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6 Ways to Change the World Glenn Reynolds-Style

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This is Week 6 of Season 3 in my new [13 Weeks of Wild Man Writing and Radical Reading Series](#). Every week day I try to blog about compelling writers, their ideas, and the news cycle's most interesting headlines.

From the primordial, pajamahadeen era of the blogosphere, Glenn Reynolds has been a tremendous influence on untold numbers of writers, bloggers, and New Media troublemakers. While others' influence has waned and once-dominant voices have now lost their relevance, Glenn has grown brighter as a beacon of hopeful, future-minded light. Here are six ways to draw from his knowledge and experiences to make your own changes in yourself and your world:

1. Read [Instapundit](#), the best news aggregation blog.

Everyone who uses Twitter or Facebook is Instapundit today. Glenn was just ahead of the curve. The format, style, and vocabulary that he developed with Instapundit is what just about every political tweeter does today whether they realize it or not. Glenn rose up through pioneering the New Media genre known as micro-blogging — the practice of doing frequent, quick updates of what's new and consequential in the world.

The lesson of Instapundit, its rise and continued success is a recognition of the nature of today's media and technological environment. If you want to grow the number of people who are listening to you then you have to start talking and you have to keep them engaged. Obviously everybody can't go at the rate of posts that Glenn somehow manages. But the general principle applies for everyone interested in using New Media to do something. One should cast their line into the big black void of the web as frequently as possible. A blogger with a dozen great posts a week on a number of subjects is likely to grow a bigger following than the specialist who does a handful of excellent posts on the same subject each week. Flexibility and adaptability are vital to success in today's New Media world.

2. Implement an [Army of Davids](#)-style strategy in your life

This 2006 manifesto by Glenn should be regarded as a founding document of Conservatism 3.0. New Media activists should start here, and Megan Fox did at PJ Lifestyle in her ongoing series about her push to stop the Orland Park Library's tolerance of public pornography and sexual predators. In this [part here](#) she started by quoting from *Army of Davids*:

Power once concentrated in the hands of a professional few has been redistributed into the hands of the amateur many... Millions of Americans who were once in awe of the punditocracy now realize that anyone can do this stuff — and that many unknowns can do it better than the lords of the profession.

Megan is up against a library bureaucracy that rather than dialogue with her would demonize her and defend the rights of men to watch hardcore pornographic films in the computer labs of public libraries. She did Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to discover that library staff had systematically been neglecting reporting crimes. Further FOIA requests revealed how library staff responded to her complaints.

- [VIDEO: Mother Confronts Library Board about Porn-Filled Library Lab and Its Librarian Defenders](#)
- [Librarian Logic: I Hate Censorship So I Censored You on Facebook](#)

- [Staff Response to Sex Crime Reported at Orland Park Public Library: 'He Doesn't Mean Anything'](#)
- [After Woman Reports Public Masturbation, Library Staff Moves Her to Different Computer](#)
- [Full Exposure and Public Masturbation? Librarian Warns Don't Do That Again](#)
- [Teen Touches Himself In Front of a Child and Library Director Does Nothing](#)
- [Child Porn Accessed At Orland Park Public Library, Staff Doesn't Believe Witnesses](#)
- [Anyone Can Do This Stuff. Professionals Need Not Apply](#)
- [Orland Park Public Library's 'Freedom Plaza' Is Not So Free](#)
- [Orland Park Public Library's Spokesperson Admits to Report of Child Porn](#)
- [Orland Park Public Library Board Member Admits to Porn Problem in Internal Email...](#)
- [Public Library Director Emails Police to Have Me Investigated for Writing a Song about the 2nd Amendment](#)

3. Learn to master the op/ed column, and start by reading Glenn's [USA Today columns](#) each week

Whatever field you're engaged in in life, at one time or another you are going to need to fight for something you believe in. You'll need to figure out how to persuade someone to come around to your position. In winning over your new ally you will have finite time — a limited word count. You will be in competition with distraction and perhaps even others with competing ideas.

Glenn's weekly columns are models of how to argue effectively and persuade. Glenn is among the best models here of how to present freedom-based ideas to broader, general audiences beyond the conservative blog world. That is something I don't hear discussed enough. I'm so sick of the standard right-wing, conservative boilerplate. With Glenn he's always framing concepts in fresh ways that can't be easily dismissed.

4. Prepare for the Pop of the Higher Education Bubble

For years Glenn has been blogging and writing on the decline of higher education, in particular the effect of federally subsidized student loans for increasing the cost and lowering the value of an undergraduate degree.

See Glenn's Encounter broadsides [The Higher Education Bubble](#) and [The K-12 Implosion](#); they are the prelude to his [new book The New School: How the Information Age Will Save American Education from Itself, out in January](#), diagnosing the problem and offering his Army of Davids solutions.

5. Seek Deep Discussion on Instavision

On Glenn's PJTV show he interviews fascinating authors and thinkers. He continues on the William F. Buckley Jr. *Firing Line* tradition of intellectually rich but still entertaining and hopeful dialogues.

6. Optimistic Futurism!

Glenn is both a source of practical knowledge and an emotional inspiration. Infused throughout Glenn's media output is an upbeat picture of the future. Perhaps a part of this is just how much he's imagined the future and seen much of it come to pass over the last decades. The Army of Davids is growing and [Moore's Law](#) applies to our weapons too. As technology continues to grow twice as powerful and half as expensive, human beings will have more and more power to free themselves and defend their families and communities from all manner of Goliaths.

And now here is a collection of the previous week's PJM stories with excerpts and some comments from me...

PJ Media Story Round Up

Lead PJM Stories

Tuesday

David Steinberg: [MEDICAID FOR AL-OAEDA? Obamacare Flaw Allows Anyone on Earth To Fraudulently Enroll Through Healthcare.gov](#)

So: how simple is it to fraudulently enroll for Medicaid under the rules governing Obamacare?

Submit *electronic copies* of a false affidavit and a false work document while claiming to be a member of the “presumed eligible” populations, and you are required to get at least 90 days.

Most troubling, the establishment of Healthcare.gov and the other state-run exchanges allows this fraud to be perpetrated from anywhere on the planet. I asked Edwards:

PJM: “Based on the HHS/CMMS rules, couldn’t, say, al-Zawahiri get himself auto-enrolled with a “reasonable opportunity period” from a laptop in Pakistan?”

Edwards: “I hadn’t thought of that. Yes.”

Bravo, David. An extraordinary piece of reporting.

Michael Ledeen: [Killers on the Loose in Iran](#)

Reuters is trying to educate us, to their credit, publishing [an investigation](#) of the wealth of the supreme leader. So far, only the first of three articles has appeared, but it’s pretty eye-opening. Reuters credits Khamenei for a personal — not institutional, but personal — fortune of about \$95 billion. A lot of that came from taking away the property of his fellow Iranians. Indeed, the article begins with just such a case, an 82-year-old woman who lost her home, and those of her kids, because the leader wanted them.

In addition to underestimating Iranian corruption, we also underestimate the extent of internal conflict. There’s a lot of fighting among several factions, ranging from the Khamenei family to two or three elements of the Revolutionary Guards, the high clergy in Qom, the bazaaris, the Ahmadinejad loyalists, and the Larijani mafia. The regime is riven by a war of all against all, especially as Khamenei’s health periodically worsens, and his foreign doctors perform their miracles to enable him to function.

The factions are fighting for power and wealth, and I would not be surprised to see other top officials killed or wounded in the weeks and months to come.

Yet another reason for the West to maintain or increase pressure on the Iranian tyrants, and support the oppressed people of that most unhappy land.

Claudia Rosett: [The Modesty of Our Veterans](#)

Rick Richman: [Syria and the Sucker’s Deal: John Kerry Pushes Another Transparent Lie](#)

Bridget Johnson: [Texas Lawmakers Ready for Fight to Overturn Fort Hood 'Workplace Violence' Label](#)

Victor Davis Hanson: [America's Wilderness Years](#)

Bryan Preston: [Even the Pitiful Obamacare Enrollment Number the White House Will Report Will Be a Lie](#)

News broke on Monday that [maybe 50,000, tops, have enrolled in Obamacare](#). News broke later that that number may not be the number that the White House releases at the end of this week. The *Washington Post's* Sarah Kliff [quotes](#) an administration official who says that "enroll" will get a broad definition in the official numbers.

Monday

Michael Walsh: [The Permanent Bipartisan Fusion Party, Gangland, the Chief Justice and the Patient Deflection and Unaffordable Care Act](#)

Bryan Preston: [Early Numbers Suggest Tiny Enrollment for Obamacare](#)

Ed Driscoll: [Ponzi-palooza: Obama Versus Bernie Madoff](#)

Andrew Klavan: [Blessed Are the Peacemakers](#)

Stephen Green: [2014: The Collapsing Obamaconomy](#)

Michael Ledeen: [What Happened in Geneva? What Does It Mean?](#)

David P. Goldman: [A Thought for Veterans Day: Praise for Preemptive War](#)

Andrew Klavan: [Why Leftists Are Taught that Conservatives Are Evil](#)

Weekend

Ed Driscoll: [Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word](#)

J. Christian Adams: [Will Gov. Bob McDonnell Cost Mark Obenshain the Virginia AG Seat?](#)

Kim Zigfeld: [Putin Deserves a Dunce Cap for Russia's Annual Report Card](#)

Roger Kimball: [Obama's Republic of Lies](#)

Frank J. Fleming: [Why Republicans Are Absolutely, Completely, 100% at Fault for the Botched Obamacare Rollout](#)

Frank's comedic gifts are numerous. I always enjoy reading his satirical pieces — a very talented writer.

Rick Moran: [White Guy Wins Election After Making Voters Think He's Black](#)

David Solway: [Islamic Thugismo at Work](#)

Jonathan Spyer: [After the Pax Americana](#)

Ion Mihai Pacepa: [Decades Later, Still a Death Sentence for Dissidents](#)

In the past five years, 6,284 people sentenced by the communists for, in one way or another, helping the United States and NATO to demolish the Soviet empire have asked to have their sentences canceled, but only three have succeeded—because of media pressure. More than 500,000 patriots killed or terrorized by the communists have yet to be rehabilitated.

Friday

Roger L. Simon: [How Can We Possibly Trust Obama on Iran?](#)

The good news is that the Iranians may be too fractious a society themselves to make a real deal (and then quietly go about building what weapons of mass destruction they desire the way the North Koreans have been able to do.) But I wouldn't count on it. Remember Rouhani was one of Ayatollah Khamenei's few approved candidates. In fact, the Iranians seem to rotate "moderates" (Khatami) and "hardliners" ([Ahmadinejad](#)) in order to manipulate outside pressures. I'm not sure which I prefer. The "hardliners" are more publicly noxious, but the "moderates" are probably more dangerous.

As important as Obamacare and other economics issues are, let's hope Congress is paying very close attention to these Iran negotiations. A president who is becoming increasingly defensive with each passing day is likely to do something erratic and dangerous. We cannot let him. Otherwise it will certainly be "Israel alone." Maybe it already is.

Stephen Kruisher: [The Lightbringer Confirms What We've Known All Along: He's Sorry](#)

David P. Goldman: [New York Is Just Fine — De Blasio Is Broken](#)

Tom Blumer: ['Zeke the Bleak' at His Putrid Peak](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

Andrew C. McCarthy: [Amir Taheri Still Flush with Spring Fever](#)

Bridget Johnson: [Obama Tells Texas Donors He's Fixin' to Get GOP 'Back in Functioning State'](#)

John Rosenberg: [Obama's Second, and Continuing, Big Lie](#)

David P. Goldman: [Why Fiddler on the Roof Disgusts Me](#)

I always learn so much from David's pieces. Fascinating — I never knew about the changes made between *Fiddler on the Roof* and its source material.

Ron Radosh: [The Triumph of the Left in New York City: How and Why De Blasio Won](#)

Bill Straub: [The Obamacare Fix-It Frenzy: Congress Seizes on Rollout Flop](#)

Roger L. Simon: [Liberalism, the Decline of an Illusion](#)

Bryan Preston: [CNN: As Bad As You May Think Obamacare's Rollout Was, It Was Far Worse](#)

Bridget Johnson: [VIDEO: Sebelius Admits Felons Could Be Obamacare Navigators](#)

PJ Lifestyle Stories on the Home Page

Tuesday

Robert Spencer: [Conan O'Brien Discovers: Muslim Polygamy Is No Joke](#)

Monday

Paula Bolyard: [4 CNN Liberals Walk into a Bar... and Defend Gun Rights?](#)

Me: [So What's Your Problem? Why Aren't You a Republican Yet?](#)

Walter Hudson: [This Veterans Day, Don't Call It Sacrifice](#)

P. David Hornik: [The Ten Worst Purveyors of Antisemitism Worldwide, #4: the BBC](#)

Weekend

Kathy Shaidle: [Dean Martin Roasts: Remembrance of Zings Past](#)

Walter Hudson: [To Know God, We Must First Confess Not Knowing Much](#)

Theodore Dalrymple: [Can Money Become Medicine?](#)

Paula Bolyard: [Compare and Contrast: Leno Interviewing Obama and Cruz](#)

A very effective media dissection from Paula.

John Boot: [5 Reasons Why Thor Is a Second-Rate Superhero Franchise](#)

Unfortunately the Boot is right. Sigh.

Walter Hudson: [Tearing Down the Joneses: Fostering Envy Over Wealth Distribution](#)

Walter does such a forthright job of explaining economic concepts in an accessible way.

Friday

P. David Hornik: [The Ten Worst Purveyors of Antisemitism Worldwide, # 5: the Guardian](#)

Becky Graebner: [Richest Americans Are Going 'Conservative' with Car Purchases](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

Stephen Green: [Blockbuster's a Dud](#)

Kathy Shaidle: [An Unlikely Canadian Hero's Tale of Non-Violent Defiance](#)

Rhonda Robinson: [VIDEO: The Country Music Awards Parody 'Obamacare by Morning'](#)

Bonnie Ramthun: [Battered Voter Syndrome](#)

Chris Queen: [The Miami Dolphins: A Soap Opera for Football Fans](#)

New at PJ Lifestyle

Tuesday

Megan Fox: [Public Library Director Emails Police to Have Me Investigated for Writing a Song about the 2nd Amendment](#)

Megan's reporting on the saga with the public library is incredible. We knew that they would try to demonize her, but this is just absurd. And don't think this library director is an aberration — people with her ideology routinely get to the top of today's library bureaucracies. The library field has been just as infiltrated and subverted by cultural Marxists as academia and elementary education.

Becky Graebner: [Washington, D.C.'s 'Super Zip Codes'](#)

Kathy Shaidle: [So I Guess I Have To Talk About Rob Ford, Huh?](#)

The only story you need to read about the story of Toronto's wildly popular mayor.

Monday

Stephen Kruiser: [Common Core Slips Creepy Politics Into An English Lesson](#)

Megan Fox: [Orland Park Public Library Board Member Admits to Porn Problem in Internal Email...](#)

Megan actually did FOIA requests of the library emails that mentioned her. The results are amazing.

Ron Radosh: [Divided and United, Songs of the Civil War that Demand to be Heard Again and Again](#)

Charlie Martin: [A Veterans Day Bleg](#)

Andrew Klavan: [This Veterans Day, Blessed Are The Peacemakers](#)

Weekend

Chris Queen: [Judeo-Christian Themes in the Smashing Pumpkins' Oceania, Part 7: Repentance](#)

P. David Hornik: [The Ten Worst Purveyors of Antisemitism Worldwide, #4: the BBC](#)

Michael Lumish: [Why I am Disgusted and Horrified](#)

Susan L.M. Goldberg: [White Chicks be Pimpin' their Black Hos](#)

Paula Bolyard: [Right This Very Minute Someone Is Being Tortured](#)

Charlie Martin: [13 Weeks: trans-gressions](#)

Rhonda Robinson: [Get Ready To Decorate With the 'Spirit' of Christmas Instead of Its Theme](#)

Sarah Hoyt: [How to Make Sure your Story Is Publishable](#)

Megan Fox: [Orland Park Public Library's Spokesperson Admits to Report of Child Porn](#)

Friday

Susan L.M. Goldberg: [A Job Many Women Would Kill For](#)

Megan Fox: [Orland Park Public Library's 'Freedom Plaza' Is Not So Free](#)

Chris Queen: [Rehabbing Karl Marx Yet Again](#)

Sarah Hoyt and Charlie Martin's Book Plug Friday: [A Dual Publishing Strategy for Crazy People](#)

Susan L.M. Goldberg: [75 Years Later, You Can't Forget What You Don't Know](#)

Ed Driscoll: [Who's Afraid of Ender's Game?](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

Stephen Green: [Drug War Depravity: From Traffic Stop to 8 Cavity Searches](#)

Kathy Shaidle: [Dean Martin Roasts: Remembrance of Zings Past](#)

Bridget Johnson: [Britney Spears Used as Somali Pirate Repellent](#)

Walter Hudson: [Does Graduate School Make People Statist?](#)

Chris Queen: [Dolphins' Coaches Reportedly Told Richie Inconigito To Toughen Up Jonathan Martin](#)

Susan L.M. Goldberg: [Useful Intellectuals: Framing Marx for the Next Generation](#)

Becky Graebner: [Debunking the Sorority and Fraternity Myth—It's All 'Greek' to You](#)

New at PJ Tatler

Monday and Tuesday

Raymond Ibrahim [Discusses 'Crimes Against Humanity' Charge Against Obama](#)

Howard Nemerov: [Gonzaga University Punishes Students for Defensive Gun Use](#)

Myra Adams: [Caption Contest Winner: Is George Washington Crying While Obama Apologizes About Obamacare?](#)

Weekend and Friday

Rick Moran: [Deadbeats to Prosper Under Obamacare](#)

Rick: [The One Sector of the Economy Where Job Creation is Booming](#)

Rick: [A Final Toast to Doolittle's Raiders](#)

Rick: [Will the GOP's 'Keep Your Plan Act' Save Obamacare?](#)

Stephen Kruisher: [Ombudsman Tells NPR Listeners to Stop Whining About Mara Liasson Being On FNC](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

Howard Nemerov: [Lessons from the Krick's Korner Robbery](#)

Matt Vespa: [10 Reasons the Better Man Lost in Virginia](#)

[Myra Adams: McAuliffe Topped Obama's 2012 Share of Virginia's Hispanic Vote — 66 to 64 Percent](#)

From the PJ
Tatler's Editor
Bryan Preston

Tuesday

[HHS Now Begging People to Use Terribly Unsecure Healthcare.gov](#)

[Reporter Asks Carney: Won't Keeping Obama's Healthcare Promise Destroy Obamacare?](#)

[From the Minds Behind 'Brosurance,' Comes Ho-surance](#)

[Senate: Democrat Incumbent's Lead Vanishes After Obamacare's Rollout](#)

[Memo Warned of 'Limitless' Obamacare Security Problems, but CMS Security Chief Claims Ignorance](#)

[Tatling at CNN: 'Voter ID Critics Proved Wrong'](#)

[Bill Clinton: Obama Should Honor His 'Keep Your Plan' Promise](#)

[Poll: Majority of Likely Voters Favor Repealing Obamacare](#)

[Obamacare Bureaucracy's Definition of 'Enroll' Not the Same as the White House's Definition of 'Enroll'](#)

Monday

[Hateful, White Southern Partisan Wants Full Investigation into Obamacare's Failures](#)

[Democrats Disapprove People's Choice for Annapolis Mayor](#)

[John McCain: You Know, A Lot of People Want Me to Run for President Again](#)

[Dem. Rep. Grijalva: Republicans 'Chip Away' at Obamacare With Bills Forcing Obama to Keep His Promise](#)

[Atheists Now Setting up Their Own 'Mega-Churches'](#)

[Politico Unashamed to be In Bed with Deep-Pocketed Leftwing Smear Artist](#)

[Antarctic Sea Ice Growing, Unexpectedly!](#)

[In Obama's America, We're all Pregnant, Have Stage Four Cancer, and Want a Sex Change](#)

Friday

[Howard Dean Says There's Another Obamacare Crisis Coming. It's Not the One You Think It Is.](#)

[Obama Says Obamacare is 'Like having a really good product and the cash registers don't work'](#)

[Did the Obamacare IT Chief 'Retire' for Doing the Right Thing?](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

[BREAKING: Democrat PAC Attempted to Breach Security, Trespass on a GOP Event at a Public School](#)

[Snarky TIME Cover Calls Chris Christie the 'Elephant In The Room'](#)

[CBS: Yesterday's 'Spicy' White House Meeting Was Just to Make Vulnerable Democrats Look Good](#)

[CNN's *Crossfire* is a Ratings Misfire](#)

[Wendy Davis Tells Court: That Mean Newspaper Hurt My Brain!](#)

[Vulnerable Dems Rip Obamacare in Secret 'Spicy' White House Meeting](#)

[PolitiFact Rates Obama's Newest Lie](#)

[Healthcare.gov's Tech Chief Leaves](#)

[Video Flashback: HHS Secretary Sebelius Touts the Wonders of Healthcare.gov](#)

[Democrats' Voter ID Theater Culminates with Act of Brave Defiance and Silly Self-Disenfranchisement, but Mostly Silly Self-Disenfranchisement](#)

[Pro-Abortion Filibusterer Wendy Davis: 'I am pro-life'](#)

[Putin Regime Exiles Pussy Riot Rocker to Siberia](#)

[VIDEO — Sebelius Says Up is Down](#)

[VIDEO — Jon Stewart Rips Obama for Lying About Lying About Obamacare](#)

[Obama to Waste Time in Texas Urging Gov. Perry to do Something that He Cannot and Will Not Do](#)

[So, How Many Votes Did the Texas Voter ID Law 'Suppress'?](#)

From PJM's
Washington D.C.
Editor Bridget
Johnson

Monday and Tuesday

[Kerry: U.S. Was 'Very, Very Close, Extremely Close' to Inking Deal with Iran](#)

[Former Lt. Governor Declares the GOP Dead in Montana](#)

[Chairman: Homeland Security Vacancies Show Obama 'Not Taking National Security Seriously'](#)

[McDermott: Obamacare Outrage Part of Plot 'All Fabricated to Destroy the Safety Net'](#)

[Patriot Act Author Tells EU Parliament That U.S. Needs to Reform Surveillance](#)

[Sanders: U.S. Needs to Declare 'Planetary Crisis' on Climate Change](#)

[Graham: 60 Minutes Retraction Won't Affect Benghazi Holds](#)

[U.S. Sends Typhoon Aid, Kerry Injects His Own Drama Into Condolences](#)

[Veterans Day Marked with Legislative Pushes from Lawmakers, Administration](#)

Friday

[OMB Issues 27-Page Report Assessing Shutdown Woe](#)

[Libertarian Party Leader Calls Allegation That Va. Candidate Was a Dem Plant an 'Outright Lie'](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

[VIDEO: The Obama Truth-O-Meter](#)

[Conservative Rep. King Says Tea Party 'Stronger in Some States and Weaker in Others'](#)

[Libertarian Party Lauds Sarvis Toll as Their Third-Best Gubernatorial Showing](#)

[Abortion Battle Unfolding in Senate Today Over Graham Bill](#)

[VIDEO: Pelosi Delivers Top 10 List on David Letterman](#)

[VIDEO: Sebelius Admits Felons Could Be Obamacare Navigators](#)

[Al Jazeera 'Stone Cold Certain' Arafat Poisoned with Polonium](#)

[Netanyahu Reminds Kerry That Iran Hasn't Given Up the 'Death to America' Chants](#)

[Conn. Dem: 'You're Not Gonna Re-Order One-Sixth of the Economy Without Winners and Losers'](#)

[Harkin Declares America Liberated from 'Crappy, Junk Policies'](#)

From PJM's Breaking News Columnists

From PJM's
Colordado Editor,
Vodkapundit
Stephen Green,

Tuesday

[Read It and Weep](#)

[Your ObamaCare Fail of the Day](#)

[What Is Your Incarceration Status, Comrade?](#)

[Required Viewing](#)

[Google's Big Oops](#)

[Fill it to the RIM — With \\$85 Million Dollars?](#)

[YouTube + Netflix = Half the Net](#)

[D'oh!](#)

Monday

[Guaranteed Charged](#)

[Your Second ObamaCare Fail of the Day](#)

[Posted Without Comment](#)

[Your ObamaCare Fail of the Day](#)

[News You Can Use](#)

[Tapped.](#)

[We're from the Government and We're Here to Help with ObamaCare](#)

[Required Reading](#)

[A Gentle Reminder](#)

[Get Off the Stump](#)

[Your Monday Morning Dose of Doom & Gloom](#)

Friday

[Friday Night Videos](#)

[But for the Grace of Zuckerberg Go I](#)

[Required Reading](#)

[Quote of the Day](#)

[There's Very Little Time to Move to Yesses](#)

[The Incredible Shrinking Opportunities for Young People](#)

[Posted Without Comment](#)

[Partially Defatted Cooked Beef Fatty Tissue](#)

[These Aren't the Policies You're Looking For](#)

[Your ObamaCare WIN of the Day!](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

[And Guest Starring Tammy Bruce](#)[Now That's Chutzpah](#)[All Aboard the Middle East Nuclear Arms Race](#)[Another Fine Roost for Another Fine Chicken](#)[Chickens, Home, Roost](#)[Your Social Media Fail of the Day](#)[News You Can Use](#)[Blockbuster's a Dud](#)[Down the Hatch](#)[Cops Gone Wild](#)

Horrific. A stomach-churning story.

[Today's Pravda: It Is Only a Website](#)[Ricepocalypse Now](#)[Another iPad Victim](#)["It's worse than you think."](#)[The Doctor Is Out](#)[Where's the Other People's Money At?](#)

The amazing thing about capitalism is that it can work on any scale. A continent-wide, resource rich country such as this one can grow from a few million farmers and merchants into an industrial superpower of a hundred million over the span of a century or so. Or a port and fishing village like Hong Kong can become a financial superpower.

Collectivism on the other hand requires a constantly-increasing pool of victims just to tread water, a problem admitted here by Mikulski even if her language is (ahem) a bit more generous.

[Name! That! Pundit!](#)[GOP Circular Firing Squad Fires](#)[You Can't Touch This](#)

[Your Best Idea for Bringing Integrity Back to Our Elections?](#)

From PJM's San
Jose Ed Driscoll

Tuesday

[‘Hope is All Obamacare Has Left’](#)

[The Lost Decade](#)

Monday

[What Difference, At This Point, Does It Make?](#)

[Cracked.com Versus Cracked Actor](#)

[Present-Tense Barry](#)

[What a Difference a Decade Makes at the WaPo](#)

[All Midterms Are Now Nationalized](#)

[The More You Know](#)

[Ponzi-palooza: Obama Versus Bernie Madoff](#)

Weekend and Friday

[Trapped in TV Land](#)

[Always the Last to Know](#)

[The Revolution will not be Televised](#)

[Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word](#)

[UC Berkeley Bans Term 'Illegal Immigrant'](#)

[Terra Incognita](#)

[Trailers from Hell](#)

[The Hole Truth](#)

[21st Pivoting Schizoid 'Bam](#)

[Watching the Wheels Fall off the Axelrod](#)

[In Soviet America, Contract Walks Away From You!](#)

[Political Purveyors of Effectual Truthiness, Then and Now](#)

[Nobody Expects the Unexpectedly!](#)

Thursday and Wednesday

[The Silence of the *Mad Men*](#)

[Shot, Chaser, Hangover](#)

[Won't Get Myzled Again](#)

[Barack to the Future: Mark Steyn on *America Alone* in 2006](#)

[Administration 'Trains' Journalists on How to Cover Obamacare](#)

[VCR Alert](#)

[Question Asked and Answered](#)

[Who's Afraid of Ender's Game?](#)

Now is the time when we juxtapose, *Small Dead Animals*-style:

Upon learning in 1928 of T. S. Eliot's conversion to Christianity, [Virginia Woolf wrote to her sister](#):

I have had a most shameful and distressing interview with poor dear Tom Eliot, who may be called dead to us all from this day forward. He has become an Anglo-Catholic, believes in God and immortality, and goes to church. I was really shocked. A corpse would seem to me more credible than he is. I mean, there's something obscene in a living person sitting by the fire and believing in God.

Flash-forward to the present day...

This post is a textbook example of Ed's master juxtaposition abilities.

[The Stench of Hell](#)

The 1970s throughout America were a decade of hideous fashions, bloated underperforming automobiles, soaring crime, and rampant graffiti. But I think you could make a case that unless you lived in the American Northeast in the 1970s, you couldn't appreciate just how ugly the decade truly was. In South Jersey, where I grew up, even the trains that went through your town had a newfound putrescent decay and squalor.

Pardon the Sheldon Cooper-esque railroad-themed flashback to follow, but honest, I do have a point with this. In 1968, transportation behemoths the New York Central System and the Pennsylvania Railroad merged, forming the Penn Central. The paint scheme the newly formed railroad chose for its locomotives was a basic black, with [a huge misshapen modernist-inspired "Mating Worms" PC logo](#) and block sans-serif typeface underneath. The real problems began in 1970, when the railroad declared bankruptcy, and the expense of cleaning and maintaining the equipment was reduced to a low priority indeed.

[Now Playing on Home Barack Office](#)

[Barack Wilson Obama](#)

[It's Deja Malaise All Over Again](#)

**Get to Know Everyone on the
#ReadEverythingTheyWrite List!**

**19 of My Favorite Writers And Most Important
Intellectual Influences:**

6 On Foreign Policy:

1. Monday, August 5: ['War, and Preparation for War, Are the Normal Conditions of Mankind, While Peace Is Extremely Rare.' - Michael Ledeen](#)
2. Tuesday, August 6 on Andrew C. McCarthy: [Muslim Brotherhood Operatives Have Infiltrated America's Political and Cultural Institutions to Conquer Us from Within](#)
3. Wednesday, August 7 on Barry Rubin: [First We Define Anti-Americanism, Then We Crush It Again Even Harder](#)

4. Thursday, August 8 on Claudia Rosett: [The United Nations is a Corrupt Failure That Does Not Unite Nations](#)
5. Friday, August 9 on David P. Goldman: [No to Corporate Neoconservatism, No to Paleo-Libertarian Anarchism, Yes to Augustinian Realism](#)
6. Tuesday, August 13 on Victor Davis Hanson: [The Price We Pay for Our Ignorance of Military History Is Dead Americans](#)

4 On Culture:

1. Wednesday, August 14: [3 Weapons to Win the Culture War Courtesy of Roger Kimball](#)
2. Monday, August 19: [How to End the Fake Fight Between Social Conservatives and Libertarians With Andrew Klavan's Wonderful Writing](#)
3. Wednesday, August 21: [Michael Walsh Names the Founder of the Criminal Organization Destroying America for Two Centuries...](#)
4. Sunday, August 24: [The Most Valuable Writing Advice Roger L. Simon Gave Me...](#)

5 On History:

1. Tuesday, August 27: [Ron Radosh: The Most Valuable Historian Exposing Marxism's Long War Against America](#)
2. Thursday, September 5 on Lt. Gen. Ion Mihai Pacepa: [How the Soviets Seeded Antisemitism Around the World and the Price We Pay with Syria Today](#)
 - Friday, October 11: [The KGB's War To Destroy the God of Israel](#)
 - Friday, November 1: [The Silver Bullet to Kill Conspiracism](#)
3. Wednesday, September 11 on James C. Bennett and Michael J. Lotus and their essential book *America 3.0*: [On 9/11 and Benghazi's Anniversary, We End Conservative Pessimism and Right-Wing Apocalypticism](#)
4. Tuesday, October 9 on [Robert Spencer's Vital Role in Creating Conservatism 3.0](#)

3 On New Media:

1. Wednesday, October 16 on Prager University: ['There's Nothing Just About Nature. Nature Is Only About Survival.'](#)
2. Tuesday, October 22: [Ed Driscoll: New Media Master and Cultural Conquistador](#)
3. Tuesday, November 5: [4 Blogging Weapons I Stole from Vodkapundit Stephen Green](#)

1 On Talk Radio (beginning a ranking of the best hosts working today):

1. Wednesday, October 30 on Dennis Prager: [The 21 Most Evil News Stories from October](#)

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