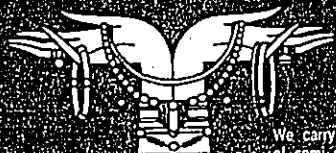


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By Geri Rinschler
special writer

SELECTING holiday gifts for family and friends is far from an easy task. Each year, at about this time, panic seeps into the holiday things-to-do list. So, if you still don't know what to get Uncle Tom and Uncle Harry or Grandma Pat consider this: gourmet goodies.

Although eating is a necessity of life, most of us find it is pleasurable. Even though sweet Aunt Alice may not like to cook or Uncle John is on a low fat diet, there are a variety of elegant and appetizing edible gifts for everyone on your list.

It's true all Michigianians love cherries. What could be better than a gift from Mother Nature. Impress your friends with a cherry tree lease or better yet a cherry tree lease and gift basket. The North Country Corp. in Cambridge, Mass., offers fruit tree leasing. They grow the world's best black cherries along the shores of Lake Ontario.

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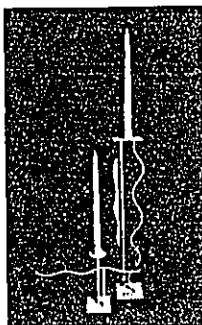
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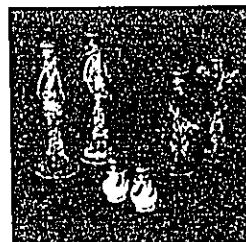
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