

Miss Ashley's Christmas List!

Notes

1. Rebekah Jones suing Florida

2. The covid relief bill

3. Smartmatic telling Fox, Oan, etc to back the fuck off.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/20/business/media/smartmatic-lawsuit-fox-news-newsmax-oan.html>

4. HHS subpoenaed <https://politico.com/news/2020/12/21/house-watchdog-cdc-covid-reports-449517>

5. People are really worried about Reps rejecting Bidens nomination, talk them down off this damn ledge

6. Immigration detainees file for class-action lawsuit against ICE and Georgia gynecologist, alleging misconduct

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/12/22/ice-gynecologist-georgia-doctor-lawsuit/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

Docs

The only really notable feature of the absurd new election lawsuit in D.C. is that the plaintiffs sued Mike Pence in his official capacity, meaning I suppose that the Justice Department will now be obliged to defend him from the many pages of absurdity.

<https://electionlawblog.org/wp-content/uploads/DC-WVA-20201222-complaint.pdf>

SCOTUS puts off deciding whether Trump can exclude undocumented immigrants from 2020 Census data used to divvy up seats in Congress, instead tossing a challenge as "premature." Sotomayor, Kagan, Breyer dissent. https://supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/20-366_7647.pdf

Remember how Black voters in Detroit, represented by NAACP, filed a voting rights suit against Trump? A new version was filed:

- Adding the RNC as a defendant
- Adding the NAACP as a plaintiff
- Adding a conspiracy count under the Ku Klux Klan Act

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20434046/12-21-20-michigan-welfare-rights-v-trump-amended-complaint-redline.pdf>

They are appealing their trio of losses in Pennsylvania to the US Supreme Court. Cases decided by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on November 23, November 17, and OCTOBER 23

https://cdn.donaldjtrump.com/public-files/press_assets/trump-v-boockvar-petition.pdf

It's Sunday, which means the Supreme Court hasn't taken Sidney Powell up on her request that it order expedited, emergency briefing on her farfetched election conspiracy cases.

Docket: <https://supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/20-815.html>

Here is the latest lawsuit in Georgia, complete with allegations about Hugo Chavez. It may not technically be a Kraken case, but its as close as we have in the US Senate run-off.

<https://www.democracymocket.com/cases/georgia-runoff-challenge-5/>

News

Dec 23rd

Justice Dept. Accuses Walmart of Fueling Opioid Crisis

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/22/business/walmart-opioid-lawsuit.html>

Christmas Pardons Continue <https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/22/politics/trump-pardons/index.html>

Dec 22nd

Why does the omnibus bill repeal 18 USC 711(a)??

<https://twitter.com/CrimeADay/status/1341112544338071552>

-As of 12/22, Tulsi's "bill" still hasn't been introduced.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8932/titles>

Immigration detainees file for class-action lawsuit against ICE and Georgia gynecologist, alleging misconduct

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/12/22/ice-gynecologist-georgia-doctor-lawsuit/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

The Arizona court issued its decision today in the Republican Party lawsuit that sought a hand count audit in Maricopa County. Looks like sanctions may be in the GOP's future. Eyes

<https://democracymocket.com/cases/arizona-election-audit-challenge/>

Rosemary Vrablic, the longtime Deutsche Bank official who oversaw the Trump relationship, has abruptly handed in her resignation from the bank, I'm told. She's leaving effective 12/31.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/22/business/trump-deutsche-bank-rosemary-vrablic.html>

Lin Wood's post-election antics may have violated multiple Delaware rules of professional conduct, a judge found in an order to show cause that could keep him from representing Carter Page.

<https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/judge-says-lin-woods-post-election-lawsuits-may-have-violated-several-professional-rules-orders-him-to-respond/>

Trump and Pelosi put McConnell in a really awkward position

<https://twitter.com/SpeakerPelosi/status/1341557535732604935?s=20>

President Trump Pardoned Four Blackwater Contractors Convicted Of Killing Civilians In Iraq. Looks like Eric Prince (Brother of Besty Devos) got a sweet Christmas present
<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/salvadorhernandez/trump-blackwater-pardon-iraqi>

President Trump just named Pam Bondi to the board of trustees for the Kennedy Center. They go way back, all the way to an apparent \$25,000 bribe to get Bondi to back off legal action on Trump University.
<https://www.citizensforethics.org/reports-investigations/crew-investigations/the-trump-foundation-pam-bondi-scandal/>

Matt Gaetz being Matt Gaetz <https://twitter.com/openargs/status/1341540500202024966?s=20>

Florida Democrat files petition to disbar Gaetz <http://hill.cm/fvgVH4T>

Just 4 days from Christmas, the Trump Administration has demanded a federal judge grant it immediate possession of the Cavazos family's property so they can continue sprinting to build the border wall. Construction is already happening right by the property. Still trying to make that wall work, regardless of who it hurts.
<https://twitter.com/TXCivilRights/status/1341450818726350848?s=20>

South Carolina Republican Gov. Henry McMaster has tested positive for COVID-19. Don't worry, he'll receive medical care none of us can ever afford.

Dec 21st

More than 1.3 million Georgians have already voted in the Senate runoffs, rivaling general election turnout
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/georgia-runoff-early-vote/2020/12/20/6f78c0c0-414f-11eb-9453-fc36ba051781_story.html?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter

Trump is turning on everyone <https://www.axios.com/trump-white-house-conspiracy-theories-d95450a4-c7a3-4579-a568-0473b18529c9.html>

12 local elected officials from all across Georgia sent this letter to Loeffler and Perdue to do their damn jobs.
<https://twitter.com/MayorJohnsonSAV/status/1341139078645891072?s=20>

Federal prosecutors have discussed making a legal request for Rudy Giuliani's electronic communications, two sources familiar with the probe tell NBC News, a sign that the investigation into Giuliani remains active and may soon be ramping up.
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/feds-have-discussed-making-legal-request-giuliani-s-electronic-communications-n1250714>

Mitch McConnell Successfully Blocked Mandatory Paid Leave For Workers With COVID
<https://buzzfeednews.com/article/paulmcleod/paid-sick-leave-ends-coronavirus-mcconnell>

Trump HHS/CDC has been subpoenaed by House COVID Oversight committee after evidence revealed that Trump appointees **attempted to “alter or block” at least 13 scientific reports** as outbreaks surged across the spring and summer.

<https://politico.com/news/2020/12/21/house-watchdog-cdc-covid-reports-449517>

'My Bank Account Has \$4': Pandemic Has Left Millions Of Livelihoods In Limbo. Heartbreaking, but part of the reality many families are facing.

https://www.npr.org/2020/12/21/946890267/-4-in-my-bank-account-pandemic-has-left-millions-of-livelihoods-in-limbo?utm_term=nprnews&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr

Jenna Ellis is looking for an exit strategy

<https://twitter.com/JennaEllisEsq/status/1341233662822477825?s=20>

I'm still hoping Barr turns on Trump, not like he has standards or loyalty to anyone

<https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1341052958511919106>

Conservative Justice Hagedorn of the Wisconsin Supreme Court: There's nothing in the law or facts that would have let Trump overturn the state's election.

"If you're going to make a claim like that, you better have your evidence ... That wasn't the case."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/20/us/politics/wisconsin-justice-brian-hagedorn.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

Speaker Nancy Pelosi on removal of statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from the U.S. Capitol: "The Congress will continue our work to rid the Capitol of homages to hate, as we fight to end the scourge of racism in our country." <https://abcn.ws/3rgMLqj>

Like the Stonewall Inn in New York City, the Atlanta Eagle is an historic gathering place for LGBTQ people in Atlanta and it has become a special spot in the story for our struggle for freedom and dignity. If you want something legal savvy that will make your blood pressure rise, search the Atlanta Eagles raid.

<https://www.lambdalegal.org/blog/city-of-atlanta-names-atlanta-eagle-historic-landmark>

This was the day that Andrew discovered Gorka had a show, think he died inside a little. Host Seb Gorka cuts MyPillow guy Mike Lindell short after Lindell starts to push conspiracy theories about voting machines. (Under legal duress, Newsmax just had to run segments debunking its own lies about voting machines.)

<https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1341184614711390208?s=20>

A weekly dose of AOC <https://twitter.com/AOC/status/1341127578904653830?s=20>

Dec 20th

Just before Obama left office, he made it easier for students defrauded by for-profit colleges to apply for federal debt relief. The Trump admin allowed a massive backlog of more than 200,000 claims to pile up. Borrowers now hope Biden fixes the mess.

https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/19/politics/student-loan-relief-devos-trump-biden/index.html?utm_term=link&utm_source=twCNNp&utm_content=2020-12-19T19:04:02&utm_medium=social

White House got a key win in a stimulus deal: Trump's team secured a tax deduction for business meals -- dubbed the '3 martini lunch' tax break. Dems agreed in exchange for tax breaks for low-income families. Don't any of you try to both sides this shit.

<https://washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2020/12/20/meal-tax-deduction/>

Congress agrees to restore Medicaid access for the Marshallese and other Pacific Islanders who have been barred from the program for nearly 25 years.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/12/20/congress-restores-medicaid-pacific-islanders-449480>

Sidney Powell's fired ass popped up at the Whitehouse. Like a bad check she always bounces back.

Two former presidents of the Arizona State Bar and five other attorneys have jointly filed an ethics complaint against 21 attorneys who went to court on behalf of Trump and the Arizona Republican Party after the 2020 election.

<https://www.12news.com/article/news/politics/bar-complaint-filed-against-trump-attorneys-in-arizona/75-857a2dd9-9e96-47b1-83f5-f9782bd875fb>

If any non Georgians want to know what kinda ads Loeffler is using to attack Warnock...it's pretty much on par with attacks on MLK

<https://twitter.com/ReverendWarnock/status/1340695983026565121?s=20>

The Maricopa County, Arizona Board of Supervisors has voted to sue state Republicans rather than comply with their subpoena for election-related materials.

"There is no legislative authority to audit election results."

https://tucson.com/news/local/maricopa-county-supervisors-sue-rather-than-comply-with-senators-subpoenas-for-election-materials/article_d8182783-1452-5773-9da1-11d1edf9db4c.html

Here's Lin Wood and I never saw him before this but jesus christ the man needs to lay off the botox. He's so shiny

<https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1340731368117035018?s=20>

Dec 19th

White House officials had drafted a statement to be released Friday accusing Russia of carrying out the cyber hacks, but they were blocked from doing so, a senior administration

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/russia-is-behind-the-broad-ongoing-cyber-spy-campaign-against-the-us-government-and-private-sector-pompeo-says/2020/12/19/8c850cf0-41b3-11eb-8bc0-ae155bee4aff_story.html?tid=ss_tw

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has spent years successfully dodging legal and public relations blows. Now he confronts a formidable new opponent: A federal prosecutor with a team of FBI agents investigating criminal allegations from Paxton's deputies.

https://apnews.com/article/us-news-ken-paxton-elections-crime-texas-8d1918c899f09852acad9f4140ea254a?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

Minnesota Republican state Sen. Jerry Relph has died after being diagnosed with Covid-19, his family says <https://cnn.it/3p8pXgY>

St. Louis congresswoman-elect Cori Bush, who led protests in Ferguson after Michael Brown's shooting, is headed to the House Judiciary Cmte.- that's it, that's the note

The former top intelligence official at DHS has reported to Congress as part of a whistleblower complaint that he was pressured by the Admin to exaggerate the role of far left agitators in violent acts.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-homeland-whistleblower-idUSKBN28R33L>

A federal judge has just rejected a request by Georgia's Republican senators to segregate ballots cast by newly registered voters in the Jan. 5 runoff election.

<https://www.ajc.com/politics/election/judge-rejects-another-election-lawsuit-by-georgia-us-senators/HLI4RNRDK5GYZHGXGY57UPTCS4/>

Dec 18th

The military spending bill that Trump's threatening to veto contains provisions that would help protect against the kind of broad Russian hacking discovered in recent days, according to experts and lawmakers.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/18/us/politics/cyber-defenses-bill-trump.html>

Confederate flag banned from being sold or displayed on state property in New York.

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/confederate-flag-banned-being-sold-or-displayed-state-property-new-n1251726?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma

She Was Flown Hundreds Of Miles To The Nearest Hospital That Could Handle Her COVID Case. She's Not Alone. <https://buzzfeednews.com/article/emaconnor/coronavirus-pandemic-rural-hospitals-airlift>

Inject some Katie Porter right into my veins

<https://twitter.com/RepKatiePorter/status/1339654052586553344?s=20>

Lou Dobbs and a lot of other commentators are backing the fuck up on those voting machine claims. Hmmm wonder why <https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1340093301731504130?s=20>

Oh, thats why

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/20/business/media/smartmatic-lawsuit-fox-news-newsmax-oan.html>

<https://www.mediaite.com/tv/lou-dobbs-airs-stunning-fact-check-of-his-own-election-conspiracies-after-company-threatens-legal-action/>

Nearly a dozen immigrants arrested by ICE were kept in solitary confinement for more than two months, including two people who were isolated for more than 300 days, according to a draft DHS IG report obtained by BuzzFeed

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/hamedaleaziz/ice-immigrants-solitary-confinement>

SCOTUS throws out challenge to Trump administration's exclusion of undocumented immigrants from next year's apportionment, with 6-3 majority holding that "this case is riddled with contingencies and speculation that impede judicial review":

https://supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/20-366_7647.pdf

Christain Terrorist in TX was paid "Investigator" for prominent GOP activist and donors

<https://religiondispatches.org/christian-terrorist-in-tx-was-paid-investigator-for-prominent-gop-activists-and-donors/>

Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller has ordered a Pentagon-wide halt to cooperation with the Biden transition, shocking officials across the Defense Department, senior administration officials tell Axios.

https://www.axios.com/pentagon-biden-transition-briefings-123a9658-4af1-4632-a6e6-770117784d60.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=organic&utm_content=1100

One in every five state and federal prisoners in the United States has tested positive for the coronavirus, a rate more than four times higher than the general population.

https://apnews.com/article/pandemics-race-and-ethnicity-prisons-united-states-coronavirus-pandemic-0bef0673013aa579551db5ad61b885e0?utm_medium=AP&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter

Denouncing Trump's "stall tactics," Jean Carroll's lawyers ask a judge to show "judicial proceedings can afford justice—rather than years of procedural quagmire—to victims of sexual assault who seek redress against even powerful wrongdoers."

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/trumps-gamesmanship-in-e-jean-carroll-case-smacks-of-desperation-and-fear-her-lawyers-tell-a-judge/>

Gov. Jim Justice's Bluestone Coal Corp. will stop violating water pollution rules, according to a settlement. The company benefited from actions by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, whose secretary Justice appointed.

https://www.propublica.org/article/a-coal-company-owned-by-this-billionaire-governor-has-pledged-to-stop-breaking-pollution-laws?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social

Ohio juvenile court Judge Timothy Grendell thought coronavirus precautions were overblown, and made sure people knew it. In one case he forbade a mother from getting her children tested for COVID-19. Then, one of them had to go to the emergency room.

https://www.propublica.org/article/the-family-court-judge-who-threatened-a-mother-with-contempt-of-court-for-getting-her-child-a-covid-19-test?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social#1017779

Oh, you mean the administration who couldn't properly hand out PPE to medical professionals is unable to distribute the vaccine in a competent manner, i'm shocked /s
States report confusion as feds slash vaccine shipments, and Pfizer says it has "millions" of unclaimed doses

https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/12/17/pfizer-vaccine-supply-states/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=wp_main

Newly released video shows police didn't immediately help Ahmaud Arbery as he lay dying (because of course they didn't)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2020/12/17/ahmaud-arbery-body-camera-video/?arc404=true&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=wp_main