



Spellbound at Heaton Hall

staff photo by Ronnie Emerson

Lou Ann "Fairy Godmother" Waskon, left, casts a spell upon Tee "Clown" Williams while at work in the records office of Heaton Hall. The two

workers, along with about two-thirds of the staff, dressed up on Friday to celebrate the arrival of Halloween.

Poisoning suspect maintains innocence

United Press International
CHICAGO — Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner issued a plea Saturday to cyanide-Tylenol suspect James Lewis to turn himself in if he is innocent, as Lewis maintained in a letter mailed to the Chicago Tribune.

Lewis sent the letter to the newspaper last week proclaiming his innocence in the seven Chicago cyanide-Tylenol killings. The Tribune published the contents of the letter in its Sunday editions.

The letter was mailed from New York on Wednesday and turned over to the FBI Friday night. Fahner, the head of the task force investigating the seven deaths from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, told a news conference there was no doubt the letter was written by Lewis.

"I would like to send a message to Mr. Lewis," he said. "We would like you to consider turning yourself in. I can understand your running if you are responsible but that is all the more reason for you to turn yourself in."

"If you are innocent your continued writing is pointless." Fahner assured Lewis investigators would help him prove his innocence if he is.

Lewis' letter to the Tribune accompanied an inch-thick packet of materials relating to

his wife's former employment at the defunct Lakeside Travel Agency in Chicago. She was fired last March.

Lewis wrote that investigators were wasting their time investigating him and his wife. He said they should spend their time investigating Lakeside Travel and its owner.

"As you have probably guessed, my wife and I have not committed the Chicago area Tylenol murders. We do not go around killing people. We have never and we never shall," said the note, signed "Robert Richardson," the alias Lewis used in Chicago.

Fahner said Lewis' professed innocence in the latest letter is inconsistent with a \$1 million extortion letter sent to Johnson & Johnson Co., parent company of the manufacturer of Tylenol, shortly after the killings. Lewis is charged in a federal extortion warrant with writing that letter.

"He says he has never killed anyone," Fahner added. "But there are people in Kansas City who feel differently than that. All this demonstrates is Lewis is

an unusual person who writes a lot."

In 1979 Lewis was charged but never tried in the dismemberment murder of an elderly Kansas City man.

The packet sent to the Tribune did not directly refer to the extortion letter, but one of the other notes said: "I too am a victim, but so what."

"My situation is not so sad as that of the beraved (sic) families and the memories of their loved ones. I hope the law finds whoever poisoned (sic) those capsules and I would demand capital punishment."

Also included in the letter was a bizarre cartoon signed "R. Richardson 82." It purported to show the flow of money at Lakeside Travel. Police speculated the original extortion letter was an effort to embarrass the prominent North Shore businessman who owned Lakeside Travel.

Lewis and his wife, Leann, were last seen Oct. 14 when they checked out of a low-rent hotel in midtown Manhattan. Fahner said the search for the couple is still centered on the East Coast.

Michigan man finds money under house, gives to state

United Press International
NEWBERRY, Mich. — Honesty means a lot to Vernard "Ole" Olsen, who found \$90,000 when he bulldozed an old house foundation and promptly turned the cash over to his employer, the state of Michigan.

Olsen, a Department of Natural Resources equipment operator, found the cash while bulldozing a house foundation in the Tahquamenon Area State Park on Oct. 21, the DNR said Friday.

DNR crews spent the following weekend collecting the money from under a concrete slab near Tahquamenon Falls. In a statement released in Lansing, the DNR praised Olsen, 50, as a hero.

"Mr. Olsen certainly showed his dedication to the department, integrity and high standards by reporting the find immediately," said Tahquamenon park manager Wayne Suida, Olsen's supervisor and the first to learn of the discovery.

Bill Cornish of the DNR park staff said the money was found in the basement of an old house the state bought in 1977 for \$32,500. The house, built in the 1930s, was torn down some time ago, he said.

"I think his (Olsen's) attitude says a lot," Cornish said. He said the DNR has not yet contacted the former owners of the property, and doesn't know if those people are the true owners of the money.



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