

## Spears goes shopping on the avenue

Scene ... Riverside resident and *Today* co-host **Kathie Lee Gifford** was seen having lunch at Terra Ristorante on Greenwich Avenue on Friday afternoon. Terra celebrated its 17th anniversary on Oct. 6, making it the longest standing restaurant on the street.

### The Dish, Too

By Susie Costaregri



Owner **Ramze Zakka** has brought on visiting chef/restaurateur **Massimo Carro** from Positano, Italy. Mr. Carro owns Ristorante Max in Positano as well as his family's five-star Covo dei Saraceni Hotel. He opened a second Ristorante Max in Newport Beach, Calif., in 2007. He will be cooking up some of his signature dishes at Terra and its sister restaurants, Mediterraneo in Greenwich, Solé in New Canaan, Acqua in Westport and Aurora in Rye, N.Y., until April when he will return to his home in Italy. I had the pleasure of tasting some of Mr. Carro's specialties — traditional Italian dishes including seafood, homemade pastas, eggplant. Magnifico!

Scene ...Mexican singer/actress **Thalia**, wife of music executive **Tommy Mottola** (once married to **Mariah Carey**), was spotted on Greenwich Avenue in front of Gap Kids recently.

More news on **Sean Combs** (aka Diddy)... On Sept. 30, Mr. Combs flew into the helipad on top of the GE building at 901 Main Ave. in Norwalk. He and his entourage strolled across the courtyard to Diageo, where he has been named brand manager and chief marketing officer of Diageo's Ciroc Vodka.

Out there ... Jazz great and pianist **Alfred McCoy Tyner**, who worked with the likes of legendary saxophonist **John Coltrane**, will perform at Fairfield University's Quick Center for the Arts on Friday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 254-4010 or go to Quickcenter.com.

Scene ... Jewelry designer **Ashley McCormick** was seen celebrating her birthday at the Homestead Inn last week. Her collection was recently launched at the chic Dighton Rhode boutique on Lewis Street and on the United Kingdom-based Web site Astleyclarke.com.

Is pop tart **Britney Spears** house hunting in Greenwich? Last week she reportedly bought two pairs of pants at Saturnia on Lewis Street and dropped \$1,500 at Reflection on Greenwich Avenue. Word is that Ms. Spears was asking the sales help, "Y'all, which one do you like better?" She had lunch on the patio at Thataway Café with her bodyguard and assistant and then left in a burgundy Jeep. She returned on Thursday, stopping to talk to fans on the avenue.

Scene ... Victoria's Secret model **Stephanie Seymour** was seen reading to her daughter, **Lilly**, at Old Greenwich Pediatrics. Also there with her was her nanny and son, **Dylan**.

Scene ... Greenwich resident and former Major Leaguer **Bobby Bonilla** was seen last Tuesday afternoon smoking a cigar with the boys at The Tobacconist of Greenwich, Ltd., on Havemeyer Place.

Scene ...Actress **Carey Lowell** was seen having lunch at The Barn on Route 121 in Bedford, N.Y. Ms. Lowell and her husband, actor **Richard Gere**, who live in Pound Ridge, N.Y., co-own The Barn, yoga studio and The Bedford Post Inn (formerly Nino's and Hopfield's), which is expected to open in November.

And that's all for now.

Later...

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



Faces of Greenwich

Julie Ricciardi



By Kari Campano

Neighbor to Neighbor has been known in Greenwich for the past 26 years. Its current president, Julie Ricciardi, is a second-generation member of her family who has served this local community outreach program, which provides food and clothing to those in need.

Ms. Ricciardi's mother, Betty Sheridan, past president of the organization, was one of the founding members of Neighbor to Neighbor. Ms. Ricciardi grew up serving the program alongside her mother.

"I am now teaching my own two children the importance of helping our neighbors and am integrating this as a part of the fabric of their lives," Ms. Ricciardi said. "I am so proud to be involved with this organization that feeds and clothes almost 1,000 people every week in our own ZIP codes. I am one of hundreds of volunteers from the ages of 9 to 90 that help to do this."

More than a common food pantry, Neighbor to Neighbor is unusual in Greenwich, as well as in the entire state of Connecticut, offering highly nutritional and fresh foods, including meats, vegetables and fruits. It also provides dignity to its clients, as the pantry is set up like a grocery store and people may choose their items, even among different brands.

"The community is really the engine of Neighbor to Neighbor," Ms Ricciardi added. "We are grateful to those that provide their time, their clothing, their food, and their monetary support."

'Faces of Greenwich' is a photo series by photographer Annie Watson that appears in the 'Post' the second Thursday of each month. It features portraits of people from around town who are personalities we meet in our daily lives. To nominate a person for this series, e-mail [AWatsonPhoto@aol.com](mailto:AWatsonPhoto@aol.com) (Subject: FACES). Visit [AnnieWatson.com](http://AnnieWatson.com) for more information.

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