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- Two poems by Griswold: "[Foot Washing](#)" and "[Waiting For the Volcano](#)"
- Steve Thorngate on [food stamps](#): "Today's benefits cut is simply the end of a temporary increase. That's a small comfort for struggling Americans whose tight grocery budgets just got tighter."
- A brief [review of Stanley Hauerwas](#)