Brownie Points

Talk about a score—Simply Divine Brownies of Brunswick was included in the 2006 Academy Award goody bags given to such stars as Reese Witherspoon, George Clooney, Felicity Huffman, Terrence Howard, and Heath Ledger at the Extra Awards Lounge.

"People pay thousands of dollars to get in the bag," says co-ownerrina Beaulier. "But they loved our product, so we didn't have to pay anything." Her partner, Sue Rand, and both women's daughters, Meggen and Melissa Rand, operate their cafe and internet business with 5 part-time employees. "We didn't plan to have a retail space, but people smelled the aroma of chocolate andundthemselves drawn to us." Now that's star power.
Reach Simply Divine at 729-0111 or www.simplydivinebrownies.com

Bounty Hunter

In Boothbay Harbor for underwater repairs: The Bounty. "Built in 1962 for the Marlon Brando movie, she's since appeared in Treasure Island, Yellowbeard, and The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," says Margaret Ramsey, the ship's executive director. "Most recently, for this summer's Pirates of the Caribbean II, we played a merchant vessel. We did sailing scenes with Keira Knightly [left, with Orlando Bloom], and we docked to shoot Johnny Depp, as well as scenes in Port Royal."

With any luck she was paid scale. —Kyle A. Roberts

Ashlee Simpson [December 2005 concert at the State Theatre], Bruce Springsteen [February 2006, recording locally], and Carrie Underwood [January 2006 concert at the Civic Center] are among the guests who have stayed recently in the Portland Harbor Hotel. But there's someone else who isn't usually connected with Maine.

"He was on his way to a house he'd hired for the month of August in Bar Harbor. He stayed with us a few days and was really quite entertaining. He had his family and a nanny with him," says concierge David Costa.

"Martin Scorsese had just finished his post-Oscar promotional tour of The Aviator and was up here to catch some rest."

It must have been a triumphant month in Maine for the director, knowing how high his movie was flying.