



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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I hope everyone is as upset over the Government shut down as I am, and I hope everyone remembers this come election time. Before you cast your next vote, think long and hard about putting ANY of these folks back in their elected positions.

Come on people, get it together, you've got a country to run!

Do you realize that while our Government was shut down, all the Senators and Congressmen and the President still got paid? They closed everything and sent thousands home with no pay but they didn't cut their own salary, nooooo, we couldn't have that could we?! I heard on the news that Homeland Security is running with minimal staff, National Guard units across the State and Country were told to go into "idle" mode and if I'm a terrorist, when do you think I'm gonna make my move? Uh... now?

Today's headlines screamed that cut backs in our military would be in the thousands! What's wrong with this picture? We are fighting the war on terror but we're gonna' cut back the number of military we have to fight that war. Why would a President even consider something like that? I'm sure there are ways to save

money other than cut our military. I know! Let's start with a cut in the number of people needed to run Washington. Those that are there now don't seem to be doing their jobs, let's cut their pay. If I didn't do my job, I can sure bet you they'd cut MY pay! Do you think I'd keep getting paid if I failed to meet a deadline, especially if it had to do with money? I'm not a very political person but it seems to me everyone in Washington does a whole lot of talking, a whole lot of sitting and a whole lot of blaming the other person for our situation. Listen, we put you in office to be our voice and somehow I get the feeling you're not telling them what's on my mind!

I know I'm just a little person and I don't have grand ideas but it seems that you tax me for everything, so here's an idea. If our budget is so out of whack, then every month, everyone, and

I do mean everyone, should pay one dollar to reduce the debt. Since there are three of us at home, my family would pay three dollars. My mom would pay one, and so on and so on. Think about it... if everyone in the United States paid one dollar every month to help with the national debt, wouldn't that make a big dent in it? I'd gladly give that, and, like I said, it would have to be EVERYONE. I know some people don't work, but I bet they could find \$12.00 for the year if they felt it would help out nation. Forget about cutting our Military, that's just crazy! How can we be the greatest super power in the World if we cut our military? There are some of you sitting at home right now, reading this, thinking, "she has lost her mind," but have YOU got any better ideas? At this point I think anyone working together to make this nation of ours a better place to be is sure better than what we've got in Washington right now.

Here's the plan. Bring our troops home. Guard our own borders. Quit borrowing money from other coun-

tries. Stop bringing products in from other countries and give those jobs back to our people. I want to pick up something and the tag on the bottom say, "MADE IN AMERICA" not "made in China." Take pride in what you do and do it well. Stop giving hand outs to every Tom, Dick and Harry that has a flood or earthquake or volcano or squabble or splinter in their finger. Who helped us when they blew up our Twin Towers? Who rushed in to give us aid when a hur-

ricane practically washed Louisiana away? Who helps US? NO ONE!!!! Why is it we stick our nose in everybody else's business? Somebody tell me, WHO HELPS US?

If somebody can give me some answers, I'd surely appreciate it but until then, I'll just keep praying that the President will stop acting like a spoiled brat, stomping his foot and saying, "My way or the highway." Come on people, get it together, you've got a Country to run!

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY Oct. 14	TUESDAY Oct. 15	WEDNESDAY Oct. 16	THURSDAY Oct. 17	FRIDAY Oct. 18
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SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Toast Cereal	Strawberry Pop Tart, Cereal	Yogurt Cereal	Mini Waffles Pears	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice
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SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Rings w/Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Oranges	Bologna Sand- wich Corn Carrot Sticks Apple	Hamburger on Bun, LTP Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Strawberry Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Salad Dressing Pineapples	Chicken Pattie on Bun, Normandy blend Veggies Cucumber Slices w/dip, Peaches
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ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Toast, Frosted Flake Cereal	Strawberry Pop Tart, Cereal	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice	Mini Waffles Pear	Cinnamon Crunch Bar, Apple
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ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Rings Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Oranges	Nachos & Cheese or Bologna Sand. Salsa Carrot Sticks Apple	Hamburger on Bun, LTP Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Strawberry Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli & Grape Tomatoes, Corn Salad Dressing Pineapples	Chicken Pattie or Deli Turkey on Bun Baby Bakers Cucumber Slices w/dip, Peaches
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Frosted Flakes Frosted Mini Wheaties, Pop Tart	Pop Tart, Lucky Charms Cereal Fruit Cocktail	Frosted Flakes Yogurt, Pop Tart Honey Nut Cheer.	Mini Waffle w/ syrup, Pop Tart Pears, Juice	Cinn. Toast Breakfast Bar Pop Tart, Apple
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ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Pepperoni Pizza or Burrito Corn Romaine Salad Peaches	Hot Dog or Pulled Pork BBQ on Bun Baked Beans Cucumber Slices w/dip Pineapple	Chicken Nuggets or Buffalo chicken Tenders, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Banana	Nacho Cheese & Chips or Chili Crispito, Salsa Refried Beans Pears	Taco or Chicken Fajita w/shell Refried Beans Let., Tom., Cheese Salsa Pears
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple	Chicken Biscuit Cereal, Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit	Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Pop Tarts
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ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Chicken Pattie on Bun or Burrito w/Cheese sauce Normandy Veggies. Sweet Potatoes Peaches, Oranges	Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Breadstick or Fish on Bun Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Apple or Orange	Chicken Tenders , Roll or Mr. Rib on Bun, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Peaches or Mand. Oranges	Wiener Winks or BBQ on Bun Baby Bakers Honey Dew Cantaloupe	Meat Loaf, Roll or Grilled Cheese Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple Apple
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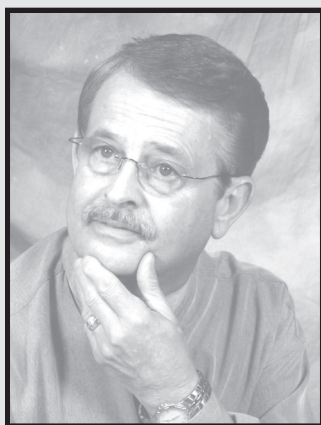
Snobbiest U.S. Cities

1. San Francisco
2. New York City
3. Boston
4. Minneapolis/St. Paul
5. Santa Fe, N.M.
- (tie) 6. Seattle
7. Chicago
8. Providence, R.I.
9. Washington, D.C.
10. Charleston, S.C.

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