

Miss Ashley's Stories in the News

For the week of 6/17

Notes

1. Don't forget to mention the update Market watch did to their article
2. Supreme Court dismisses challenge to Obama-era health care law, preserving coverage for millions of Americans. https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-dismisses-obamacare-challenge-67cc2e9604a70b1b329c5f3b4177a688?utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow
3. Justice Dept.: Missouri governor can't void federal gun laws <https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-michael-brown-gun-politics-laws-government-and-politics-6b8d2b283a6ac997262104899a3b0715>
4. A federal judge has ruled that pro-Trump lawyer Lin Wood has no basis to seek a federal court's relief from a State Bar of Georgia investigation to determine whether he is fit, in terms of his mental health or otherwise, to practice law. https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/judge-dismisses-the-lawsuit-lin-wood-filed-against-the-state-bar-of-georgia-for-investigating-his-mental-health/?utm_source=mostpopular
5. Docs leaked Facebook docs show that "America Progress Now," which reached hundreds of thousands of swing state voters with ads promoting Green Party candidates in 2018, was run by a right-wing political consulting firm tied to Turning Point USA. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2021/jun/11/facebook-ads-turning-point-usa-rally-forge>
6. Reality Winner, the former NSA contractor who was jailed for leaking secrets about Russian hacking, has been released early from prison, her lawyer says https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/former-nsa-contractor-reality-winner-jailed-leaking-secrets-about-russian-n1270730?cid=sm_npd_ms_tw_ma
7. Sen. Joe Manchin has expressed a willingness to support key provisions of the For the People Act — including provisions providing for minimum levels of early voting and mandating independent congressional redistricting to counter partisan gerrymandering. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/manchin-narrows-his-demands-on-voting-legislation-bringing-democrats-closer-to-unity/2021/06/16/f588093e-cec4-11eb-8014-2f3926ca24d9_story.html

8. Justice Dept. ends a Trump policy that limited asylum for survivors of gang violence and domestic abuse. <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/06/16/us/politics-news/justice-dept-asylum-gangs-domestic-abuse>
9. Mo Brooks gets arrest warrant for man who served lawsuit on his wife <https://www.al.com/news/2021/06/mo-brooks-gets-arrest-warrant-for-man-who-served-lawsuit-on-his-wife.html>

Docs

Here's AG Merrick Garland on revelations of Trump-era efforts to obtain communication records of Dems in Congress. Says DAG has been tasked with reevaluating policies/procedures, is "already working on surfacing potentially problematic matters deserving high level review" <https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1404451288549572608/photo/1>

Yesterday, a Trump-appointed district judge issued a "nationwide" injunction (which I guess are fine now) against the Biden Administration's moratorium on new oil & gas leases on federal land: <http://ag.state.la.us/Files/Article/10920/Documents/Memorandum.pdf>

SCOTUS punts on major Harvard affirmative action case, asking the Solicitor General to file a brief "expressing the views of the United States" as to whether it should take the case up on the merits: https://supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/061421zor_6j36.pdf

News

June 17th

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June 16th

Giant corporations like Amazon have too much power over the lives of working people. We need big, structural change to level the playing field—like making it easier to join a union and making sure workers' voices are heard on corporate boards.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/06/15/us/amazon-workers.html>

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<https://www.al.com/news/2021/06/mo-brooks-gets-arrest-warrant-for-man-who-served-lawsuit-on-his-wife.html>

Fourth Circuit Upholds Decision to Block North Carolina Abortion Law

<https://lawandcrime.com/abortion/fourth-circuit-upholds-decision-to-block-north-carolina-abortion-law/>

The Justice Department has abandoned its lawsuit against John Bolton over his book about his time as former President Trump's national security adviser. The Trump administration sued Bolton last year, claiming the book disclosed classified information.

https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-joe-biden-lawsuits-entertainment-government-and-politics-0bc0171d2dc3392623ab18278a1a94ef?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

Republican Rep Clyde refuses to even shake the hand of DC cop who defended him on Jan. 6

<https://www.rawstory.com/andrew-clyde-dismisses-police-officer/>

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/manchin-narrows-his-demands-on-voting-legislation-bringing-democrats-closer-to-unity/2021/06/16/f588093e-cec4-11eb-8014-2f3926ca24d9_story.html

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled 'Examining D.C. Statehood' on June 22.

June 15th

Between December 2020 and early January, Trump and his allies repeatedly pressed senior DOJ officials to investigate baseless conspiracy theories and challenge election results, according to documents released by the House Oversight Committee.

https://www.axios.com/trump-doj-election-fraud-emails-a0308dfc-1f3b-4b9f-9142-75b7fe637f4e.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_content=politics-trumpdoj

The Texas governor has signed a bill into law aimed at stopping teachers from talking about racism and any current events that may be contentious.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/texas-republicans-ban-teachers-racism_n_60b18524e4b06da8bd76bf50?k6

Republican legislation across the U.S. would restrict voting methods and accommodations that people with disabilities are disproportionately likely to rely on. "The disability community is part of the larger fight against voter suppression."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/14/us/politics/disability-voting-rights.html?referringSource=articleShare>

The Manhattan district attorney's office appears to have entered the final stages of a criminal tax investigation into Trump's chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg, setting up the possibility he could face charges this summer.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/15/nyregion/trump-weisselberg-vance-investigation.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Whitmire: Alabama lawmaker wants to ban critical race theory, so I asked him what it is

<https://www.al.com/news/2021/06/whitmire-alabama-lawmaker-wants-to-ban-critical-race-theory-so-i-asked-him-what-it-is.html>

Two months ago big business told us that they "stand for democracy" in a well orchestrated PR campaign. Since then they have sat down and gone silent, offering democracy nothing more than thoughts and prayers.

<https://www.democracydocket.com/2021/06/big-business-offers-democracy-its-thoughts-and-prayers/>

A Black Doctor of Kenyan Descent Won a \$2.75 Million Verdict Against Florida's Second-Largest Employer in a Discrimination Lawsuit. Then, a Judge Overruled the Jury.

<https://lawandcrime.com/objections-podcast/a-black-doctor-of-kenyan-descent-won-a-2-75-million-verdict-against-floridas-second-largest-employer-in-a-discrimination-lawsuit-then-a-judge-overruled-the-jury/>

Update on Kodak <https://twitter.com/NewYorkStateAG/status/1404911791424131075?s=20>

House passes bill awarding Congressional Gold Medal to US Capitol Police and DC Metro Police, 406-21. Twenty one Republicans literally do not Back the Blue.

Republicans who voted against: Cloud, Boebert, Harris, Rose, Massie, Good, Gohmert, Moore, Norman, Rosendale, Greene, Roy, Biggs, Gosar, Davidson, Perry, Gaetz, Steube, Clyde, Hice, Miller.

13 progressive groups call on Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer to retire to ensure that Mitch McConnell doesn't deny a court seat to President Biden

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/supreme-court-justice-stephen-breyer-retire_n_60c8e0dfe4b09ba204a99ce7?obe

Shake Shack Manager Sues NYPD, Police Unions for Defamation Over False Claims That Cops Were 'Poisoned'

<https://lawandcrime.com/crazy/shake-shack-manager-sues-nypd-police-unions-for-defamation-over-false-claims-that-cops-were-poisoned/>

June 14th

Reality Winner, the former NSA contractor who was jailed for leaking secrets about Russian hacking, has been released early from prison, her lawyer says

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/former-nsa-contractor-reality-winner-jailed-leaking-secrets-about-russian-n1270730?cid=sm_npd_ms_tw_ma

Republicans Hire Former Trump Official Ken Cuccinelli for Lawsuit Over House Security Rule

<https://t.co/8HhZ6eqJkw?amp=1>

SCOTUS Declines to Hear the Cases of Charlottesville White Supremacists Who Were Convicted Under Federal Anti-Riot Law

<https://lawandcrime.com/supreme-court/scotus-declines-to-hear-to-case-of-charlottesville-white-supremacists-who-were-convicted-under-federal-anti-riot-law/>

The Justice Department's top national security official is resigning after revelations the department secretly seized records from Democrats and members of the media.

https://apnews.com/article/justice-official-demers-resigning-secretly-seized-records-e9fd00c31fc53f827a8921f551b4008e?utm_medium=ap&utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=twitter

The Senate has confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson the powerful D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. She is the ninth Black woman to ever become a federal appeals court judge.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/ketanji-brown-jackson-dc-circuit_n_60c7a32ce4b0291352063ac6?wpp

Amalya Kearse—1979 Judith Rogers—1994 Ann Williams—1999 Johnnie Rawlinson—2000 Allyson Duncan—2003 Janice Brown—2005 Ojetta Thompson—2010 Bernice Donald—2011 Ketanji Brown Jackson—2021

June 12th

YouTube has suspended the account of Republican Ron Johnson for seven days for promoting misinformation about coronavirus treatments.

https://www.thedailybeast.com/youtube-suspends-sen-ron-johnson-for-spreading-coronavirus-misinformation?via=twitter_page

Rep. Val Demings raised \$1 million for her U.S. Senate bid in the first 24 hours after she announced her challenge to Marco Rubio.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/557911-demings-raises-1-million-after-announcing-senate-bid-against-rubio>

Man gets 10-year sentence for attacking and coughing on person who asked him to pull up mask

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/06/12/shane-michael-mask-assault-iowa/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter

Days after the bombshell ProPublica report, a group of Democrats have reintroduced legislation to institute a surtax on millionaires. The bill would apply an additional 10% tax to individual incomes that exceed \$1 million.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tommybeer/2021/06/10/democrats-reintroduce-millionaires-surtax-bill/?sh=7e6ee9e810eb>

June 11th

Lawmakers in Oregon ejected one of their colleagues from office for the first time in state history, voting 59 to 1 to oust Representative Mike Nearman for his role in helping a far-right crowd breach the State Capitol last year.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/11/us/politics/mike-nearman-oregon-ejected.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>

Two Black students were named valedictorian and salutatorian for West Point High School. But after the parents of two white students claimed a grade calculation error, the Mississippi school added their children as co-valedictorian and co-salutatorian.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/11/us/west-point-high-school-valedictorian.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Digging into the data: Incarcerated People Faced Huge Disparities Trying To Flee COVID-19 In Prisons

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/incarcerated-people-compassionate-release-coronavirus>

Zahid Quraishi, a federal magistrate judge and the son of Pakistani immigrants, has become the first Muslim Federal District Court judge in U.S. history.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/11/nyregion/zahid-quraishi-first-muslim-federal-district-judge.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>

June 10th

A new QAnon-friendly group called the 1st Amendment Praetorians is providing muscle at top pro-Trump rallies, while pushing conspiracy theories about an imminent antifa-Chinese attack on America.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/1st-amendment-praetorian-the-far-right-paramilitary-wannabes-feeding-mike-flynn-conspiracy-machine?ref=home>

House Democrats on Thursday opened an investigation into the health effects of the use of tear gas by police. They are seeking to determine whether the federal government has done enough to ensure that the substance is safe to use on humans.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/10/us/politics/tear-gas-congress-protests.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Federal board approves removal of "Negro" from more than a dozen place names in Texas

<https://t.co/RVi0XrsQat?amp=1>

The Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that violent felonies committed recklessly — as opposed to intentionally or knowingly — do not count as strikes under the federal Armed Career Criminal Act, a kind of three-strikes statute.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/10/us/politics/supreme-court-mandatory-minimum-sentences.html>

The Trump DOJ subpoenaed Adam Schiff's cell phone data from Apple -- and Apple apparently forked it over

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/10/us/politics/justice-department-leaks-trump-administration.html>

A "Kraken" lawyer who sued Major League Baseball flopped in his efforts to move the All-Star Game back to Atlanta.

<https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/for-gods-sake-frustrated-judge-dresses-down-ex-kraken-lawyer-suing-mlb-over-all-star-game-as-case-swings-and-misses-in-court/>

Michigan man who threatened to kill the lawyer for the whistle-blower whose Ukraine-related disclosures led to Trump's first impeachment has been sentenced to a year and a day in prison. <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/06/10/trump-backers-threat-whistle-blower-lawyer-ends-jail-term/7640474002/>

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