loses job** Nov 13 • 6365.2-5

**John** I can't believe someone thought it was "breaking" news when he died. We'd only been getting hourly updates all week: "Arafat not well," "Arafat in coma," "Arafat's family makes plans for new sewing room." When he finally croaked, it was no real surprise.

CSI is icky.

**Danny** I think it's funny that they fired a producer for daring to throw a toothpick in the path of the CSI juggernaut. CSI must not be stopped under any circumstances!

Meanwhile, they interrupt soap operas every time there's a car accident that involves more than one car.

**Dave T** According to the story, the network had established set procedures for what would happen if Arafat died, and other established procedures for breaking into prime time programming. The producer who ordered the interruption followed none of them.

**Danny** Official CBS Procedure for Arafat's Death:

1. Locate the nearest box marked "Break glass in case of Arafat's death." Boxes are located near the elevators on every floor.
2. There is a hook on the side of each box. You will find a hand mirror and a back scratcher on the hook.
3. Standing well back, poke Arafat gently with the back scratcher. Observe closely.
4. If Arafat shows no signs of moving, carefully hold the hand mirror in front of his nose. Watch for signs of breathing.

5. If you do not observe any signs of life, do not attempt to revive Arafat yourself. Return to the box.
6. Break glass. Pull the red handle inside the box. This will sound the Arafat Death alarm.
7. Walk to the nearest emergency exit, and proceed down the fire stairs and out of the building.
8. Do not interrupt CSI.

[ Michal ]

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## Irreverent Miles

Nov 14 • 6381.1

### Quinn

The four of us are sitting in church this morning, and Miles and I are coloring an Elmo and Zoe's ABCs coloring book, and it's time for the sacrament. For Mormons, that means bread and water is passed to the congregation by 12 and 13 year old boys. And Miles has gotten really good at taking one piece of bread, not a handful, and taking his own tiny cup of water and drinking it, and being a pretty good boy.

And then today... we were sitting there, and he was on my lap, and today happened to be a very quiet day at church where you could here a pin drop. And Miles reaches over to the bread tray, takes a piece of bread, and says, "COOOOO-KIE!!!! NUM-NUM-NUM-NUM, AAAAHM-AHM-AHM-AHM!!!!" and crumbles up the bread in front of his mouth, letting some of it go in his mouth, some down the front of his shirt, on the floor, on me, etc.

My eyes bugged out, having the conflicting emotions of pride in my Muppet-loving son, embarrassment at scene-making, and finding the whole thing really funny...the funny won out, because I was trying to hold in a laugh, and then snorted really REALLY loud, and started laughing. Most of the congregation was laughing too, so it was cool.

COOOOOOO-KIE!!!!

**Attention Pet Sounds Fans!**

Nov 15 • 6345.8-9

**Anthony** I should put this on my Christmas list. I'm sure my mom the obedient present-buying robot would get it for me.

**Mark** \*pictures Anthony's mother clanking around\*

Wow, I can see her now. "Mama Robot, I want Smile for Christmas."

\*BzzZZzzTT! Yes, human son! Smile will be yours! I just ordered it from Amazon with my wireless ethernet!"

"Thanks, Mama Robot."

"You are welcome, my son. Now let me make you hot cocoa. Do you want marshmallows, or refreshing 3-in-1 Oil?"

**Anthony** That's surprisingly accurate.

Except not at all. That'd be sweet if it was though.

[ Anthony ]

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**Sweetums Hates George Bush**

Nov 17 • 6411.6

**Patrick** I'm just babbling.

Me no wanna workie.

**Ryan Roe: The Thread**

Nov 18 • 6424.8

**Ryan R** Oh, it's a thread named after me. Huh. I've always wanted something named after me. I was sort of hoping for a library, or a women's prison, or a toilet paper roll holder in somebody's apartment or dorm room. But a thread will do.

[ Michal ]

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**69 dude!**

Nov 19 • 6443.10

**Cathy** I'm actually petitioning to have the number 69 removed from the numerical system altogether and replaced with the number Jesus.

[ Ryan D ]

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**Goofy's Son...**

Nov 21 • 6450.6-7

**Quinn** Miles is really digging the Three Musketeers DVD – he's watched it every day since Thursday. And he likes warning them of danger. "Hey, watch out, Donald Duck! Careful, Donald Duck!"

**Jess** And Donald Duck is still okay by the end of the movie, so Miles is doing a good job.



### Kynan

Muppets Tonight vs The Muppet Show can be summed up in one word: Commitment.

In TMS, whatever they were doing, they were committed to it. A sweet, tear-jerking Bernadette Peters number? They went all-out. A big-ass, let's blow stuff up and throw penguins hoopla? They went even further out.

But MT was mostly about dipping toes into the water and never committing to anything. The moments that didn't work, it was because they were toying with the idea of being silly, or sweet, or corny, or violent, but not committing to it. The moments that did work all involved absolute commitment to the joke or concept.

Clifford was never committed. He wasn't *\*really\** cool, and he wasn't really funny. He was just going through the motions. He did puns like he was embarrassed to do them. Dennis Quaid was committed. He did those Great Balls of Fire gags like his life depended on them.

Bad jokes need to be sold to make them work. A corny delivery of a corny line results in a groan, but a sparky delivery can get a real laugh. Same applies to the music numbers and most of the sketches - the constant cutting away betrayed a lack of belief in their own material. What were supposed to be hip, knowing winks at the audience -- can you believe how crazy we are? -- ended up just undercutting what enjoyment was still left in the show.

Essentially, Muppets Tonight was made by committee and it looked like it. By the time it figured out its strengths, it had been dicked around by ABC too much to save it.

**Kynan** Scott, I came late to this thread as part of Kynan's TP Catch-Up Week, but if you'll allow me a moment, I think it's time for me to do my Belated Dance of Quicktime Love for Scott.

\*dances a Belated Dance of Quicktime Love for Scott\*

\*keeps dancing\*

\*dances a little more\*

\*appears to be done\*

\*starts up again\*

\*and is spent\*

Thank you.

**Kynan** \*starts up dancing one last time\*

\*finishes for real\*

**Scott** Between you and Disco Grover, I don't know who's cuter.

## **BAM reviews**

Nov 22 • 6451.16-19

**Cathy** I almost forgot to mention that when we got to BAM on Saturday morning, one of the first things we saw was a little cart selling Muppet merchandise... including the Jim Henson Palisades figure! He's beautiful. The pictures don't do him justice and can't compare to actually holding him in your hands.

So we all piled onto line and bought one. They sold out shortly after. (Jerry Juhl bought the last figure.)

**Anthony** That is the greatest thing I've ever heard.

**Cathy** Greater even than Carroll, upon seeing the Jim figure apparently for the first time – he didn't even know that they were making one – kissing his hand and putting it on the box? Because that was pretty great too.

**Anthony** Wow. That's beautiful. My head a splode.

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## **Things I learned at BAM**

Nov 23 • 6483.20-21

**Michal** Things I learned at BAM:

1. All Danny really wants is to be a pretty, pretty princess.
2. People besides myself can and will learn to love Yossi.
3. Patrick gives rockin' massages, but only once he verifies your awareness of his sexual orientation.
4. There was no year fifty and five.
5. Alaina's gonna get her Fleet Scribbled!

**Grant** No doubt she'll also get her Hem Locked. I mean, things could really get Herry. I wouldn't be surprised if she didn't end up a bit Frazzled.

Edited to add: I was going to say she'd get to meet Little Jerry, but I think that's a bit too Grosse.

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**Golden Girls Season 1 DVDs** Nov 23 • 6485.1

**Alaina** That's right, folks. Run, don't walk, but don't break a hip.

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**Sesame Street: Three More Years** Nov 24 • 6492.4

**Anthony** Excellent. I can't wait for Sesame Street to not ever end.

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**Palisades new figures speculation** Nov 24 • 6440.38-41

**Peter** My collection won't be complete without David Brinkley and Chet Huntley action figures.

Seriously, though. I've already got a giant chicken. Where are my Annie Sue and Wonder Pig?

**David** Your Annie Sue has been banished to the circle of hell where she belongs.

**Scott** Is that where my Annie Sue is too?

**Starz Family Muppet Marathon**

Nov 25 • 6514.1-2

**John** Muppet Treasure Island wasn't so bad. I enjoyed much of it! However, that heinous non-Muppet version of "Love Led Us Here" over the end of the credits should be shot. Twice.

**Kynan** Some closing songs make you long for a network to squeeze the credits to the side and start advertising a Blossom marathon.

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**Palisades new figures speculation**

Nov 28 • 6440.76

**Daniel** I think a Pretty Piggy line would work great.

All those costumes... SQUEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE... I mean, I should go drink some beers.

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Manly, manly beers.

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**Delphi forum promos**

Dec 1 • 3907.641

**Grant** If you were a "God".....  
How would you mislead others away from the Christian God? How would you mislead them?  
- In ~\*~The Freedom Exchange~\*~

I especially liked this one because of the repetition. I keep hearing it in Tutter's voice. "How would you mislead others away from the Christian God? HOW WOULD YOU MISLEAD THEM, BEAH???"

## Your Kids

Dec 1 • 6537.22-29

**Quinn** I have two, and we're planning on having one more. Most likely another boy, since we're getting pretty good at making those. He'll probably be coming out in Summer 2006, in case some of you want to start shopping early.

**Scott** Summer 2006... is there a teaser poster yet?

**Daniel** I'm guessing that they're more in a pre-production stage right now. Running through various scripts and things. Perhaps working on props.

I should stop.

**Mark** I'm just wondering if there will be an exclusive variant available from OhMyGodBlahBlahBlah.

**Ryan R** "Coming soon... Quinn and Melissa's Offspring Part III. This time it's personal."

Yeah, it should be a good one. I hear they've already signed up all the chromosomes to reprise their roles.

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## Guest Star Sequels

Dec 3 • 6560.22-23

**Scott** I'd still like to see Frank direct the next theatrical Muppet feature.

**Peter** And I'd like to have sex again before I die. Doesn't mean it's gonna happen.

## The Frog Prince

Dec 4 • 6569.3

**Quinn** Kermit is the best of the best. He's my hero, my idol, he's all that I aspire to be and fall short of. He's witty, charming, talented, a strong leader, able to confront others, he's good with kids, and he looks good naked, even with a little tummy. He's close with family, romantic when the need arises, and is patient without being indulgent.

He is the Frog of all Frogs.

I love him so.

[ Martha ]

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## Piggy on SNL and Regis?

Dec 5 • 6571.14

**Ryan R** I remember posting about that here, and nobody replied, so I felt foolish. But those were the earlier days of the forum, when there were only 2½ people here.

**Grant** That poor ½ guy. Whatever happened to him?

**Ryan R** He got sick of this place, so he split. Now he's two ¼ guys.

[ Michal ]

## **Nick and Jessica survivors**

Dec 6 • 6592.1

**Danny** So who amongst us watched the Nick & Jessica Family Christmas, supposedly to see if the Muppets would be on it, but really because we love watching Nick and Jessica?

\*raises hand\*

I sure did. And what a special it was! I adored it, as I adore all Nick and Jessica product.

I love watching Jessica sing into a microphone. I don't know who taught her to sing that way, but I'm so glad they did. It's like feeding time at the goldfish bowl. The best part is that there's even less reason to do that when she's lip-synching, but she does it anyway. Bless her heart.

[ Ryan R ]

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## **Peter: People Who Suck**

Dec 7 • 6599.11

**Isha** Want I should unleash my rage of a thousand suns on Brian?

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## **Drunken Appendix**

Dec 15 • 6065.7

**Danny** PS. For the sake of the children, I would like to say that drinking alcohol is not that much fun, and you shouldn't drink, unless you're really bored and have nothing else to do. Apparently a lot of adults don't know how to play video games.



**Christmas Love**

Dec 20 • 6704.5

**Anthony** Scott, I can't even express how much I look up to you, and so many other people around here. This forum is full of people I want to be when I grow up, and I love you all.

[ Michal ]

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**Snuffy's first appearance**

Dec 21 • 6706.8

**Daniel** New Snuffy makes me want to give a hug. Old Snuffy makes me want to sleep with a hunting rifle.

[ Cathy ]

## Merry Christmas my friends

Dec 2 • 6556.3

### Danny

Hey, Merry Christmas, Santa Claus! It's very good to hear  
That you are back in business, spreading Christmas joy this year.

I have a list, but careful -- took me all this year to make it.  
And it's kind of on the long side, so I hope that you can take it.

Alaina needs a new job -- so do Peter, Nate and Scott,  
Shawn needs to meet a publisher who likes his art a lot.

For Kynan, get his sitcom made -- for David, some big parts,  
For Ryan R, a Roemobile, so he can break some hearts.

For Julian, a visa, then a flight to SLC,  
And Patrick needs to move somewhere accessible to me.

Plus, Isha needs to meet a boy with all the best intentions,  
And Cathy needs a year that's free of any map conventions.

For Quinn, a class of Utah kids he's overjoyed to teach,  
For Tom, a girl -- for John, a boy -- and Nick wants one of each.

For Ryan D, a car so he can go to our events,  
For Emmy, student teaching that won't make her sad and tense.

For Mark, a new computer -- for Michal, some easy tests,  
For Daniel, peace and quiet -- he could use a little rest.

For Kellie, lots of Moomins, and for Martha, lots of smiles,  
For Smig, a big cartooning gig -- for Jog, some flyer miles.

Oh, Santa, this year, all the Tough Pigs need some TLC:  
For Mike, Dan, Amy, Carolyn, Guillermo, Anthony,  
Plus Grant, Thom, Jess, Doug, Warrick, David H and Scotty J,  
Andrew, Andy, Yancey, Yossi, and that guy who joined today...

But overall there's one big wish that I present to you:  
A happy year for all of us, where all our dreams come true.

Thank you, Santa.

your biggest fan,  
-- Danny

(And PS, Santa, for myself, if I deserve attention,  
I'd like forgiveness from the person I forgot to mention.)

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