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WASHINGTON (AP) — Major Biden, the second-in-command to the president, hit the streets of DC this weekend. On Monday, President-elect Joe Biden took his dog for a walk in the neighborhood, setting his sights on a future role as a presidential pet. It's the latest in a string of presidential pets, including Fido, the black lab, who served under President George W. Bush. Major Biden, who is a 1.5-year-old German shepherd, joins his brother, Champ, who was also brought to the White House by President-elect Biden. The two dogs are expected to bring a new level of attention to the White House. Attendees at the opening ceremony included First Lady Jill Biden, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, and their families. The event was attended by a diverse crowd of people, including celebrities, political figures, and members of the military.

Biden's pets coming to White House

NEW YORK (AP) — The virtual pandemic is accelerating, and a new wave of Thanksgiving shopping is underway. Black Friday, typically the frenzied start of the holiday shopping season, is now a distant memory as consumers have shifted their focus to online shopping. Online sales are projected to continue growing this year, as more consumers turn to online stores to avoid the crowds during the holiday season. According to Adobe Analytics, online sales are expected to grow by as much as 17.2% in 2020, compared to 15.7% in 2019. Retailers are also offering extended hours and more flexible return policies to accommodate this trend.

Most weekend shoppers checked out online

SCOTUS skeptical of Trump census plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seemed skeptical Monday of President Donald Trump's plan to include a question about citizenship in the 2020 census. The justices were divided on the constitutionality of such a question, with some expressing concern that it could lead to undercounts. The question has been a source of controversy since the Trump administration first proposed it. The justices heard arguments in the case on Monday morning, with Justice Elena Kagan expressing skepticism about the constitutionality of the question. The case will be decided by the end of the term.

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New Leash on Life open by appointment only

State Journal report.

Due to coronavirus precautions, New Leash on Life, at 415 W. Broadway, will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays by appointment only. “The appointments are needed to limit the number of shoppers in the store to four at all times,” the Franklin County Humane Society, which runs the shop, said in a press release.

Shoppers must call 502-352-2229 to reserve a one-hour visit. New Leash on Life is also collecting food and supplies as part of its Angel Tree program and donations for the new Franklin County Humane Society animal shelter.

All sales at the thrift shop benefit the humane society.

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