**Miss Ashley’s Stories in the News**

**Week of July 28th**

**Notes**

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   <https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/twitter-sues-elon-musk-seeking-enforcement-of-44b-takeover/>
2. (WTF) Gun rights groups sue over California law that bans marketing of guns to minors  
   <https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/gun-rights-groups-sue-over-california-law-that-bans-marketing-of-guns-to-minors/>
3. US appeals court strikes down rule requiring broadcasters confirm sponsor identities with federal sources  
   <https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/us-appeals-court-strikes-down-rule-requiring-broadcasters-confirm-sponsor-identities-with-federal-sources/>
4. All of the republicans and right wing news outlets raged that this story was fake. Sadly, now that the race of the guy has been revealed as hispaic, the commentary has been stepped towards a racist talking point. Because white people could “never” do immoral things such as this.   
   <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2022/07/13/columbus-man-charged-rape-10-year-old-led-abortion-in-indiana/10046625002/>
5. (Don’t think it’s safe for people to travel to the US) An Australian woman was detained by a US border official who asked if she'd recently had an abortion  
   <https://www.businessinsider.com/australian-woman-asked-if-had-abortion-by-us-border-official-2022-7?IR=T>

**News**

**July 14th**

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Grand jury indicts embattled South Carolina attorney Alex Murdaugh on murder charges in the 2021 slayings of his wife and son.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/embattled-attorney-alex-murdaugh-indicted-slayings-wife-son-rcna38032?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma>

Ph.D. Immigration Measure Removed, New Immigrant Visa Lawsuit Filed

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2022/07/14/phd-immigration-measure-removed-new-immigrant-visa-lawsuit-filed/?sh=9d698ad6166f>

The University of Central Florida temporarily removed some academic departments’ statements, prompting fears of self-censorship by school officials under a new state law.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2022/07/14/ucf-anti-racism-statements-removed/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter>

Utah asks judge to toss transgender athletics lawsuit

<https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/utah-asks-judge-to-toss-transgender-athletics-lawsuit>

**July 13th**

Louisiana judge reinstates injunction against state’s abortion ban

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/louisiana-judge-reinstates-injunction-against-states-abortion-ban/>

Alex Jones Asks Judge to Ban the ‘Topics of White Supremacy and Right-Wing Extremism’ from Sandy Hook Defamation Trial

<https://lawandcrime.com/lawsuit/alex-jones-asks-judge-to-ban-the-topics-of-white-supremacy-and-right-wing-extremism-from-sandy-hook-defamation-trial/>

Lawsuit challenges definition of “assault weapon” in New York law

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/lawsuit-challenges-definition-of-assault-weapon-in-new-york-law/>

Congress eyes showdowns on birth control, marriage equality

<https://www.axios.com/2022/07/14/congress-codifying-gay-marriage-contraception-abortion?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendto_newslettertest_politics_policy&stream=top>

California passes law allowing individuals affected by gun violence to sue gun manufacturers

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/california-passes-law-allowing-individuals-affected-by-gun-violence-to-sue-gun-manufacturers/>

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<https://www.businessinsider.com/australian-woman-asked-if-had-abortion-by-us-border-official-2022-7?IR=T>

Biden administration says refusing to fill abortion medication prescriptions can violate federal civil rights law

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/biden-administration-says-refusing-to-fill-abortion-medication-prescriptions-can-violate-federal-civil-rights-law/>

US Department of Justice establishes Reproductive Rights Task Force

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/us-department-of-justice-establishes-reproductive-rights-task-force/>

Minnesota court rules state abortion laws unconstitutional

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/minnesota-court-rules-state-abortion-laws-unconstitutional/>

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Baltimore Police officer Steven Angelini faces federal gun and drug charges after conspiring with members of a motorcycle gang and selling a bike gang leader a 9 mm AR-15 ghost gun he built in exchange for cocaine.

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/crime/bs-md-ci-cr-bpd-officer-charged-20220713-3k2rwwnr4va53frr4ma5kapmue-story.html>

**July 12th**

US appeals court strikes down rule requiring broadcasters confirm sponsor identities with federal sources

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/us-appeals-court-strikes-down-rule-requiring-broadcasters-confirm-sponsor-identities-with-federal-sources/>

Heidi Stirrup — a Trump White House liaison to DOJ who was reportedly banned from the department after improperly trying to obtain details of voter fraud probes — testified to the Jan. 6 select committee in April, per a court filing tonight.

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/22084587-24-1>

Opioid manufacturers and San Francisco reach $58M settlement

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/opioid-manufacturers-and-san-francisco-reach-58m-settlement/>

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Announces Selection of Colette S. Peters as Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-merrick-b-garland-announces-selection-colette-s-peters-director-federal>

Utah judge temporarily blocks state abortion ban

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/utah-judge-temporarily-blocks-state-abortion-ban/>

The Senate just confirmed Biden's ATF nominee Steven Dettelbach, meaning the top agency that enforces federal gun laws will have a permanent director for the first time in 7 years.

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/atf-director-steven-dettelbach-biden-guns_n_62c85e79e4b0d74019833223?gb>

US federal judge blocks Arizona ‘personhood’ abortion law

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/us-federal-judge-blocks-arizona-personhood-abortion-law/>

Senator Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat who has taken more campaign contributions from oil, gas and coal companies than any other senator, has assailed proposed tax incentives for electric vehicles as unnecessary and wasteful.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/12/climate/electric-vehicle-tax-credits-manchin.html>

Biden administration says healthcare providers must allow abortion when mother’s life at risk

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/biden-administration-says-healthcare-providers-must-allow-abortion-when-mothers-life-at-risk/>

Massachusetts court rules in favor of mail-in voting, early voting law

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/massachusetts-court-rules-in-favor-of-mail-in-voting-early-voting-law/>

**July 11th**

U.S. judicial panel orders probe into hiring of clerk accused of racism

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-judicial-panel-orders-probe-into-hiring-clerk-accused-racism-2022-07-08/>

Chief Judge Resigns at Crucial Time for New York’s Top Court

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/11/nyregion/janet-difiore-ny-judge.html>

Not content with bringing the CPAC conference to Hungary in May, now the American Conservative Union has announced that ultra-right-wing authoritarian leader Viktor Orbán will headline CPAC in Texas next month

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/n7zbd7/victor-orban-cpac-texas>

Judge orders Sen. Lindsey Graham to testify for special grand jury in Trump election probe

<https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/atlanta/sen-lindsey-graham-ordered-testify-front-special-grand-jury-trump-election-probe/CWFIZ4EZLFBY3L3MEMJPA6TVL4/>

Trump lawyer interviewed with FBI about Bannon contempt case

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/11/trump-attorney-justin-clark-fbi-00045073?nname=playbook&nid=0000014f-1646-d88f-a1cf-5f46b7bd0000&nrid=0000014e-f0ef-dd93-ad7f-f8ef97380000&nlid=630318>

Doc: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/22083076-motion-in-limine-to-exclude-evidence-or-argument-relating-to-the-defendants-eleventh-hour-assertion-that-he-is-willing-to-testify>

Health Care Sharing Ministries use the veil of religion to prey on consumers in search of care, often leaving folks in the lurch or risking bankruptcy when they need help the most.

<https://rephuffman.medium.com/rep-huffman-introduces-bill-to-protect-consumers-from-dangerous-health-care-sharing-ministry-dab38fc10190>

**July 10th**

Plenty of reasons to be skeptical about Bannon’s belated offer to testify, a week before his criminal trial, but here’s a bit of news — his lawyer tells me that Bannon intends to comply with the document portion of his subpoena too.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/10/bannon-jan-6-testimony-00044952>

A Louisiana doctor prescribed Cytotec to make the insertion of an IUD less painful. Walgreens called the physician to ask if the prescription was for an abortion, she told them it was for an IUD & the pharmacist still refused to fill it.

<https://www.nola.com/news/healthcare_hospitals/article_238af184-ff02-11ec-9bce-dfd660a21ce1.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=user-share>

Gun rights groups sue over California law that bans marketing of guns to minors

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/gun-rights-groups-sue-over-california-law-that-bans-marketing-of-guns-to-minors/>

Wisconsin high court holds using ballot drop boxes illegal under state statutes

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/wisconsin-high-court-holds-using-ballot-drop-boxes-illegal-under-state-statutes/>

Louisiana judge lifts temporary block on state law banning abortions

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/louisiana-judge-lifts-temporary-block-on-state-law-banning-abortions/>

President Biden signs executive order in attempt to safeguard access to abortion and contraception

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/biden-signs-executive-order-to-safeguard-access-to-abortion-and-contraception/>

**July 8th**

John Eastman has filed an amended complaint seeking the return of his cell phone, seized by agents on behalf of the DOJ inspector general.

<https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.nmd.476086/gov.uscourts.nmd.476086.6.0.pdf>

The ex-leader of a religious right organization said he recruited and coached wealthy volunteers to wine, dine and entertain conservative Supreme Court justices while pushing conservative positions on abortion, homosexuality and gun restrictions.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/07/08/religious-right-supreme-court-00044739>

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf VETOS dangerous election bill--SB 573--that would have empowered Republican poll challengers.

<https://twitter.com/marceelias/status/1545575294391689216/photo/1>

A new wave of right-wing candidates is explicitly aiming to promote Christian power in America, with many mixing religious fervor with conspiracy theories, and even calling for the end of the separation of church and state.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/08/us/christian-nationalism-politicians.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>

“Investigators determined that Flynn received nearly $450,000 from Turkish and Russian interests in 2015, including for an appearance in Moscow alongside President Vladimir Putin, but found no records that he had sought government approval beforehand.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/07/08/michael-flynn-foreign-payments/>

Texas Legislators Threaten Sidley Over Abortion Care Travel Costs

<https://abovethelaw.com/2022/07/texas-legislators-threaten-sidley-over-abortion-care-travel-costs/>

Steve Bannon’s Lawyer Robert Costello Seeks to Withdraw from Contempt of Congress Case, Claiming He May Be a Witness

<https://twitter.com/lawcrimenews/status/1545499819560550402>

US federal judge sentences Derek Chauvin to 21 years in prison for violating George Floyd and minor’s civil rights

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/07/us-federal-judge-sentences-derek-chauvin-to-21-years-in-prison-for-violating-george-floyd-and-minors-civil-rights/>

More than 300 employees from five state agencies have resigned since Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced Virginia’s new telework policy in early May, according to records obtained by 8News.

<https://www.wric.com/news/virginia-news/over-300-virginia-state-employees-resign-in-wake-of-gov-youngkins-telework-policy/>

In North Carolina, House Bill 1049 "would allocate $50,000 to destroy free public car chargers ... if a town refuses to build free gas and diesel pumps next to the EV chargers."

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a40543385/north-carolina-wants-remove-free-public-ev-chargers/?utm_campaign=socialflowTWCD&src=socialflowTW&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social-media>

Roger Stone and Stop the Steal leaders were followed by a second documentary film crew before the Capitol attack — that also recorded key moments in timeline, including ‘rehearsal’ rallies and the days leading up to Jan. 6.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/jul/07/roger-stone-ali-alexander-film-jan-6-stop-the-steal>

Ex-Matt Gaetz ally Joel Greenberg has a sentencing date: December 1, 2022

Greenberg reached a plea deal last May and has been cooperating with fed investigation into others including potential sex trafficking allegations against Gaetz, per  multiple sources.

<https://twitter.com/wsteaks/status/1545408160181231616/photo/1>