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# Little News Weekly

All the Littleton News that's of Little Interest

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## Thanksgiving 2000

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### **Babies and Babes**

This year we welcome three new babies to Thanksgiving: Isabel Margaret Rosa, born July 2, 2000, Hannah Donohue Jayne, born September 11, 2000 and Maxwell Williams Jayne born to Christina and Truxtun Jayne of Seattle, WA.

The proud parents of Isabel, Jean-Marie and 'Tiptoe' Tony Rosa, of Monmouth Beach, NJ, will be arriving with their son, in Littleton on Tuesday November 21 st. After several strategy meetings, Jean- Marie and Tiptoe have devised the following plan— feed Isabel, jump in the car, and hope for the best.

When asked about the upcoming trip, Jean-Marie was heard to remark, "I'm just not going to think about anything that horrible. I'm blocking it out."

Hannah's parents, Karen and John Jayne, the hosts of Thanksgiving 2000, are still in a state of shock following the birth of their first child (*see photo below*), but are slowly coming out of it. Hannah is an "excellent" baby , according to her maternal grandmother, Goo Maa.. Hannah's father, however, prefers to consider the worst-case scenario saying "She could still turn on us".



*Hannah Donohue Jayne, born September 11, 2000. "Excellent Baby".. clearly a refection of her parents.*

Maxwell Jayne, the oldest of the recent offspring, is also celebrating his first Thanksgiving. Many are anxious to meet this new child. Reports from his Uncle Joey, who recently visited this boy, state that he is a solid, good looking man with a big appetite (*see Absentee Guests*)

Another addition to the Thanksgiving “BABES” guest list is on the arm of Bobby “I’m-not-really-black” Donohue. Michelle Patterson, of Manalapan, NJ, has already been exposed to the Donohue get-togethers so presumably knows what to expect—enough said !!

Finally there is Joe Jayne’s new Babe, Sybil, also known as Sybs or Doe, and now Auntie Sybs. The big news here is that Sybil said “YES” and the wedding will be next September in Western Massachusetts. Everyone is very excited and everyone is invited!!

## Traveler’s Update

We’re expecting a good turn-out this year for Thanksgiving 2000. Family and friends are coming from all over to participate in the holiday. Here are everyone’s travel plans:

John and Karen Jayne will thankfully not be traveling. Yippee !!

As reported earlier in this newsletter, the Rosa family will be driving to Littleton on Tuesday morning. Not wanting to take any chances, the Rosas have decided to purchase a new car for the trip, and will hopefully show up with a new Volvo station wagon ! The Rosas will be scrapping the convertible— alas ! And delegating the older Volvo as the station car.

Bobby Donohue and Michelle Patterson will be traveling to Littleton after work on Wednesday. What kind of an un-American company do they work for ? Shouldn’t they have the day off ? Not to worry, however, because Bobby is an experienced traveler who will probably make the trip in under 4 hours !



Bob Donohue, preparing for trip to Littleton. “*I’ll be there in less than four hours...no problem!*”

Mr. and Mrs. Donohue will be traveling separately. Mary Ann “Poppins” Donohue will be taking the bullet train up from NJ on the Sunday before Thanksgiving to take control of the situation and the baby in Littleton. Mr Donohue will be driving up on Wednesday afternoon following a meeting at Combustion Engineering in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. The couple will be staying at the home of their good friend Ray Kelly in Westford, MA.

Mr and Mrs Jayne will be driving from Connecticut on Wednesday as well. Hopefully,

Sabra Jayne can extricate K'non from his phone calls and meetings so they can get an early start. The Jaynes will be staying at The Littleton Inn.

Joe Jayne and fiancée Sibyl will be traveling from Somerville, MA to Littleton on Wednesday evening to take part in the pre-game activities, *aka* chinese chop-chops. On Thursday they will be doing double duty, visiting Sibyl's sister and husband, Vera and Joe Bulkin in Newton, MA, early in the day and then returning for dinner and hoo-haa later in the afternoon.

From the North, we have Bill Jayne, of Portland, Maine. Bill will be traveling on Wednesday by bus to Boston. Bill will be bringing with him several hand-made Christmas wreaths for distribution !

## **Absentee Guests**

Our thoughts go to several of our family members who will not be joining us for Thanksgiving 2000. Apparently, they made other plans! Can you believe it ?! (*or maybe they were not invited!*)

From the west coast, Truxtun Jayne, and Christina Williams of Seattle, with their new baby Maxwell, will be having a nice Thanksgiving at home. They will probably be receiving a speaker- phone call to rile them up on Thanksgiving !

Houston Jayne, world traveler, currently of San Francisco, CA has not disclosed his Thanksgiving plans. He says it's "hard to say" where he'll be. He is, however, considering a number of exotic locations to spend New Year's and may act on these plans if the rest of his family continues to be so "lame".



Hi, I'm Maxwell, where's the turkey?

The Stambaugh family, of Shrewsbury, NJ, will be traveling to York, PA to spend Thanksgiving with Bruzinsky's parents. Fortunately, this car ride is about 3 hours and just makes the "Coleen cut-off". Bruce and Coleen's children, Leigh, Connor and Dillon will be accompanying them. They have to be back in Shrewsbury on Friday, however, for a number of reasons. First of all, Bruce has to travel for work. Leigh has a number of social engagements, an art lesson, and physical therapy for her knee. Connor has piano lessons, and is playing in the All-Monmouth basketball league. Little Dillon is looking forward to wrestling some kids to the ground in a soccer game. Coleen has a meeting for SSCBDAMEGH, and will be having 30 of her closest friends for dinner Friday night.

## Too Close To Call - Problem Voters

A source close to the editor has confirmed that two of our party, have done their part to confuse the presidential election by submitting their choice via absentee ballot. Mr. and Mrs. Jayne, of New Canaan Connecticut were unavailable for comment as they were floating down the Mississippi ala Huck Finn. One source, who chooses to remain anonymous, says that they have every confidence that the Jaynes understood their ballots. In fact, Kennon Jayne is saving copies of his along with the chads to review when, and if, he finally ever retires (a copy of his ballot will be sent to each one of his five sons for filing). Sabra Jayne says "This election is more exciting than a rape scene in one of my soaps! Thank God we have this to watch instead of that awful Subway Series."

## Kirwan's Korner *an editorial*

Well! It figures— All I get is this lousy little space in this Donohue love-fest newsletter !! And I bet you guys need to borrow ice as well !!! Jan and I have been coming to Donohue holiday dinners for some time now but this is the living end ! You might think it's just one day— Thanksgiving— but that's where most people make their mistake. This is a major commitment . MAJOR. Take last year *par example* (that's french): Jan and I drive 5 hours to our HOTEL ( mediocre), take Bobby, Karen and John out to a so-called "good" Italian restaurant. Hmm, actually is *was* really excellent. The wine was pretty good, too. Then, we have a protractedly long cocktail hour on Thanksgiving- made even longer by my having to go out as part of a search party to find Bob! By the way, a cell phone is only good if

someone knows the number! Really, the only good thing that happened last year was the Jan and I found our grandfather's clock in one of the many antique stores around here that noone in this group had the sense to tell us about.

This year's trip has already had reverberations. Jan and I have spent the entire fall trying out kennels for our pooches to stay in whilst we travel north. No big deal, you think ? WRONG ! The kennel is only a small part of it. What about the limo to NYC and dinner out each time! This is exhausting. I can really feel it in my back, by the way. I need to see my masseuse for an additional therapeutic treatment.

So, here we are once again. I guess the good news is that I don't live next door to these people so they won't be able to use my new appliances. By the way, we're upgrading- anybody want a hot tub ?

## Famous Quotes

"Everyone is invited!!"

Joe Jayne, in reference to his wedding

"Our baby doesn't cry"

Tony Rosa, summer 2000

"Wine for my horsemen..."

Mr. Donohue, on several occasions

Wine for my horsemen..**Dad!**

Joe Jayne (*son-in-law?*)

"How long is the cocktail hour going to be?!!"

Ken Jayne

"I'm doing it the same way as last year."

John Jayne, on cooking the turkey

“Stinky Pot”

Goo Maa, changing Hannah’s diaper

“ This is the same ship as last year !”

Bill Jayne, receiving Waterman  
Calendar

“Love Love Love, Jolly Jolly Jolly”

Sabra Jayne, on several occasions

“Can Do”

Bob Donohue, standard response for  
small requests.

## Sports Preview

This year’s sports activities should prove to be very exciting. The annual Donohue/Jayne Tennis Tournament is scheduled, as usual, for whenever everyone gets their act together. We recently interviewed both coaches, Bob Donohue and Kennon Jayne– the following is an excerpt:

*Interviewer:* So, Coach Donohue, who do you have coming back this year to help take the title?

*Donohue:* We think we have a very strong team this year. As you know, I play tennis at least twice a week with my rich friends in Rumson , so I’m in great shape. My wife, Mary Ann, has been compared to Chris Evert and has many silver cups on her resume, so to speak. She plays mostly on the weekends but is a solid player. Nice shot, Mum. My son, Bobby, who normally plays hockey 24 hours a day, doesn’t need to practice at all– he’s a natural ! The guy’s got a terrific serve — I asked him if he was ready for this tournament and he said “hey, no problem”. My daughter, Jean- Marie-- have you seen her forehand ?? – She is a powerhouse ! I just don’t understand

why if she can hit the ball like that, why breastfeeding knocks her out– I don’t get it. Anyway, I digress. Jean- Marie’s husband will be tiptoeing around the court and most likely wishing he were antiquing with the Kirwans. My grandson, Ian, is showing a lot of promise this year with a huge growth spurt. That kid is going to be a great athlete. I wonder if C.B.A. has a tennis team. My other daughter Karen is not bad either for an unathletic person. But, between you and me, if we have to make a trade to even things up, she’ll be at the top of that list– weak link and all. Hee hee. Lastly, we have a rookie player, Michelle Patterson. We don’t know if she can play, but what are you going to do? Maybe she’s a ringer !

*Interviewer:* Coach Jayne, how do you feel about your team’s lineup ?

*Jayne:* Well, I , too, play tennis with *my* rich friends in New Canaan several times a week and I’m feeling at the top of my game. Sabe plays on Fridays with the ladies and is *verry* consistent. I like to see the whole family getting out and getting their sweats up. It would be nice if I could get Sabe to walk with me every day– and have some hot cereal– but that’s another story. Back to your question: Joe Jayne is probably one of our star players. The only problem with him is that he always forgets his equipment! Amazing! I brought some extra sneakers, just in case. Johnny Jayne, his brother, can also really hit the ball- but he has his head in scientific instruments and patents and such, so we have a focusing problem with him. Come to think of it, he *can* hit the ball pretty well. Maybe we can have a match-up with he and myself against Joe and Housty at Christmas. Maybe I can get some time at the New Canaan Racquet Club for 5 or 6 hours. Hmmm. Sabe- remind me to call tomorrow. Oh, sorry, back to this holiday tournament: Bill Jayne will be

rounding out our team. He has some great shots and a unique style that actually doesn't require sneakers – he prefers to play in his stocking feet ! Lastly, my son Joe's fiancée Sibyl, recently graduated from UMASS where she took such courses as– you guessed it– TENNIS !! Isn't that fortunate ? In addition, what Sibyl lacks in skill will be made up for in fashion!

*Interviewer:* Coach Donohue, who or what worries you the most going into this tournament ?

*Donohue:* Well, the Jaynes have historically been pretty strong competitors. I know my son-in-law, John, can really hit the ball. He never plays, right ? Not bad. I guess, though, that Joe Jayne is the one to watch. He has an axe to grind and should come out swinging. Speaking of swinging-- I say we play nine holes at the pitch and putt to get us warmed up--- any takers ?

*Interviewer:* I'll have to get back to you on that. Coach Jayne, what are your concerns going in to this tournament ?

*Jayne:* Yes, well, my son Joe Jayne is horrified of playing against Bobby Donohue but that doesn't worry me. I think the real up-and-comer is Ian Chick. He has really shot up this year and should have an advantage in the overhead smash. I think my concerns are more psychological. Jean- Marie's blue eyes can be really distracting.

## Local Scientist Says NYC Stinks!

Recently a local Littleton resident went on a two week scientific mission to sample the

exhaust from New York City buses and other vehicles. The experiment involved using a mobile laboratory equipped with gas and particle measuring instrumentation which followed trucks and buses and measured pollutants. The experiment was funded by the EPA who is interested determining the impact of these vehicles on the air quality

Dr. John Jayne, the Littleton resident scientist, was part of the 2 week experiment. He states that "NYC stinks of exhaust" and that "I had a headache the whole time I was there". He also commented that "you don't need fancy scientific equipment to know this fact". The good doctor and his science team will return to NYC next summer for 5 weeks of intense measurements.

While Dr. Jayne was performing these brilliant experiments, his lovely wife, also a high falutin scientist, impressed a class room of NJ sixth graders on what its like to be a scientist. The whole class was very impressed. Some very special students, Leigh and Connor Stambaugh, siad that Aunt KiKi was excellent, she did made a great presentation.

## Your Money at Work?

As the stock market continues to plummet, reflecting the growing uncertainty of the presidential election and the fact that it has to go down sometime, we checked in with our financial consultant, Joseph Jayne, recently appointed Vice President of Investments at Soloman Smith Barney. After calling several times and being put on hold, we spoke with Joe's assistant Super Sue, who assured us that Joe would get back to us once we started making money again. Our investigative reporter was not content to wait for this event and followed Jayne from his apartment in Somerville to his office in Boston where he

tackled young Joe in the elevator. Pinning him to the ground in a wrestling move that Bruce Stambaugh would admire, our man got Joe to release the following statement after saying “Uncle”: “Oh, Wow, it’s great to see you, have you lost weight- you look great! I’ve been meaning to call you guys. This is a huge buying opportunity. I’ve been really busy setting up my new office but you guys have nothing to worry about. Your account is trashed-in the toilet !But everyone’s is ! You’re in a very strong position. I just bought you 1000 shares of Kate Spade stock. Powerful! Sibbs says that’s a good buy. It’ll go through the roof ! OK, I gotta go- this market is wild - I need to call some of my big clients. Maybe I’ll see you this weekend– Oh, maybe not– we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner plans through Feb 2002. Talk to Sibbs- maybe we’ll have a cancellation. Bye ! Great seeing you! Oh yeah, you should really send in some more money to your SB account in light of this buying opportunity.