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News Review

Fast food feast: Trump buys pizza

The story

President Trump has bought hamburgers and pizzas for a college football team visiting the White House - blaming the government shutdown for the takeaway menu.

The White House is operating with a smaller staff owing to the federal government partial shutdown.

Vocabulary

smorgasbord

a selection of food served so people can help themselves

- There was a smorgasbord at one end of the hall for guests to help themselves.
- Dan offered Neil a smorgasbord of entertainment for the weekend.

bites

has an unpleasant effect

- It's quite mild today, but you'll need a hat for when this winter really bites.
- Now that his hip injury has bitten, Murray is thinking of retiring from tennis.

can't stomach it

unable to accept (something)

- Don't play a horror movie, please. It's too scary and I really can't stomach it.
- I've never been able to stomach the awkwardness of a public argument.

Language challenge

A synonym of 'fast food' is:

- a) quick food
- b) junk food
- c) tasty food

Answer

b) junk food