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THE REPUBLICAN SPRING? *



MICHAEL JACKSON LIVES?

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LOS ANGELES, CA ~ Conservators for the estate of Michael Jackson report they have discovered lost verses of Mr. Jackson's 1972 hit, "Rockin' Robin." They denied this discovery is "proof" the late Mr. Jackson isn't *late* at all. A lead conservator, who did not wish to be named for this article, said, "While Mr. Jackson should properly be described as 'the late,' the verse we have found suggests that he was, nevertheless, 'timely.'" Sadly, he then added: "Always was."

The Lost Verse

He rocks the nation all day
long,
Yellin' and a-shoutin' and
other goings on.
All of his staffers on 16th
Street
Love to hear the POTUS go
Tweet, Tweet, Tweet!

(Chorus)

Shock n' rob 'em, shock,
shock
Shock n' rob em
Tweet, rob n' shock 'em
Cause, we're really gonna
shock tonight!

TRUMP TWEETS CONGRESS: CUT N.I.H. RESEARCH FUNDS GOP to Take "Courageous" Stand

February 8, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) ~ In what contained a deal too good to reject, GOP Congressional members greeted President Trump's private Tweet to them today with undisguised elation.

Even Senate moderates normally supportive of NIH research expressed support. At an interview held in his office, Sen. C. Ahlis Werks, R-UL., said: "While the NIH does great work, some of it is just plain old foolishness. If the President and the Congress are really going to drain the swamp in Washington, we not only need to cut waste, fraud and abuse: dumb-ass research has to go as well! The very thought of what those white lab coats are working on gives me the willies."

The Senator went on to say that, while he was glad he had the support of many of his colleagues, "I can stand up all by myself and oppose this wholly unnatural research. I mean, if they succeed in this, what's next? Pretty soon they'll be growing brains in Petri dishes and surreptitiously transplanting them into members of our beloved

Tea Party. Those are good, God-fearing folks and they'd *never* knowingly go for that sort of thing, norsiree Bob. That's why I'm supporting the President's splendid idea that he so kindly shared with all of us today. It's been a long time coming."

When informed that every Democratic senator was, and fully half of the nation would, upon its dissemination, be opposed to the content of the President's Tweet, Werks said, "Sometimes we in the Senate have to take a strong stand in spite of all the opposition." Reaching for an edition of John F. Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning work, *Profiles in Courage* (which, from its near-mint condition, appeared to be seldomly consulted), he continued:

"Let the forever-carping Democratic opposition remember the words of their own favorite President, John F. Kennedy:

"In whatever area in life one may meet the challenges of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience - the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of

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* *Editorial Note:* Like "The Prague Spring" of 1968 and "The Arab Spring" of 2010, this year's "Republican Spring" may suffer its own threats: from within and without. The crocuses were in bloom on February 8 in Washington. It snowed here the next day. (See Photo, P2.) False Springs abound: Poor Czechs, poor Arabs, poor GOP. Not to mention the crocuses. ~ *Armed Freedom*

SPRING: THE SAPS ARE RISING

his fellow men - each man must decide for himself the course he will follow. The stories of past courage can define that ingredient: they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul. A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality."

Upon hearing these words, reporters at the interview were dewy-eyed with nostalgic idealism. Being proud and fiercely-independent members of what, oblivious to its really being a compliment, Sean Spicer had called "the Opposition Party" - they quickly dried their tears. Leaving, they thanked the senator for reminding them about what, with the exception of too many of his fellow GOP partisans, still, makes America truly great.

The President's intercepted Tweet was released to the public following the interview. It appears below.



Donald J. Trump
@BLOTUS



No way are NIH researchers going to transplant testicular tissue into atrophied balls! Cut their funding! Do it now! So very awful!



PHOTO: *Washington area crocuses dusted with early February snow.*

While the President was in error about NIH research, studies have long-been underway at the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine. An AFIRM spokesman, requesting anonymity for "consorting with the opposition," said their studies were preliminary. "But a number of our researchers have 'a personal interest in the project' and are, in spite of most scientists' skepticism, enthusiastic about its near-term success."

Combined House and Senate GOP leaders vowed to immediately kill AFIRM's funding, lest increasingly angry constituents of both parties band together. Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell, acerbically agreed with Mr. Trump: "The last thing the President and his allies up here on the Hill need is half-a-million bi-partisan demonstrators on the Mall hollering that this GOP Congress no longer has even the *slightest* excuse for not *finally* growing a pair!"

KELLYANNE CONWAY RECEIVES NEW TITLE

February 11, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC ~ KellyAnne Conway was "counseled" after unethically endorsing Presidential daughter Ivanka Trump's no-longer-at-Nordstrom's line of clothing by using on-air a clip from the TV show, *West Wing*, in which she appeared.

Conway said the President still supports her "100 percent" and told viewers on Fox News that every woman would be fortunate to have a boss who treats them "the way the President of the United States treated me today."

"He was so good to me, he gave me a new title. You all in the Press are fond of acronyms, you can just print my new title as 'LTMOP.' I am now the Manager Of the Press." Asked about the "LT" part of the title, she said Trump had not specified what it meant. "But I'm one of his chief lieutenants so I assume it means 'Lieutenant.' You all can address me as 'Lieutenant Conway,' if you wish."

Press Secretary, Sean Spicer, when told of the Press Corps' speculation that her title actually means "Ludicrously Tortured Mouthpiece Of the President," went into an apoplectic rage and was transported to Sibley Memorial Hospital where he was, again, administered smelling salts. According to medical staff, a lengthy recuperation is expected.