

**Miss Ashley's
Stories in the News
For the Week of 4/29/2021**

Notes

3. Obviously the census

4. Montana legislature passes bill to prohibit employers requiring a vaccine. Maybe a good thing to cover what small businesses can do to enforce it. <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/550584-montana-legislature-passes-bill-to-prohibit-employers-requiring-a>

5. Voting issues that may need a brief mention
Controversial elections changes approved by Florida House <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-ne-nsf-florida-house-passes-elections-overhaul-20210428-rr7raopmm5a3vpcy3l7jtyfxja-story.html>

Iowa moves 294,000 registered voters to 'inactive' status
<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/iowa-moves-294000-registered-voters-inactive-status-77323150>

6. All the redistricting lawsuits filed by Marc Ellis
https://www.democracymatters.com/case_type/redistricting/

Docs

The Supreme Court agrees to take up a major gun rights case. In NY State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v. Corlett, the justices will consider the extent to which the Second Amendment protects the right to carry guns outside the home for self-defense.
<https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/united-states-v-abu-zubaydah/>

Domestic terrorist are going to be a major focus of this administration
<https://twitter.com/ericgarland/status/1386793494291914752/photo/1>

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News

April 29th

New from the White House: Biden's second set of federal court nominees is out – three district court picks, two for Washington state and one for New Jersey
<https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1387724694359625730?s=20>

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So, this is going to be the big talking point in rightwing legal circles. God, I almost forgot this fucker existed and then he pops up like diarrhea in traffic. Ex-Trump aide Stephen Miller's legal group sues Biden administration, alleging racism against white farmers:
<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/ex-trump-aide-stephen-miller-s-legal-group-sues-biden-n1265663>

'Astounding': Big-name Republicans are skipping a matchup against Warnock
<https://www.ajc.com/politics/astounding-big-name-republicans-are-skipping-a-matchup-against-warnock/22NKCIXNGFBPBL7SCNPAVP56VI/>

In court new filing, the Republican Party articulates its reason for intervening to defend Georgia's new voter suppression law in court. Basically, if the new law is struck down, the GOP candidates will lose elections in Georgia.
<https://twitter.com/marceelias/status/1387526720585142272/photo/1>

If i ever need self esteem, I look at Rudy's son (the bastard weasley who went rogue) and feel great. Rudy's son Andrew Giuliani: "Any American, whether you are red or blue, should be extremely disturbed by what happened here today, by the continued politistation [sic] of the Justice Department."
<https://twitter.com/therecount/status/1387500953167962112?s=20>

Bless Four Seasons Total Landscapng
<https://twitter.com/therealfstl1992/status/1387453573290766349?s=20>

3 Men Indicted On Federal Hate Crime Charges In Ahmaud Arbery Killing. Oh look the DOJ is actually doing its job now. Also note, Georgia didn't have a hate crime law (because Georgia) before this murder.
<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/28/991722733/3-men-indicted-on-federal-hate-crime-charges-in-ahmaud-arbery-killing>

Gov. Ned Lamont signs bill eliminating Connecticut's religious exemption for mandatory school vaccinations
<https://www.courant.com/politics/hc-pol-vaccines-exemption-connecticut-vote-20210427-lzql55kx7vep3pohq4y2ad2e3i-story.html>

Biden will call for free preschool for all three- and four-year-old children, a \$200 billion investment to be rolled out in his American Families Plan. The admin said the investment would benefit 5 million children and save the average family \$13,000.
<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/biden-to-propose-free-preschool-as-part-of-american-families-plan-01619565570>

Florida saw Georgia and said "hold my beer" Controversial elections changes approved by Florida House
<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-ne-nsf-florida-house-passes-elections-overhaul-20210428-rr7raopmm5a3vpcy3l7jtyfxja-story.html>

A *sixth* federal lawsuit has been filed against Georgia's voting restrictions, alleging the GOP-backed law discriminates against Black, Latino and Asian voters by making it harder for them to vote with absentee ballots, during runoffs and on election day.
<https://www.ajc.com/politics/lawsuit-says-georgia-voting-law-discriminates-against-black-voters/MLCYF63FEXRLSWBTWEISTTDQ/>

An intern accused an Idaho Republican of rape. He was warned before about his behavior toward women.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/04/28/idaho-aaron-von-ehlinger-rape/?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter

Ghislaine Maxwell loses appeal on bail decision in fourth ruling denying her release ahead of trial

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/ghislaine-maxwell-loses-appeal-on-bail-decision-in-fourth-ruling-denying-her-release-ahead-of-trial/2021/04/27/3cccc11a-a7ae-11eb-bca5-048b2759a489_story.html?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

"Federal Grand Jury Returns a Superseding Indictment Adding New Charges in the Conspiracy to Kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer"

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDOJOPA/2021/04/28/file_attachments/1789365/Fox%20et%20al.%20SS%20Ind%20FINAL.pdf

April 27th

Fox News Again Urges N.Y. Court To Dismiss Smartmatic's \$2.7 Billion Lawsuit

<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/27/991182533/fox-news-again-urges-n-y-court-to-dismiss-smartmatics-2-7-billion-lawsuit>

The Biden administration will issue a policy that sharply limits the immigrants whom ICE officers can arrest at courthouses after years of criticism of the practice, according to docs & officials.

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/hamedaleaziz/ice-arrests-courthouses-immigrants>

Reports that Emergent's CEO sold \$10M of stock weeks before the announcement that his company had ruined 15 million J&J vaccine doses appear to show an egregious example of pandemic profiteering. Warren is asking the SEC to investigate for insider trading.

<https://warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-calls-on-sec-to-investigate-potential-insider-trading-by-ceo-of-emergent-biosolutions-company-that-ruined-15-million-doses-of-johnson-and-johnson-covid-vaccine>

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Lawmakers are poised to make major changes to how the U.S. military handles sexual assault cases. A new bill would remove commanders from deciding cases, a practice that some argue prevents victims from coming forward.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/27/us/politics/military-sexual-assault.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

On Feb. 11, Don Jr. sat for a video deposition in the D.C. inaugural committee lawsuit. He swore to tell the truth. But documents and a video obtained by MoJo—and recent legal filings—indicate his testimony on key points was not accurate.

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2021/04/in-sworn-testimony-in-inauguration-scandal-case-donald-trump-jr-made-apparently-false-statements/>

From the state that David Duke served... The low point of session undoubtedly came today when Rep. Ray Garofalo said Louisiana schools need to teach the good of slavery.

<https://twitter.com/LaDemos/status/1387129763035242504?s=20>

April 26th

Cyber Ninjas, hired by Arizona Senate to recount Maricopa County's ballots, asks court to keep its procedures secret

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2021/04/25/cyber-ninjas-wants-to-keep-its-arizona-election-recount-secret/7379117002/>

Former Republican Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia has announced he will not run for U.S. Senate (or any seat) in the next election.

AG Garland announces investigation of Louisville PD's policing practices

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/ag-garland-expected-announce-investigation-louisville-pds-policing/story?id=77319848>

2020 Census count shows California losing U.S. House seat while Texas, Florida and Colorado gain.

https://apnews.com/article/census-congressional-districts-7dd29f02c7d68038920c7e1a23f842a1?utm_medium=ap&utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=twitter

When the coronavirus pandemic began impacting everyday life, Dallas attorney Mark Melton began posting advice on social media for people who might face eviction. Now, he's recruited over 175 attorneys who have helped more than 6,000 people.

https://apnews.com/article/health-dallas-religion-coronavirus-4c786b0bdcf6ff5947fa31cfd4edbe16?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

D.C. will pay \$1.6 million to settle two lawsuits – filed by the ACLU-DC and Jeffery Light – on behalf of journalists, legal observers, and demonstrators who protested the inauguration of President Trump in January 2017. More here:

<https://www.acludc.org/en/press-releases/dc-pay-16-million-settle-claims-2017-inauguration-day-demonstrations>

April 24th

Waiting for all the other cities he owes to join this bandwagon. The City of Albuquerque has referred the Trump campaign to a collection agency. The city is seeking approximately \$200,000 following Trump's rally in Rio Rancho in 2019.

<https://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/city-of-albuquerque-refers-trump-campaign-bill-to-collection-agency/6083948/>

A county Republican Party organization in Minnesota recently hosted a dinner featuring a keynote speaker who told attendees that George Floyd's murder was a hoax

<https://www.bemidjipioneer.com/news/government-and-politics/6998962-Minnesota-countys-GOP-event-featured-far-right-conspiracy-theorist>

You may fuck up a lot in life, but you're not Sydney Powell so thats a bonus. Sidney Powell's Lawyers Say Dominion Defamation Defense is 'No Admission' that 'Kraken' Case Was 'False or Non-Believable'

<https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/sidney-powells-lawyers-say-dominion-defamation-defense-is-no-admission-that-kraken-case-was-false-or-non-believable/>

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has been on the job for only a month, but one of her priorities is clear: tackling violence against Native women.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/deb-haaland-violence-native-american-women_n_6082179be4b0dff25403df3c

Democratic state Sen. Troy Carter has won Saturday's special election for a vacant U.S. House seat based in New Orleans.

https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-cedric-richmond-new-orleans-elections-campaigns-19b00c58d8b0360d7bac5c72199f617f?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP

Democratic Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly has rejected a bill that would lower the concealed carry age in Kansas to 18.

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article250898414.html>

Fulton County DA has grown frustrated with Georgia Secretary of State's office cooperation in Trump probe, source says (haven't we all)

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/23/politics/georgia-trump-2020-election-probe-fulton-county/index.html>

April 23rd

GOP releases Infrastructure-Lite Plan, less than a quarter the size of the Biden plan

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/dc/gop-plan-vote-against-biden-infrastructure>

HUD Revokes Trump Rule Allowing Transgender Discrimination In Homeless Shelters

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/biden-trump-rule-homeless-transgender_n_6081e4e3e4b0e7cb020cd320?ncid=tweetInkushpmg00000067

Secretary of State Antony Blinken has issued a blanket authorization for U.S. diplomatic outposts around the world to fly the Pride flag on the same flagpole as the U.S. flag at their embassy or consulate showcasing support for LGBTQ rights.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/04/22/pride-flag-lgbtq-rights-state-department-biden-reverse-trump-embassies/>

Blinken Will Allow U.S. Embassies to Fly Pride Flag

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/04/22/pride-flag-lgbtq-rights-state-department-biden-reverse-trump-embassies/>

Oklahoma passes law protecting drivers who unintentionally injure or kill people participating in riots, because of fucking course it did.

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/oklahoma-passes-law-protecting-drivers-who-kill-or-hurt-rioters-n1265111?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma