



PLATES STILL SET

Celebrity restaurant closes

Graham Elliot's Primary Food & Drink ends its Greenwich Avenue experiment after six months

By Brittany Lyte

Celebrity chef Graham Elliot, whose Primary Food & Drink on Greenwich Avenue abruptly closed this week after a much-heralded opening in December, said what has been good for Chicago wasn't necessarily good for Greenwich.

"The owners of Primary Food & Drink brought (executive chef) Merlin Verrier and I in to replicate what we do in Chicago, and while it was well-received, it ultimately did not transfer to the Greenwich market," Elliott said in a statement to Greenwich Time on Friday. "They eventually decided to take the space into a different direction; one Merlin and I didn't feel was the right fit for the Graham Elliot brand."

Part-owner Justin Shaw confirmed the closing this week, but declined to comment further.

The highly anticipated eatery closed Wednesday

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Bob Luckey/Staff photographer

Primary Food & Drink at 409 Greenwich Ave., on Thursday. The restaurant closed Wednesday.

METRO-NORTH

Child's art project snarls rail service

By Frank Juliano and Bill Cummings

A forgotten school art project shut down Metro-North Railroad in Fairfield on Friday, snarling traffic for three hours and raising new questions about how police respond to emergencies at the nation's second busiest commuter rail system.

The suspicious package found at 5:30 a.m. Friday on a bridge above the Fairfield railroad station turned out to be harmless — except it forced Metro-North to suspend early morning train service and wait an hour for state police bomb squad members to arrive from Westbrook and the Hartford area.

And the whole thing could have been avoided if a member of the Connecticut Commuter Action Group said something when he saw the item on the bridge Wednesday night.

"I feel stupid," said Mitchell Fuchs on Friday, ad-