

1: The Gang That Couldn't Dress Straight | Feature | St. Louis News and Events | Riverfront Times

Advance Praise for The Gang That Wouldn't Write Straight "It's always complicated to write about writing (and about writers), but Marc Weingarten does it effortlessly. Every character in The Gang That Wouldn't Write Straight is compelling and necessary.

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2: The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight () - IMDb

The Gang That Wouldn't Write Straight has ratings and 31 reviews. Lisa said: too much hunter s. thomson, not enough didion. still a great history of.

The year-old Morris moved to St. Louis more than twenty years ago, escaping a broken home in Hollygrove, Arkansas. He got his first job as a salesman at Famous-Barr and spent most of his time hanging out in Kinloch, a municipality near Lambert International Airport. He served time for drug-dealing and was arrested on numerous occasions for other offenses. His marriage fell apart. But Morris persevered, starting up his own security company, Murphy Higher Quality Security, in He soon scored honest work guarding several branches of the St. Louis Community Credit Union. Five years later, Morris lived near Spanish Lake in north county with his second wife and young son -- a much happier arrangement than his first stab at matrimony. With a penchant for expensive clothes and fancy cars, McAllister hustled hard to make some decent "scrilla," his slang term for money. Never a nine-to-fiver, McAllister was more comfortable "ripping and running and back-and-forth and gangster living," recalls Rhonda Woods, one of the four women who fathered his six children. A salvage firm, car washes and nightclubs were among the enterprises McAllister launched and folded over the years. Plain and simple, McAllister wanted serious money -- and to get it he was willing to shoot the moon. When he met up with Morris, the two men, police say, concocted plans for what came to be their most successful career to date: Why not, Morris reasoned, hold up one of the credit unions guarded by his own security firm? After all, Morris was on a first-name basis with the tellers at the Jennings branch of the St. Louis Community Credit Union; he was even dating one of them. Even better, Morris knew that employees rarely double-locked the back door. Police believe that McAllister, along with two other unknown accomplices, accosted a female teller at gunpoint, forcing her to open the vault. On December 8 of that same year, Charlotte Peek arrived shortly after 6 a. For several minutes the veteran bank employee sat in her car with the engine running, waiting for the security guard to show. Two black men appeared and pointed guns in her face, court papers say. Peek thought about peeling away, but it was too late. The man wore glasses, a stocking cap and a black cape. He barked at her to hurry. It took Peek several tries to crack the security code, but soon she and the caped man were inside opening the vault. The man then led Peek to the hallway and told her to turn around. As the caped assailant let his cohort inside the credit union, Peek suddenly smelled sulfur. McAllister had struck again, according to FBI statements. Authorities still have no idea where or how the stolen loot was spent. Louis County Police Department detective. Louis has ever seen, and as good as anybody across the country. Louis defense attorney Steve Stenger put it: Louis, harking back to the days of Bonnie and Clyde. Patrons at the Silver Lining Lounge spun stories of him clad in long sleeves to cover the dye stains on his arms as he counted his stolen booty. They also recalled him making death threats to anyone who "ran their mouth," according to FBI affidavits. It never came up again. Morris figured cross-dressing might be just the right touch, since customers expect to see more female bank employees opening banks in the morning than males. They also bought slinky black gowns and a navy-blue dress with cream-colored polka dots from Goodwill Industries. On other occasions, they donned bathrobes and housedresses and wigs of all colors, purchased at Walgreens. McAllister and Morris began to see every bank as a potential victim, hunting for those with a rear entry and located near a sleepy neighborhood. The cross-dressing crew communicated via two-way radios, speaking in code, and they approached their victims with civil greetings such as, "Good morning. You are going to open the bank. They moved swiftly, police said, and five minutes rarely passed from the time the gang entered a bank till their payday was realized. Some attempts went bust, like when a bank employee without a vault key showed up unexpectedly, or when a teller noticed the robbers and slammed the door before they could enter. Once, McAllister and Morris were foiled when they awoke and realized their getaway car had vanished. The vehicle was equipped with OnStar, a global positioning system, and the robbers reckoned its owners must have found it in the dark of night. The average robber, explains Ratliff, walks into a crowded bank wearing a hat and sunglasses, then hands a note to the teller asking for money and departs a minute later -- usually with not more than a few thousand dollars. Morris and McAllister pulled out

all the stops when a particular bank struck their fancy. Louis, McAllister threaded plastic strips through a piece of an old chain-link fence, then spray-painted it blue to match the color of the Dumpster near the credit union door, the FBI reported. The tip came from a snitch, a heroin distributor who said he participated in the December robbery when the dye pack went off. The man identified Otis McAllister as the "mastermind. Surveillance of McAllister began in earnest. The number of city, county and federal officers working the case ballooned from a handful to twenty. Two hours later, they watched a Honda Accord -- traced to one Franklin Morris -- pull into the driveway and pick up McAllister. The Honda proceeded to a nearby north-county parking lot and joined two SUVs. All three cars then raced south on Interstate , switching lanes continuously and clocking speeds of 80 miles per hour. Police lost the caravan at 7: It was the first of many times law enforcement would fail to catch them red-handed. Sure enough, early on December 7, McAllister met up with Morris at a parking lot near their north-county homes and headed into Illinois for a scheduled holdup, according to court documents. The cops sped behind them, losing them twice. They planned to lease an apartment for a stake-out when they noticed McAllister and Morris casing them. Of all the empty spots available, the Camry sidled into one right alongside the FBI, according to agency affidavits. The men in the car -- presumably McAllister and Morris -- sat for five seconds, staring into the eyes of an agent. They combed sewers looking for a second missing device but never found it. On December 9, the family left St. To crack the case, one option remained: Police listened in on the pair for two months, chronicling numerous conversations of doom and gloom -- especially when it came to money and love. Morris was now commuting between St. Louis and Columbus, fretting about scaring up the funds to buy his wife a house in Ohio. Per usual, he was out of work, having been fired several months earlier from his job driving a garbage truck. Police heard him beat himself up for spoiling his wife with fine dining and fancy accessories. He was shaking down friends to pay his gas bills and decided it was time to sell his Mercedes-Benz. On December 26, McAllister was supposed to meet his girlfriend Ida Merkson for breakfast, but instead hit the street peddling five-dollar CDs with his nephew. Ida Merkson -- that was a new name to authorities. They tapped her line at the end of December. Merkson, they learned, met McAllister through her married boyfriend, David Greenwade, a career criminal with thirteen felony convictions on his rap sheet. Police were quite familiar with Greenwade; they were investigating him for participating in a drug conspiracy. Attorneys say Greenwade learned of the drug probe and quit dealing. Greenwade and Ball were indicted in the drug conspiracy earlier this year. Merkson was so desperate she was preparing to switch her five-month-old daughter, Diamond, from costlier baby formula to 2-percent milk with iron drops. Police heard friends call Merkson "a good gangster," but "screwed up" when it came to men. Every time I see him I want to hurt him," Merkson told her sister, according to wiretaps. By December, authorities say, Merkson wanted more than sex from McAllister. She wanted in on the criminal enterprise. Ida Merkson rang McAllister a little after 10 a. Sometimes you gotta keep going. What police heard next appeared to be McAllister advising Merkson to be patient and keep at it. When I got there, bam! Motherfucker wants some scrilla that morning. Then another motherfucker over here cutting grass. Motherfucker sitting over here looking stupid. Just keep at them. That is the beauty of it all. Police heard him talk about attending a stock-market class with lawyers and doctors "that will teach you strategy to become a millionaire. The project fell through in mid-January, though, and Merkson tried to convince McAllister to resume holding up banks. The towing job stressed him out, what with calls coming in at all hours and the truck in constant need of repairs. Still, he feared "them goddamn people. Authorities believe the couple meant law enforcement.

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The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight is a American Mafia comedy film directed by James Goldstone and written by Waldo Salt, based on the novel of the same name by Jimmy Breslin, which in turn was based on the life of gangster Joe Gallo.

Reviews, some recaps, TV news, reality television, primetime and even a weekly off television topic photo post. Come, join in on the fun Monday, October 01, BB Just a note, my earlier season blogs were sunsetted by AOL years back. There have always been some people in the cast I liked, some not so much. Someone will win every season. I am here to be entertained. This season entertained me. What more could I want? But, she made critical mistakes which cost her and would have even if not evicted with the Hacker brouhaha. Call me old-fashioned, but you can hook-up with Swaggy without physically hooking up with Swaggy in the early weeks! It still rings in my mind what my own parents would think about it if it were me on national television and the Internet! But, after Swaggy was gone and she snapped back without moping around, I was happy. She showed that she could be strong. I thought that she could be a contender! Then she won HoH. And it all went down the drain. Her severe HoHitis and power trip turned me off. I think that the way she treated others when she was HoH ruffled feathers and, had she not gone under the Haleigh Hacker Debacle, I believe she would have been targeted as soon as possible. As for the "since the finale" news -- She had a miscarriage while in the jury house. Swaggy and Baleigh are still engaged. Who am I to argue? I wish them the best. Fessy Faysal Fessy, Fessy I think he might have had visions of showmances galore for the taking and winning all of those physical comps he was sure the show had. He did bring me some entertainment on the live feeds, though. His whisper strategy meetings with both JC and Haleigh at separate times really showed how little he knew of how BB works. He seemed to be a nice enough guy. I still see him in my mind sitting on that HoH sink and it ripping from the wall, though. That and his reaction still give me a giggle! I feel he was a bit of a big dumb lunk when it came to the game. As for "since the finale news" -- He and Haleigh may or may not be together. I think that she made many mistakes early in the game and never could overcome them. Sam created a stir when she "shamed" Haleigh and Kaitlyn for hanging all over guys. In a way, she was right. She seriously needs to seek help with that fingernail chewing. I believe had she not hooked up with Fessy SO much, it would have helped her game. As it was, she was the last remaining member of her alliance in the house for a reason. She tried so hard after her alliance went that it was kind of sad -- we viewers and she herself could see the writing on the wall. She was just in the wrong alliance from the start and that did her in. Kaitlyn I feel at a bit of a loss for words. She bugged me to no end on the live feeds with her neediness, her gurgly voice, her baby voice, her crying. She thought she was in love with Tyler. He thought not so much. She was out there in her own little world. It was obvious that she was never going to win this thing. That was about the only predictable thing about her. All that said, she seems to have snapped back very well. Had she been in the house as she is on Internet, she would have been easier to watch. Yeah, the boyfriend at home left her. But her Twitter is actually kind of entertaining and fun to read. There were so many people thinking she would need to be committed after leaving the house. She seems to have taken it all in stride. She probably still talks all gurgly, though. I feel she came into the show to be a "character. But props and wardrobe do not make you a character. It makes you annoying. I actually liked her best once she dumped the glasses and had one on one talks with Sam and others. She took her Jesse Goddard punishment of the cooking and exercise in stride. That looked so grueling and you could tell she was sore and exhausted. I give her credit for that. It did bother me that she seemed to have some sort of chip on her shoulder about financial classes of people. That will only keep stressing you out. Scottie I was a bit disappointed in Scottie. I honestly thought he would be more savvy in the house as a big fan of the show. I liked his fanatical cleaning! He made Sam look mellow when it comes to deep cleaning. Where he went wrong, other than being a bit hyperactive, was not being loyal to either alliance. He made some classic moves like voting out Swaggy while wearing a Swaggy shirt and betraying his alliance. But all of his sketchy moves made neither side really trust him. It seemed to me like he was more interested in making BB history than actually winning the show. I was touched by his tender apology moments with Haleigh, but never

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really got into whatever that relationship he had with Steve. I wish him well, but he had his chance on the show and blew it. Steve Speaking of Steve Okay, I know who he is. But I do NOT have that accent. I feel kind of bad for him because, at 40, he was the "old guy" in the house. I wish BB would stop putting in one person older than the rest in there. While Kevin made it far in BB19, not many do. Swaggy Chris Oh my. I think BB kind of wanted him to be the "star" this season and that all blew up in their faces. He had the potential. But I feel his youth and all of a sudden on television affected his game. Had he not "swaggered" around the house after winning a comp and thinking he was a big shot, the whole FOUTTE alliance might have done so much better in the game. He alienated others and they wanted him out. Meanwhile, he was smart enough about the game and good enough in comps that he could have carried his alliance further in the game. He could have led them.

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9: Los Osos Sewer Saga: The Gang That Couldn't Poop Straight

I first read THE GANG THAT COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT when I was a teenager in Brooklyn, a borough well renowned as being where most gangsters lived. I grew up in Dyker Heights. Joe Colombo, the notorious Mafia chief in the early '70's, lived three blocks away from us.

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