

Miss Ashley's Extra Stories in the News – Thanksgiving Edition

1. Happy Thanksgiving!
2. May as well start working on Pardon bingo cards because we all know it's going to happen. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/24/us/politics/trump-is-said-to-plan-pardon-of-flynn.html?referringSource=articleShare>
3. I hope you have a list of your "Andrew was right" written down because i've lost track of them at this point. Aka good job.
4. Maybe bring up the NAACPP lawsuit and talk about how voter suppression is a racial issue. I mean just look at the Kemp/Stacey Abrams election. White areas had little to no wait times compared to inner city majority black areas and the fact that Kemp as Secretary of State, he pretty much shut down a lot of polling places in rural communities. Beyond what people may think, a large black population does live outside the city in southern states. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/2020/11/20/f0d11954-2b71-11eb-9b14-ad872157ebc9_story.html
5. Republicans are telling the president to get out, but at the same time are attacking Bidens picks.
6. Update on the Purdue Pharma case - they pleaded guilty
7. Texts: US census manager told counters to use fake answers <https://apnews.com/article/us-census-manager-counters-fake-answers-b0ecdec4d6fa4fe3a0989e5702c528ce>
8. Open Skies Treaty <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/527056-us-withdraws-from-open-skies-treaty-with-russia>

Docs

FYI, Trump's position in the Wayne County case is SO BAD that his lawyer (Thor!) has taken to lying in open court. Seriously! They've moved to dismiss the case because the canvassers "met and declined to certify" which is... the opposite of what happened. <http://openargs.com/wp-content/uploads/Wayne-County-voluntary-dismissal.pdf>

If you would like to re-live, or listen for the first time, to Rudy Giuliani's court appearance in Pennsylvania this week, the judge agreed to release the audio, finding the public interest outweighs any concerns about taping court hearings: https://youtube.com/watch?v=c-Rvu8jTjk&feature=emb_err_woyt (It's a gift to listen to while you're sitting at home for Thanksgiving...like you better be)

AND another Trump lawyer in Pennsylvania, Linda Kerns, has dropped off his lawsuit there. <https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1329455626129465346/photo/1>

Judge Grimberg DENIES a federal injunction in a Georgia election lawsuit.(He's Trump appointed)

Complaint:

<https://courtlister.com/recap/gov.uscourts.gand.283580/gov.uscourts.gand.283580.6.0.pdf>

Great thread on the GA lawsuit

<https://twitter.com/bradheath/status/1329905687867117572?s=20>

DOJ have to back the fuck off the Jean Carroll case.

<https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1329818699218432001/photo/1>

Black voters in Detroit and a voting rights group, repped by NAACP , are suing Trump in federal court, accusing him of violating the Voting Rights Act by trying to undermine the election results in Michigan

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7331895/11-20-20-Michigan-Welfare-Rights-Org-v-Trump.pdf>

Trump has filed an appeal of his humiliating loss in Pennsylvania to the Third Circuit. Rudy Giuliani remains lead counsel.

<https://twitter.com/marceelias/status/1330605180233150469/photo/1>

The campaign appealed to the 3rd Circuit, but contrary to their insistence this weekend that this puts them on a fast track to SCOTUS, what they're asking for is to go *back to the district court* and get a chance to press their second amended complaint. Note that Rudy Giuliani is not listed on the campaign's filings in the 3rd Circuit so far. As the court explains in this notice, lawyers who aren't members of the court's bar can't be specially admitted (like Rudy was in the district court) unless they're pro bono <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332>

In Bucks County, the Trump campaign appealed the rejection of a challenge to 1,995 ballots (e.g. missing info on envelope/secretary envelope issue) — the DNC/Bucks County are asking the PA Supreme Court to step in asap since the county has to certify today

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332239/11-22-20-173-MM-2020-DNC-Application-for-Extra.pdf>

There's also a new case in PA Commonwealth Court filed by GOP Rep. Mike Kelly and other Rs, lodging a sweeping challenge to expanded mail-in voting in PA — a law passed in *October 2019* — and seeking to stop the state from certifying election results:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332244/11-21-20-Kelly-620-MD-2020-Petition-for-Review.pdf>

In Westmoreland County, PA, a judge sided with a GOP state senate candidate challenging 204 provisional ballots where poll workers may have incorrectly directed voters to also sign a poll book indicating they voted at a machine

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332269/11-23-20-Ziccarelli-4152-of-2020-Opinion-and.pdf>

The Trump campaign has now asked the 3rd Circuit for permission to file a motion for an emergency restraining order to halt the "effect" of PA's "likely" certification of election results — they don't explain what exactly that means

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332285/11-23-20-Trump-3rd-Circuit-Motion-to-Submit.pdf>

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has rejected the Trump campaign's challenge to 8,329 absentee ballots in Philadelphia missing certain info on the envelope AND reversed an order that invalidated 2,349 ballots in Allegheny County for the same reason

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332288/11-23-20-PA-Supreme-Court-Opinion-Absentee-Ballots.pdf>

Four members of the PA Supreme Court partially dissent, explaining they believe that absentee ballots should be rejected if they're missing a date with the voter's

signature <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332290/11-23-20-Wecht-PA-Supreme-Court-Concurrence.pdf> and

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332291/11-23-20-Dougherty-Concurring-and-Dissenting.pdf>

Back in the 3rd Circuit, here's the Trump campaign's brief arguing the district judge was wrong to deny their request to file a 2nd amended complaint (they throw prev. counsel under the bus for "incorrectly" filing the narrowed 1st amended complaint)

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332326/11-23-20-Trump-Opening-Brief-3rd-Circuit.pdf>

And here's the Trump campaign's motion for a TRO asking the 3rd Circuit to stay the legal "effect" of PA certifying the election for Biden pending appeal (You can't ask a circuit court for a TRO) May want to explain why. <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332325/11-23-20-Trump-3rd-Circuit-TRO-Motion.pdf>

Two House committees reject offer from GSA for a briefing from the deputy administrator next week.

"We cannot wait yet another week to obtain basic information about your refusal to make the ascertainment determination."

<https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2020-11-23.CBM%20Lowey%20GEC%20Quigley%20to%20Murphy-GSA%20re%20Biden-Harris%20Transition%20Team%20Access.pdf>

The Michigan Supreme Court rebuffed the last remaining GOP challenge to try to stop Wayne County from certifying election results pending an audit — not a ruling the merits, rather the court wasn't persuaded it should take it up at all

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7332355/11-23-20-Costantino-MI-Supreme-Court-Order.pdf>

Republicans in Wisconsin (the Trump campaign is not a party) filed an emergency petition in the state Supreme Court to stop the final certification of election results for the filing, screenshot of docket below)

<https://democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2020/11/Trump-v-WEC-Petition-1.pdf>

News

Nov 25th

Fox News settles lawsuit with family of Seth Rich <https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/24/media/seth-rich-family-fox-news-settlement/index.html>

Nov 24th

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma pleads guilty to federal criminal charges, formally admitting role in opioid crisis.

<https://apnews.com/article/purdue-pharma-opioid-crisis-guilty-plea-5704ad896e964222a011f053949e0cc0>

Ashley Diamond, a Black transgender woman represented by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Southern Poverty Law Center, has sued the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) for the second time for its failure to protect her from sexual assault and provide her with adequate healthcare while incarcerated.

https://thegavoice.com/news/trans-woman-ashley-diamond-sues-georgia-department-of-corrections/?fbclid=IwAR0XS00bwEYFPYDN_n0SF0vkaDa_wiysgo9b88aQgRFqRFRaXyl5OLd

Trump admin rolling back protections provided under the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

<https://transequality.org/press/releases/trump-administration-rolls-back-crucial-protections-for-transgender-people-in-prisons?fbclid=IwAR23JcyuFlonOK9rMzHkuBSIXAWwAgn1TKyMADC1lj6vNDolKsJ6zogAswI>

One America News Network, one of President Trump's favorite media outlets, has been banned from posting new videos to YouTube for a week for spreading Covid-19 misinformation

<https://cnn.it/377nfke>

This will be good. Judge Emmet Sullivan Will Oversee Voting Rights Act Case Accusing Trump of Anti-Black Campaign to Overturn Election

<https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/judge-emmet-sullivan-will-oversee-voting-rights-act-case-accusing-trump-of-anti-black-campaign-to-overturn-election/>

The attorney leading Trump's recount effort in Wisconsin voted illegally according to his own legal argument that in-person absentee ballots should be thrown out. So did his wife.

https://amp.jsonline.com/amp/6382647002?_twitter_impression=true

Mayor Bill de Blasio called the clandestine ceremony at Brooklyn's Yetev Lev temple "just unacceptable."

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/yetev-lev-fined-maskless-wedding_n_5fbcdfc8c5b66bb88c614732?ncid=tweetinkushpmg00000067

Joe Biden is putting scientists in charge and back on the stage to restore trust in the CDC. The plans include immediately reviving regular media briefings and giving a central role to long-sidelined career officials including Nancy Messonnier.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/23/biden-cdc-officials-spotlight-trump-438843>

Nov 23rd

AOC explaining how the House works to Ted Cruz and im here for it.

<https://twitter.com/AOC/status/1331001675545456640?s=20>

Took him a while to come to this conclusion, but okay. President Trump is worried that his campaign's legal team, which is being led by his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, is comprised of "fools that are making him look bad,"

https://www.cnbc.com/2020/11/23/trump-fears-giuliani-and-other-biden-vote-challenge-lawyers-are-fools.html?_source=twitter%7Cmain

Jenna Ellis blur filter still freaks me out

<https://twitter.com/therecount/status/1331026211330551809?s=20>

Michigan AG confirms the former state senator peddling the Dominion conspiracy theory did not bring his professed concerns to her.

<https://twitter.com/dananessel/status/1330973413469544450?s=20>

GSA's Emily Murphy signs off and says the transition can begin because when Rep. Katie Porter threatens to bring her whiteboard out, the tea gets spilled too much for her to handle.

<https://twitter.com/mkraju/status/1331011299707408385/photo/1>

Katie Porter not taking anyones shit

<https://twitter.com/RepKatiePorter/status/1330999034165780484>

Statement by Biden-Harris Transition Executive Director Yohannes Abraham.

<https://twitter.com/Transition46/status/1331053220064620546?s=20>

The Trump administration has informed President-elect Joe Biden that they are ready to begin the formal transition process, according to a letter obtained by CNN

https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/23/politics/transition-biden-gsa-begin/index.html?utm_content=2020-11-23T23%3A22%3A12&utm_term=link&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twCNN

The Kraken was released... President Trump's campaign on Sunday night issued a striking repudiation of Sidney Powell, a lawyer who had offered up widely derided conspiracy theories as she tried to help the president's baseless challenges to vote counts.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/22/us/politics/sidney-powell-trump.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

<https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1330639253240508418/photo/1>

Nov 22nd

Fake farmer Devuin Nunes acknowledges Trump lost:

<https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1330543050465087488?s=20>

Rudy Giuliani, still super unclear on the difference between "claims" and "evidence". Meanwhile everyone of our listeners with a law degree is depressed that they have ethical standards to not be a total gifter and make 20k a day.

<https://twitter.com/openargs/status/1330638332301365251?s=20>

Larry Hogan isn't perfect by far but at least he calls Trump out directly on twitter

<https://twitter.com/GovLarryHogan/status/1330581894841430017?s=20>

Nov 21st

Sidney Poweel on Newsman the day before she was fired:

https://twitter.com/AhmedBaba_/status/1330368493448028161?s=20

Nov 20th

Silver Spoons actor Rick Schroder, who was arrested for domestic violence in 2019, and the My Pillow CEO Michael Lindell, who was arrested for domestic violence in 2008, helped pay Kyle Rittenhouse's \$2 million bond. Fuck all their faces.

<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ny-kyle-rittenhouse-out-of-jail-after-posting-two-million-bond-20201120-w7q34vwdfbc3llwesn3hbmdjee-story.html>

It's been so long since a I could read the words "President" and "Transgender" in a sentence, without being engulfed in fear about what hair brained oppressive measures are going to try to hinder their rights... that this feels really nice to read.

President-elect Joe Biden marks Transgender Day of Remembrance "At least 37 transgender and gender-nonconforming people have been killed this year, most of them Black and Brown transgender women. It's intolerable."

<https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1329775547346522112/photo/1>

Take your meds and get your damn shots. Pfizer seeking U.S. emergency use of COVID-19 shot, starting process that could bring some doses as early as next month.

<https://apnews.com/article/pfizer-emergency-use-covid-19-vaccine-177b3ba382517392911c029ecbe74daa>

Nov 19th

The guy who assisted with the autopsy of Michael Brown alongside the guy that did the Epstein, George Floyd, & Nicole Brown Simpson's autopsies, has just been indicted for wire fraud for taking money for his fraudulent services.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/kansas-man-accused-of-illegal-autopsies-faces-fraud-charges/2020/11/19/0f83533e-2a74-11eb-9c21-3cc501d0981f_story.html

Color me not shocked that Purdue is the asshole we all know he is... Right before he was put in charge of a Senate subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Navy, Sen. David Perdue began buying up stock in a company that made submarine parts.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/sen-david-perdue-helped-defense-contractor-and-sold-off-its-stock>

They have google calendar reminders for when they can arrest him and his shitty kids and no one can convince me otherwise. Two NY state fraud probes into Trump and his businesses, one criminal and one civil, "have expanded to include tax write-offs on millions of dollars in consulting fees, some of which appear to have gone to Ivanka Trump," the NYT reports.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/19/nyregion/trump-fraud-investigations-taxes.html?smid=tw-share>

Trump Pressured MI GOP County Officials Into Trying To 'Rescind' Election Certification

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/news/mi-gop-county-officials-now-seeking-to-rescind-their-votes-to-certify-election>