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or until lightly brown. Cool to room temperature; chill several hours.

CHOCOLATE TOWN FUDGE CAKE

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- $1\frac{1}{3}$ cups unsifted all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup milk

Grease and flour 2 9-inch layer pans; line bottoms with waxed paper. Combine cocoa and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar in a saucepan; add water and shortening. Place over low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until shortening is melted and sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat; cool.

Cream butter or margarine with $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Add vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt; add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Add chocolate mixture and blend well; pour into prepared pans. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans. Cool completely; frost with Chocolate Buttercream Frosting.

Chocolate Buttercream Frosting

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- $2\frac{2}{3}$ cups confectioners' sugar
- 6 tbsps. butter or margarine
- 4 to 5 tbsps. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine cocoa and confectioners' sugar in a bowl. Cream butter with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa mixture in small mixer bowl. Add remaining cocoa mixture alternately with milk, beating to spreading consistency. Blend in vanilla. Makes 2 cups frosting.

CHOCOLATE SAUCE PARFAITS

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They're normal children who go to school, ride bikes, and play ball.

But they also earn anywhere from \$200 to \$10,000 in a day.

They're the kids who appear on television commercials. There are hundreds in the business, said Mari Lyn Henry, associate casting director at an advertising agency in New York City.

Henry, who has worked with children and adults for the last seven years, described her work with youngsters as "a special human experience. They're always full of surprises."

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Most of the children in the business are the "natural performers" who are extroverted and like to entertain, she said. The others are "cute children" whose parents think should be on TV.

The children come in all sizes, types, and ages, from infancy to 10. Henry said that auditioning requires patience and an awareness of the child's needs since youngsters tire easily, have a shorter attention span, and may be self-conscious.

Some children say they want to be stars when they begin doing commercials, explained Henry. "But it's a fantasy. When they find out how much work is involved, many quickly change their minds."

After some children have done a few spots, they become "very hip and professional," she said.

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