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Police evaluation uncovers failings

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A five-month study of the Canton Township police department was made available Thursday, with suggestions for improvement in management, operation and services.

The report is expected to elicit a lot of discussion since most of its findings are negative. It cites "unclear aims, inappropriate management philosophy, confused organization, lack of control and lack of planning and managerial development."

The township paid \$16,862 to Bartell and Bartell Ltd., a Pennsylvania consulting firm, for the comprehensive study. It was initiated "because it seemed to be a general consensus that the department needed some considerable changes," according to Dan Durack, township personnel director.

Since a new police station is scheduled to open in spring 1985, the evaluation comes during a transitional period in the department, Durack says.

The summary of the 90-page report suggests the

department address "personal stagnation, low creativity, low motivation and (the departmental policy regarding) rewards."

From results of a "confidential survey" given to police officers, 62 percent answered that elected officials in the township regularly, most often or always "are against the police department."

TOWNSHIP Supervisor James Poole says: "Maybe they are mad at me because I suspended three or four of them, but I've suspended people in every department."

The overwhelming amount of negative remarks in the report is addressed in the preface: "An assessment of any organization is sensitive as the emphasis is often placed on the weaknesses, rather than the strengths of the organization."

One positive reflection is that 60 percent of the surveyed officers say "most of the time" they enjoyed working in the department. However, 66 percent said "never or seldom" is police morale high overall.

Sixty-three percent of the officers said the press "seldom or occasionally" accurately reports the news about the police department, and 67 percent said Police Chief Jerry Cox is "never respected by the majority of the police department members."

Discipline was another area cited in the report as needing major improvements.

"IN SOME instances behavior has reached the point of defiance of order, in other cases the officers abide during the 'crack down' period with the feeling that it will all blow over in a week or two. In other cases such as time sheets, a casualness exists which generates errors."

Fifty-one percent of the surveyed officers said discipline was "never fairly, firmly or equally administered to all department members."

Poole and Cox say they are unable to comment in depth about the report, because they haven't had time to carefully read it. Canton Township board members are expected to review the study during the holidays and discuss it at an unspecified meeting in January, Durack says.

"I'm looking forward to a good report, and something that will help the community for years and years to come," Poole says. "I hope the police study will be a focus from which to build a police department we can look up to."

One of the changes that could follow the evaluation is a joint dispatch service between Canton Township and other communities, Poole says.

"We can't afford to have our (each community's) own departments for fire and police," Poole says. "We have to work together to save citizens' money. We (communities) should work together instead of having our own empires."

Vacancies spur board to give up

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

By Sandra Armbruster
staff writer

The Wayne County Intermediate School District (ISD) has been asked to fill a vacancy on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Hopefully deadlocked after 16 ballots cast in four meetings, the board voted 5-1 Wednesday night to turn the decision over to the ISD. In doing so, it chose not to wait for the midnight Thursday deadline to reach a decision.

Only trustee David Moranty opposed that action and the subsequent motion to adjourn Wednesday's meeting.

CANDIDATES Kenneth Barnhill of Canton Township and Sylvia Kozorosky of Westland were in the audience Wednesday night, as they had been on previous nights. They watched as board members again split in voting 3-3 over the appointment to fill a vacancy left when W. James LeDuc took a job in Texas.

Both candidates expressed their disappointment. "I think it's too bad they couldn't decide," Barnhill said.

"I'm very disappointed that this board could not come up with a decision," Kozorosky said. "I wish anyone well who gets the appointment — for the best interests of the children and the school system."

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Christmas dinner planned for needy

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton Township residents are showing the spirit of the holiday season by following the proverb that it's better to give than receive.

"So far I've gotten more people offering to help than people wanting dinner," according to N. Ball, a local businessman offering a free traditional Christmas meal to the lonely and needy.

"It really is nice, people are calling saying they want to help, and then they'll go back and have dinner with their families," he said.

Ball and his partner Frank Chakrabarty, a Canton Township firefighter, are offering the free dinner to anyone who doesn't have a place to go Christmas Day. The meal is complete with turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, bread,

rolls and ice cream.

The men will serve the dinners with their families from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Ball Hall, formerly Sheldon School, at 45081 Geddes Road. Ball said he will try to find a ride to the event for anyone who needs transportation.

"I don't want anyone to go hungry," he said. "And, I would love a large number of people to show. The more the merrier."

ALTHOUGH THE response was slow at first, they have received calls from workers at nursing homes naming people who would enjoy having somewhere to go, other than the institution, on Dec. 25. Ball stresses that "everyone is welcome, as long as they can take care of themselves."

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Madonna and child

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The priest in this stained glass window honors the religious side of the Christmas season. Pictured is a three-foot square section of a 15-foot window in the

main chapel of St. John Seminary in Plymouth Township. For a story and more pictures about Christmas preparations in other area churches, turn to Page 3A.

Commitment sought on sewer plan

By Gary M. Cates
staff writer

Officials involved in the joint North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley sewer project want to pinpoint Detroit's position before making another attempt at federal funding.

"The communities had the rug pulled out from under them once already and we don't want that to happen again," said Richard Hinshon, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) community assistance director.

The sewer project was denied 75-percent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding earlier this year.

Another attempt at receiving funding during the 1985 fiscal year is in the works, even though at best it will be 55 percent of

the total estimated \$120-million construction costs.

Hinshon, on "loan" to Wayne County from DNR, is heading up the second attempt — now being referred to as "Grandson of Supersewer." Supersewer was split into two projects in 1983, with many calling the north-end project Son of Supersewer.

"I WON'T be going to the local communities and asking them to commit to the project until we've got something fairly firm from Detroit and something fairly firm from the EPA," Hinshon said.

"I've already talked with Charlie Williams (Detroit water and sewer director) and received a verbal agreement that Detroit will generate the necessary paperwork for receiving EPA funding."

"We're also waiting right now with the EPA for an overseer," he said.

Hinshon wants an EPA official to review and advise during budget and planning discussions. Doing so, he hopes, will increase the chances of meeting EPA requirements for funding.

"We are looking at a two- or three-month time frame right now," Hinshon said. "A lot will depend on Detroit and how soon they get their paperwork done. Most of the information is already put together."

"There also is some work to be done in the Rouge Valley portion of the project, at the same time the Detroit work is being done," he said.

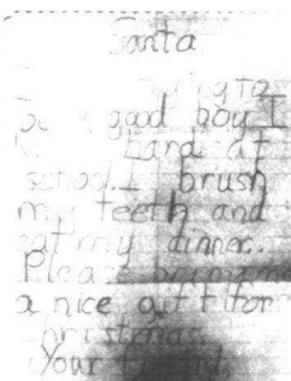
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Some of Santa's letters are sad

By Merrybeth Dillon Ward
staff writer

Without some help, he's going to find it hard to make Christmas merry for everybody.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer
Reading kids' letters often makes Santa Claus chuckle, but sometimes he can't help shedding a few tears.

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To Santa,
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It saddens Santa, though, to learn of the troubles some families are having.

Carriers delivering more than mail

By Merrybeth Dillon Ward
staff writer

The first time letter carrier Florence Fedulchak and her co-workers did it, they were rewarded with smiles so memorable it became a tradition.

With three others from the Westland post office, Fedulchak brought a basket of food to a family that had nothing. The kids were so excited and happy they called for their mother — they were crying they were so happy to have food. Their faces were enough, really," said Fedulchak, who has a Canton route. That was 1971.

"We just thought there must be something we can do to help people more needy than we were. We started looking for people on our routes who needed help. From there, word of mouth got out to other employees," said the Westland resident.

Ranks of the dogooders who raise hundreds of dollars and give food and toys to about 15 Westland, Canton and Wayne families each Christmas have swelled from four to nearly 300 people. Included are letter carriers, clerks and management, their substitutes and friends, local merchants, a Garden City fruit market — even a South Lyon apple grower.

"Each year it snowballs as people find out," said letter carrier Byron Killmar.

"To raise money, we have doughnut sales two months before Christmas at the post office. We raised \$80 this year at a car wash — a Shell station at Wayne and Ford donated the area and water. We do most of this during after-work hours — it doesn't involve any government time.

"We have a gal who knits scarves, mittens and hats for young children, and the city of Westland and the Jaycees give us (names of needy)



Florence Fedulchak (left), Ruth Sally, Andy Luszc, Teri Miller and Art Schweim will put smiles on many faces this Christmas. Employees at the Westland post office serving Canton, Wayne and Westland have been helping needy families since 1971 — the year they decided holiday giving should extend beyond their own loved ones.

UNCLE SAM'S "Good Sams" show no signs of slowing down. "We're seriously thinking of continuing this as a yearlong project. We're either going to adopt a family or adopt a senior citizen for the year and make sure their needs are covered," he said. It gladdens Fedulchak to see her project blossoming. "So many people have gone out their way. We get help from senior citizen groups in high-rises — one of them made up stockings with goods in them, and others knit or make cookies. It's amazing what people have done to help us," she said. The postal corps welcomes help. Give them a call at the Westland post office if you're in the spirit.

Supersewer seeks Detroit commitment

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That work is aimed at sewer infrastructure rates which were too high for EPA standards.

HOW WILL Grandson of Supersewer compare with its "father"? "Initially there won't be any major changes," Hinson said. "The project put forth to the EPA last time was the best project for the area. There will only be minor changes at this point.

"The catch will be whether doubling the local share will force some communities to drop out due to the drop in federal funding.

"If that happens, then there will be major changes," he said. Hinson met with local officials Monday to introduce himself, as well as discuss the status of the project.

"I laid out where I was going," said

Hinson, who called the meeting a "gut-level" discussion. "It was a good meeting, although there are some skeptics who believe the project never will be built.

One of the local leaders, Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen, agrees with Hinson's approach. Breen holds the purse strings on the project planning money, as well as being involved in a lawsuit along with Canton Township against those believed to have caused the original Supersewer split.

"It's a logical plan. Without Detroit you do not have a project, so it makes sense to start with them," Breen said. "Obviously it's required that the guy who owns the treatment plant and holds the power has to agree to it," he said.

Christmas meal served to area's needy, lonely

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In order to judge how much food to prepare, they are taking reservations. But, as long as there's enough to pass around, they won't turn anyone away, Bali said.

"We're taking the reservations, but we're making more for drop-ins before 2:45-3:00 p.m.," Bali said. To make reservations, call 937-8686 or 455-3868. Bali said he would like to make the dinner an annual event if this

year is a success. Charity at the hall will continue after Christmas. On Dec. 31, a New Year's Eve party will be held from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. with the Lions Club as sponsors. Dinner, open bar and dancing will be offered at \$45 a couple and \$25 for individuals.

"A good portion of the money will be given to the Lions, after expenses," Bali said.

Try raking your snow

No matter what method you use, approach snow removal with caution — that's the best defense against the rigors of cold weather activity and the risks of a heart attack. The Michigan Department of Public Health advises against giving up exercise for the winter. When it comes to one winter activity — shoveling snow — you need to be in good condition. Lifting and throwing snow puts a strain on your heart. The cold weather adds to the strain by causing your heart to work overtime to keep you warm.

When you do go out to shovel, dress warmly and wear a hat to retain body heat, much of which is lost through the head. Remember to pace yourself and stay within your physical limitations.

Hiring a plow or using a snowblower are alternatives to shoveling. Or you can rake the snow by using a rake with a piece of cardboard woven through the tines. The idea is to take the snow off the driveway as you would leaves off grass. The action is easier on the body than shoveling.

Upon returning, McCusker moved that the board go through with the 16th ballot, and failing to reach consensus, that we submit (the decision) to the Intermediate School District.

Failing to reach consensus on the 16th ballot, the meeting was adjourned without further comment from the board.

District called in to fill vacancies

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Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said earlier that a letter would be sent to the ISD in any event, and the decision on a replacement would rest with that board. There is no time limit set for making a decision.

BARNHILL SAID that in trying to reach a settlement, he had proposed that the board interview both finalists again.

"That was based on (Kozorosky) going along with it. She said no, so I didn't really pursue it," he said. Declaring himself to be a candidate in the regular school election in June, Barnhill described the series of meetings as "very educational."

"This probably perpetuates the belief, the perception, that there is a split on the board. I'm not sure anything will change that public perception, that there is no reason to.

"I was hoping that at least they would say that they couldn't decide, that they had two good candidates and would make a recommendation to the county to choose between the two of us. Obviously, they didn't do that."

KOZOROSKY SAID she would not agree to a second interview because she thought all 10 candidates should be interviewed a second time to come up with a different candidate.

"I honestly felt I put forth an honest effort in submitting my name," she said. "I felt I had a lot to offer. I also felt that having worked in the community and in the schools, I would like to see how it works on the inside for policy making."

In thanking board members Dewey Combs, Moranty and Fred Warmbler for their votes, Kozorosky said they "must have found that I was an independent thinker. I would vote my conscience."

"I truly believe that is the point I made in my interview and that negative publicity — and this is negative — affects the entire community."

Kozorosky declined to say whether she would run for the board in June.

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• HOLIDAY SKATING
Monday, Dec. 24 — The regular open skating schedule at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, will switch to the following holiday hours through Sunday, Jan. 6:
Monday, Dec. 24, 9:40-11:40 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 26, 9:40 to 11:10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., and 1 to 2:50 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27, 8:30 to 10 a.m., 10:10 to 11:40 a.m., 12:50-2:50 p.m., 3:50 to 5:20 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28, 8:30 to 10:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1-2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m., 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 31, 9:40-11:40 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 2, 9:40 to 11:10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1 to 2:50 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 3, 12:50-2:50 p.m., 3:50 to 5:20 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 4, 8:30 to 10:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1-2 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., 3:30 to 5 p.m.
The charge is \$1.25 for adults, \$1 for children, and 50 cents for skate rental. One-hour sessions are 75 cents for all ages. If you have any questions call Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-8620.

• MADONNA SIGN UP
Wednesday, Jan. 2 — Registration for winter-term classes at Madonna College, Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 2-4 at the college. Classes begin Jan. 7. For information, call 591-5053 during business hours.

• LEARN TO SKI
Monday, Jan. 7 — The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Riverview Highlands, is sponsoring a "Learn to Ski" program. The charge of \$31 includes four lessons, four lift tickets, and four sets of rental equipment. Two sessions of one-hour duration will be offered, the first beginning the week of Jan. 7 and the second the week of Jan. 21. Lessons will be split into two age groups: 15 and younger; 16 and older. Riverview Highlands is about 45 minutes from the Plymouth area and is at 15015 Sibley

• FUND ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, Jan. 15 — The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community Fund-United Way will begin at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers upstairs of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main at Church. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary, and treasurer, and conduct any other business which may come before the board. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

• TRIP TO FLORIDA
Jan. 24-Feb. 4 — The Plymouth

Community "Y" Travelers is planning a trip to Florida by bus including seven nights at the Holiday Inn in Clearwater Beach and two overnight accommodations each way. Trip includes dinner and theater in Tike Gardens, admission to Weeki-Wachee (the City of Live Mermaids), Captain Andersons Boat Cruise, John's Pass Village (craft and shopping area), admission to Derby Lane greyhound dog track, dining, dancing at Coliseum Ballroom in St. Pete, bingo party. The charge is \$559 per person (double occupancy only). A \$50 payment will be accepted now to guarantee space and final payment is due no later than 45 days before scheduled departure date.

• DANCE SLIMMASTICS
Monday, Jan. 7 — Dance Slimmastics Ltd., a fitness club, will offer residents the chance to shape up for winter in an eight-week series of aerobic dance and toning classes scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 7. Classes will meet at 10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, and Tuesday/Thursday at Dance Unlimited, at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Red Bell Nursery, or at 10 a.m. at Red Bell Nursery. For further information, call Janice at 420-2893 or Denise at 522-1941.

• CARIBBEAN CRUISE
Tuesday, Jan. 8 — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bianco Travel and Tours is sponsoring a 13-day/12-night trip to southern Florida, including a three-day Caribbean cruise. The trip departs Jan. 8 and the charge is \$699 based on double occupancy. Tour includes bus transportation, four nights hotel accommodations to and from Florida, two nights hotel accommodations in Orlando, three days and nights aboard a Caribbean cruise ship, one full day at Nassau, Bahamas, three days at the Hollywood Beach Hilton Hotel. For information, call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

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Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Tuesday this year, you'll find us at your home on the Saturday before each holiday (instead of Monday).

This means our carriers will spend Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with their families.

This means your local business people can let you know about last minute Christmas gifts and specials in time for you to take advantage of them (the gifts, not the merchants).

This means you can do the same with our Classified section—place an advertisement or respond to one before the holiday.

And, finally, this means a few temporary changes in our deadlines:

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Stroller shudders reading of poor, rich at Christmas

This holiday season that is now being written into the pages of history could well be recorded as the era of contrasts.

Scarcely a day goes by that the home mailbox isn't cluttered with pleas of all shapes and sizes from all sections of the country and some even from other countries.

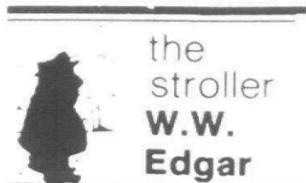
They deal with the sad stories of the poor and starving and are asking for help so these unfortunates also can enjoy the days of celebration.

one wonders where these folks signing the pleas got the proper address — even the zip code.

Many of them enclose return address stickers as their way of saying thanks even before a decision is made to heed the plea.

After sorting these doleful letters one turns to the daily prints and his eyes quickly are focused on the saddest of the pictures of starving families in other countries and the long lines at the local soup kitchens.

In the printed word is the tale that the number of soup kitchens where the



poor and starving can get a meal has increased more than a hundred-fold in the past year. One of the bits in the press the other morning revealed that

there are 260 more soup kitchens this year than there was just a short time ago.

THEN, ON TURNING to the sports pages of the daily papers he is given another shock when he reads that Tommy Hearn, the Detroit fighter, is being guaranteed \$5 million for his next fight.

Along with that guarantee is a clause giving Hearn 35 percent of the profits of the closed television program.

This seems to hit the peak of contrasts when it is recalled that Joe Louis earned only \$5 million for his entire ca-

reer and he defended the heavyweight title 14 times.

One shudders when he thinks of that until he reads that Monte Clark, recently fired by the Detroit Lions, still has three years left on his contract and they are worth \$750,000 if he cares to bring suit against the team. That means he could collect \$250,000 a year without working — and he was paid that sum each of the last few years.

One is shocked again when he reads that the Tiger pitcher who was the most valuable player on the team last year is asking \$4.5 million for the next four

years and wants it spread over a period to the year 2010.

And Gates Brown, the batting coach, quit because he was offered only a \$7,000 salary increase. Mind you he got \$40,000 last year and \$51,000 as part of the World Series bonanza.

And with all of that for working six months a year a \$7,000 raise isn't enough.

Talk about contrasts, this is the season for them and they have a rightful place in history.

So all the while one must ask: "What are we headed for?"

from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

Health agency sets fund goal

To the editor:

The American Lung Association, the nation's oldest voluntary public health agency, is chiefly supported by contributions from Americans — young and old, in every walk of life and economic bracket — to the Christmas Seal Campaign.

Throughout its 80-year history, the volunteers of the Lung Association — called the Christmas Seal People — have been and continue to be a dominant force in public health education, particularly in all areas related to lung health. They point out that cigarette smoking is the greatest single cause of chronic pulmonary diseases, including lung cancer, emphysema and bronchitis. Recent statistics show that 110,000 Americans died of lung cancer last year, an increase of 41 percent over the number who died 10 years

ago.

Women in particular are gaining "equality" with men in the lung cancer mortality race. A total of 139,000 newly diagnosed lung cancer cases are projected for 1984 and increasingly these are women. By the year 2,000, if not earlier, lung cancer will overtake breast cancer as the leading cause of death among American women nationally.

Emphysema, which disables its victims, afflicts more than 2.3 million Americans, an increase of nearly 60

percent over the past decade.

The far-reaching programs of the American Lung Association include counseling on the dangers of smoking during pregnancy; conducting a massive public education campaign to reach pre-adolescents before they begin smoking cigarettes or marijuana; teaching both children and adults with asthma how to self-manage the disease; initiating and supporting efforts to maintain clean air; acting on the dangers of occupational lung hazards; and creating health programs for school-

children from the primary grades up so they become knowledgeable about what's good — and what's bad — for their bodies.

Locally, the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan has set a goal of \$700,000 for this year's Christmas Seal Campaign. Ninety percent of every dollar stays here in Wayne-Oakland and Macomb counties to fund over 40 free community services. The remaining 10 percent goes to the national

headquarters of the American Lung Association to fund lung disease research and community service program development on a nationwide basis.

I urge all of your readers to answer their Christmas Seal letter with a generous contribution — and, to everyone, use Christmas Seals on all your holiday cards and packages!

Paul Munzenberger, Pharm.D.,
Director, S.E. Michigan
American Lung Association

Some sad letters reach Santa

Continued from Page 1

Dear Santa, writes a Canton youngster:

I am 8 years old and I have a sister that is 16 years old. Christmas is bad this year. My momma and daddy isn't working and can't find a job. My dad has been sick with a bad back. If I get anything for Christmas I will like it because we will be together. But I would like a remote control car or a talking telephone and my sister would like a radio or record player.

I would call you if I knew your

number, but I don't. I can tell you mine

Dear Santa, writes a 10-year old:

Santa, I want to write you to ask you for help. My daddy ain't working and mom has cancer of the foot. She's going to have an operation pretty soon.

Santa, I am sorry for writing you but we need some help for Christmas. Santa I know you are working hard.

My brother is blind and can't write you. Santa, if you want to stop by on Christmas night, we'd be hap-



Reading letters can be an unpleasant thing for Santa to do.

py to see you. For Christmas I want a doll or a big teddy bear with no glasses. Well, I better close for now

Dear Santa, writes another:

Could you please help us this Christmas? There are five of us kids and we have a hard time. If for some reason you can't help us, we won't have a Christmas. My mama is real sick and don't go nowhere.

It's 'cause of her stomach. I think my father has a bad sickness. I don't know what it is, but he can't work and the doctor said he has around six months at the most.

We would like something on the table besides beans and bread or potatoes. Thank you, Santa.



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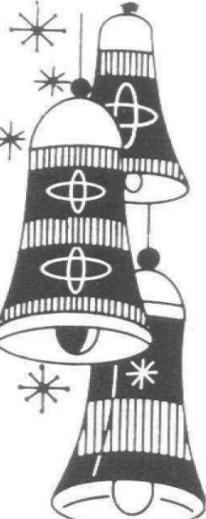
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When entertaining this holiday season, spend more time with your guests and less time in the kitchen.

Whether it's a late-morning party with visiting relatives, a daytime feast for football fans or a New Year's Day get-together with friends, you'll dazzle your guests with an easy to prepare brunch that fits the holiday occasion. And with the help of these make-ahead recipes you'll be able to relax and enjoy your party, too.

Start by delighting your company with a Brunch Strata that's as elegant as a souffle but infinitely more reliable. To save time and money, Tupperware® Educational Services suggests chopping leftover holiday ham or turkey in advance and freezing it in an airtight container. The day before the party, defrost the meat, prepare your Brunch Strata in minutes and refrigerate it for 24 hours. To finish this hearty dish, just pop it into your oven, bake and serve.

To complement your Brunch Strata, serve savory Herb-Onion Crescents. The delicate herb-onion flavor is sure to be a hit, and these fragrant morsels take just a few minutes to make.

Andrea's Broccoli Salad adds color and interest with a unique flavor combination and deliciously different dressing. And you can prepare your salad in advance, refrigerate it in an airtight sealed container and add the dressing right before serving.

Dessert is Fruit Jubilee. It is easily prepared using a variety of canned fruit layered with crumbled macaroon cookies and almonds. Served hot, this delightful dessert can bake while you enjoy the meal with your guests. A perfect complement to dessert is a specially-flavored mint coffee that you mix at home, with ingredients you probably already have on your kitchen shelf.

To complete your holiday festivities, flatter your guests with Christmas tree Cookie Ornaments that bear the names of each person attending. You can make a batch of cookies ahead of time and freeze them in an airtight container. Then, when your guest list is set, just decorate each cookie with a name and hang them on your tree. Your guests will have fun hunting for their ornaments as they admire your thoughtfulness and beautiful decorations.

And you'll be able to relax and have fun throughout the holidays as you discover the easy way to entertain friends and family in style.

Andrea's Broccoli Salad

- 2-3 bunches fresh broccoli, cut into bite-size pieces
 - 4 strips cooked bacon, crumbled
 - 1/2 medium red onion, cut in rings
 - 1/2 cup golden raisins
- DRESSING:**
- 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2-3 tbs. cider vinegar

In bowl assemble first 4 ingredients. Set aside. In small mixing bowl combine mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar; mix well. Add to broccoli mixture and toss. Serve immediately or refrigerate in an airtight, sealed container for later. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Herb-Onion Crescents

- 1 8-oz. can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. crushed basil
- 1 tsp. crushed oregano
- 3/4 cup canned french fried onions, crushed

Separate dough into triangles. Cut each triangle in half lengthwise. Brush with melted butter, sprinkle with herbs and onions. Roll up from wide end to form crescent shape. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; brush tops of crescents with butter. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 16 rolls.

Cookie Ornaments

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| 3/4 cup margarine | 2-1/4 cup powdered sugar |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 beaten egg white |
| 2 eggs | 1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice |
| 1/2 tsp. vanilla | 1 food coloring |
| 3 cups flour | |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | |
| 1 tsp. salt | |
- GLAZE**
- 1 tbs. light corn syrup
 - few drops food coloring

In mixing bowl, beat margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Add combined dry ingredients; mix well. Chill in sealed container for several hours or overnight. On pastry sheet, roll dough to 1/8" thickness; cut with cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400° for 5 to 7 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet. Cool. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

To make cookie ornaments, use a drinking straw to cut a small hole near edge of cookie. Bake as directed. When cooled, decorate with glaze or frosting and thread ribbon or yarn through hole and hang on Christmas tree.

For snowflake pattern glazed cookies, combine corn syrup and food coloring. Paint cooled cookies using small brush.

For frosted cookies, combine powdered sugar and beaten egg white in small mixing bowl. Beat for 1 minute with mixer. Add lemon juice while beating for 1 to 2 minutes longer until stiff. Add food coloring and decorate cooled cookies.

Mocha Deluxe Coffee

- 1 heaping tsp. instant coffee
- 2 heaping tsp. instant sweetened cocoa mix
- 1 heaping tsp. crushed butter mints
- 1 heaping tsp. non-dairy coffee creamer

In a 9-oz. mug, combine all ingredients. Add boiling water and stir. Garnish with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. Makes 1 serving.

HINT: Substitute 1/8 tsp. of cinnamon in place of the butter mints, and garnish with a cinnamon stick.

Brunch Strata

- 12 slices white bread
- 1 stick butter/margarine, softened
- 3 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1-1/2 cups ham or turkey
- 2/3 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 scallions thinly sliced
- 3 cups milk
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 pinch cayenne
- 1 paprika garnish

Trim crusts from bread, spread with softened butter. Cut each slice into 4 strips. Butter a 13" x 9" baking dish and layer with half the bread strips, ham or turkey, cheese, red pepper and scallions. Repeat layers. Beat eggs, add seasonings and milk; pour over bread, cheese and meat layers. Refrigerate for 24 hours, covered. Allow Brunch Strata to come to room temperature before baking (about 1 hour out of refrigerator). Bake at 350° for 45 minutes, or until puffed and slightly browned. Sprinkle with paprika and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Fruit Jubilee

- 1 16-oz. can of peach slices
- 1 16-oz. can of pear slices
- 1 8-oz. can of pineapple chunks
- 1 16-oz. can of pitted black cherries
- 2 medium size bananas
- 1/2 cup silvered toasted almonds
- 1 lemon juice
- 2 dozen medium size almond or coconut macaroon cookies
- 1 brown sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine (1 stick)

Drain all canned fruit and set fruit juice aside. Place fruit in mixing bowl. Slice bananas, sprinkle with lemon juice and mix with fruit. In another bowl, crumble macaroons. Using a 2-qt. baking dish, layer half of the fruit mixture in bottom of baking dish. Cover with half of the crumbled macaroon cookies, dot with half stick of margarine, sprinkle with brown sugar and 1/4 cup of silvered almonds. Repeat layers. Pour 1/2 cup of drained fruit juice over layers. Bake at 325° for 40 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Out of ideas? Gifts of food are always welcome

Christmas gifts are not simply obligations. Rather, they are carefully chosen or created to reflect the spirit of this most joyous of seasons, and to celebrate the bond between giver and recipient.

The amount of money which goes into a gift is not important, more crucial is the thought behind it, and the effort which has gone into assembling it.

For this reason, homemade gifts have always been popular, they are the most personal way of showing affection and appreciation.

Food gifts have always formed something of an in-between area. While handknit sweaters and afghans endure beyond the Christmas season, cookies, cakes and other comestibles are quickly gone, leaving behind nothing but a memory.

This does not have to be the case, for virtually every gift of food can be packaged in a container which, once empty, can still be appreciated and enjoyed.

Baskets and brightly decorated tins are ideal for holding baked goods or a selection of homemade foods, as interesting jars and bottles make fascinating vessels for homemade liquors, extracts and preserves.

Another idea is to give the food with one or more of the utensils which go into its preparation. Cookie cutters, cake pans in fanciful shapes, or for a very special gift, a slab of marble to serve as a pastry board.

A bread board makes a perfect frame for a coffee cake or sweet bread; so does the pan in which it was baked. The addition of red and green ribbons and a sprig of mistletoe or holly adds a perfect finishing touch.

Ideas such as these abound in a recently published volume, "Gifts of Food" (Crown Publishers Inc.) by Susan Costner, which itself makes a perfect addition to a holiday gift of food. Recipes included in the volume cover every course on the menu, with a wide and mouthwatering selection of desserts, all arranged by season.

Winter treats, most appropriate as the days get shorter and colder, and Christmas Day grows close, include a variety of favorites, traditional and untraditional.

Among the latter are French Chocolate Truffles, Fortune Cookies and Chocolate Amaretto Kisses, among the former, a fabulous Marzipan-Wrapped Fruitcake, English Plum Pudding and spicy Peppernuts.

The recipes below, for Sugar Plums, Speculaas and Pretzel Bread, are all reproduced from "Gifts of Food."

They are traditional Yuletide specialties that are great for both giving and serving. All can be made in advance — an added plus to ease the hectic holiday season.

Sugar Plums are confections which gained popularity during the Victorian

METHOD

Sift the flour with the spices, baking powder, and salt and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the egg and beat until smooth. Add the flour mixture, a little at a time, to the butter mixture, beating thoroughly after each addition. Add the chopped almonds with the last addition of flour. The dough will be quite stiff. Form the dough into several balls, wrap each in wax paper, and refrigerate for several hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil several baking sheets. Remove 1 ball of dough from the refrigerator and roll it between 2 pieces of wax paper to a thickness of about 1/4 inch. If you have them, press floured molds or rolling pin firmly into the shapes with cookie cutters or a sharp knife.

Transfer cookies to a prepared baking sheet and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until cookies are golden around the edges. Remove to a wire cake rack and cool completely. Remove trimmings and repeat the baking until all the dough is used.

The speculaas will keep for several weeks if stored in an airtight container. They also freeze very well. To package:

Give these cookies in decorated bags, or boxes. Team them with a wooden cookie mold as a special surprise.

PRETZEL BREAD
INGREDIENTS
1 1/2 cups half-and-half

Terms defined
If you're confused about some of the terms used in microwave recipes, don't be. The following definitions should help you understand microwave recipes more easily and sharpen your cooking skills.

Turning food over is often done to a single item in microwave cooking, such as a baked potato or a meat patty to ensure even cooking or defrosting. Rearranging food means as it implies, to rearrange partway through the cooking time to ensure even cooking. This may also include turning the food over. Examples of foods that need rearranging include chicken pieces and pork chops, microwaved in a baking dish. Also, baked potatoes, placed in a circle in the microwave oven should be rearranged partway through the cooking time.

SPECULAAS
INGREDIENTS
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. ground cardamom
1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg
1/2 tsp. salt
8 oz. unsalted butter
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup almonds, blanched and finely chopped

TOOLS
Rolling pin
Wooden cookie molds (optional) or cookie cutters
Baking sheets
Wire cake rack
Yield: about 4 dozen 3-inch cookies

The following day, combine the almond paste, 1/2 cup sugar, the egg white, cinnamon, and almond extract, and blend into a smooth paste. Remove the dough from the refrigerator, dust it lightly with flour, and knead on a smooth surface for 2 to 3 minutes. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before rolling it into a rectangle 24 x 18 inches. Sprinkle the rectangle with sugar and flip it over.

Spread the filling evenly over the dough to within 1 inch of all the edges. Sprinkle on the chopped almonds and tightly roll up the dough into a long cylinder. Roll the cylinder between your palms until it is about 36 inches long.

Place the dough on a greased baking sheet and shape it into a large pretzel. Brush it with the egg white and water, sprinkle with sugar and sliced almonds.

TO PACKAGE
The prettiest way to wrap the pretzel bread is to place it on a round wooden bread board and overwrap with clear cellophane and a ribbon bow. Tie on a few sprigs of dried or fresh flowers.

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Dues done, now it's time for fun

Small forwards play big at EMU

By Marty Budner
staff writer
Jim Boyce is trying to turn Eastern Michigan University's basketball program into a consistent Mid-American Conference contender.

That players appear to be smack in the midst of Boyce's long-range plans? A pair of 6-foot-4 sophomore forwards named Mike McCaskill and Lewis Scott.

McCaskill, a Southfield High School graduate, and Scott, a Redford Bishop Burgess grad, are proving Boyce's recruiting efforts weren't wasted. The young roommates are starting to make a name for themselves around Ypsilanti.

McCaskill and Scott have started all seven of the Hurons' games this season. Boyce has been more than satisfied with their progress.

"We have a lot of confidence in them. I think they can be two premier players in this conference," said Boyce, starting his sixth season at Eastern.

"They both work very hard on defense and that's all we want them to do right now. I think they can be very good defensive players," he said. "Mike just has to be more aggressive out there."

McCaskill and Scott book ends underneath the board to EMU's star senior center Vince Giles, who's been in town last week playing a non-league tilt against the University of Detroit at Calihan Hall.

THE MORE experienced Titans won 85-80, but it wasn't easy. Eastern, which has lost all three of its road games, stayed within striking distance throughout the game. U-D simply wore

the Hurons down in the final minutes. McCaskill and Scott showed both their potential and inexperience in that game.

Known as "Springs" while playing at Southfield because of his tremendous leaping ability, McCaskill played one of his best halves ever against the Titans. He scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, well above his season average of 8.8 points and 2.2 rebounds.

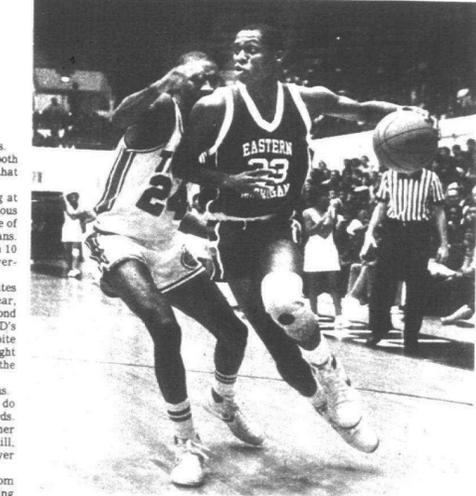
McCaskill, who logged more minutes than any other freshman last year, scored all of his points in the second half. He played decent defense on U-D's talented forward Greg Wendt despite giving up some two inches in height and played a steady game around the boards.

"He realizes his role in Boyce's plans. I know I'm there to rebound and do the garbage work around the boards. I'm not there to score. We have other guys who can do that," said McCaskill, named EMU's most improved player last year.

"It's a big adjustment, not only from high school to college, but just playing more this year. I've got to get a feeling for getting more minutes. I am learning more about the game."

"I know I have to improve on my shooting and dribbling. That comes with time," he said. "The more I play the more I'll get used to it. College is a lot faster, tougher and there's more pressure. It's a big adjustment but I can handle it."

SCOTT PLAYED 37 minutes (McCaskill had 29) against the Titans and had his second-best offensive total of the season with 10 points (he had 12 earlier this year against Cleveland State). He made 3 of 7 shots from the



Lewis Scott (above), ex of Bishop Burgess, and Mike McCaskill (not pictured), ex of Southfield, have made their marks at Eastern Michigan.

field and 4 of 5 free throws. Scott, 170 pounds, also had two assists and played down the stretch when the game was still in doubt. He is shooting at a 66 percent clip for the season, while averaging 8.7 points and 4.2 rebounds.

"It hurts to lose, but we've got a good team and we're getting it together," said Scott, who averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds as a senior at Burgess.

Like McCaskill, Scott is 19 years old and enjoying life on and off the court at Eastern.

"We've known each other since 10th grade and we're tight," said McCaskill. "We knew our role as freshmen and we're working hard to stay in the line up as sophomores," said Scott. Boyce simply is hoping their rapid improvement continues.

North cagers survive GC

Free throws were the difference Thursday night at North Farmington. Garden City hit 12 of 14 in the fourth quarter to spark a comeback that tied the score at 41-all and forced overtime.

But it was North converting 7 foul shots in 2 overtimes that clinched a 54-52 Raider win.

Paul Wahrman, who finished with 10 points, canned 2 free throws with 30 seconds remaining in the final overtime to put North ahead by 4, 53-49. But Garden City still fought back, getting a basket from Dave Weyzy and a free throw from Kevin Sheridan, to cut the margin to 1.

Buddy Pope followed by sinking 1 of 2 foul shots for the Raiders. Garden City then got off a final shot, but Steve Dunning's short jumper bounced out at the buzzer.

It was a welcome win for North, evening its Northwest Suburban League (NSL) record at 1-1, same as Garden City's.

"We've had a few injuries," said Raider coach Tom Negoshian. Point guard Rick Pennala returned to the lineup after missing a game and a half, and forward Rick Anderson was close to 100 percent after suffering a sprained big toe and a black eye.

"Pennala gave us a great lift," Negoshian added. "Bob Chwalik led North with 17 points, with Anderson tossing in 16. Anderson led the Raider rebounders with 13, with Chwalik nabbing 8.

Dunning topped Garden City with 19 points. Steve Freier added 13. North is 3-2 overall, Garden City is 2-3.

SALEM 45, BELLEVILLE 46: LeSean Haygood converted a 3-point play and Mike White and Paul Makara each connected on a pair of clutch free throws to insure Plymouth Salem's victory Thursday at Belleville.

The Rocks (2-2 overall) were in control all the way and led by 10 early in the fourth quarter, but Belleville, behind point guard Chris Grant-ham's 7 points, climbed back to within a basket (41-39) with less than two minutes left.

White and Makara's free throws iced the win for Salem.

"We were getting good scoring opportunities inside," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We just couldn't get them to fall."

Haygood was high scorer for the

Rocks with 10 points. Eric Sovine and Mike Hale contributed 8 each.

JOHN GLENN 85, FRANKLIN 60: Westland John Glenn fired in 53 second-half points to bury visiting Livonia Franklin Thursday.

It was a 1-point ballgame (32-31) at the half, but the Rockets (3-2 overall, 2-0 in the NSL) started hitting after the intermission. They outpointed Franklin 29-17 in the third period, with Phil Koeller scoring 8, and 24-12 in the fourth.

Four Glenn players reached double figures in scoring: Mike Baydarian (17), Koeller (14), Scott Winfrey (13) and Dave Jensen (12).

Jeff McCann paced Franklin (0-2 in the NSL) with 19 points. Chris Parenti and Bob Solnikowski each netted 13.

FARMINGTON 49, NORTHVILLE 44: Farmington couldn't buy a basket in the fourth quarter, but fortunately Bruce Krafft was sharp from the free throw line.

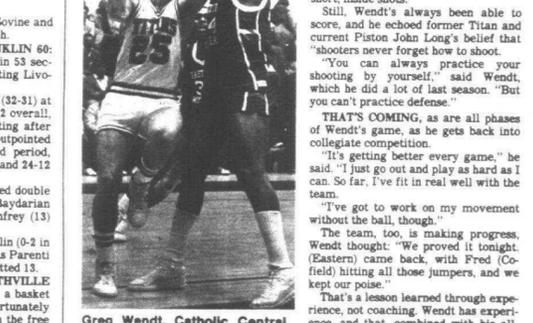
Krafft sank 4 straight foul shots in the final period to help the visiting Falcons stave off Northville Thursday. Farmington had just one basket in the quarter, but hit 6 of 9 from the line to hold on.

The Falcons 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA), led by 3 at the half (19-16) before blowing it open with a 22-15 scoring surge in the third quarter. Krafft poured in 10 points in the rally.

Krafft finished with 18 points. Bill Robinson contributed 9, while Kyle Mutz came off the bench to grab 12 rebounds.

BENTLEY 52, DEARBORN 50: Livonia Bentley stalled away the final 1:44 of the game, and Pat Schneider made the move work by sinking a layup at the buzzer to even the Bulldogs record at 2-2.

Schneider ended with 10 points. Sal DeMillo paced Bentley with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Dennis Hatchett also scored 10 points.



Greg Wendt, Catholic Central grad, scored 16 points against EMU.

AND SUCCEEDED he has — spectacularly. Wendt came out of high school with a reputation as a shooter, but that's no longer true. He has developed all phases of his game to the extent that Sicko uses him on the inside and outside, and even handling the ball.

Don't be misled: These aren't meant as excuses. Wendt not only played, he turned in 33 minutes of hard work in the Titans' 85-80 victory, their fourth in seven games.

AND DON'T think the injury limited his contributions, either. Wendt scored 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting from the floor and 4-of-4 free throws, and grabbed 6 rebounds.

"He's a gamer," said Sicko of the Redford Catholic Central grad and Livonia native. "He loves to practice and can't wait for games."

"And he overcomes adversity." "He had his share. Wendt, a junior athletically, accepted a scholarship to Duke University after a standout prep career at CC. His freshman season, while not spectacular, was solid enough to indicate a bright future.

That future never blossomed at Duke. It never had a chance. Wendt's playing time diminished his sophomore year as coach Mike Krzyzewski opted to play his promising freshman. So Wendt transferred to U-D. NCAA bylaws dictated that he sit out a year. A span Wendt called "one of the most difficult things I ever did." That forced detour from the game made him more determined than ever to succeed.

Museum trivia

• The first public museum in America was the Museum of Charleston, S.C. It was organized in 1773.

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IF YOU'RE ONE OF those obsessive people who finished Christmas shopping in October, stop reading this and go bake cookies or something. The following is not intended for you.
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Jim Hughes
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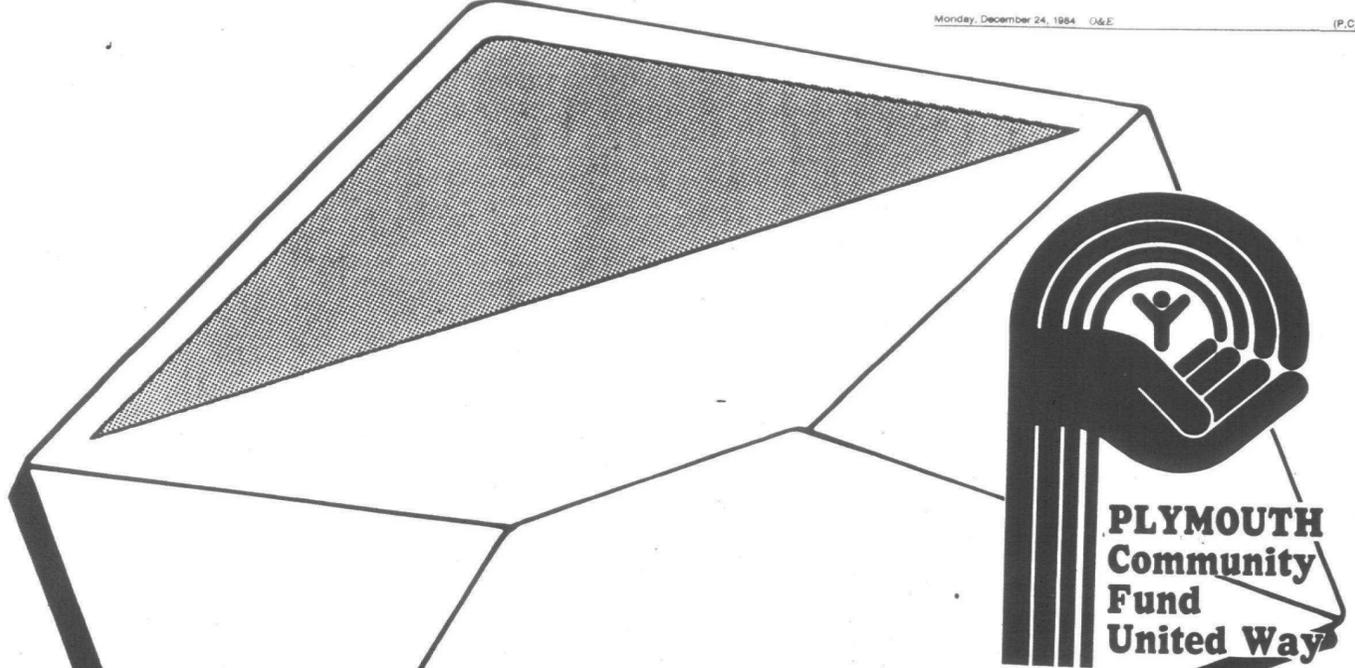
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Coppola doesn't do better with 'Cotton Club'

"You can't argue with success," or so the conventional wisdom runs. Francis Ford Coppola directed the very successful "Godfather" films, ergo, he must be a great director.

Quite frankly, Coppola is vastly overrated as a film director. "The Godfather" was an OK gangster epic. "Apocalypse Now" was the dumbest war movie ever.

For all its advance hype, legal problems, big budget and cast of thousands, "The Cotton Club" does nothing to revise my estimate of Coppola.

The film is entertaining and has some nice moments but, on the whole, the \$4.50-a-ticket moviegoers deserve something more for their money from these multi-million dollar expenditures.

THE COTTON CLUB was, from 1923 to 1936, a famous nightclub up in Harlem where high-toned white folks went to be entertained by the great or soon-to-be great black entertainers of the era. It was Prohibition and no one much minded that the Cotton Club was operated by bootleggers. It made sense. Since you had to deal with bootleggers to get booze, you might as well drink it in their club.

Woven throughout this fabric are the stories of the bootleggers and entertainers, some real-life and some fictional, who worked in

and around the Cotton Club. Some of the fictional characters closely resemble historical figures and some historical figures are shabby as portrayed.

So, there you have "The Cotton Club," a musical gangster movie... or is it a gangster movie with songs. Sometimes it is hard to tell.

White jazzman Dixie Dwyer (Richard Gere) lives and plays his horn in Harlem. Inadvertently he saves the life of Dutch Schultz (James Remar), who becomes his protector and employer. Schultz's protegee-mistress, would-be nightclub owner Vera Cicero (Diane Lane), and Dwyer are thrown together in an ill-starred romance.

Their story, and Schultz's, weave in and out of the Cotton Club where Owny Madden (Bob Hoskins) and Frenchy Demange (Fred Gwynne) hold forth as the managing directorate of the club and most of the rackets in town.

THE RISE TO stardom of Sandman Williams (Gregory Hines), with and without his brother Clay (Maurice Hines), and Sandman's on-again, off-again affair with Lila Rose Oliver (Lonette McKee) is another major, though incomplete and unfulfilling, storyline.

Hines and Hines do some excellent dance numbers and there is plenty of good jazz at the Cotton Club including several extended Cab Calloway (Larry Marshall) numbers.

One complaint about "The Cotton Club" is its abrupt editing pattern. The excellent musical numbers are interrupted often, as if Coppola was afraid we'd forget the gangster story if we sat through an entire musical number. The opposite was also true and, whatever the reason, the choppy editing drags viewers' attention away before visual or story satisfaction is achieved.

The final musical number is an exception. There Coppola overestimates the audience. His continual segue from a Cotton Club "railroad" dance number to the actual Grand Central Station setting and back is confusing and not nearly as spectacular as Coppola must have envisioned.

The film does have good performances by Gere and Lane as the ill-fated lovers, Fred Gwynne as the amiable giant mobster and Joe Dallesandro with just the right viciousness as Lucky Luciano.

Julian Beck as psychotic, unfeeling mobster Sol Weinstein provides a vivid portrait but such performances are offset by the tacky, cameo routines of James Cagney (Vincent Jerosa), Fanny



the movies

Dan Greenberg

Brice (Rosalind Harris) and others, particularly Gregory Rozakis as Charlie Chaplin, the longest of these star-cameos. Chaplin brings Lila to the Cotton Club and does his famous Dinner Roll dance from "The Gold Rush." All very plastic and unnecessary.

These complaints notwithstanding, you probably should see "The Cotton Club" for it does have its moments, just not enough of them considering Coppola's reputation and bankroll.



Richard Gere is jazzman Dixie Dwyer and Diane Lane is Vera Cicero, a would-be nightclub owner, in "The Cotton Club."



Maurice Hines (left) is Clay Williams and Gregory Hines is Sandman Williams, who rises to stardom.

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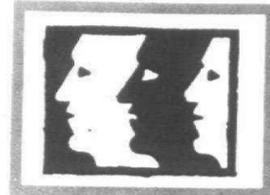
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