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Bondi denies meeting about US attorney general job

News Service of Florida

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi disputed a report Friday that she will meet with President Donald Trump this week to discuss becoming U.S. attorney general.

"The attorney general says that is fake news," Bondi spokesman Whitney Ray said in an email Friday.

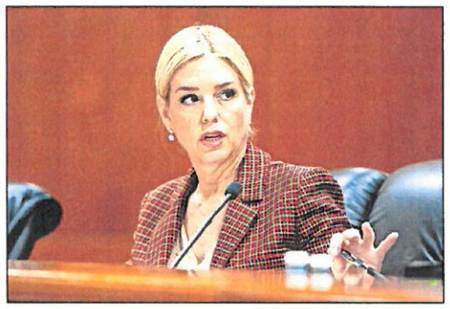
The McClatchy news organization reported that it had contacted three sources who said Trump was seriously considering Bondi for the job and that she would travel to his Palm Beach estate Mar-A-Lago while the president was in town for the Thanksgiving holiday.

McClatchy reported that Trump and Bondi have been in regular contact since the Nov. 6 election, as the races for governor and U.S. Senate, which Trump waded into, went into recounts.

Bondi's name has frequently circulated as becoming part of Trump's administration since the president was elected in 2016.

A staunch Trump backer, Bondi has been coy about her future as her term gets ready to expire in January. Lately, she has been appearing on Fox News, where speculation also has her landing.

The U.S. attorney general job opened when Jeff Sessions left under pressure this month.



Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, who leaves office in January because of term limits, is a close ally of President Donald Trump. [THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Reports: Broward Elections Supervisor Snipes to step down

The Miami Herald

Brenda Snipes, Broward County's beleaguered supervisor of elections, resigned late Sunday night, according to multiple reports.

Snipes' resignation, first reported by the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, came only hours after her staff ended a brutal two-week stretch in which they misplaced 2,000 ballots during a statewide recount, mixed about two dozen invalid ballots with about 200 good ones, and blew a deadline to submit machine recount results to the state.

Snipes was attacked as corrupt by President Donald Trump and other Republicans, accused without evidence of trying to steal the U.S. Senate election by Gov. Rick Scott and maligned as "incompetent" by U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio. Egged on by the allegations, Republican protestors spent days outside Snipes' Lauderhill headquarters during a state-mandated recount claiming that she was rigging the elections.

Attempts to reach Snipes and contracted Broward elections attorney Burnadette Norris-Weeks Sunday night were not successful. Snipes sent her letter to the state, according to the Sun-Sentinel, which said the effective date was likely during the first week of January.



Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes watches Friday as Election Planning and Development Director Joe D'Alessandro speaks to reporters after a hand recount in Lauderhill. Snipes tendered her resignation Sunday. [WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Snipes' resignation ends a 15-year run that began in 2003 when then-Gov. Jeb Bush appointed her to replace beleaguered elections supervisor Miriam Oliphant, whom he'd suspended over "mismanagement" of her office. Snipes was elected in 2004 and re-elected three times after, the latest in 2016 — an election in which she was lambasted for leaving a medical marijuana ballot question off some ballots and for illegally releasing vote totals before polls had closed.

Both issues were blamed on vendors.

But Snipes, 75, had a long history of trouble in her department. Republican attorneys accused her of improper procedures during the presidential election — attacks she blamed on politics in the state's most Democratic county — and she was later admonished by a judge for prematurely destroying ballots from a congressional race.

Most recently, during the 2018 primaries, Democratic consultants grumbled about her department after it was slow in releasing results — ultimately a precursor for the general election, during which Snipes' office continued for days to process early and absentee ballots, eventually helping to push races for governor, U.S. Senate and agriculture commissioner into mandated machine recounts.

"It's a big operation, but there are some things that need to be tweaked on all sides in terms of the processes that make up elections," Snipes told reporters after the Broward Canvassing Board submitted its final 2018 elections to the state. Asked if she was concerned that Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis might suspend her from office, she said, "My attorney says I should not answer that."

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While she completed the recount in the U.S. Senate and House District 89 races, she was unable to recount votes cast in the agriculture or gubernatorial races.

Election workers toiled all day Saturday to 5 a.m. Sunday before breaking for three hours and returning to finish the hand recount in the District 89 race. They turned in the results to the state less than one minute before the noon deadline.

The state canvassing board is scheduled to formally certify the results Tuesday.

Like Democratic candidate Andrew Gillum did on Saturday, Nelson conceded his loss to Scott shortly after it became clear he had come up short.

Scott said he thanked Nelson for his 46 years of public service. "We must do what Americans have always done: Come together for the good of our state and our country," the 65-year-old term-limited governor said. "My focus will not be on looking backward, but on doing exactly what I ran on: Making Washington work. I know change is never popular in Washington and that I'm just one person — but we have to start somewhere."

Giving a shout-out to her Republican opponent Matt Caldwell for participating in the agriculture race, Fried celebrated her historic win minutes after statewide results showed she had widened her victory to 6,753 votes out of more than 8 million cast statewide. Even when an additional 1,446 votes were added to her 5,307-vote margin over Caldwell, she still won by less than a tenth of a percent. Alone among Sunday's winners, Fried did not lead on Election Day but crept into first place as late vote-counting in Democratic strongholds like Broward and Palm Beach counties kicked in, raising criticism from Republicans, including President Donald Trump.

"This victory belongs to the people of Florida, you chose a new vision, one that reflects the priorities of the people. To everyone who didn't vote for me, I will be your voice in Tallahassee, too," she said in an email. "I am humbled and honored to serve as Florida's next commissioner of agriculture and consumer services."

State Rep. Caldwell, 37, has yet to put out a statement. His legal options include contesting the results after they are certified.



Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher talks to election workers during a recount of the House District 89 race between Republican candidate Mike Caruso and Democrat Jim Bonfiglio Sunday. [JAMES WOOLDRIDGE/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

Political icon's concession

In a four-minute statement he released on YouTube, Nelson, wearing a navy blue suit and red tie, noted that his long career had come to an end.

"Well, things worked out a little differently than Grace and I had hoped," said the 76-year-old Nelson, who began his political career in 1972 representing Brevard County in the Florida House and also served as state insurance commissioner. "But let me say, I by no measure feel defeated. And that's because I have had the privilege of serving the people of Florida and our country for most of my life."

Nelson, who gained fame by blasting into space as an astronaut, becoming what he called the nation's first "Congranaut," thanked **supporters. "I was not** victorious in this race but I still wish to strongly reaffirm the cause for which we fought: A public office is a public trust," he said.

He also expressed a desire to end divisive politics. "There's been a gathering darkness in our politics in recent years. My hope today can be found in the words of John F. Kennedy, who said civility can guide us through that darkness to a safe and sane future."

Going into the recount, Scott held a more than 12,000-vote lead. Nelson and his campaign pinned their hopes on a second scrutiny of the ballots, particularly in Broward County. While Nelson gained 2,570 votes in the weeklong machine and hand recounts, Scott still **won by 10,033 votes —** slightly more than a tenth of a percent.

Caruso, who planned to drive to Tallahassee on Sunday to prepare for his swearing-in on Tuesday, said he knows what his first task will be: election reform. "I'm going to fix the process to make it more accessible, efficient and transparent," he said. "The most frustrating thing about this process is that I did not know what was going on until Susan Bucher came through the door just now" and offered her congratulations.

While Bucher mistakenly handed Caruso the recount results of the U.S. Senate race, that were completed late Saturday, he eventually got his hands on the correct documents that showed he had beat Bonfiglio by 32 votes after the roughly 80,000 votes were recounted.

Bonfiglio, who successfully sued to force Bucher to recount the House 89 race before the agriculture and gubernatorial contests, said he was weighing his options. The attorney and former Ocean Ridge mayor said he didn't know what legal options were available to him or whether he would pursue them even if they exist. "I thank everyone for making sure every vote counted," he said.

But because of tabulating machine breakdowns, not every vote was recounted in the governor's or agriculture commissioner's races. Bucher, who told her workers to take Monday off, may be forced to recount them as well.

Partisans hold hands

By law, the losing candidates have to waive their right to a recount by officially filing papers with the secretary of state. Attorney Andrew Baumann, who represents Bucher, said he hoped both Gillum and Caldwell would submit the paperwork. Not only would conducting the two recounts be superfluous, but it will "cost us a fortune," Baumann said.

The final day of vote-counting was nerve-wracking for Caruso and Bonfiglio but appeared to go smoothly. After all the roughly 80,000 votes were tabulated by machines, which took 19 hours starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, about 3,000 that registered no apparent vote were left to be hand-counted. The vast majority were deemed to be either undervotes, meaning no votes were cast in the House 89 race, or overvotes, meaning people voted for both candidates. That left about 20 for the canvassing board to review. It completed its review in about 10 minutes. Caruso picked up 25 new votes in the recount while Bonfiglio gained 30 for his net gain of five.

The results, however, weren't known for nearly an hour. There was no formal announcement. Instead, supporters and volunteers deduced the outcome as they watched Caruso accepting hugs and handshakes.

Volunteers for the Democratic and Republican parties, who had been operating with little sleep as they watched vote-counting in both the U.S. Senate and House 89 races for nearly two weeks, joined together for a group photo before Bucher closed the building. Mitch Schwartz, who served as the GOP site administrator, and Democrat Michelle Damone, who worked on Bonfiglio"s campaign, held hands.

"For 13 days we ate together and worked together," said Schwartz, a Delray Beach resident. "While there are divisions in the country, that's not what happened here."

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