

## Giffords, Mara chat over dinner

Scene... Rye, N.Y., resident **Ann Mara**, **Wellington Mara's** widow and owner of the New York Giants, was seen having dinner at Valbella Restaurant in Riverside last weekend. Joining her was Riverside resident and NFL Hall of Famer **Frank Gifford**,

a former Giant, and his wife, **Kathie Lee Gifford**. On another note, New York Giants quarter-back **Eli Manning** was seen having dinner at Valbella Restaurant in New York's Meatpacking District. Also seen dining at the famous eatery last Saturday night was Westchester resident and Major League Baseball player **Paul O'Neil** and **Bruce Springsteen's** sax player, **Clarence Clemons**, fresh out of knee surgery. Mr. Springsteen and his E Street Band will be performing at Super Bowl 2009.

Out there ... The Greenwich Exchange for Women's Work Christmas Fair takes place today at the Round Hill Club in Greenwich from 9:30 to 3. The fair will feature more than 30 consignors with items including children's clothing, toys, antiques, jewelry, home accessories, paintings, Christmas trees and wreaths. Admission is free.

Scene ... Former news anchor, best-selling author and correspondent for *My Generation* **Bill Boggs** was seen having brunch at The Bedford Post on Route 123 in Bedford, N.Y., on Sunday. The restaurant's owner, actor **Richard Gere**, also stopped in briefly to get take-out.

Out there ... Singer/songwriter **Shelby Lynne** will perform in concert at the Ridgefield Playhouse tomorrow night. For tickets, call 438-5795.

Scene ... Greenwich resident **Jeff Wilpon**, chief operating officer of the New York Mets, and his wife were seen having dinner at Mediterraneo Ristorante on Greenwich Avenue last Saturday night.

Out there ... Stamford native **Brian John Obuchowski** was in town visiting his mom **Lena** recently. Mr. Obuchowski, an actor and member of Screen Actors Guild, has appeared in several TV shows and movies, including *Shark*, *Desperate Housewives* and, most recently, *Grey's Anatomy*. He also had a part in the movie, *Step Brothers* with actor **Will Ferrell**. Mr. Obuchowski is a graduate of Westhill High School, where he sang in the chorus. He lives in North Hollywood, Calif.

Out there ...Just Books will feature Greenwich resident, author and cartoonist **Marc Tyler Nobleman** with his new book, *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*, at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Greenwich Library. Mr. Nobleman's cartoons have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Saturday Evening Post* and *Barrons*. The event is free. For more information, call 622-7900.

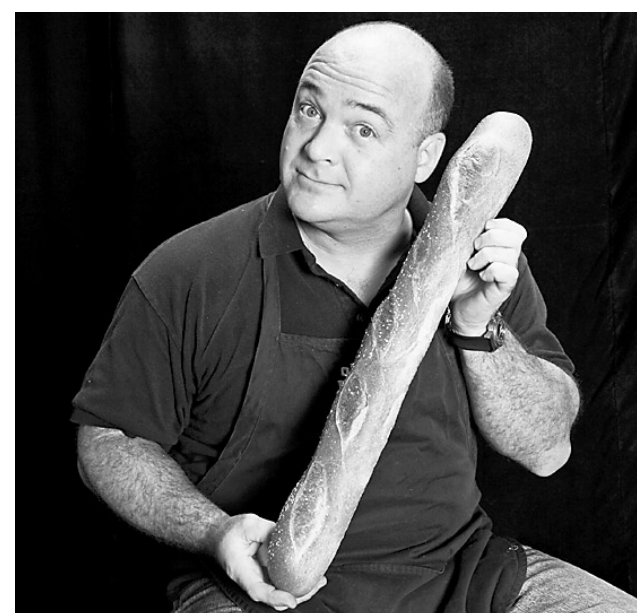
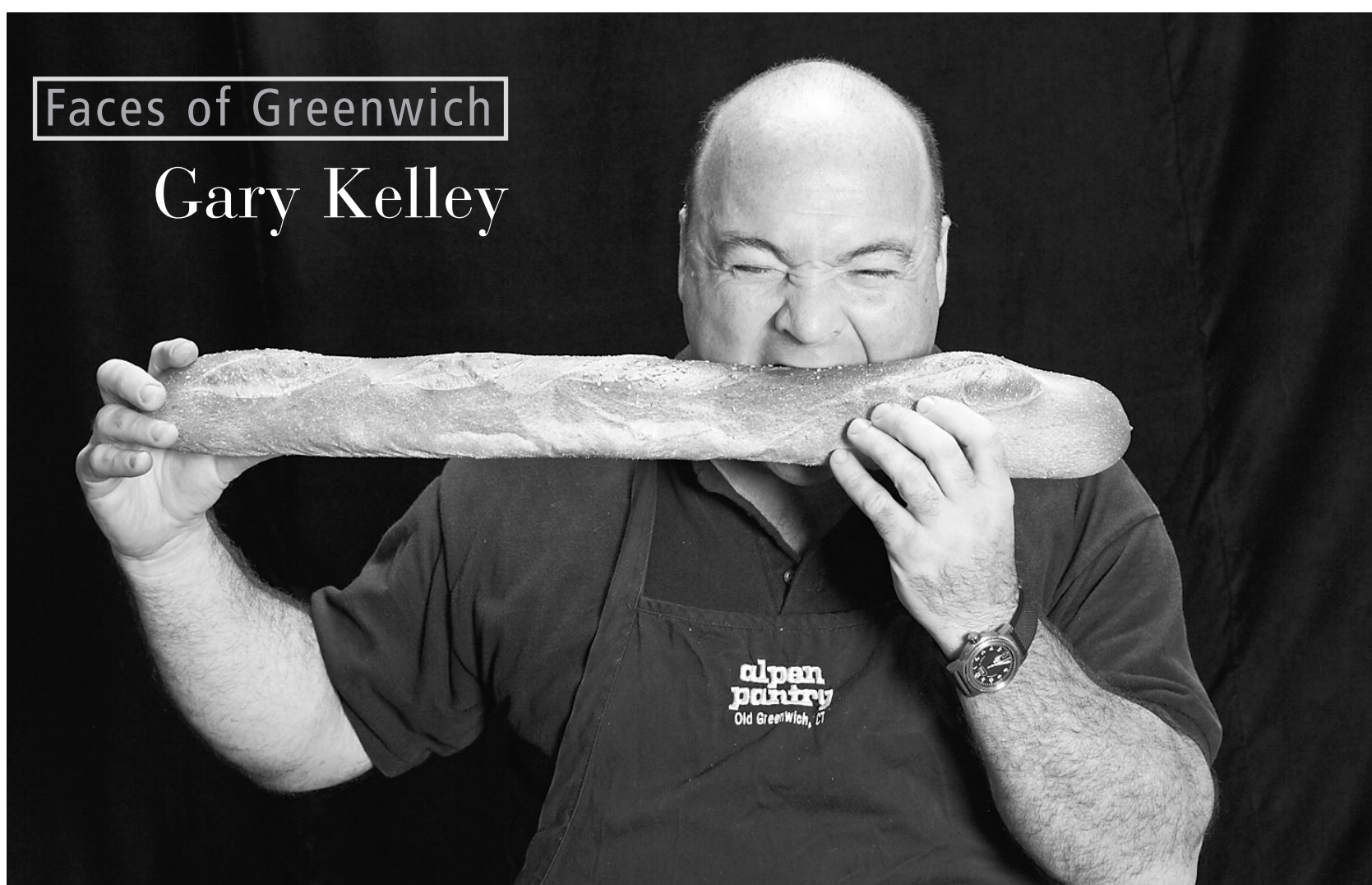
Out there ... Louis Vuitton, the high-end designer of hand-bags, shoes and accessories, is rumored to be looking for space on Greenwich Avenue.

And that's all for now. Later...

Got a tip? Seen a celebrity? E-mail Susie at [thedish2@yahoo.com](mailto:thedish2@yahoo.com).

### The Dish, Too

By Susie Costaregni



By Kari Campano

Alpen Pantry has been in Old Greenwich for more than 60 years. Gary Kelley bought it 26 years ago when he was 22 years old.

The popular specialty store has remained consistent through the years, offering a host of unusual sandwiches, as well as a variety of imported cheeses, Schaller and Weber meats and gourmet foods.

"I expanded the menu a bit during the first few years, but for the most part, everything has stayed the same," Mr. Kelley said.

Mr. Kelley grew up in Greenwich and attended Old Greenwich School, Eastern Middle School and graduated from Greenwich High School. He and his wife of 10 years, Elaine, reside in Greenwich.

Aside from being a hands-on owner and operator of Alpen Pantry, Mr. Kelley enjoys motorcycling, kayaking and hiking in his free time. He also used to race cars as a spec racer in Colorado. Currently, his favorite charities are Adopt-A-Dog and Dogtown, although he doesn't have any dogs himself.

Alpen Pantry is at 23 Arcadia Road in Old Greenwich and is open Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5.

Photos by Annie Watson



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