

# Defending The Republic

*"A Republic...if you can keep it."*

*-Benjamin Franklin*



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## **Good News Friday**

**Dear Patriots,**

We are not going to pretend that life in America is running smoothly. We will however continue to point out those instances of positive momentum. We have a few positives for this edition of Good News Friday.

We take time also to think about our Veterans and reflect on their sacrifices while protecting our country. Wars are evil, horrible events. We salute those who stepped into the fires risking life and limb to defend our Constitution and way of life.



**1-** The election results on Tuesday were disappointing on several fronts. But there were some wins for sanity and common sense!

**Red State**

## **Republicans Score Huge Win in Virginia As Soros-Backed Commonwealth's Attorney Goes Down in Flames**

**QUOTE:** As the post-mortem analyses from Tuesday's off-year elections continue to roll in, there is some welcome news emerging from here in Loudoun County, Virginia: Buta Biberaj, the Soros-backed commonwealth's attorney who was soft on criminals, preferring instead to prosecute concerned parents, has been defeated by her Republican opponent, Bob Anderson.

Biberaj is probably most well known for her despicable actions following two rapes committed by a "transgender" boy at county high schools; while the school board was failing to alert parents to the danger in their schools after the first rape, Biberaj was failing to file charges against the boy. This allowed the boy to return to school, where he proceeded to sexually assault another girl.

Her shameful behavior got worse. When Scott Smith, the father of the first rape victim, accosted school board members at a public meeting, he was physically hauled out by security -- getting bloodied in the process -- and found himself being charged by Biberaj for "disorderly conduct."

Our wonderful governor, Glenn Youngkin, has since pardoned Smith. This obviously angered Biberaj, who proceeded to spend months fighting with and mocking the Smith family on X/Twitter.

Voters were ticked, indeed, and the result is defeat for Buta Biberaj at the ballot box. Despite being outspent by Biberaj 12-to-1, Anderson picked up enough support from Democrats to squeak out a win. Biberaj has refused to accept defeat, of course, but Anderson took to her

favorite platform on Wednesday morning to lay out the facts: She's toast.



**2-** This is near impossible but yet it happened.

**CBS New York**

**Republican Kristy Marmorato wins Bronx City Council seat, defeating incumbent Democrat Marjorie Velazquez**

**QUOTE:** NEW YORK -- In a big upset, Republican Kristy Marmorato defeated incumbent Democrat Marjorie Velazquez for the New York City Council District 13 seat in the Bronx.

Marmorato's win is a rare victory for a Republican in the borough, which has more registered Democrats.

CBS New York spoke to Marmorato late Wednesday afternoon, and she talked about support from voters.

"They actually believed that their vote counted and that their voice mattered in this race, and that is, emotionally, probably one of the most fulfilling things, that they believed in me as a person," she said.



**3-** More good news from Tuesday's election in New York. I guess the Dems were too busy to rig New York elections. Lee Zeldin is doing a lot of good grassroots in NY.

**CBS New York**

## **Tri-State Area election results could be a sign of things to come in 2024**

**QUOTE:** NEW YORK -- A red wave apparently washed over Long Island on Tuesday with Republicans claiming victory in taking the county executive seat they have coveted for some time.

Right now, results are still coming in, but if Republicans pull it off, it could be a sign of things to come in 2024 and it could certainly boost the freshman Republican congressmen who swept last year.

"How excited are we? We are about to celebrate a huge win of our friend, the great leader, give it up for Ed Romaine," former congressman Lee Zeldin said.

Zeldin may have been jumping the gun a little bit, predicting that the Brookhaven town supervisor would win over democrat David Calone in the big bucks slugfest to replace Democrat Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, who was term-limited.

If Romaine prevails, it will be the second red wave to crash on Long Island shores in the past year. Last November, voters sent a crop of Republicans to Congress, where they played a major role in helping Republicans to take control of the House. Pundits say that if Romaine wins, it will help fend off the expected Democratic challenges next November.

"You have the Republicans able to unify on what their message is ... The Nassau and Suffolk operations they have politically will be reinvigorated," political strategist O'Brien Murray said.



4- Yes, Virginia was a disappointment. But, there were a few high points and lessons.

### **Red State**

#### **Republicans Fall Just Short in Virginia, but There's More to the Story**

**QUOTE:** The 2023 election was another disappointing affair for Republicans. Kentucky and Ohio both produced results that should leave the GOP questioning what changes need to be made before the all-important 2024 election arrives.

With that said, there were some bright spots. Specifically, in Virginia, Republicans showed a surprising level of strength despite falling short of taking the legislature.

That's probably not what you are getting from the headlines this morning, but the numbers show an overperformance by the Glenn Youngkin-led GOP there.

The most stunning stat shows that Republicans won every single seat in districts rated up to Biden +9.

There are some on the right who are absconding from that information because they don't like Youngkin and view him as a threat to their wing of the party. They are misleading people.

The reality is that because of a redistricting effort by Democrats that occurred just before Youngkin took power, actually taking the Virginia legislature was always a long shot. There is no denying, though, that

Republicans made a very strong push to do so on Tuesday and could be reasonably described as having overperformed. That's been a rarely used word regarding Republicans the last several election cycles.

At some point, the electoral realities of a state come into play. Youngkin's win in 2021 was astonishing, but it was

not a new baseline. Virginia is a blue state. That's largely because its northern portion is heavily populated with federal employees, a demographic that is overwhelmingly liberal.

Ultimately, Virginia may just be a bridge too far, but the trends we saw were positive for Republicans. That shouldn't be taken away from Youngkin. What that means for him going forward, I can't say. Perhaps he will run for the U.S. Senate in 2026, or perhaps he'll try to run for president in 2028, but the idea that his political career ended last night because he didn't pull off a miracle in a blue state is dishonest.

If Republicans took the strategy from Virginia last night and replicated it nationwide, they'd win in a landslide in 2024. That's not the message a lot of influencers and commentators on the right are going to tell you because they have other interests at play. The numbers speak for themselves, though. When you are winning every district up to those with a double-digit Democrat advantage, you are doing something right.



**5-** In the grand scheme of this big war against Israel, this was a little victory. It doesn't mean a lot but it means something. And it was bipartisan!

**Fox News**

**Liberal outrage online after Rashida Tlaib is officially censured in Congress: 'SOLD OUT' by Democrats**

**QUOTE:** Liberal and conservative commentators sounded off online after the House of Representatives voted to censure Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., for her support of antisemitic rhetoric.

Twenty-two Democrats voted with 212 Republicans to censure Tlaib after she was criticized for sharing a video on social platform X that included the phrase "From the river to the sea," a pro-Palestinian liberation slogan.

"If this is not worthy of censure, what is? When you can call for the annihilation of a country and its people, if that's not worthy of a censure, what is?" Rep. Rich McCormick, R-Ga., said on the House floor Tuesday.



**6-** House Republicans, under new leadership, delivered subpoenas to three members of the Biden Crime Family. With more to come, we are told. Four more were announced Thursday evening which include Hunter's art dealer and art patron. This is the action that must be taken to get to the investigation underway at last of these dishonorable people.

**RedState**

### **House Oversight Committee Subpoenas Hunter Biden and James Biden**

**QUOTE:** In the first major escalation of the House Oversight Committee's investigation into Biden family corruption, Hunter Biden and James Biden have been subpoenaed along with Rob Walker, a former business associate of the president's son.

Rep. James Comer first hinted at the move on Sunday, suggesting that a slate of subpoenas would be on the way. Several others, including James Biden's wife, have also been requested to come in for transcribed interviews. It seems unlikely most would comply voluntarily.

Negotiations will commence in short order to figure out exactly when those subpoenaed will have to appear. It's very likely that all interviews will happen behind closed doors with perhaps the chance for a public hearing later. That has been the trend under Comer's leadership of the committee.

Certainly, there's some risk involved for Republicans. There is no doubt that Hunter and James Biden will play dumb and proclaim their innocence. In return, you can expect Democrats to leak portions of their testimony so the press can run with the narrative that the interviews were duds.

But is that really the point of any of this for Republicans? I can't imagine that Comer expects members of the Biden family to show up and tell the truth about what went on with their influence-peddling operation. Perhaps that's the point, though.



**7-** Senator Grassley provides a roadmap for the House.

**Margot Cleveland at The Federalist**  
**House Should Consult Grassley's Bombshells For Next Biden Subpoenas**



**QUOTE:** The chair of the House Oversight Committee issued a slew of subpoenas on Wednesday, including to Hunter Biden and James Biden. Additional subpoenas, as well as requests for transcribed interviews, were served on other Biden family members and business associates. These investigative steps are solid, but the House committees charged with the Joe Biden impeachment inquiry need to issue subpoenas for the witnesses and documents Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, not-so-subtly suggested late last month.

"I've obtained the names of 25 DOJ and FBI personnel to interview at a future date," Grassley wrote in a late-October letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray concerning the latest details the Iowa senator uncovered related to obstruction of the Biden-family corruption investigation. While the House Oversight Committee is understandably focused on unraveling the extent of foreign influence-peddling, the House should not ignore the second half of the scandal: the DOJ, FBI, and now the Biden administration's cover-up of the scandal and their cover-up of the cover-up. Having heard from several whistleblowers about the scope of the obstruction, Grassley has said that if their allegations are true, it would establish the DOJ and FBI have been "institutionally corrupted to their very core." The House has followed several leads Grassley developed. The most significant was related to the FD-1023 summary of a "highly credible" confidential human source's (CHS) reporting that Burisma paid Hunter and Joe Biden each \$5 million in bribes, which Grassley released earlier this year.

The House committees charged with overseeing the impeachment inquiry need to dissect that letter for leads

relevant to the investigation into Biden-family corruption and also to unravel the DOJ and FBI's corruption.



**8-** Does this mean we can eat more sugar? Just kidding. It is wild to think that humans could grow more teeth. Bad news for the denture industry.

**The Epoch Times**

### **Japanese Scientists Develop Groundbreaking Drug That Grows New Teeth**

**QUOTE:** A team of Japanese scientists has developed a groundbreaking drug that stimulates the growth of new teeth—the first of its kind in the world.

Dr. Katsu Takahashi, lead researcher, co-founder of Toregem Biopharma, and head of dentistry and oral surgery at the Medical Research Institute Kitano Hospital in Osaka, Japan, has been working on how to induce the growth of new teeth his entire career.

"The idea of growing new teeth is every dentist's dream. I've been working on this since I was a graduate student. I was confident I'd be able to make it happen," he said.

The antibody-based drug targets a protein that inhibits the growth of new teeth from "tooth buds," and in previous animal experiments, the drug induced the growth of a "third generation" of teeth, in addition to baby teeth and permanent adult teeth.

While sharks and many reptiles have teeth that are continually replaced, and crocodiles replace their teeth more than 40 times throughout their lifetimes, mammals

don't have the same unlimited tooth-replacing abilities. Until recently, it was assumed that humans had only two sets of teeth. However, there is evidence that humans also possess these tooth buds, which have the potential to become a third set of teeth.

The drug has been used successfully to grow new teeth in mice and ferrets, with clinical trials expected to begin in humans in July 2024 to test the drug's safety in healthy adults.



**9-** Just a reminder to keep fighting. Keep praying. Keep hoping.

**Committee To Unleash Prosperity**

**Never, Never, Never Give Up**

Yes, we're depressed about some of the election results from Tuesday. But this should only be an incentive to work harder and smarter and to be inspired by Honest Abe.

Abraham Lincoln's Road To The White House

- Lost his job as a store clerk in 1831
- Defeated for state legislature in 1832
- Opened his own store that went bust in 1833
- Elected to state legislature in 1834
- His fiancée died in 1835
- Suffers nervous breakdown in 1836
- Defeated for Speaker of the Illinois House in 1838
- Defeated for Presidential Elector in 1840
- Defeated for Congress in 1843
- Elected to Congress in 1846
- Defeated for US Senate in 1854

- Defeated for Vice President in 1856
- Defeated for US Senate again in 1858
- Elected President in 1860
- Saved the Union

