2019 mid-year link clearance

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- [The screenplay for *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*](#) is online.

  > Sony was kind enough to make our [#Spiderverse](#) script available online. Here it is if you're interested. [https://t.co/CO2EQCKdD3](#)
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  > — Rodney Rothman (@rodneyrothman) [December 29, 2018](#)

- Apparently there's a [Fawlty Towers Live Themed Dinner Show](#), a dinner performance which incorporates scenes from the classic television series, under license from John Cleese and Connie Booth. There is also an apparently much more popular version, known as [Faulty [sic] Towers: The Dining Experience](#), which uses original scripts in an attempt to sidestep copyright issues.
- If you can't get enough nostalgia, there's also [Austen's Pride](#), a musical version of *Pride and Prejudice*, coming to Seattle this autumn.
- [Arkanoid is now a solved game](#): Perfect play calculated via brute force.
- [Physicist creates remarkable tennis-ball towers, including one made from 46 balls](#). Ah, recreational science.
- [I found 2 identical packs of Skittles among 468 packs with total 27,740 Skittles](#): Ah, recreational mathematics.
- Jacob Williamson [handicaps the Scripps National Spelling Bee](#). I am not making this up. This year's bee ran past midnight, ending when the organizers [ran out of words](#). I am not making this up. The organizers declared all eight remaining entrants co-winners. Williamson proclaimed this to be [Armageddon](#): "God is dead, and we have killed him." He places a large piece of blame on [SpellPundit](#), an app to help spellers master the hardest-to-spell words in the English language.
- You love mechanical computer keyboards, don't you? Of course you do. The seventh semi-annual [Seattle Mechanical Keyboard Meetup](#) takes place [July 27, 2019](#) at Seattle Pacific University.
- [Clippy: The Unauthorized Biography](#).
- [A conspiracy to kill IE6](#). I want to see more stories like this.
- [Racing Object Construction: a debugging tale](#).
- [The Mystery Of The 15-Minute-Long GC Pauses in a .NET Windows Service](#).

- [MSBuild log viewer](#) for debugging your vxcproj files.
- [Why does the Visual Studio C++ standard library use `_STD_BEGIN ... _STD_END` instead of `namespace std { ... }`](#)?

And the obligatory plug for my video appearances.

The One Dev Question folks even created [a playlist](#) of all my videos, which is either handy or frightening.

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