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Senior Night

By: Reese Vance



Senior Night was for the books. Along with being the only senior on the team, Faith Vance was the only senior in the whole basketball program! Faith Vance got a whole night dedicated to her and her hard work with being on the team all four years. To kick off the night, the JV played Macomb first. Taking a hard loss, Macomb took the win with 40 points. But it all changed when the varsity game was played. Before the game came Faith's senior recognition. She got multiple gifts, many hugs and all smiles. Then it was game time! The first half was well played and the Liberty girls already had 40 points!

Leading in points into the second half, Liberty took the win with 71 to 41! After the big win and celebration more fun was to come. Since Faith was the only senior, she got some special treatment. They had cake, m&ms and trail mix. The head coach Brad Bergman had a speech about Faith and many good things to say. Faith did great along with the whole team.

Junior High Volleyball

By: Megan Fessler



Seventh and eighth graders that participate in junior high volleyball just had the first game of their season last Friday. The game was against Western (Barry) at 6:00 PM and the players have been practicing since the beginning of December. On that night, the seventh graders won their match against Barry. They won all three games. The eighth graders didn't win any of their games. Therefore they lost the whole match to the other team.

I interviewed Madi Tritsch, an eighth grade player, before that night on how the season was going for her so far and what she thought about it. Madi said she really likes the coach. She also said she likes the set up for the games, and the level of "try-hard" at the practices.

Junior High volleyball's second game was on Monday, January 7th. The game was at Liberty against Pittsfield at 6:00 PM. Seventh grade lost their first game to the other team but won the last two, giving them an overall win. The eighth grade team won their first game but lost the last two. The last two games were really close though.

I also interviewed Lucy Hess, a seventh grade volleyball player, and she said, "Aubrey did a really good job at her blocking. Anytime the other team spiked the ball over she was able to stop it and get it over." Lucy said this after I asked her if she or any other player on her team really stood out during that game. I also asked Lucy if she felt that there was something that she needed to work on personally for her to improve with volleyball. She answered by saying, "Probably just hitting it more and calling it."

Liberty Junior High Volleyball has another game on Thursday, January 10 against Brown County. The game will be in Mt. Sterling at 6:00 PM that day. There is another game on the day following that on the 11th. That game is at Liberty against Southeastern at 6:00.

NFL Playoff season starts

By: Lucas Logsdon



The NFL Postseason started with the Indianapolis Colts against the Houston Texans on Saturday. The Texans were shutout in the first 3 quarters, 21-0. The final score was 21-7, with the Texans eliminated from the playoffs. The Colts advance to face the Chiefs this Sunday. After that game, the Dallas Cowboys faced the Seattle Seahawks. The Cowboys won 24-22, and the Cowboys move on to face the Rams.

On Sunday, the LA Chargers went to Baltimore to face the Ravens. The Chargers won 23-17, and move on to face the Patriots. Afterward, the Philadelphia Eagles went to Soldier field against the Bears. In the final seconds of the game, Golden Tate III scored the game winning touchdown.

Should History be a required subject?

By: Daniel Parrish

There are many subjects in school that are required, but should they all be that way?

No

Many students agree that history should not be a required subject. They believe it is not a valid subject that will be useful in the later life. Jobs often never require the use of history and so it would seem a waste of our time to learn at school. As Rafiki once said "it doesn't matter, it is in the past." Why should we learn the past if we can look for the future.

Yes

There are some people that say history is more important than many people would think. Some think that history bridges the gap between the past and the future of mankind. History is important because we need to know what happened when America was a young country. As the philosopher Cicero once said, "To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history."

Snow days are days for movies!

By: Karlie Sparrow

On snow days, all you want to do is watch movies and lay around. So grab some popcorn and a drier for teens is *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* (Netflix). It's about Lara Jean, a high schooler. Amongst the years, she has written love letters to several boys, but hasn't sent them. She keeps them in a box in her room, where (she thinks) nobody else knows. All goes wrong when those letters get handed out to the boys, who are now older. Now Lara has to make a cover-up boyfriend, so the other boys don't freak out. But will this fake relationship stay fake? The movie Kenley Kurfman, an eighth grader, recommends for teens is *The Kissing Booth* (Netflix). Elle Evans has a secret crush that nobody can know about- because it's her best friend Lee's brother. Elle and Lee made a list of rules when they were six, and Rule Number 9 is Relatives are OFF LIMITS! So will Elle's dreams come true or will the list make the decision? Keegan Sunde is a seventh grader at Liberty, and he says the best teen film is *Shrek*. We've all seen *Shrek*, so is an explanation really necessary? Anyway, with these movies, be ready to laugh or cry! If you're watching a movie with your whole family, Jade says to watch *Beauty and the Beast*, where a girl named Belle gets locked up with a lonely beast that was once a prince. After a while of frustration, Belle and the Beast form a love for each other. Kenley recommends *Trolls*, a movie about staying positive. walls between his compartments shatter (Google Reviews).



Keegan says that when you watch a family movie, it has to be *The Shack*. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever (from Google reviews).

What to do on a School Snow Day

By: Kenley Kurfman

We always get excited about getting a day off of school in the winter, but it is very easy to get bored on those days. Some Liberty students have suggested some ideas for what to do during a snow day so that you do not get bored out of your mind. Here is a list of suggestions:

1. Take naps - Cuddling up next to a fireplace with a bunch of blankets is almost irresistible, so get yourself a pile of blankets and pillows and take a little snooze.
2. Exercise - It is important to stay healthy all throughout the year. In the winter when it gets cold you can do some workouts to work up a sweat. This will most likely make you warmer, and then you can go take a warm shower.

3. Bake - Can you imagine to smell of a fresh batch of cookies right out of the oven? Warm cookies and milk are a perfect winter snack to make if you are stuck inside the house.

There are also a lot more ideas on the internet. Here are some more ideas that I have found from a couple of websites:

1. Binge watch your favorite Netflix show - Grab yourself a nice cup of hot chocolate and curl up on the couch to watch your favorite show. Shows pull you in so much that you lose track of time. This will make your day go by quickly because you won't realize what the time is. If you need a new show to watch on Netflix some popular tv series are *Friends*, *The Office*, and *Stranger Things*.
2. Go sledding - If it isn't too cold outside and if you have proper clothing for the cold weather, you should really take advantage of getting some sled riding in. The snow is only here for so long, so have some fun while you still have the chance.
3. Crank up the tunes and have a dance party - Turn on some music that makes you want to dance. If you are alone don't worry, that just gives you time to perfect your moves for the next dance party you have with friends.
4. Read a good book - Find a book that interests you and that you could read for hours. Then cuddle up near a fireplace to read it. Reading is very relaxing and can sometimes make you tired if you do it for a while. So if reading doesn't take up most of your day, you can sleep the rest.
5. Make a blanket fort - Take some chairs and blankets to make yourself your own little cozy room. You can read, sleep and watch movies in your little room to pass time during your snow day. You could even make your own "KEEP OUT!" sign so that your siblings cannot bother you.

As you can tell there are a lot of different things that you could do on a snow day to occupy yourself and to keep yourself from getting bored. If none of these ideas interest you then you can go on this website for more ideas: www.theodysseyonline.com

Winter Fashion

By: Jade Blair

Old Navy's Winter fashion clothes:

Printed Crepe ¾-Sleeve Blouse for Girls' \$12.97

Dark Jade Green Coat Hooded Faux-Fur Trim Parka for Girls' \$39.97

Printed Jersey Full-length Leggings for Girls' \$10.99

Relaxed Tie-Cuff Twill Top for Women \$26.99

Navy Blue Lattice-Hem Ankle Leggings for Women \$14.00

Gray Luxe V-Neck Tee for Women \$16.99

Tan Pink Sueded Side-Zip Ankle Boots for Women \$29.97

Burlington's Winter Fashion Clothes:

Black Juniors Leggings with White Striped Sides \$7.99

Juniors' Hooded Velvety Cord Top with Varsity Stripe Trim \$12.99

Juniors' Green Faux Fur-lined Anorak Jacket with Detachable Faux Fur Hood Clearance \$17.99 - \$24.99

K-Swiss Aeronaut Girls' Mesh Knit Sneakers \$22.99

Womens' Black High Waisted Active Leggings \$12.99

Womens' Red Excelled ¾ Length Puffer Coat with Faux Fur Trim Hood \$49.99

Womens' Lattice Back Block Heel Boots \$29.99

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How Do Snow Days Work?

By: Elijah Batley



On January 28th I got to interview Mrs. Bunch, and got to ask her about how she and her team have decided on the past snow days. She said that there were many reasons for the past snow days. She said it is mostly based on the road conditions. We do not have street roads, we have gravel roads so the water freezes, making it hard to plow. Our school district is also very spread out, so we have to contact many people to see if the roads are okay all around. We also have to make sure the buses can stay up and running. They have to make sure if a bus shuts down than they need to have another buss there fast enough so the children do not get frostbite. Frostbite is an injury to your body's tissues caused by exposure to extremely cold temperatures, usually gotten on the nose, fingers, and toes. It can be fatal. She said that there is no temperature because the buses go door to door so it is all based on the roads. She checks with all of the other super attendants in the area and see what there plans are and what their conditions are. If we do have snow days students will have to catch up on homework missed. Though if we have five snow days or more we only have to make up five days at the end of school.

Why Is Technology a Reliable Source for School?

By:Keegan Sunde

As we all know technology is changing our applications. But there are most people that think tech is ruining our lives but others say it's not. People classify this argument as "New age vs. Old age."

In 1998 two men named Larry Page and Sergey Brin came up with the site that is commonly known as Google. They didn't know it yet but Google was going to be one of the top rated search engines of the world. But there are always ups and downs of good inventions because,people started hating the internet. Their kids were on it all the time looking up games, videos, texting and emailing, and other sites were either speechless,useless or both. Soon google and other websites were expanded very,very,very far. Then came the educational websites, IQ's went up kids started getting smarter as they grew on the website. Teachers were getting more lessons in per minute and teaching a lot faster. Most teachers use online books and can reduce the weight on the students arms while going into different hours or just anywhere. All teachers agree that online quizzes with the whole class can be a benefit to the teacher and the students. The teacher can see what the students know from the tracking data and know what to help them while the students or teams are being competitive interactive and are including everyone in the group. And almost all teachers like a competitive classroom.

3*3 World Record Single

by: Dylan Calhoun



Yusheng Du is a kid around the age of 15-17. He solved a Rubik's Cube in a new world record of 3.47 seconds. It is a big jump from the previous world record of Feliks Zemdegs, of 4.22 seconds. Yusheng Du got extremely lucky with his solve, getting a skip on solving the last layer of his cube, or PLL (permuting the last layer). Since I have nothing else to write about this topic, I will add a picture of the time since there was no video of this solve. This kid was not very well known and did not expect this kid to get the world record single. Many people thought this was fake, since there was no video. But it was confirmed in the official WCA (World Cubing Association) site.

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Liberty FFA Skies into the Winter Season

By: Marissa Mintle and Mackenzie Weisenberger



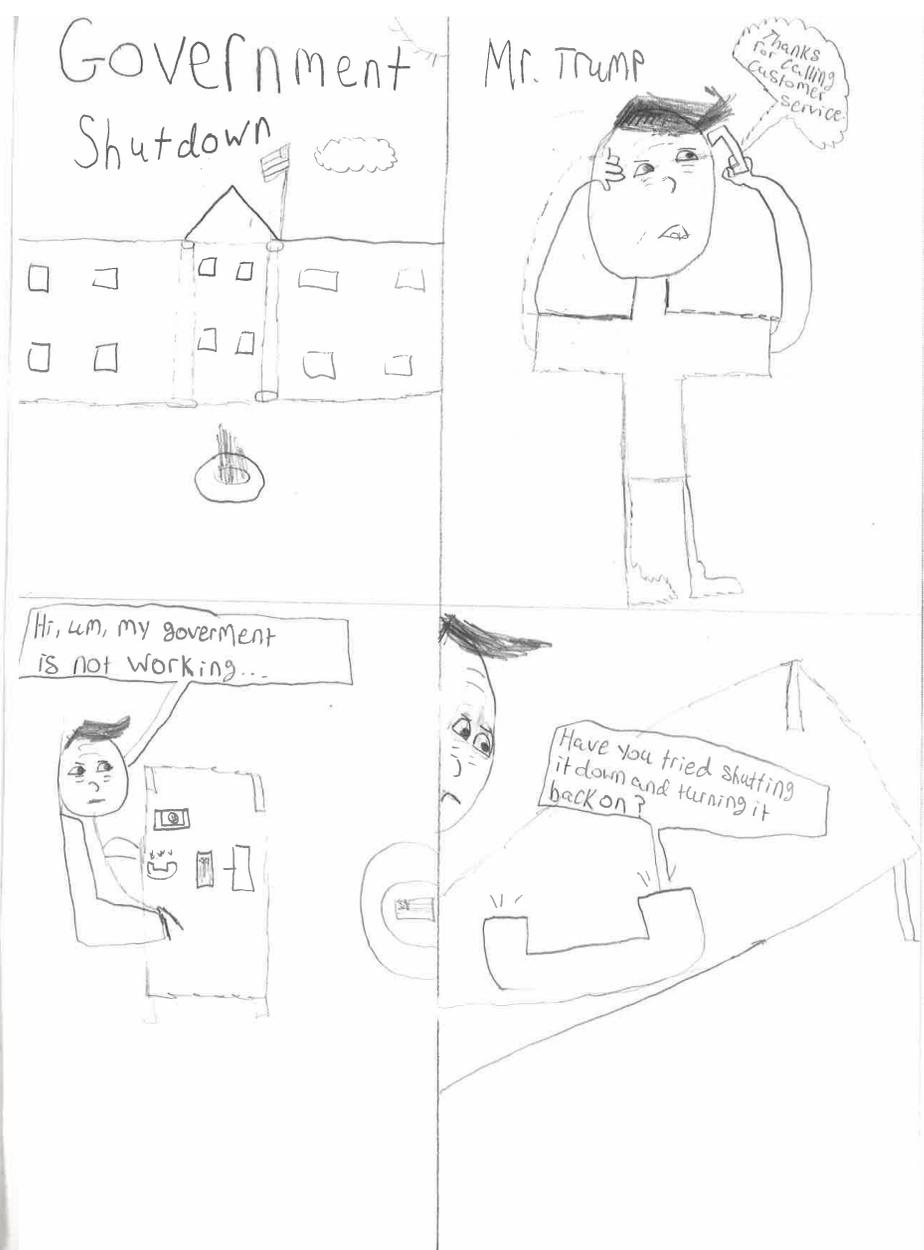
The Liberty Junior High FFA was scheduled to go on their annual ski trip to the Snow Star Ski Resort in Andalusia, Illinois, on January 20, 2019. Due to the current weather conditions and that the drive there and back is mainly on major highways, the trip has now been postponed to Sunday, February 17th 2019. The Healthy Lifestyle Committee has planned this annual event for the Liberty FFA. All members, Junior High and High School, will be able to go if they would like to. The bus will leave Liberty school at 7:30 a.m. and return around 11:00 p.m. The time may vary on the return depending on what time they leave the lodge. They will leave when all members are ready to leave or at 8:00pm when the ski lodge closed. The members will make a stop at a subway in Milan, Illinois for breakfast/lunch on the way. After that they will also stop at a Caseys Gas Station: Convenience store on the way home for supper or a snack. There will also be a snack bar in the ski lodge all throughout the trip so they should not go hungry. It will if there are more than 15 members signed up, it will cost \$50 for each skier. If the skier has met the most active and fundraising profit, the trip cost will be \$25 per skier. The set pay date for this trip is on Wednesday February 13, 2019. If any Skier who wants to participate does not pay before this set date they will have to pay \$20 more at the price of \$70 per skier. The trip originally was not refundable, but due to being recently rescheduled for February 17th, 2019 the skiers who are not able to go because of the sudden date change, and they need or want a refund will be able to get one.

The skiers should dress warm and in layers because it is expected to be rather cold. Mr. Buyck recommends the members to wear either Carhartt Overalls of nylon type sweatpants and coats. They should definitely wear hats or something to cover their ears and they should wear gloves. Special boots for skiing are required. These boots will be available at the lodge of anyone who do not own or have them, skiers can use one their pairs.

Hopefully all FFA member will have a lot of fun on this trip. Is there a better way to get transition into the season? Though the trip will be fun they should also remember a few things. They should be sure arrive on time and dress accordingly. Again, they need to be ready and waiting for the bus before 7:30 a.m. unless they want to be left behind.

If skiers have any questions they can call Mr. Buyck at (217) 440-5590. He will also have his phone on him throughout the whole trip. You can also call the Liberty High School at (217) 645-3389. If skiers have any questions they can call Mr. Buyck at (217) 440-5590. He will also have his phone on him throughout the whole trip. You can also call the Liberty High School at (217) 645-3389, For more information on upcoming FFA event's. You can also follow them at [Facebook.com/libertyffachapter](https://www.facebook.com/libertyffachapter).

The Extra Slice
By: Daniel Parrish



Mark with a C. By Brady Powers



The rich dog. By: Lucas Logsdon



(from Winter Fashion)

Buckle's Winter Fashion Clothes:

Girls' Clothing:

Girls' Red Blushed Fleece Top \$24.95

Girls' Ankle Skinny Stretch Jean \$42.95

Girls' Uma Sandal \$55.00

Girls' Hooded Denim Jacket \$22.46

Womens' Clothing:

Womens' Adventure is Waiting T-shirt \$20.00

Womens' Kurvy Ultra High Rise Skinny Jean \$59.95

Womens' Beau Peep Toe Heeled Sandal \$44.95

Womens' Wubby Sherpa Jacket \$46.95

Target's Winter Fashion Clothing:

Girls' Clothing:

Girls' "The Lion King" Short Sleeve T-shirt (Heather Gray) \$8.99

Girls' Multi - Print leggings (Cat & Jack) \$6.00

Girls' Larina Solid Lace-Up Sneakers (Cat & Jack) \$9.99-\$14.99

Girls' Long Sleeve Fleece Jacket (C9 Champion Gray) \$24.99

Womens' Clothing:

Womens' Long Sleeve Turtleneck Pullover (Knox Rose Sand) \$29.99

Womens' Low-Rise Jogger Pants

Womens' Chamonix Chambery Hooded Down Jacket \$119.95

Womens' S Sport By Skechers Charliz Athletic Shoes (Pink) \$39.99

Rue 21 Winter Fashion Clothing:

Girls' Clothing:

Pastel Tie Dye Barbie Long Sleeve Graphic Tee \$18.99

Camo Print Side Striped Joggers \$10.00

Biege Diamond Cutout Block Heels \$34.99

Olive Fleece Hooded Cinched Anorak Jacket \$29.99

T.J. Maxx's Winter Fashion:

Girls' Fashion:

Girls' Cold Blue Shoulder Spilt Back Top \$6.99

Big Girls' Super Skinny Destructed Jeans \$19.99

Lace Up Leather Sneakers \$34.99

Big Girls' Embellished Cargo Jacket \$15.00

Womens' Clothing:

Plus V-Neck Sweater \$20.00

Jade Green Skinny Jeans \$15.00

Suede Pointy Black Heel Boots \$39.00

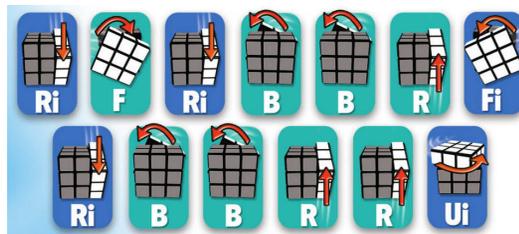
Short Zippy Hood Jacket \$59.99

A few Girls at Liberty High School in 7th grade and 8th grade said that their favorite stores are American Eagle, Kohl's, Hollister, Buckle, T.J. Maxx, Old Navy. A lot of people really like these clothes from all of these stores. I hope you go to all of these stores and buy some of their amazingly cute outfits.

(from 3x3 World Record Single)

How to Solve a Rubik's Cube (Beginner's Method)

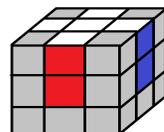
Before I start this how to, you need to learn basic notation. Notations are letters that symbolize what layers to move. A string of notations is called an algorithm.



The regular moves (without the "i") always turn clockwise. The moves with the "i" go counter clockwise. Ui is also U'. Ui and U' mean the same thing, Ri and R' mean the same and so on. The "i" or ' stands for inverted. Also, if a notation has a "2" next to it, like "U2", that means move the layer twice

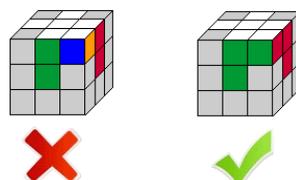
Step 1: Solve a White Cross

As the picture shows, solve a white cross, but with the white edge pieces lining up with the other colors they have.



Step 2: Solve The White Corners (The 1st layer)

Now solve the corners, with all colors of the pieces lining up, solving the first layer.



Step 3: Solve the first 2 layers (F2L)

This is the first step that needs algorithms. You need to find edge pieces that do not have yellow on them, and insert them either to the left or right. I should note you need to turn your cube so yellow is on top. The algorithm to insert an edge piece to the right is U R U' R' U' F' U F. The left insert is U' L' U L U F U' F'. If you are having a hard time getting what I'm saying I will leave a link to a PDF at the end of the article that is better described.



I can't explain very well so here is the link : <https://www.cubeskills.com/uploads/pdf/tutorials/the-beginners-method-for-solving-the-rubiks-cube.pdf>

Five Strange Planets

By: Brady Mowen

"If you think anything is impossible here than you might think it is impossible everywhere else in the universe, but that is not exactly the case." This is another article inspired by Real Life Lore. There are more strange planets than you think but these are some of the weirdest ones.

You may think if you have one shadow here you will have one shadow everywhere else, but that is not really true. It was only fiction in star wars on the planet tatooine until the planet kepler-16b was discovered, which is a planet that orbits two stars. If you were suddenly teleported there you would experience two shadow, but die due to the heat in the process.

On the next planet, named GJ1214-b, is several times larger than earth and is covered in only water. Our oceans only go down around eleven kilometers, but this planet is hundreds of kilometers deep, taking up ten percent of its mass. Who knows what lives down in the depth of this planet. The water is so deep that at the very bottom, the pressure is so high that it creates a rare kind of ice called ice seven.

On the planet COROT-7b where instead of raining water it rains rocks. This is because one half of the planet can melt rocks and evaporate them. The other half it rains the rocks because it is far cooler. This place would be impossible to live on with it's extreme temperatures, even the cooler side in still a scorching 177 degrees celsius. While the other side in an astounding temperature of 2,600 degrees celsius.

The planet known as HD189773-b, is a littler larger that Jupiter and has winds that get up to 5,400 miles per hour. If you thought the speed of sound is fast, these winds are seven times faster than the speed of sound. Possibly the most terrifying thing about this planet is that it rains glass, sideways, in that 5,400 mile per hour wind. No matter what you were holding to protect yourself, the glass will still penetrate it. If you thought the last one was bad, just soak this one in a little bit. (onto next page)

Possibly the scariest planet of all, HD189733-b, can reach up to temperatures of 966 degrees celsius. Not only that, but it has wind reaching up to 22,000 miles per hour. That is twenty-nine times the speed of sound. The fastest speed recorded on Earth was during a tornado reaching up to 301 miles per hour, almost 73 times slower than the storm that is raging right now.

Government Shutdown.

By: Tyler Gregory



It has been 27 days of Trump's government shutdown. The longest government shutdown ever. All because he can't get his money for the wall. Ever since he has asked, democrats have denied him the money. Since Trump couldn't get his money, he was about to declare a national emergency for a hurricane, just so he can get his money. Then, when a hurricane did hit, we wouldn't have any money to repair anything. Democrats decided it was time to solve this by talking.

The shutdown is also affecting many federal workers. Most aren't even getting paid. Many are in poverty now. But food groups all around the country are doing their part to help. Many companies are handing out free meals to federal workers who can't afford a meal. The worst part is that some workers don't have a choice to work or not. TSA workers have to go to work or they are fired. Being fired though wouldn't make a difference, they would still not be making money.

Many families are in poverty now just because Trump can't get his way. This is the worst shutdown in history, and it is also the longest shutdown ever. It is impacting millions and it doesn't seem to be ending soon.

