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Chef Kai Loebach's decadent chocolate chip cookies.

Gifts of food or drink satisfy the senses

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CALIFORNIA COOKIES

For a decadent gift to put under the Christmas tree, try Chef Kai Loebach's chocolate chip and pistachio cookies. Loebach, whose customers include A-list Hollywood types, creates these treats in Los Angeles. What distinguishes these cookies from most others is that they are made with imported Callebaut Belgian chocolate. To order, visit

www.eurocaters.com or call (310) 204-4450. One dozen cookies cost \$24.

CHICAGO-MADE CHOCOLATES

Who wouldn't want to get gifts called chocolate delights, rocky road or coconut almond crunch bars for Christmas? These and other assorted desserts are available through Sarah's Pastries & Candies Inc.

Sarah Levy is a Northwestern University graduate and current Chicago resident. She

honed her dessert-making skills at several local restaurants including Bittersweet Bakery and Pluton Restaurant, both on the North Side of the city.

To purchase Sarah's Pastries & Candies, visit Whole Foods Markets around the Chicago area, Confection Connection chocolate shop in Highland Park, online at www.sarahscandies.com or call (312) 953-0117.

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