



OUR GANG PROBLEM

Roving Band of Little Rascals Terrorizes Streets



Suspected gang member "Spanky" McFarland

CULVER CITY, Calif., Oct. 18. — Already buffeted by economic hard times, this small town is experiencing one of the biggest crime waves in its history. Officers of the peace suspect that a single gang is responsible for the great majority of criminal activity.

Although the gang's membership has reportedly varied over the years, it is believed to include a fat youth, a squeaky-voiced crooner with a prominent cowlick, and a cute little girl. The gang is often aided and abetted by animals, including a dog with a ring around his left eye, a capuchin monkey, and a mule named Algebra.

HIJINKS

The gang has been suspected in a string of area crimes, including refusal to take castor oil, bringing frogs to school, organizing amateur variety shows without a municipal permit, and hurling bowls of mush at a snobbish French maitre d'.

The gang members often play hooky to go fishing but, when they do attend their lessons, they carry on their hijinks in the classroom, as well.

In their fight against the gang, authorities in Culver City have enlisted the help of Miss Crabtree, 27, the schoolteacher of many of the gang members.

"Just today in class, I asked one of these rascals, 'What was Abraham Lincoln's mother's name?'" Crabtree said. "And he replied, 'Mrs. Lincoln.'"

"APPLESAUCE"

When told of the allegations, suspected gang member "Spanky" McFarland dismissed them as "applesauce."

Faucetts Erect House To Be Occupied by Galbraith and Butler in 2001

Northport, Ala., Home Will Wait 71 Years for Marysia and Jeremy's Arrival

"What is taking so long?" Asks Structure at 1527 Bellwood Lane

NORTHPORT, Ala., Oct. 18. — S. P. "Bill" Faucett and the former Gwendolyn Dyer, of Blivins, Texas, have built a grand new house!

Seventy-one years from now, Marysia Galbraith, of East Northport N.Y., and Jeremy Butler, of Phoenix, Ariz., will select this fine home as their new habitat.

"2 NORTHPORTS"

Galbraith will remark, "It feels strange to go from one Northport to another! Who would guess there'd be two Northports?"

Galbraith and Butler will both be professional educators at The University of Alabama — across the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa.

BICYCLES

They will often ride their bicycles to work.

It will appear to be kismet that will draw Galbraith and Butler to Northport and the Bellwood neighborhood. They will have their first date on September 4, 1999, in downtown Northport at the Globe Restaurant, after which

they will go for a walk that will take them to Bellwood.

They will not hold hands during the walk, but romance will be in the air.

Butler will vacate the Dream Home on Arlington Drive to move here. He and Galbraith will declare their new residence to be "Dream Home II."

BELLWOOD

Gwendolyn Faucett has taught at Northport Elementary School since 1927 and was familiar with the nearby Bellwood neighborhood — Northport's original residential subdivision, established by Dr. C.P. Bell in 1920. The Faucetts quickly settled on Bellwood as the ideal location to begin their life together after marrying last year.

Galbraith and Butler will purchase the home from the Faucetts' granddaughter, Kimberly Krieger. Krieger will occupy the home for two years after Gwendolyn Faucett passes away April 3, 1999.

The Faucett family runs grocery, dry goods, furni-

Future Occupants



ture, hardware and department stores in Northport and Tuscaloosa. A wing of the local high school will be named in their honor. In December 2001,

Galbraith and Butler will wish their friends the very best of holidays and a fruitful and peaceful new year. They will invite everyone to visit them in their new "digs"!



Queen of the Family Room, Flipper "Flip" Butler



Overlord of the Living Room, Java "Inky" Galbraith

Flipper and Java Sign Non-Aggression Pact

MUNICH, Germany, Oct. 18. — Flipper "Flip" Butler and Java "Inky" Galbraith signed a historic non-aggression pact today.

Under the terms of the agreement, Flipper concedes the Living Room, Guest Room, and one half of the Dining Room to Java. In return, Java concedes the other half of the Dining Room, the Family Room, and the Laundry

Room to Flipper.

Java will continue to utilize the litter box in the Guest Room while Flipper will have unimpeded access to the cat door to the back yard, where she is expected to "do her business."

Neither cat has expressed a desire to share food bowls today or in the future.

BROTHER UNABLE TO SPARE DIME

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 18. — Timothy Lawson, 39, a Hartford-area pedestrian, was unable to spare a dime on the corner of South Orchard and 8th Streets Wednesday.

Charles Kriefski, an out-of-work Hartford resident, said in the report that he looked at Lawson and made a polite request for a dime at approximately 4:15 p.m., yet no dime exchanged hands at any point during the interaction.

Lawson reportedly walked past Kriefski and shook his head quickly without looking up. According to Kriefski, such a motion is an indication that "a dime cannot be spared."

Kriefski's addressing of Lawson as "brother," an effort to build an instant rapport via their shared humanity, was ineffective, as Lawson was not lured into a temporary and superficially familiar relationship with Kriefski that could have resulted in the exchange of a dime.

FASHION



AREA WOMAN LOOKS FETCHING IN SANTA HAT

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GANGLAND KINGPIN: 'SAY, DON'T GET SORE, SEE?'

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ANTHROPOMORPHIC MOUSE IN SHORT PANTS CALLS FOR INCREASED LITIGATION

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Today's Puzzler



by Professor Robert Halliwell of Columbia University

Q: What would happen if an automobile were to ever reach a speed of sixty miles per hour?

A: The driver of that automobile would die.

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