

Last Week This Week 4-10-16

Wrath /ræθ/ noun

1: strong vengeful anger or indignation
(chiefly used for humorous or rhetorical effect)

2: retributory punishment for an offense or a crime: divine chastisement

On WBT

Adrian Bonenberger [reviews](#) Martin Ford's *Rise of the Robots*.



WBT Friends:

AWP '16 has come and gone, with no less than eleven events focused on war writing. Peter Molin at Time Now (and moderator of two of these events) put together a [list](#) beforehand. See what you missed.

Editor's Recommendations

Criticism

Old but [intriguing story](#) by Edward Said about his invitation to discuss Israel and Palestine with Sartre, Beauvoir, and Foucault. It did not go as he expected.

“The bogus populism of the commodity—its warm-hearted refusal to rank, exclude, and discriminate—is based on a blank indifference to absolutely everyone.” [A spirited critique](#) of a society without criticism from everyone's favorite Christian Marxist, Terry Eagleton.

Journalism

The largest and most consequential leak of *private* information ever—a peek behind the curtain of the ultra-wealthy who rule our world, and an eloquent counterargument to people who say the wealthy are effective at [self-regulation](#).

Is a Cashless Society an Observed [Society](#)?

Military

[Longform reporting](#) by Sam Laird on veterans growing medical marijuana to help their fellow vets.

An ex-Ranger multiple combat tour vet takes a long look at military recruiting in schools, and doesn't like what he [sees](#).

Is Marine Maj. Mark Thompson guilty of sexual assault or not? *The Washington Post* talks to the man [himself](#).

Advocacy

95-year-old attorney Elaine Fischel [explains](#) why she helped defend Japanese war criminals in court after World War Two: “We sent our lawyers there to defend the enemy and I don’t think any other country would do that. To me, it was an example of the United States at its best.”

Fiction

A short story by Margaret Atwood, [“Death by Landscape”](#)