

THE GRINNING COW AND HIS SUCCESSORS

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As an anagrammist I found the game of musical chairs for the House speakership in late 1998 too good to ignore. Newton Gingrich (the grinning cow) resigned shortly after the November elections, to be replaced by candidate Bob Livingston (glib bison on TV). He in turn removed himself from consideration after certain infidelities came to light, and was supplanted by Dennis Hastert (I hasten trends), another guy we've never heard of.

When the outgoing Speaker becomes a private citizen, he'll be just MISTER NEWT GINGRICH...

IRS? Mightn't we cringe
Grew stern; I'm itching
Night-time screw, grin
I mightn't screw reign
Right-wing men, etc., sir

I mightn't resign, crew
Entice Mrs. Right-wing
Swing me right, cretin
Switch regiment, grin
Grim itch went; resign

But when he becomes a political consultant, MISTER NEWTON GINGRICH may want to sound a little more formal...

Consent? Mire right wing
Itch grown grim, intense
Right-wing cretin, son? Me!
Nice right-wing monster
Cretin won; might resign

Crime ring tightens now
Intern crimes: wig, thong
I'm right-wing Net censor
Got him screwing intern
Recent insight: I'm wrong!

Meanwhile, the media will refer to EX-SPEAKER NEWT GINGRICH as...

Eschew X-rating; keep grin
E.g.: expect win? Hark! Resign!
We grin, expect shrinkage
Grin: 'Keen, wet, graphic sex'
Crash. Expire. Get new king

Experts nigh in wreckage
Cheer GNP. Exit, grin askew
Think 'Expense'; cigar grew
Graphic: 'Resign next week'
Sex? Cigar? GNP knew either

And history may remember him as NEWTON LEROY GINGRICH...

Growing incoherently
We're clinging to 'horny'
Why linger on to cringe?
Grey relic; now nothing
Yon right-winger clone

Hey, intern! Wrong logic!
Cry 'thong lingerie' now!
I crow on lengthy reign
New Right: nice, no glory
Why Clinton-Gore reign?

He'll leave SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE vacant...

Hot sheep! Free USA--OK?
Oh, upset fake heroes
Use the hope; forsake
See the fear, shook up
Oh, seek Orpheus' fate

Foe: 'Shake the poseur!'
Free the USA spook, eh?
Eureka! Host of sheep!
USA: seek the proof, eh?
Shoo! He kept USA free!

So, Bob Livingston stepped up to the plate. But within a day of my finishing the list below, SPEAKER BOB LIVINGSTON bowed out...

GOP rants, invokes Bible
Rabble: 'Invent gossip--OK?'
GOP insolvent: ask bribe?
Vigilant probe boss, Ken
GOP? OK! Sensible! Vibrant!

Ask big probe: 'Insolvent?'
Sink vast ignoble probe
Kiss. Probe. Violent bang!
Proven genital-kiss, Bob?
Veteran GOP boss: 'I blink'

Bob's reason for this sudden departure? MARITAL INDISCRETIONS...

Damn, I restrict liaison
Monica is strident liar
Doctrinaire sans limit
Cardinal sin? I'm so trite
America lost in dirt, sin

Amid intolerant crisis
Starr in action? I'd smile
Insist: 'Real dirt, Monica!'
DNA is similar. Contrite?
Liaison? Indict me, Starr!

So Bob's out and we get Dennis Hastert. SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT shows real promise, anagrammatically speaking, in several areas...

She'd stake errant penis
Sane spin: head 'Star Trek'
Hark! Senate's president!
The risk: Senate panders
He'd resist Senate prank

Senate: 'Repent hard kiss'
Seek sharp DNA interest
Shake a stern president
I spark, harness detente
Hark! See persistent DNA!

SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT relates well to that infamous blue dress...

Ah, peek at intern's dress
Hesitant: 'Keep dress? RNA?'
Intern keeps dress, a hat...
Keen partisan: 'The dress!'
Stain ran? Keep the dress

He kept intern, as a dress
Shake a pertinent dress
Santa kept dress in here
The intern? A dress? Speak!
Aha, intern kept dresses

And SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT also relates to Ken Starr...

Kenneth's a dress-pirate
Ken Starr stained sheep
Heed inept ass Ken Starr
Ken Starr: 'Dispense hate'
Ken trashes a president

This dense ape, Ken Starr
Ken Starr: haste in speed
See Ken Starr death-spin
Steep in Hades, Ken Starr!
He'd eat Ken Starr's penis