

## Miss Ashley's Stories in the News

Week of 2/3/2022

### Notes

1. Send well wishes to our Texas listeners as the cold weather has hit the state and thousands are losing power.
2. Give a "Stay safe message" or at point out the disgusting fact that HBC's that have faced multiple bomb threats this week.  
<https://www.npr.org/2022/01/31/1077000576/hbcu-howard-bomb-threat-lockdown>
3. Sportsball story, do your thing with it. Also he's a news clip that shows this conversation is nothing new.  
Clip:  
<https://twitter.com/WUTangKids/status/1488954737571635208?s=20&t=dti1re5cDklujQzitTfBA>
4. Possible Andrew was wrong?  
<https://twitter.com/openargs/status/1488210087684411397?s=20&t=JVjzuDaL1MvGtu822fqLA>
5. Senate Bill 666 from Missouri: I'd like you to heavily consider covering this because it's more direct than all the book bannings and CRT issues spinning out in the news. Also, you're getting tagged in this a lot, but most notably by Stormy Decisis.  
<https://twitter.com/NezumiPi/status/1489039855879393280?s=20&t=dti1re5cDklujQzitTfBA>  
Bill: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/pdf-bill/intro/SB666.pdf>  
If you cover it, give him a shout out and make a long time listener feel special.  
This thread is a great resource.  
<https://twitter.com/LynzforCongress/status/1488599194831142916?s=20&t=dti1re5cDklujQzitTfBA>
6. Under the radar but seems really important. Pretty sure this is the company so many right wing media outlets advertise.  
New York joins suit against precious metals company for defrauding senior citizens  
<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/02/new-york-joins-suit-against-precious-metals-company-for-defrauding-senior-citizens/>  
Complaint: <https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/031137161590.pdf>

7. Federal court rejects plea agreement in Ahmaud Arbery killing  
Would be good for an update and what this means, why would a judge do this from a strategic standpoint, and what it means for the case going forward.  
<https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/01/us-federal-judge-rejects-plea-agreement-in-ahmaud-arbery-killing/>

## **News**

### **Feb 3rd**

“Jan. 6 Committee's Rep. Pete Aguilar tells CNN that Trump is "absolutely" tampering with witnesses by publicly floating future pardons for defendants.”

Sarah Palin's court battle with the 'New York Times' resumes after her COVID illness  
<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/03/1077888002/sarah-palin-libel-lawsuit-trial-new-york-times-covid>

### **Feb 2nd**

Trump gave \$1 million to Mark Meadows' nonprofit just weeks after the Jan. 6 Committee was created. Meadows has refused to cooperate with the panel.  
<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/02/01/trump-gave-1m-to-meadows-nonprofit-weeks-after-jan-6-panels-creation.html>

Mississippi becomes the 37th state to legalize medical marijuana  
<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/02/1077784525/mississippi-becomes-the-37th-state-to-legalize-medical-marijuana>

Nearly 400 Astroworld Lawsuits Against Travis Scott Have Been Formally Combined Into One Giant Case Representing Close To 2,800 Victims  
<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/ellendurney/travis-scott-astroworld-lawsuit-made-up-of-400-cases>

Country Band That Switched Name from 'Lady Antebellum' to 'Lady A' After George Floyd's Death Settles Trademark Lawsuit Against Black Blues Singer  
<https://lawandcrime.com/entertainment/country-band-that-switched-name-from-lady-antebellum-to-lady-a-after-george-floyds-death-settles-trademark-lawsuit-against-black-blues-singer/>

Jury Refuses to Declare Winner in Defamation Lawsuits Against Roy Moore, Woman Who Accused Him of Molestation  
<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/jury-refuses-to-declare-winner-in-defamation-lawsuits-against-roy-moore-woman-who-accused-him-of-molestation/>

(What happens when people actually take a CRT college course) Inside Mississippi's only class on critical race theory

<https://mississippitoday.org/2022/02/02/mississippi-only-critical-race-theory/>

(No exception for rape or incest) Florida GOP rejects rape exception in 15-week abortion ban

<https://apnews.com/article/us-supreme-court-health-crime-florida-8e46f1eb96f8e6bf2554045cee31b6e3>

The U.S. Army will begin discharging soldiers who refuse COVID vaccines. "Unvaccinated soldiers present a risk to the force and jeopardize readiness," the military branch's secretary said.

[https://www.npr.org/2022/02/02/1077625142/u-s-army-covid-vaccination?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=npr](https://www.npr.org/2022/02/02/1077625142/u-s-army-covid-vaccination?utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=npr)

(This is worse than when Sean Spicer was on Dancing with the Stars) Rudy Giuliani was unmasked as a contestant during a taping last week of 'The Masked Singer.' His presence on the stage upset two of the show's judges, Ken Jeong and Robin Thicke, so much that they left the set with cameras still rolling, Deadline reports.

[https://www.thedailybeast.com/judges-robin-thicke-and-ken-jeong-walk-out-after-the-masked-singer-reveals-rudy-giuliani-as-ice-cream-cone?via=twitter\\_page](https://www.thedailybeast.com/judges-robin-thicke-and-ken-jeong-walk-out-after-the-masked-singer-reveals-rudy-giuliani-as-ice-cream-cone?via=twitter_page)

'Sham' coronavirus testing company gave people false results as samples piled up in trash bags, lawsuit claims

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2022/02/02/washington-sues-testing-company-center-for-covid-control/>

Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman filed a lawsuit accusing Donald Trump \*Jr.\* and others of conspiring to violate his civil rights re: intimidation and retaliation for Vindman's testimony in connection with the first impeachment

investigation <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21195707/2-2-22-vindman-v-trump-complaint.pdf>

Stacey Abrams has raised more than \$9.2M since entering the race for Georgia governor in December, setting a blistering fundraising pace that eclipsed Republican Gov. Brian Kemp.

<https://www.ajc.com/politics/politics-blog/stacey-abrams-raised-92m-since-entering-gov-race-in-december/PZW5F4E6MJEOGJCSIKSOBP3EU/>

Wealthy Silicon Valley suburb Woodside – median household income \$250k – declares the entire town "mountain lion habitat" in an attempt to sidestep a new state law allowing duplexes on single-family home lots

<https://www.almanacnews.com/news/2022/02/02/woodside-freezes-sb-9-projects-with-town-citing-exemption-for-mountain-lion-habitats>

Appeals court seems poised to revive effort to unseal search warrant filings detailing origins of now-closed insider trading probe of Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC). All 3 DC Circuit judges offered criticism of ruling denying LA Times' bid to open the files

<https://politi.co/3GmtzUA>

Ketanji Brown Jackson's debut opinion on the D.C. Circuit is a lucid and pithy rebuke to the Trump administration's illegal assault on federal unions. <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2022/02/ketanji-brown-jackson-supreme-court-dc-circuit-unions.html>

The FBI is investigating bomb threats to HBCUs -- including several in Georgia -- as hate crimes

<https://www.ajc.com/education/fbi-investigating-bomb-threats-to-hbcus-as-hate-crimes/VQRS6AE5TJEBHAUBZ5R3LUYHOI/>

The Jan. 6 select committee has subpoenaed for the phone records of Arizona GOP chair KELLI WARD and her husband Michael.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/02/02/jan-6-committee-subpoenas-arizona-gop-chair-00004903>

### **Feb 1st**

(Cleta stepping into the ring) Conservative lawyer/activist Cleta Mitchell is the latest person to file a lawsuit challenging a subpoena (for cell phone records) issued by the Jan. 6 committee. More than a dozen cases filed so far challenging committee subpoenas and

Appeals court seems poised to revive effort to unseal search warrant filings detailing origins of now-closed insider trading probe of Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC). All 3 DC Circuit judges offered criticism of ruling denying LA Times' bid to open the files

<https://politi.co/3GmtzUA>

document requests: <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21195044/2-1-22-mitchell-v-jan-6-committee-complaint.pdf>

Native American tribes reach a tentative opioid settlement with J&J and distributors

<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/01/1077348290/native-american-opioid-settlement-johnson-and-johnson>

committee. More than a dozen cases filed so far challenging committee subpoenas and gin in case over botched police raid that killed Breonna Taylor

<https://www.npr.org/2022/02/01/1077190943/jury-questioning-to-begin-in-case-over-botched-police-raid-that-killed-breonna-t>

The governor of Missouri has admitted to discriminating against atheists, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and anyone else who isn't a conservative Christian.

[https://twitter.com/GovParsonMO/status/1488664133230899201?s=20&t=4-2sMHvw7\\_eVp-lhxvwA4A](https://twitter.com/GovParsonMO/status/1488664133230899201?s=20&t=4-2sMHvw7_eVp-lhxvwA4A)

(A reminder that Collins is a garbage bag in a skin suit) Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) claims Biden's pledge to nominate a Black woman to SCOTUS differs from Reagan's to nominate a woman.

<https://twitter.com/therecount/status/1488566409085042690?s=20&t=5hYc-LkVevmtjqrfvDabw>

Gov. Greg Abbott said he could not guarantee power would stay on throughout Texas this week, just two months after he promised the lights would stay on this winter.

[https://www.texastribune.org/2022/02/01/texas-winter-storm-power-outages/?utm\\_campaign=trib-social&utm\\_content=1643753986&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter](https://www.texastribune.org/2022/02/01/texas-winter-storm-power-outages/?utm_campaign=trib-social&utm_content=1643753986&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter)

South Dakota passes first anti-trans bill of 2022. A categorical sports ban. Now heads to the Governor - who will sign it (it was her bill). We beat this bill for 7 years and now it passes. We need more people on our side.

<https://twitter.com/chasestrangio/status/1488612389117386767?s=20&t=sAYuv69snUcHol97ur4txg>

### **Jan 31st**

Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky shared a quote falsely attributed to Voltaire.

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/thomas-massie-neo-nazi-quote\\_n\\_61f79cd7e4b0061af261011d](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/thomas-massie-neo-nazi-quote_n_61f79cd7e4b0061af261011d)

Starbucks union push spreads to 54 stores in 19 states

<https://www.npr.org/2022/01/31/1076978207/starbucks-union-push-spreads-to-54-stores-in-19-states>

Trump's advisers drafted \*two\* versions of the executive order to seize voting machines — one directing the Dept. of Defense to do so and another the Dept. of Homeland Security — as part of a broader effort to undermine the 2020 election results.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/31/politics/trump-executive-orders-seize-voting-machines/index.html>

The Jan. 6 select committee says John Eastman is attempting to slow-walk the production of key documents to the committee in a way that could hamper investigators.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/01/31/house-accuses-trump-attorney-john-eastman-of-stalling-on-jan-6-subpoena-00004026>

(Michigan wtf) Garrett Soldano, a GOP candidate for governor in Michigan, says we must inspire women who have been raped to understand how heroic they are in giving birth and see that "God put them in this moment." They don't know "that baby inside them may be the next president."

[https://twitter.com/HeartlandSignal/status/1488266722486493190?s=20&t=xLYrkYe56QE v-q\\_J\\_f-lg](https://twitter.com/HeartlandSignal/status/1488266722486493190?s=20&t=xLYrkYe56QE v-q_J_f-lg)

Bill Treanor, dean of Georgetown Law, says Ilya Shapiro will be placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into whether he violated policies and expectations for professional conduct.

[https://twitter.com/mjs\\_DC/status/1488204730505519107?s=20&t=B2e\\_Hoemk-LmOaYNdAMbQ](https://twitter.com/mjs_DC/status/1488204730505519107?s=20&t=B2e_Hoemk-LmOaYNdAMbQ)

Oklahoma (SB 1470) would make it illegal for schools to "employ or contract with a person that promotes positions...that is in opposition to closely held religious beliefs of students".

[http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2021-22%20int/sb/SB1470%20int.pdf](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2021-22%20int/sb/SB1470%20int.pdf)

(Via American Atheists) In Maryland's Constitution, there's still a ban on atheists holding elected office! While unconstitutional, its continued existence stigmatizes atheists.

Marylanders, take action now! Tell your lawmakers to repeal this discriminatory language!

<https://atheists.quorum.us/campaign/37716/>

A GOP bill in New Hampshire targets "negative" depictions of US history. Its explicit goal: To ensure teachers retain "loyalty" and don't push "subversive doctrines."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/01/31/gop-proposal-targets-negative-us-history/>

North Carolina Man Arrested for Instructing Others on Making and Using Explosives

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/north-carolina-man-arrested-instructing-others-making-and-using-explosives>

"Martin Shkreli Reaches Settlement to Pay \$28 Million to Blue Cross and Blue Shield for Jacking Up the Price of Daraprim"

The federal judge who banned Shkreli from the pharma industry for life has been asked to approve. <https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/martin-shkreli-reaches-settlement-to-pay-28-million-to-blue-cross-and-blue-shield-for-jacking-up-the-price-of-daraprim/>

Donald Trump's political operation announced on Monday that he had \$122 million in campaign funds as 2022 began, which is more than double the amount of cash the Republican National Committee itself has on hand.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/31/us/politics/trump-campaign-filing.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Trump Had Role in Weighing Proposals to Seize Voting Machines

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/31/us/politics/donald-trump-election-results-fraud-voting-machines.html>

### **Jan 29th**

Durham investigation filed an admission of a major fuckup around midnight on a Friday during a snowstorm.

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/21192523-durhamphonesflg012822>

### **Jan 28th**

Nashville's police chief stripped an officer of policing authority after he fired the final two shots in a fatal confrontation in which nine officers opened fire on a man holding a box cutter. Landon Eastep is estimated to have been shot 30 times.

[https://apnews.com/article/shootings-tennessee-nashville-d55db603098c935e5363fd4e5014ce79?utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=AP](https://apnews.com/article/shootings-tennessee-nashville-d55db603098c935e5363fd4e5014ce79?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=AP)

Cyber Ninjas CEO Doug Logan under oath about his refusal to turn over public records related to the Arizona Senate's partisan election "audit." Despite court orders to produce the records, Logan refuses to release them.

<https://www.americanoversight.org/cyber-ninjas-ceo-doug-logan-answers-questions-in-american-oversight-phoenix-newspapers-lawsuit-for-audit-records>

(This is just bizarre) Lawyers, Corporations, a Celebrity and a Litigation Funder Jockey to Recoup \$2M Kyle Rittenhouse Bail Windfall

[https://lawandcrime.com/live-trials/live-trials-current/kyle-rittenhouse/lawyers-corporations-a-celebrity-and-a-litigation-funder-jockey-to-recoup-2m-kyle-rittenhouse-bail-windfall/?utm\\_source=mostpopular](https://lawandcrime.com/live-trials/live-trials-current/kyle-rittenhouse/lawyers-corporations-a-celebrity-and-a-litigation-funder-jockey-to-recoup-2m-kyle-rittenhouse-bail-windfall/?utm_source=mostpopular)

Citing 'obscenity,' a new bill aims to purge books from Tennessee school libraries.

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/1/28/22907090/school-library-book-ban-tennessee-legislation#Echobox=1643415488>

A federal judge resentenced "Tiger King" Joe Exotic to 21 years in prison, rejecting pleas from the former zookeeper to free him from prison. Joe Exotic was convicted in a murder-for-hire case involving animal welfare activist Carole Baskin.

[https://apnews.com/article/joe-exotic-tiger-king-sentence-murder-for-hire-812b9b2b759e8d84f2e3192766f1efec?utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_medium=AP&utm\\_source=Twitter](https://apnews.com/article/joe-exotic-tiger-king-sentence-murder-for-hire-812b9b2b759e8d84f2e3192766f1efec?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter)

We Uncovered How Many Georgians Were Disenfranchised by GOP Voting Restrictions. It's Staggering.

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2022/01/gop-voting-law-disenfranchised-georgia-voters/>

Two Maine cannabis growers can be prosecuted under federal drug laws despite a bar on the DOJ spending money on cases against pot users and businesses in states that have legalized medical marijuana, a federal appeals court has ruled

<https://reut.rs/3g9VvjL>

(Missed this last week, but fuck it I'm adding in this crazy story) Scholar who called Biden election a 'literal coup' advising Texas social studies curriculum review

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2022/01/25/stephen-balch-appointed-review-texas-social-studies-curriculum/9204721002/>

His brother was killed in 2004. Now he fights violent crime as a top Justice official

<https://www.npr.org/2022/01/28/1076093825/kenneth-polite-profile-justice-department-criminal-division>

A federal judge canceled major oil and gas leases over climate change

<https://www.npr.org/2022/01/28/1076281662/federal-judge-canceled-gulf-oil-and-gas-leases-climate-change>