

Awards should go to '82's best dramas

AS OSCAR time approaches, I'd like to nominate several dramatic productions which should be nominated for some kind of awards. If they weren't movies, they should have been.

"GONE WITH THE COUNTRY" — Stars Roddy McDowall as Ronald McReagan, an ambitious septuagenarian who wishes to lead the country away from government control. McReagan, who is favored by the elders of the population, becomes ruler only to see his chief aides plotting behind his back for control. At one point, aide Al McHaig (Rich Little) tells the country that he is in control.

In a subsequent purge, McHaig is ousted and McReagan takes control. The country is suffering severe economic hardship, but by now McReagan is deaf from jumping on and off helicopters and can't hear what his aides are telling him about a need to act.

McReagan is seen walking up and down the corridors of the mansion yelling, "Stay the course!" "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps."

When it becomes apparent that McReagan is out of control, McReagan's wife, Lady Searle (Jane Wyman), and McReagan's (Howard McDowall) take charge of the government. They slash the defense budget and bring the country back to stability.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" — Dustin Hoffman plays Jamie Blanchard, an ambitious young lawyer who wants to pursue a career as a Washington legislator so that he can save doddering car companies from going broke.

A crisis arises when Blanchard's younger brother (Bud Broomfield) declines to take over stewardship of the family business (the state of Michigan). The family (played by the UAW) picks Jamie to run the business.

Jamie inherits a mess. He soon

learns that because of the depression and Uncle Bill's carivness, the family business is about to go broke. Despondent, Jamie goes down to RenCon and thinks about jumping into the Inky red river.

Thanks to a vision provided by a friendly angel, James sees what would have happened to the family business if it had fallen into the hands of Richard Potter Headlee (Robert Vaughn).

Jamie immediately rebounds and decides he can save the business. He raises everyone's taxes and saves the state from going broke.

"ROLLOVER" — A story of love and intrigue in the mega-bucks world of high finance. William Ohgee (Nick Nolte) is seen as a brilliant young businessman who becomes president of a washing machine company and turns it into a conglomerate with dozens of satellite companies.

Ohgee meets brilliant young business school graduate Carry Buringham (Charlene Tilton), who is fresh out of Harvard Business School and reading a copy of "Fountainhead" while awaiting an interview with corporation executives.

Ohgee finds that the two have many of the same values and business beliefs. "Stay the course!" "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps."

While the two are traveling around the country investigating acquisitions, local gossips say that there is a romantic connection. This leads to a flurry of denials. While they are together preparing press releases denying a romance, the couple falls in love.

To recoup lost prestige, Ohgee and Buringham plot the takeover of another conglomerate. In the excitement that follows, Ohgee forgets the No. 1 rule of Harvard Business School — "proper planning prevents poor performance." His company is eaten up by a conglomerate whose parent company makes Fac-maid video games.

Ohgee is made president of the corporation, told he will never have any duties and marries Buringham to start life anew, sadder but wiser.



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oral quarrel

Today's Oral Quarrel question asked readers how they felt about having handguns and other weapons in their homes for self defense. The majority of those responding were in favor.

Following are the responses:

• We should be able to maintain hand guns and any other type of weapons in the home for the defense of that home even if it's just for deterrence reasons. If we allow this country to ban handguns, we are going to turn into a police state and we may just as well cash it all in.

• I think it is absolutely essential that the private sector be allowed to keep hand guns in the home for self defense. I have no particular reason except that the bad guys, so to speak, are carrying guns — why not us?

• I am definitely in favor of people being entitled to obtain hand guns for their self defense and I feel that any government infringement or any other group that may have a self interest in trying to ban handguns should find some other thing they could get involved in. A person's home is his castle.

• In today's crime-ridden world, I feel we have no other option but to keep a handgun in the home.

• Private citizens, sane and without criminal record, should be permitted ownership and use of any weapon to insure the protection of their lives and property. Since our law enforcement has abdicated their responsibility, civil liberties are in the criminal's favor.

• I am for it, except one problem would be if there is a marital dispute, it is possible they might use it against each other. I am for it voluntarily but I don't want any mayor ruling saying that you have to have a gun for self defense. I just don't like that idea.

• I think everyone should have a

gun in their home for protection. The Swiss require all male adults to carry weapons in their house and they also have a lower crime rate than any country around.

• I have a .22 revolver in my house, loaded at all times, and I also have an automatic rifle that is loaded in my house at all times. I feel more secure in the home and my wife also feels more secure in having it.

• I feel it is all right as long as a person has filed for a permit and is registered.

• People kill, guns don't. If you ban handguns, you ban a constitutional right. I feel this will soon lead to the end of hunting — a right thousands of Americans enjoy.

• I don't think it is smart because you could shoot someone that you don't want to shoot.

• This is their right accorded to them under the second amendment of the Constitution, as is your right to a free press under the first.

• I think that every family in Farmington and Farmington Hills and the whole United States should own a gun. The police are inadequate as far as protection goes.

• I am in favor in keeping hand guns or other weapons in the home for self defense. Personally, I have about five pistols and a shotgun in my home mainly for self defense but I go out target shooting often enough so that I know I could hit somebody from one end of the house to the other if I had to.

• I favor guns in the home. I believe it should be handled and treated as any other dangerous items around the home.

• Very definitely yes. Persons should have handguns in the home for self defense but more important they should know how to use them properly.

• Keeping handguns in your house is a mistake. A handgun in your house is more likely to kill you or a member of your family. In Detroit more people died in one year from handgun accidents alone than were killed by home invading robbers in four and a half years.

• I advocate guns in the home not only for reasons for self defense but for national defense too. Civilians would provide a much greater deterrent to foreign invasion than nuclear weapons.

• I believe freedom is worth defending and this includes my freedom to choose to stay alive and therefore in the event if someone entered my home with intent to harm me, I would defend myself with whatever weapons were available to me.

• Your article implies that someone must get a permit to keep a handgun in the house. That is not even necessary according to Michigan law. As long as they register the weapon, they are allowed to keep it in their home without any other kind of permits, but I am pro-gun for defense, hunting, target, hobby and any other uses for having guns around.

• I think it is fine for a person to have a gun in their home for self defense. A lot of people have dogs. They leave them outside to bark and bother the whole neighborhood whereas a gun will not bother anyone and most people are conscientious and will use a gun at proper discretion.

• I think it's permissible and it should be allowed. There is no problem with having private gun ownership. It's a right and I am for it 100 percent.

• I think responsible citizens should be able to keep handguns and long guns in their house without having to have them registered. If the fascist or communists want to take over this country, what better information would they like than to know where all guns are located.

• This may sound prejudiced but with the blacks coming out here to get money for their habit and other things, yes, I do believe we should have hand guns, more than one, one for each hand.

• I feel that if a person wishes to possess a handgun and properly obtain a permit, he or she should be permitted to do so. It is our constitutional right, as we all know. The anti-gunners would erase all firearms, which includes our sporting arms, resulting in the end of sports like skeet and trap shooting as well as all pistol and rifle target practice and tournaments.

• I feel that every homeowner, if he feels he should have a gun in the house, should have a gun in the house. I, myself, keep a pistol plus rifles in my house at all times. My pistols are loaded in case of intruders and I would use them if it deemed necessary.

• There is nothing wrong with people having handguns or other weapons in their house for self defense.

• I believe every prudent person should have arms at home for self protection. In fact, they should have several, hidden and available, and know how to use them and be prepared to do so.

• Yes, I feel every home should have a handgun for self defense.

• Yes, people should be able to keep guns in their homes. I am tired of hearing don't fight, give it to them. Why should a criminal be afraid if we are so willing to hand over what they want? One of the better defenses of our country will include disgraced guns with persons who are able to use them.

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