

The nonprofit producer of "Sesame Street" and other kids' programs, is cutting about one-fifth of its work force because of the economic downturn. The company said that it's eliminating 67 of 355 staff positions.\*\*\*

#### SIGN THINGS ARE BAD ON SESAME STREET

\*\*\*Big Bird is now living in a tent city.

\*\*\*Tickle-Me-Elmo now charging a nickel per tickle.

\*\*\*The Cookie Monster can no longer afford cookies, mainly just eating free samples from Costco.

\*\*\*The show was sponsored by the letters A I and G

\*\*\*Oscar the Grouch's garbage can was foreclosed on and he's moved in with Bert and Er