

Miss Ashley's List of Extra Stories In the News

Mention the people Bidens team is already recruiting to encourage them for a brighter future.

<https://twitter.com/Transition46/status/1326273588140322816?s=20>

(Known for his work in the ebola response) <https://buildbackbetter.com/press-releases/president-elect-joe-biden-names-ron-klain-as-white-house-chief-of-staff/>

Docs

Full PA transcript (Justin Muschinske on the OA group found this) - link broken

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.democracymocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2020/11/11-10-2020-Trump-v-Montgomery-County-BoE.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwiT1qvYvPvsAhUKHc0KHdI4B5QQFjAAegQIAxAB&usg=AOvVaw3_zxvxD55yGiQUUgghBN69

Another Sharpie-related lawsuit was filed in Maricopa County a few days ago, but the plaintiffs already voluntarily withdrew it: <https://democracymocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2020/11/NoticeofDismissal-1.pdf>

The Trump campaign announced a new lawsuit in Maricopa Cty, AZ, and it's a variation on the prev. debunked "Sharpiegate" — it's alleging Trump voters may have had their ballots rejected because poll workers manually overrode error messages https://cdn.donaldjtrump.com/public-files/press_assets/verified-complaint-with-attachments.pdf

Here is where things stand today on the pending Trump/GOP legal challenges:

- Nevada Rs (Trump campaign not a party) filed in federal court last night challenging computer software to verify signatures and claiming media wasn't allowed to observe counting <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7325901/11-5-20-Stokke-v-Cegavske-Complaint.pdf>

There's also a case brought yest. by Republicans in Northampton County, PA, appealing an order that denied their challenge to county election officials disclosing the ID of cancelled ballots during pre-canvassing — don't have more details based on the filings avail. so far

<https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1324739316942327808?s=20>

In PA Rs' case challenging provisional ballots cast by voters with deficient mail-in ballots, Commonwealth Court of PA has ordered the provisional ballots at issue cast on Election Day set aside pending compliance with the state law process for making sure they're valid

<https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1324785265353916424?s=20>

Here's the NV SoS oppo to Rs' motion to block the use of computer software to verify signatures and ensure observer access: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7326301/11-6-20-Cegavske-Opposition.pdf>

PA Republicans filed an emergency application asking SCOTUS to order PA to segregate post-Election Day absentee ballots. The SoS already directed counties to do this, but Rs say they still want SCOTUS to order it for the doc) <https://beta.documentcloud.org/documents/20402578-20a84>

A hearing is starting now in the Superior Court of Chatham County, Ga., in the Trump campaign's petition seeking an order ensuring absentee ballots that arrive after the state's Election Day deadline aren't counted, stay tuned. Here's the petition:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7310129/11-4-20-Trump-Petition-Chatham-County.pdf>

Here's the written order from a Chatham County judge denying the Trump campaign's petition — he concludes there was no evidence the 53 absentee ballots at issue were received after the Election Day deadline, and no evidence the county failed to comply with the law

<https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1324402870855311362/photo/1>

The hearing in the Trump campaign's MI case is delayed to noon. Meanwhile, here's the SoS's response:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7317760/11-5-20-Benson-Response-Trump.pdf>

"Even a cursory review of Plaintiffs' filings demonstrates that their vague legal claims and nonexistent facts hold no water and should be dismissed."

PA Republicans who sued to challenge Montgomery Co. allowing absentee voters to "cure" deficient ballots before Nov. 3 are withdrawing their TRO motion, citing hearing tomorrow in another case dealing with ballot curing brought by other PA Republicans

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7325187/11-5-20-Barnette-Motion-to-Withdraw.pdf>

In Trump campaign lawsuit arguing PA SoS wrongly extended deadline for absentee voters to comply with ID reqs, the court has ordered counties to segregate absentee ballots where IDs are received during the three-day extended period at issue (11/9-11/12)

<https://twitter.com/ZoeTillman/status/1324439225845059587?s=20>

Here is Philadelphia's petition in the PA Supreme Court challenging an appeals court order earlier today granting the Trump campaign's request to allow closer inspection of counting:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7319287/11-5-20-Philadelphia-Petition-PA-SC.pdf>

In the Trump campaign's Philly poll observer case, here's the full opinion from the Commonwealth Court of PA granting closer access (Philly is appealing to the PA Supreme Court):

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7325287/11-5-20-PA-Observation-1094-CD-2020-Opinion.pdf>

The Trump campaign has filed a lawsuit in PA federal court claiming GOP reps/poll watchers are being denied access to observe while ballot counting is taking place in Philadelphia (no other details in the complaint) <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7325351/11-5-20-Trump-Campaign-v-Philadelphia-Board-of.pdf>

Nevada Republicans filed a lawsuit in federal court (Trump's campaign isn't a party) — it raises similar claims that the NV Supreme Court rejected re: using a computer program to do signature match and about observer access <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7325901/11-5-20-Stokke-v-Cegavske-Complaint.pdf>

Trump's lawsuit uses variations of the word "fraud" 33 times, and only one graph appears to allege suspected instances of it: in Luzerne and Lafayette County. Neither of those counties' board of elections is one of the 7 defendants. Both are red. <https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/trump-campaign-files-federal-lawsuit-seeking-to-block-pennsylvania-from-certifying-election-results/>

USPS informs the court about its efforts to deliver ballots to local boards of elections in states that have extended deadlines for postmarked ballots.

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1325924160976064513?s=20>

WARNER urges Trump not to remove any other Senate-confirmed national security/intelligence officials before leaving office.

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1325905623779774466?s=20>

News

Nov 12th

Once all the votes are counted (and there are plenty outstanding), Joe Biden's probably going to win somewhere between 51% and 52% of the popular vote.

The only challenger to score a higher percentage over the last century was Roosevelt in 1932.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/11/politics/joe-biden-2020-election-win/index.html>

Nov 11th

The Trump campaign released that 234-page stack of affidavits from poll watchers in Detroit tonight. So far, it's mostly allegations that they couldn't get as close as they wanted to the counting, couldn't re-enter the room after they left, etc. Pretty standard election stuff.

<https://twitter.com/bradheath/status/1326394667542441987?s=20>

So the gun didn't belong to his parents. 19-year-old charged with illegally supplying gun to Kyle Rittenhouse

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/19-year-old-charged-illegally-supplying-gun-kyle-rittenhouse-n1247307>

She has a point: One of the Executive Orders that should be on the top of President Biden's list for repeal is EO 13950, Trump's Orwellian order abolishing federal workers, contractors & grantees from speaking truthfully about race & racism, w/a list of forbidden words he deems "divisive concepts."

https://twitter.com/Sifill_LDF/status/1326541206478729223?s=20

We can't even spell our states name right in formal documents and they expect us to recount that high of a number? Good luck with that.. Georgia will do a "hand recount of the state's election [...] a move championed by President Trump but one state elections officials have said was unlikely to erase President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s narrow but significant lead there."

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2020/11/11/us/joe-biden-trump/georgias-top-election-official-authorizes-a-hand-recount-for-the-presidential-race>

This lawyer is not docketed in either of the Trump suits in the Middle District of Pa. or Montgomery Co. Court of Common Pleas. Those lawyers do not allege suspected fraud instances in Philly, and in one case, admitted in court today to making no voter fraud claim.

<https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1326598969850540032?s=20>

Sus orange is trying to claim authorized election workers picking up sealed ballots from a drop box is some kind of scandal

<https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1326642729904910337?s=20>

*Snell & Wilmer withdraws from election lawsuit as Trump contests Arizona results

<https://reut.rs/2UI7WyC>

Absolute bombshell of a report from The Courier Journal: LMPD hid almost 750,000 records documenting the sexual abuse of minors by Louisville police officers, and then lied to keep the files from the public

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/crime/2020/11/11/lmpd-explorer-scandal-lawyers-say-police-lied-conceal-records/6224382002/>

Less of a yodel and more of scream laughing at this point isn't it? The GOP Lawsuit in Michigan May Include Sworn Admissions from People Who Were Illegally Present

<https://www.emptywheel.net/2020/11/12/the-gop-lawsuit-in-michigan-includes-numerous-signed-admissions-that-suggest-people-were-illegally-present/>

Trump will be out of power in January, but the congressional investigations into his finances and his alleged obstruction are poised to continue as House Dems hope to rack up hard-fought wins in court.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/12/lawmakers-continue-trump-era-investigations-436072?nname=playbook&nid=0000014f-1646-d88f-a1cf-5f46b7bd0000&nrid=0000014c-2414-d9dd-a5ec-34bc52a40001&nlid=630318>

Trump campaign promised "shocking" proof of fraud in Michigan.

Instead, they provided a list of small-bore complaints from GOP poll-watchers about the ballot-counting room in Detroit, including:

--Loud noises --Mean stares --A big man

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/michigan--poll-watcher-affidavits/2020/11/11/4d073d7a-2447-11eb-a688-5298ad5d580a_story.html

Nov 10th

*Dude currently talking about voter fraud on Fox News

1. Phill Kline is indefinitely suspended from practicing law
2. Works at liberty University

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article329802.html>

The Grift continues.. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem has enthusiastically taken up Trump's empty efforts to contest the election results, asking for online donations to "help us bring it home," but it appears the donations are set to flow into her own reelection account.

<https://t.co/n5NOHmWwgV?amp=1>

Today, President-elect Joe Biden took part in separate congratulatory calls with the leaders of France, Germany, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

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Nearly 80% of Americans say Biden won White House, ignoring Trump's refusal to concede:
Reuters/Ipsos poll

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-poll-idUSKBN27Q3ED>

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis, has drafted "anti-mob" legislation that would expand Florida's Stand Your Ground law that critics say would allow armed citizens to shoot suspected looters or anyone engaged in "criminal mischief" that disrupts a business

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article247094007.html>

White House tells federal agencies to proceed with plans for Trump's February budget in latest sign of election defiance

https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2020/11/10/trump-federal-budget-post-election/?tid=ss_tw

I'm so embarrassed my state put George instead of Georgia

<https://twitter.com/Rschooley/status/1326293189360152576?s=20>

RNC spokeswoman is now pointing to *increased voter turnout* as evidence of fraud in a year where *both candidates* got record numbers of votes. Turnout also increased in many GOP counties.

<https://twitter.com/LizRNC/status/1326210301486903299?s=20>

Meet Anthony Tata, who, as of this morning, is the "Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy" — the top policy job at the Pentagon.

<https://twitter.com/KFILE/status/1272904140130258949>

Devin Nunes' former chief counsel, Michael Ellis, who became a lawyer on the NSC (where he showed Nunes classified info), is now going to be the *General Counsel* at NSA (over two civil servants in the GC's office at NSA now)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/former-gop-political-operative-michael-ellis-named-as-nsa-general-counsel/2020/11/09/8c7c025a-22cc-11eb-8672-c281c7a2c96e_story.html

The Postal Service continued receiving thousands of ballots Monday, many of which won't be counted because they've arrived after the deadline for states to process late, postmarked votes.

<https://politico.com/f/?id=00000175-b2ae-df07-a577-f3ae56550000>

Once again, TikTok users are trying to troll Trump, this time by calling into a hotline for voter fraud started by his campaign and making false, and often silly, reports to clog the lines.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/tiktokers-post-videos-themselves-appearing-troll-trump-voter-fraud-hotline-n1247052>

"Loeffler and Perdue's statement casting doubt on the votes of millions of Georgians was an assault on democracy. Georgia's two senators casting doubt upon the electoral system at a time of extreme polarization in the nation is disgusting and dangerous."

<https://cobbcountycourier.com/2020/11/loeffler-and-perdue-launch-assault-on-american-democracy/>

The first 10 months of legal cannabis sales total more than \$500 million, with about \$300 million in medical marijuana sales.

https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/local-news/illinois-marijuana-sales-top-100-million-in-october/?utm_source=t.co&utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_medium=referral

The Biden-Harris transition team is considering pursuing legal action if the head of the federal agency overseeing the mechanics of a transfer of power doesn't move in the coming days to free up funding and access to agencies.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-legal-options-trump-administration-keeps-stalling-transition/>

Nov 9th

The Trump Organization will continue to be investigated, regardless of the presidential election, according to New York AG James.

https://www.msnbc.com/am-joy/watch/trump-org-will-continue-to-be-investigated-ny-ag-tish-james-says-95551045917?cid=sm_npd_ms_tw_ma

Georgia's two Republican U.S. Senators are calling on the Republican Secretary of State to resign because they believe - without evidence - that he "failed to deliver honest and transparent elections."

<https://twitter.com/stphnfwlr/status/1325893672777510912?s=20>

Lt. Gov. of Georgia Geoff Duncan said in an interview with CNN that officials haven't witnessed any evidence of voting fraud in the state at this time. "We've not had any sort of credible incidents raised to our level yet."

<https://twitter.com/WGXAnews/status/1325835039259635712?s=20>

(After Pence tried to claim this as a win for the administration, Pfizer came out and stated that in no way shape or form were they apart of project warp speed)

Pfizer says early data signals its vaccine is effective against COVID-19; on track to seek U.S. review later this month.

<https://apnews.com/article/pfizer-vaccine-effective-early-data-4f4ae2e3bad122d17742be22a2240ae8>

Great thread from the FEC Commissioner

<https://twitter.com/EllenLWeintraub/status/1325991691367690241?s=20>

Richard Pilger, the official who oversees election crimes has stepped down over Barr's memo:

"Having familiarized myself with the new policy and its ramifications... I must regretfully resign from my role as Director of the Election Crimes Branch."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/us/politics/barr-elections.html>

Lindsey Graham claiming republicans win because of idea yet they literally said "see 2016" for platform

<https://twitter.com/crampell/status/1326020986811142144?s=20>

"Six Jones Day lawyers said that given the small number of late-arriving ballots involved in the litigation, and the fact that they already had been segregated, the main goal of the litigation seemed to be to erode public confidence in the election..."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/business/jones-day-trump-election-lawsuits.html>

Before a false narrative sets, let's talk about the massive voter suppression obstacles Black voters overcame to participate in record numbers in this election.

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/11/2020-election-voting-did-not-go-smoothly.html>

Nov 8th

Trump Campaign's communication team got called out by the Washington Times for a false statement

<https://twitter.com/rgoodlaw/status/1325530159382994944?s=20>

History was made in the race for Oklahoma's House of Representatives District 88: Democrat Mauree Turner is now Oklahoma's first Muslim lawmaker and the first nonbinary state legislator in the U.S.

<https://www.koco.com/article/mauree-turner-makes-history-as-first-muslim-legislator-in-oklahoma-first-nonbinary-state-legislator-in-us/34573103>

An alarming story from the contorted census that Donald Trump and Wilbur Ross engineered

<https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-massachusetts-census-2020-98d187302fbcec5e422fa43522d51dfe>

Nov 5th

Sounds like USPS did *not* bring the number of remaining not-exit-scanned / "left behind" ballots to court today. USPS says it should be coming soon. Our story from yesterday on why we aren't calling those ballots lost:

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/carolineodonovan/the-us-postal-service-said-it-cant-track-300000-ballots>