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These Girl Scouts really are cookie monsters

If you're like me, you already have stocked up on many, many boxes of sweet seasonal Girl Scout cookies. And you may have even bought them from a young lady who was vying for the title of 2008 Girl Scout "Cookie Diva."

Top sellers from Baltimore City and its five neighboring counties were brought by limo last week to the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel to walk down the "green" carpet and hear who would capture the coveted title. Area winners included Alexandra Coclough (Anne Arundel County), Christina Spliedt (Baltimore County), Julie Roman (Carroll County), Tori Vasquez (Harford County), Elizabeth Stewart (Howard County) and Denitria Simon (Baltimore City). Supported by friends and family, the girls were joined by local celeb chefs Duff Goldman of Charm City Cakes, the Rev. Edward Robinson of Agape House, Bryan Motz of Executive Catering, Adam Bowman of Wegmans Foods, Nancy Longo of Pierpoint Restaurant, Rodney "Pie Man" Henry of Dangerously Delicious Pies and a film crew from the Food Network.

"The girls looked more than excited, and it's really cool for the chefs to honor their efforts" said guest Sharon Grady.

"It truly is a spectacular event



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showcasing young ladies involved in entrepreneurship," added Danita Terry, director of communications for the Girls Scouts of Central Maryland.

Denitria Simon won the overall title by selling a whopping 856 boxes.

Last year's winner Khadijah James, also from Baltimore City, said, "I like selling cookies because we learn about money and customer service, and it helps the organization. I like being a Girl Scout because I get to go out into the community and make a difference."

By the way

» For Charm City chef Jill Snyder, the recent premiere viewing party for the new season of "Top Chef" was almost as stressful as being on the show. Not only was the Red Maple Restaurant packed, but the cable TV went out just before show time. Now



Ann Quasman, co-host of WCBM-radio's "Woman Talk," Duff Goldman, star of the Food Network's "Ace of Cakes," and Taylor Penn, Miss Teen Maryland, celebrate the Girl Scouts.

what's a chef to do? Well, guests, which included Snyder's family, Eugene Wielepski, Chef Gianfranco Fracassetti and foodie Lars Rusin, headed across Charles Street to Grand Central to see the show. As for Chef Snyder, well, it wasn't a real good night. After telling her Red Maple bosses, "I quit," she got sliced from the show.

» Sports Legends Museum held a meet-and-greet with Michael Olesker this past Tuesday to celebrate *The Examiner* columnist's latest book "The Colts' Baltimore: A City and Its Love Affair in the 1950s." A pucked house wasn't disappointed, as Olesker, whose own love affair with Baltimore has been well-chronicled in his other books. This Dec. 28 marks the game's 50th anniversary. The book is now

available in stores throughout the area.

» Former Ravens coach Brian Billick, who frequently makes appearances around town, was recently at Mageriks in Bel Air for a live radio show. The former coach got a little nervous when the pre-party started to run long, and he yelled to the host, "Are we good with time? Are you sure we're OK with time?" Guest Mary Jo Bagnall, owner of Arcade Floors-Carpet One, had the perfect comeback. "Hey coach," she yelled. "You still having clock-management issues?" "Thank goodness he thought it was funny," she said.

» Spotted last weekend at the Navy-Notre Dame football game at M&TBank Stadium was Mary Pat Scurkamp, president of the College of

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