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Gail wants ENQUIRER readers to know that “Top Chef Duels” is the most fast-paced show she’s ever done. “It feels so fresh and new, but is still set with the ‘Top Chef’ backdrop.

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