

Miss Ashley's Stories in the News

For the Week of 11/4/2021

Nov 4th

After a long and contentious jury selection process in a coastal Georgia county in preparation for the trial for Ahmaud Arbery's killing, a panel of 12 people has been chosen.

The jury consists of 11 White members and one Black member.

<https://t.co/B9AAFJ5TjL?amp=1>

Nov 3rd

Gabby Giffords is suing the NRA in federal court over an alleged multimillion-dollar shell company scheme to illegally influence a number of elections. Her case also carries massive implications for federal election law.

<https://giffords.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Giffords-v.-NRA-Complaint-filed.pdf>

Michelle Wu is first person of color and woman to be elected Boston mayor

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/11/03/michelle-wu-boston-mayoral-first/?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter

I can't find the docs anywhere

Geo Group ordered to pay \$23.2M in detainee minimum wage cases

https://www.santafenewmexican.com/business/geo-group-ordered-to-pay-23-2m-in-detainee-minimum-wage-cases/article_82defad5-9a95-5731-8e12-208071bce63c.html

The Jan. 6 select committee has a new attorney appearing on its behalf in the Trump executive privilege lawsuit: Former assistant attorney general Mary MCCord.

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1455894422927945733/photo/1>

450 of the world's biggest investors, banks and insurers pledged to use their collective \$130 trillion in assets to hit net zero emissions targets in their investments by 2050. The move would put limiting climate at the center of big financial decisions.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/03/world/europe/cop26-climate-change-finance-industry.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>

NRA ran shell companies to illegally fund Trump and other Republicans, Giffords group alleges in suit

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/11/03/nra-lawsuit-giffords-trump-republicans/?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter

Texas Approves Prop 3, Allowing Churches to Stay Open During a Future Pandemic

<http://dlvr.it/SBqzg6>

Same-Sex Couples Can Get Survivor Benefits After Biden Administration Drops Legal Challenges

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/joewalsh/2021/11/01/same-sex-couples-can-get-survivor-benefits-after-biden-administration-drops-legal-challenges/?sh=2f76fcbe2248>

The new House reconciliation package includes:

- Parole for at least 5 years, or until 9/30/31, whichever is earlier (to keep w/n 10-year reconciliation window).
- Green card recapture
- Fee-based relief for people in visa backlogs.
- New non-waivable fees for most applications.etc

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-117HR5376RH-RCP117-18.pdf>

Cyber Ninjas fights Arizona audit public records demands

<https://apnews.com/article/business-elections-lawsuits-arizona-phoenix-c84cff02099fda058f57f34b924a5061>

Nov 2nd

NYC police unions warned vaccine mandates would pull 10,000 officers off streets. So far, the number is 34.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/11/02/nypd-unpaid-leave-vaccine-mandate/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social

The judge allegedly referred to George Floyd as “just another thug” and said, “I don't see anything wrong with the police killing him.”

https://www.vice.com/en/article/3abz4n/alabama-judge-loses-job-george-floyd?utm_source=vicenewstwitter

FEC lets foreigners finance U.S. ballot fights

https://www.axios.com/fec-foreign-money-referendum-dcc92322-05ad-4093-8bb8-35446ef6c964.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=politics-fec

Judge Freezes Alex Murdaugh's Money as Lawsuits Grow

<https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2021-11-02/judge-freezes-alex-murdaughs-money-as-lawsuits-grow>

After California Oil Spill, Environmentalists Plan to Sue US

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2021-11-02/after-california-oil-spill-environmentalists-plan-to-sue-us>

North Carolina Agency Files Motion Against Colonial Pipeline

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/north-carolina/articles/2021-11-02/north-carolina-agency-files-motion-against-colonial-pipeline>

Zillow's home-flipping business, Zillow Offers, lost \$381 million last quarter. The company is now ending the program and said it also plans to cut 25% of its workforce.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/zillow-quits-home-flipping-business-cites-inability-to-forecast-prices-11635883500?st=ygz08qqvwdpv6y&reflink=share_mobilewebshare

Nov 1st

Atheists to Supreme Court: Maine Taxpayers Must Not Fund Religious Schools

<http://dlvr.it/SBh1kX>

A little noticed thing that happened tonight is that the Senate just confirmed the first-ever openly LGBTQ woman to a lifetime seat on a U.S. appeals court.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/beth-robinson-lgbtq-woman-federal-appeals-court_n_61808abbe4b06b9de8ba0ccd?ie

Oct 31st

A Texas federal judge just held that RFRA and the First Amendment exempt private employers from Title VII if they don't like LGBTQ people for religious reasons...like, all of them across the country...because Title VII has other exemptions. <https://docdro.id/gnf49nU>

Oct 30th

Trump's PAC is spending \$100k a week on Facebook ads, circumventing his ban: "Facebook allows the ads because Trump is not posting them personally through his suspended account & the ads do not speak in Trump's 'voice,' according to a company spokeswoman."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-fundraising/2021/10/29/5b5a2e64-31b1-11ec-a1e5-07223c50280a_story.html

The Supreme Court will hear arguments Monday related to the Texas law that bans most abortions. The outcome could signal how the justices will rule in an even bigger abortion case that will be heard a month later.

https://apnews.com/article/us-supreme-court-texas-abortion-1af2a23b9641e4f19ff6a7f6165fc850?utm_medium=AP&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter

Feds Return \$30K Life Savings to New Orleans Man After Yearlong Wrongful Seizure: Lawyer

<https://lawandcrime.com/civil-rights/feds-return-30k-life-savings-to-new-orleans-man-after-yearlong-wrongful-seizure-lawyer/>

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<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21095537/kermit-warren-complaint.pdf>

University of Florida Prohibits Professors From Testifying

<https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2021-10-30/university-of-florida-prohibits-professors-from-testifying>

Lauren Boebert's campaign finance report filed on Thursday listed her as representing Utah.

<https://forbes.com/sites/zacheverson/2021/10/29/lauren-boeber-t-campaign-mistakenly-says-in-fec-filing-that-she-represents-utah/>

In late night filing, Natl Archives details what Donald Trump is trying to shield w/ executive privilege

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<https://www.politico.com/f/?id=0000017c-cf85-dddc-a77e-cf97936f0000>

A federal jury has determined that The GEO Group must pay nearly \$17.3 million to 10,000 immigration detainees who were paid \$1 a day to perform tasks such as cooking and cleaning at the company's for-profit detention center in Washington state.

https://apnews.com/article/immigration-business-minimum-wage-tacoma-bob-ferguson-dd2a713172ef1b05cad30e37371957b2?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

Oct 29th

N. Carolina's Anti-LGBTQ Lt. Gov. Says He's "95% Sure" He'll Run for Governor

<http://divr.it/SBX22J>

Letitia James Announces She Will Run for New York Governor

<https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2021-10-29/letitia-james-announces-she-will-run-for-new-york-governor>

Joe Arpaio was voted out as sheriff of Arizona's most populous county nearly five years ago, but the bill for lawsuits stemming from his six terms has kept growing. Taxpayers have paid more than \$100 million in settlements, attorney fees and other costs.

https://apnews.com/article/immigration-business-arizona-race-and-ethnicity-racial-injustice-fa5aab2f85ca6d7b22b2a028759eb44a?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

Iowa passes bill allowing unemployment benefits for those fired over vaccine mandates, while also broadening religious and medical exemptions from immunization

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/10/29/covid-delta-variant-live-updates/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

Florida Bars State Professors From Testifying in Voting Rights Case

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/29/us/florida-professors-voting-rights-lawsuit.html?smid=tw-share>

By a 6–3 vote, the Supreme Court DENIES a request to block Maine's COVID vaccine mandate for health care workers with religious objections. Gorsuch, Alito, and Thomas dissent.

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/21095824-order-21a90>

Secular education favors neither atheism nor religion. Yet, in Carson v. Makin, Christian parents are calling secular education "discriminatory" to get taxpayer dollars diverted to Christian schools. We shine light on their extremist agenda in our brief:

<https://www.atheists.org/2021/10/carson-v-makin/>

Oct 28th

Texas Republican lawmaker draws up list of 850 books on subjects ranging from racism to sexuality that could "make students feel discomfort," and demands that school districts across the state report whether any are in their classrooms or libraries.

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/texas-lawmaker-says-850-books-ranging-race-sexuality-cause-discomfort-rcna3953?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma

At Least 8 Republicans Who Participated In Jan. 6 Are Running For Office Next Week
<https://buzzfeednews.com/article/sarahmimms/jan-6-republicans-ballot-election-day>

"In Big 'F You' to White Supremacy, Survivors and Families of Charleston Church Massacre Victims Settle Lawsuit for \$88 Million"

<https://lawandcrime.com/live-trials/live-trials-current/dylann-roof/in-big-f-you-to-white-supremacy-survivors-and-families-of-charleston-church-massacre-victims-settle-lawsuit-for-88-million/>

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<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21094707/sanders-v-us-charleston-church-massacre-complaint.pdf>