

**Miss Ashley's Stories in the News  
Week of 6/3/2021**

**Notes**

1. Update: Law Student Who Made Fun of the Federalist Society Will Be Allowed to Graduate After All <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/06/federalist-society-stanford.html>
2. Wish everyone a happy pride month.
3. Nintendo
4. Ron Desantis is the biggest pos
  - \* Signed a trans athlete bill on the first day of pride month  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/02/1002405412/on-the-first-day-of-pride-month-florida-signed-a-transgender-athlete-bill-into-l>
  - \* Vetoed money for mental health counseling for Pulse shooting survivors on Wednesday <https://www.orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2021/06/02/florida-gov-ron-desantis-vetoes-money-for-mental-health-counseling-for-pulse-shooting-survivors>
5. "In a last-minute addition, language was inserted in the bill making it easier to overturn an election, no longer requiring evidence that fraud actually altered an outcome of a race."  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/texas-voting-restrictions/2021/05/29/86923248-be25-11eb-9c90-731aff7d9a0d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/texas-voting-restrictions/2021/05/29/86923248-be25-11eb-9c90-731aff7d9a0d_story.html)
6. After Democrats walk out, Texas House loses quorum to enact sweeping voter suppression law before midnight deadline. #SB7 is dead for now.  
Kinda need to give a lot of props to Texas Dems  
<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-texas-election-2020-campaign-2016-voting-02d2cf27a06de4767817bd0185308dc1>
7. Trump's Justice Department Secretly Seized Phone Records Of NYT Reporters  
[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-justice-department-new-york-times-reporters\\_n\\_60b84587e4b02df1ad873f9d](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-justice-department-new-york-times-reporters_n_60b84587e4b02df1ad873f9d)
8. Illinois just became the first state to pass a bill that will ban police from lying to youth during interrogations — a practice that adds significantly to the risk of false confessions. The governor is expected to sign the bill in the coming weeks.  
<https://apnews.com/article/il-state-wire-illinois-government-and-politics-ea4dc610811ff6084d39a82cf8346cdf>
9. Katie Hobbs is running for Governor of Arizona  
<https://twitter.com/katiehobbs/status/1400093545260752904?s=20>
10. Something of a ~situation~ has come up in Dems' civil lawsuit over Jan. 6 — they're claiming Rep. Mo Brooks, one of the defendants, is making it hard to serve him with the suit and won't waive formal service like Trump, Trump Jr., and Giuliani did  
<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20796707/6-2-21-swallow-motion-for-extension.pdf>

## **Docs**

Lawsuit Against MLB for Moving All-Star Game

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20794339/mlb-howard-kleinhendler-lawsuit.pdf>

Derek Chauvin has filed a motion asking the court sentence him to probation.

<https://mncourts.gov/mncourtsgov/media/High-Profile-Cases/27-CR-20-12646/Memorandum06022021.pdf>

DC Circuit keeps CDC covid-era nationwide temporary eviction moratorium in place pending outcome of HHS appeal. Trial judge vacated the moratorium and then froze her order. Appeals panel—Millett, Pillard and Wilkins—refuses to disturb the stay. Order:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20796572/cadc-hhs-2021-06-02.pdf>

Two opinions in two days from Judge Amy Berman Jackson denying motions to release Jan. 6 defendants. Today's was about Karl Dresch — not charged with violence, but crim history + guns + lack of remorse + flight risk persuaded judge to keep him behind bars

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20792207/5-27-21-karl-dresch-detention-order.pdf>

DOJ is moving to dismiss charges against Jan. 6 defendant Chris Kelly, which is a first. The filing is light on details, says prosecutors based the decision "upon reflection of the facts currently known to the government." Here's the original complaint:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20461104/1-20-21-us-v-christopher-kelly-complaint-statement.pdf>

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## **News**

### **June 3rd**

Federal prosecutors are examining whether Matt Gaetz obstructed justice during a phone call he had with a witness in the sex-crimes investigation of the Florida congressman, according to two sources familiar with the case.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/06/02/gaetz-obstruction-federal-probe-491705>

The Sacklers just moved one step closer to a sweeping grant of legal immunity bestowed upon them by an accommodating New York bankruptcy judge, despite the fact that they have not actually declared bankruptcy themselves.

<https://www.npr.org/2021/06/02/1002085031/sackler-family-empire-poised-to-win-immunity-from-opioid-lawsuits>

### **June 2nd**

Voting rights advocates sue over 2 new Kansas election laws

<https://apnews.com/article/kansas-voting-rights-laws-elections-voting-2e10b25e00158f9f08844c1f9493a2ea>

The NFL says it will halt the use of “race-norming” — which assumed Black players started out with lower cognitive functioning — in a \$1 billion settlement of brain injury claims. The practice had made it harder for Black players to qualify.

[https://apnews.com/article/pa-state-wire-race-and-ethnicity-health-nfl-sports-205b304c0c3724532d74fc54e58b4d1d?utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=AP](https://apnews.com/article/pa-state-wire-race-and-ethnicity-health-nfl-sports-205b304c0c3724532d74fc54e58b4d1d?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP)

US Army will not investigate Flynn's comments about a coup after he appeared to endorse one  
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/02/politics/michael-flynn-coup-military-not-investigating/index.html>

Ally Financial is ending overdraft fees on all its bank products, the first large U.S. bank to do so. It cites the impact such fees have on Black and Latino households, which are historically poorer and contend with overdrafts more often.

[https://apnews.com/article/business-8a105eafc5cd233ead34434fdf61189d?utm\\_medium=AP&utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow](https://apnews.com/article/business-8a105eafc5cd233ead34434fdf61189d?utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow)

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas has instructed state officials to end contracts with the Biden administration for shelters in the state that hold migrant children and teenagers.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/02/us/politics/texas-migrant-children-shelters.html>

Veteran's microphone cut off when he discusses Black people's role in establishing Memorial Day

<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2021/06/02/veterans-audio-cut-when-he-discusses-blacks-role-memorial-day-speech-hudson-ohio/7508217002/>

Here are the QAnon supporters running for Congress in 2022.

<https://www.mediamatters.org/qanon-conspiracy-theory/here-are-qanon-supporters-running-congress-2022>

Trump's insane notion of an August restoration to power was apparently inspired by ... MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/my-pillow-guy-mike-lindell-says-he-probably-inspired-trumps-august-restoration-notion>

Biden will announce an initiative to recruit 1,000 Black-owned barbershops and beauty salons across the U.S. to boost COVID vaccinations and outreach in communities of color, one of several measures to ramp up immunizations ahead of July 4.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/06/02/biden-barbershop-salon-coronavirus-vaccine-initiative/>

In Texas, Lake Highlands High School valedictorian, Paxton Smith, switched out her approved speech to talk about abortion rights.

<https://twitter.com/littlewhitty/status/1399982526396043264?s=20>

Another lawsuit challenges amended Montana campaign bill

<https://apnews.com/article/mt-state-wire-montana-voter-registration-bills-laws-14eece549b600113aa8f48adc85ec487>

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[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-justice-department-new-york-times-reporters\\_n\\_60b84587e4b02df1ad873f9d](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-justice-department-new-york-times-reporters_n_60b84587e4b02df1ad873f9d)

This brings me joy :) Boaters allegedly harassed another group over gay pride flags. Then their boat burst into flames.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/06/02/video-boat-fire-harassing-prideflags/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/06/02/video-boat-fire-harassing-prideflags/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main)

### **June 1st**

Missouri court strikes down public labor union restrictions

<https://apnews.com/article/michael-brown-strikes-courts-business-labor-unions-07589ef69b4ea3b458b85adc42537f17>

National Enquirer Parent, Ex-CEO Fined for Breaking Election Law in 2016 Campaign

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/national-enquirer-parent-ex-ceo-fined-for-breaking-election-law-in-2016-campaign-11622586108?st=l2vs8q5lxvoemx5&reflink=share\\_mobilewebshare](https://www.wsj.com/articles/national-enquirer-parent-ex-ceo-fined-for-breaking-election-law-in-2016-campaign-11622586108?st=l2vs8q5lxvoemx5&reflink=share_mobilewebshare)

'We Build the Wall' Group Struggling, Lawyer Tells 2nd Circuit Panel as It Appeals Order Freezing \$1.4M

<https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2021/06/01/we-build-the-wall-group-struggling-lawyer-tells-2nd-circuit-panel-as-it-appeals-order-freezing-1-4m/>

Christian Billionaires Are Funding a Push to Kill the Equality Act

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/christian-billionaires-are-funding-a-push-to-kill-the-equality-act>

The publisher of the National Enquirer agreed to pay \$187,500 as part of a settlement with the Federal Election Commission over a 2016 scheme to buy and suppress the story of a woman who alleged an affair with Trump.

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/national-enquirer-parent-ex-ceo-fined-for-breaking-election-law-in-2016-campaign-11622586108?st=l2vs8q5lxvoemx5&reflink=share\\_mobilewebshare](https://www.wsj.com/articles/national-enquirer-parent-ex-ceo-fined-for-breaking-election-law-in-2016-campaign-11622586108?st=l2vs8q5lxvoemx5&reflink=share_mobilewebshare)

Martin Shkreli Sanctioned for Using a Contraband Phone in Prison

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/pharma-bro-martin-shkreli-gets-a-slap-on-the-wrist-for-using-contraband-phone-to-discuss-pharma-business-behind-bars/>

Louisiana lawmakers support concealed carry without permit

<https://apnews.com/article/louisiana-gun-politics-laws-government-and-politics-fce66eda839b77196a8701cee33cf76>

Biden suspends oil leases in Alaska's Arctic refuge

<https://apnews.com/article/alaska-arctic-wildlife-refuge-oil-gas-drilling-biden-b9f20088957d42e99b791ff94169198f>

'Kraken' Attorney Files \$1 Billion Lawsuit Against MLB for Moving All-Star Game, Claims League Is 'State Actor' That Deprived Georgians of Civil Rights

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/kraken-attorney-files-1-billion-lawsuit-against-mlb-for-moving-all-star-game-claims-league-is-state-actor-that-deprived-georgians-of-civil-rights/>

### **May 31st**

Trump Org. CFO Allen Weisselberg "perjured himself" in depositions and felt "enabled" to skirt the law when Trump was in the White House, according to his former daughter-in-law.

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/jennifer-allen-weisselberg-trump\\_n\\_60b40a1fe4b01de8b7847464](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/jennifer-allen-weisselberg-trump_n_60b40a1fe4b01de8b7847464)

### **May 30th**

Brian Sicknick's mother is disappointed with Senate Republicans blocking the Jan. 6 commission. "They care about money, I guess, their pocketbooks. So they'll be in front of the cameras when they feel like it. They just don't care, and it's not right."

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/28/politics/sicknick-interview-disappointed-gop-senators/index.html>

Illinois just became the first state to pass a bill that will ban police from lying to youth during interrogations — a practice that adds significantly to the risk of false confessions. The governor is expected to sign the bill in the coming weeks.

<https://apnews.com/article/il-state-wire-illinois-government-and-politics-ea4dc610811ff6084d39a82cf8346cdf>

One of Biden's appointees to the USPS board of governors is the only postal governor with a deep background in running elections. Amber McReynolds fought Trump's lies about the mail. And now she's helping run the USPS.

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/usps-board-biden-appointee-election-mail-in-ballots\\_n\\_60aec0f1e4b0a24c4f84e2fd](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/usps-board-biden-appointee-election-mail-in-ballots_n_60aec0f1e4b0a24c4f84e2fd)

Congressional leaders have reintroduced a bill to strike marijuana from the list of controlled substances and invest in communities disproportionately affected by the so-called drug war. "This bill will give a lot of individuals a fresh start."

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/house-reintroduces-bill-decriminalize-cannabis-create-social-equity-programs-n1269017>

### **May 29th**

"In a last-minute addition, language was inserted in the bill making it easier to overturn an election, no longer requiring evidence that fraud actually altered an outcome of a race."

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The Wisconsin Democratic Party: "Wisconsin Republicans won't fund healthcare, schools, or infrastructure ... but they will authorize unlimited funds to desperately prove conspiracy theories about the 2020 election."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/05/27/wisconsin-robin-vos-election-fraud/>

**May 28th**

Senate Republicans just blocked the Jan. 6 commission, 54-35. 60 votes were needed to proceed. Sinema was too busy practicing her curtsy to even participate. 11 Senators who missed this Jan 6 Commission procedural vote:

Blackburn, Blunt, Braun, Burr, Inhofe, Murray, Risch, Rounds, Shelby, Sinema, Toomey

Judge Approves Special Master, Denies Rudy Giuliani and Victoria Toensing's Requests for Details of Government's Probe

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/judge-approves-special-master-denies-rudy-giuliani-and-victoria-toensings-requests-for-details-of-governments-probe/>

Oklahoma teacher says summer class canceled due to bill that bans teaching critical race theory

<https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-teacher-says-summer-class-canceled-due-to-bill-banning-critical-race-theory/36550300>

Senate OKs Biden nominees to postal board amid mail changes

[https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-business-government-and-politics-79ff51acd91366b6ff1d5340bb27b93d?fbclid=IwAR0yrVZzkeNEyVLCEW0BjGvT2\\_R7ccSY0zI25bN9np1TgcB8ST9Z3hniLFk](https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-business-government-and-politics-79ff51acd91366b6ff1d5340bb27b93d?fbclid=IwAR0yrVZzkeNEyVLCEW0BjGvT2_R7ccSY0zI25bN9np1TgcB8ST9Z3hniLFk)