



"Every normal man must be tempted at times to spit upon his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin slitting throats." -- H.L. Mencken

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**Ken Blackwell: Did White House Give UK Green Light to Release Lockerbie Bomber?**

*Be warned, you will search in vain for evidence of this, apart from Obama's well-known softness on terrorism; he's just tossing the question out there -- an important question, to be sure. Just don't expect to find some memo or quote here*

**Time for Another Hard-Hitting TIME Story: Why Michelle Obama's Hair Matters**

*Amazingly, this woman is capable of wearing it in different styles. Can you believe that? Next thing you know we'll be flying aeroplanes and maybe landing on the Moon!*

**Florida Gov. Crist To Name Ex-Chief Of Staff To Replace**

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**August 20, 2009**

## Overnight Open Thread (Mætenloch)

No kittens tonight. Just solid, serious ONT discussion material.

And here we go...

### Item #1: 5 Disturbingly Specific Magazines

Nowadays bookstores carry more magazines than you can shake a stick at - easily over 1000+ titles. Most are just variations on existing themes (cars, sports, crafts, etc.), but occasionally you come across a magazine that exposes you to a demographic that you never even knew existed before. And the mags at the bookstores are just the ones with mass appeal. There are many other magazines out there that cater to *really* niche-y groups.

The link above has some good ones but I've found a few more. Note that the rules require that the periodical in question actually be printed and sold somewhere which rules out otherwise worthy contenders such as **Modern Drunkard Magazine**. [Update: The Drunken Conservative who seems to know whereof he speaks points out that you can indeed buy print subscriptions to MDM] Here they are:

1. **Sheep!** The voice of the independent flockmaster.
2. **American Coin-Op** The monthly magazine devoted to owners of self-serve laundries.
3. **Girls and Corpses** Apparently for the heterosexual zombie aficionado. Personally I prefer to keep my vices separate but to each his own. [warning: borderline NSFW]
4. **Mushing** The international magazine of dog powered adventure.
5. **Transgender Tapestry** I think you all can guess what demographic this is for.
6. ¡Alarma! A Mexican magazine dedicated to graphic photos of death, decapitations, and scantily-clad women. It's so graphic that I won't even link to it - you'll have to find it on your own.

But here is my favorite one of all:

**Bacon Busters** Australia's only magazine dedicated to pig hunting. I'm particularly curious about the Babes and Boars section.

## Recent Comments

**Mark:** "When the beast has no funds the beast will die. ..."

**chad:** "trying to create a brand of "Charlie Crist Republi ..."

**TexasJew:** "So when is Christopher Reeves going to walk again? ..."

**Dr. Kervorkian:** "I'd better brush up on my Spanish. ..."

**Sharon Begley (former beauty queen):** "This report by the Non-Partisan Congressional Rese ..."

**dananjcon:** "This fucking bill is a steaming pile of bullshit. ..."

**George Orwell:** "Gosh, that pesky State Department. If only Barry ..."

**curious:** "Posted by: Tweet Phillip Sousa at August 28, 2009 ..."

**Stedman Graham:** "Damn sock puppet again. I sometimes get myself con ..."

**naturalfake:** "Why ChappiquiddiCare? Because once the governme ..."

**dananjcon:** "And, we'll manufacture cowbells of course! ..."

**nyc redneck:** "o loves commie thugs in office everywhere. more a ..."

## Recent Entries

**Non-Partisan Congressional Research Service: Yes, ChappaquiddiCare Would Cover Illegal Aliens. In Fact, Illegal Aliens are Required**

**Martinez In Senate.** *He'll be a caretaker until next year's election.*

**Big Duh:** Just 4% of Jewish Israelis Think Obama is Pro-Israel (Down from 31% Three Months Ago)  
*He's destroying our relationships with our allies!*

**Penis enlargement thief** faces over 200 years behind bars. *Obviously, he should have invested the \$88K he stole with identity theft in lace wigs instead of penis enlargements.*

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**Washed Up, Scary Looking Old Lady Gets Boomed** When She Tries To Lecture Europeans On How They Should Think. *Maybe Madonna should have checked with Cher before spouting off about Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves.*

**Even the British Are Unhappy** With the Release of the Lockerbie Bomber  
*61% disapprove in Times poll. Most think it was about oil, not compassion.* (Mæt)

**Britain's Long Decline: Home Office Attempting to Replace Traditional Pint Glasses** (Made of, Um, *Glass*) With "Safer" Plastic Ones  
*Oy. \*smashes pint glass in face\**

**British Law Student Successfully Sues University Over Low Grades**  
*Clearly she mastered the essentials.* (Mæt)

**Dad who ate his son's eyeballs** won't stand trial. *Judge rules that he might not be mentally competent. Of course the PCP he was on might've had something to do with it.* (genghis)

**Russians Take 'Worst Tourists in the World' Crown** From the Germans  
*So much for the 'Ugly American'* (Mæt)

**Addicted to the Internet?**  
*New "Betty Ford" clinic for cyber-junkies now available. 14,500 buys you 45 days of social skills training and intensive goat interaction.* [krak]

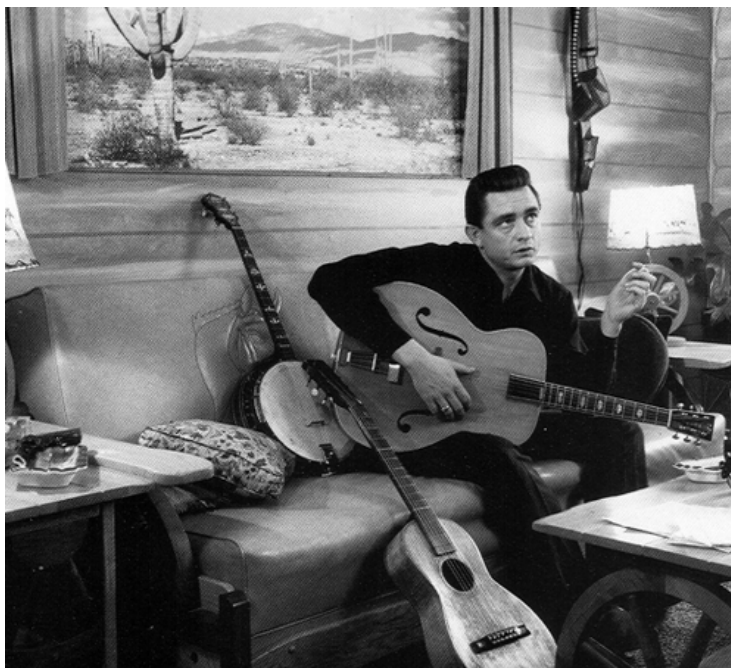


### Item #2: Why Curveballs Seem to Break

One of the minor mysteries of baseball is why curveballs are so effective. Sure curveballs actually do curve as wind tunnels and high speed cameras have shown but only slightly and in a smooth way. And humans are very good at tracking and hitting smoothly moving objects especially MLB-type humans. And yet most baseball players have a hard time hitting curveballs and often describe them as having a 'sharp break' at the last moment. How come?

Well the answer seems to be that it's an optical illusion that happens when the ball moves from a hitter's central to peripheral vision. Watch the animation at the link and see if it happens to you too.

Tonight's post brought to you by a man in black:



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