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Folks get jazzy for girl's cause

BY JENNIFER PLACINTO
STAFF WRITER

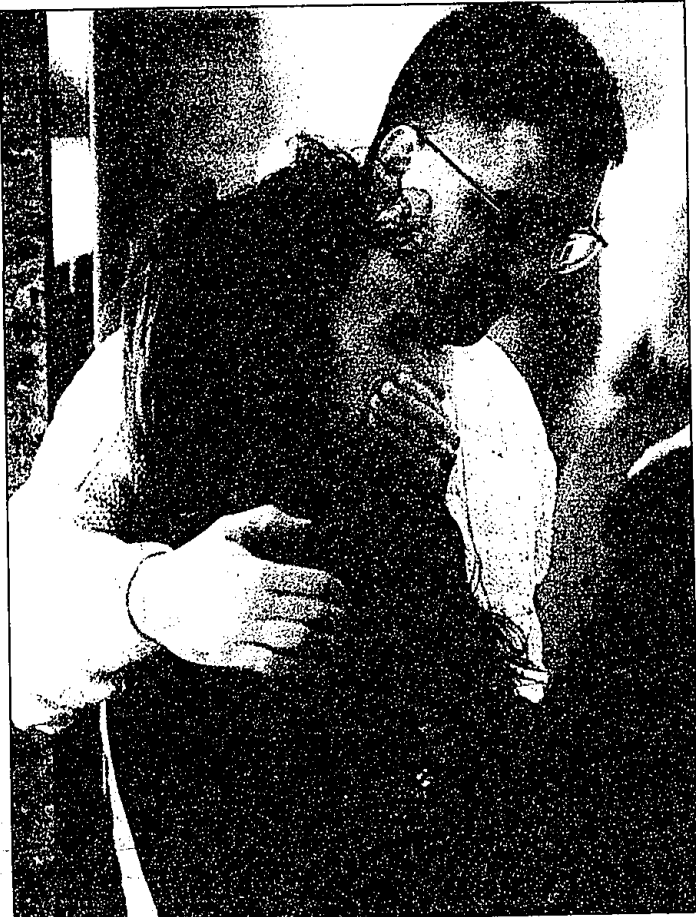
While area children wore happy Santa visited their homes this Christmas, Jenny Babb was just happy to celebrate Christmas at home.

The 12-year-old Detroit girl was diagnosed with Leukemia in October which led to the onset of Adolescent Diabetes. She spends most of her time receiving Leukemia treatments including chemotherapy, blood transfusions and spinal taps. She also receives insulin shots for Diabetes and recently underwent surgery to have an implant placed in her shoulder to facilitate the blood transfusions. "She's having extensive chemotherapy every day," said Jenny's aunt, Tammy Conley of Farmington Hills. "She's at a point where she can't be out of (the hospital) for too long," Conley said, adding that the concern is that Jenny could develop an infection.

While Jenny's treatments are extensive, medical coverage for the procedures is limited. St. Conley, president of T & R Inc., a public relations firm in Farmington Hills, is organizing fund raising events to help with the costs. One example of Jenny's medical needs, which is not covered by medical insurance, is medication to help relieve the nausea that accompanies Leukemia treatments. The cost is \$330 for only 15 pills and Jenny's insurance doesn't cover the expense, Conley said.

"They (Jenny's parents) have HMO insurance and it doesn't cover a lot of this stuff," Conley said. Jenny is a honor student at Academy of Detroit, a charter school, but she has been unable to attend classes since beginning her treatments. To continue her education during treatment, Jenny's family would have to hire a private tutor at a cost of \$400 to \$500 every six months, Conley said.

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Tearful end: Jennifer Nolan, left, was comforted by Joe Bovair outside of the courtroom where Arthur Cayce was sentenced for the murder of Bovair's sister and mother. Nolan, Cayce's former girlfriend, testified against him.

No remorse: Arthur Cayce, left, did not change expression as Judge Barry Howard sentenced him to life in prison without parole for murdering Louise and Melissa Bovair. At his right is his attorney Kerry Phillips.



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Killer gets life in jail

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
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A Farmington Hills man convicted of murdering two women was held up as an example of why Michigan should have the death penalty.

Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce, 24, was sentenced in Oakland County Circuit Court to mandatory life in prison without parole for his part in killing Louise Bovair, 62, and her daughter Melissa, 21, at their Farmington Hills house on Quail Hollow Dec. 18-19, 1995.

Circuit Judge Barry Howard had to warn members of the victims' families — Cayce's former girlfriend who testified against him, and Cayce's family — as they traded heated words before the sentencing.

"A lot of things weren't even brought out in the courtroom," said Cayce's mother Eleanor Gatwood.

But family members of the two dead women had seen plenty of evidence over a year, as did the jury that found Cayce guilty after about an hour of deliberation. "For the last year, my family has been thrust into turmoil over the death of my mother and sister," said Joe Bovair, who had to fly back to his Air Force base in Washington state. "He has committed what has been called the most heinous crime in the history of Farmington Hills. He has shown no remorse. I hope he is never ever offered a pardon."

Max Jozwiak, brother and uncle of the victims, blamed Cayce's jealousy of his former girlfriend's friendship of his niece for the murders.

"I hope you (Cayce) never see the light of day," he said.

Cayce has continued to maintain his innocence while speaking to the courts and media while threatening his former girlfriend Jennifer Nolan during the trial and her brother Chris at his preliminary exam in 47th District Court in February.

"I'm innocent," he said to Judge Howard. "It's hard to show remorse for someone when you are going through your own hell." But Judge Howard would have

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School administrator remembered as a mentor

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Lynn Nutter was the kind of school administrator whose door was always open.

Students, teachers and other administrators alike sought the advice of the longtime Farmington Public Schools educator.

Mr. Nutter served as principal and assistant superintendent before retiring in 1990. He previously worked in the Livonia Clarenceville district.

Mr. Nutter died Dec. 22 of a heart attack at his Farmington Hills home. He was 65.

"He was kind of a mentor to me," said Farmington Schools Director of Instruction Don Cowan, who suc-

ceeded Nutter as North Farmington High principal in 1976.

Said close friend Jim Sturdy: "The boys called him 'The General.' He ran a tight ship, but he would listen if there was a problem. If there was a solution, that ship became untied real quick."

Mr. Nutter worked tirelessly to make things better for kids, former Farmington Schools Personnel Director Bob Coleman said.

He started Clarenceville's physical education program and was on the ground floor when the district built its high school on Middlebelt Road. He also coached football and basketball there.

Under then-mayor Ed McNamara, Mr. Nutter was chairman of Live-

nia's recreation commission when the city's two golf courses were built.

Mr. Nutter started his 22-year career with Farmington schools in 1973, becoming principal at North Farmington High. He was appointed assistant superintendent for Secondary Education in 1976.

As an administrator, he helped develop the Student Code of Conduct and is credited with being the first to bring computers into the classroom in the early 1980s.

Mr. Nutter served on the Kids Count in Farmington Committee, which helped get the district's first millage passed after six unsuccessful attempts.

"He was a lot of thread and fiber

See NUTTER, A2



Lynn Nutter

GOP LINE-UP

A record number of Farmington area members of the GOP have been elected to the Republican Committee of Oakland County Executive Committee. They include: Richard DeVries, Robert Ranney and Linda Jolicoeur, all of Farmington Hills; and Valerie Knoll of Farmington. Also elected were two at-large members Judy Farran and Christi Murphy, both of Farmington Hills.

Elected county officials on the Republican Committee in the 37th state House District are:

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County Commissioners Donn Wolf and David Moffitt, and state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski.

KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING

Don't file those holiday cards in the circular file, urge officials at Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland

County. Bring 'em to RRRASOC, 20000 W. Eight Mile, at Evergreen, Southfield. The authority will be accepting the fronts of greeting cards for reuse. The first 500 participants will receive a couple for a white pine tree seedling weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 6-31, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

Card fronts will be sent to St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nev. and to the Keith Bovenchen School in Warren. Fronts of the cards will be attached to new backs and recycled.