

Buttons with the image of former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards are just some of the merchandise available at Political Americana's inaugural store near the White House December 12, 2008 in Washington, DC. Opening in time for the holidays, the store carries thousands of items including life-size photographic cutouts of President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden, along with posters, hats, t-shrits and golf balls.



Works by Spanish painter Pablo Picasso are seen in Sofia's National Gallery for Foreign Art. The Gallery for Foreign Art will host Bulgaria's first comprehensive Pablo Picasso exhibit, starting next Wednesday, with 86 of the Spaniard's works on display until March.



A woman is locked up in a transparent suitcase reading "Stop Human Trafficking! 60 Years of Human Rights" on a luggage belt at the airport in Munich, southern Germany. The Human Rights organisation Amnesty International staged the action commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. Based on France's 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and the 1776 US Declaration of Independence, the 30-point non-binding text of the declaration was initially adopted by 58 states, with World War II's atrocities fresh in their minds. "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights," proclaimed Article 1 of the text.

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