
Little News Weekly

All the News that's of Little Interest

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Thanksgiving 2001
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Covering the BIG Wedding
and more...



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From the Editor's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving to all! As many of our readers will notice, this issue of the Little News Weekly contains contributions from notable guest journalists. As editor, I had floated the idea and was gratified that the initial reaction to my request for copy was generally favorable:

Mr Donohue: "Can do !!"

Jean-Marie Rosa: "That sounds great!"

Kennon Jayne: " WHEN'S THE DEADLINE ?!"

Bobby Donohue: " maybe"

When I called the journalists a few days later the gulf of commitment was widening— Mr. Donohue remained very committed to the project— he had already written his article and forwarded it to his personal staff for final typing and formatting. K'non remained very concerned about the deadline and made many phone calls and ended up faxing, sending, and e-mailing everything in triplicate just to be sure. Jean-Marie immediately forgot about the whole thing. No one knew if Bobby would actually be writing anything. That mystery was resolved when a beautifully formatted 2-page document complete with graphics was received via e-mail. Nice work, Bob. In later phone calls to Jean-Marie, it became apparent that she was unaware of her position on Mr. Donohue's staff: " WHAT ! They think I'm going to Fax it ?!"

HA HA HA !!!!

In the end, we received everyone's contributions with plenty of time to spare (cough, cough) and have once again successfully published another brilliant issue of the Little News Weekly. Enjoy!!

Ciao,

K.D. Jayne

Editor-in-chief



*The "featured" newlywed couple:
Sibyl and Joe*

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

It was with grave disappointment that I read the last edition of the Little News Weekly (November 2000) and found much to my horror only a paragraph of news concerning my immediate family: the Stambaughs. Obviously, if you don't actually show up in Littleton for Thanksgiving, you don't rate! As if! Everyone knows I only drive in a three-hour radius and only under heavy sedation if my wonderful husband Bruce is driving. So, a car trip to Littleton is not very likely in the best of circumstances. And besides, we have a

commitment to go to York and see Bruce's family for and All-you-ever-wanted-to-know about Phil Stambaugh-Thanksgiving. Anyway, back to my point-- Hasn't anyone noticed lately how wonderful my children are? Has the world gone mad? Leigh is not only beautiful but a model student! And she has red hair! In fact she's the only person with red hair in her entire school! Not for nothing, but Conner is destined for greatness. Steven Spielberg watch out! And my little one- Dillon- takes the cake for overall athletic ability. Well, some might think it's scary for the other kids on the soccer field but they're wearing cups which is standard issue in this household-so no big deal. Anyway, you people missed the boat last year- I hope you've learned your lesson and will have more coverage on the Stambaugh family. Sincerely,

Coleen Stambaugh

Shrewsbury, NJ

To the editor:

I m writing on behalf of the President of the United States who wishes to thank you and your staff for the early edition of the Little News Weekly. The President and his cabinet are very grateful for your distinguished, timely, and honest reporting. Too often these days, the media, and even some well-respected journalists, have gotten caught up in rumor and innuendo, not to mention exaggeration. The Little News Weekly stands as a sentinel of American Values. It is one of the highest quality newsprints currently available on the newstand. We have recommended it to many people from freshmen congresspeople to foreign dignataries to help explain and clarify just what America stands for. Indeed, this newspaper may be included in a informational package that we will drop into foreign lands.

The best part about the paper is that its content is fairly meaningless and shouldn't offend anyone- even the French ! Keep up the good work and God Bless America !

Sincerely,
Condaleeza Rice
National Security Advisor

To the editor:

Bravo on your last issue ! Your papers have always sold like hotcakes in these parts ! We love the Little News Weekly ! Your writing is sharper than a sack of wet mice ! Thanks a bunch !

Sincerely,
Harold Duldrums
Sioux Falls, Iowa

To the editor:

We read with great satisfaction your expose on the financial machinations of Joe Jayne who until fairly recently worked with us at Smith Barney. . finally someone has the \$#@^% to call a spade a spade ! that guy gave new meaning to the word wheeler-dealer. You think you had a hard time hunting him down—imagine being his employer trying to get in touch with him while he had a “client meeting” on the Cape or Martha’s Vineyard. Never the less, he added some color to this other wise life-less office. In fact- by golly, I’ll miss the guy! Everybody loves a redhead ! Did you know, he invited me to his wedding ?

Sincerely,
CEO
Salomon Smith Barney
Boston MA

Travelers Update

Yes, the holiday is once again upon us and various characters and hangers-on are toiling there way to spend another great Thanksgiving at the Jayne’s !! Here’s the rundown of guests:

Goo Maa will be arriving early to supervise the activity and find out just what the heck is going on up there. She arrives on Sunday by Bullet train.

Bobby and Michelle will be arriving on Wednesday night- another quick 4 hour trip no problem. The word is that they are coming with crafty items for the thanksgiving dinner table— Nice work Michelle !!

Sabe and K’non will most likely also be arriving on Wednesday after K’non goes through some paperwork, pays bills, and makes some phone calls for a fundraiser while Sabe is waiting at the door with her deviled eggs and yelling “K’NON, LETS GO” !

Mr. Donohue will be meeting some business associates en route on Wednesday either in Windsor Lockes CT or Beantown. He’s trying to rally some interest in a Black Rose rendezvous in downtown Boston! Any takers ? “Where’s Ray Kelly— get him on the phone” !

The very civilized Kirwans will be arriving early on Tuesday and relaxing at the Westford Regency. They hope to get in some antiquing before anyone knows they are in the area.

The Rosa’s will be leaving Monmouth Beach early on Wednesday morning whenever Isabelle gives the signal. It’s hard to say when they will actually arrive since Tiptoe wants to check out some colleges on the way in Upstate New York. Once they do arrive, Ian is looking

forward to long hours playing computer games with Joe Jayne and finally going on the swamp walk with Uncle Johnny !

Joe and Sibyl are local ! They will be zipping out to Littleton on Wednesday evening ready for the festivities to begin !

The Year in a Nutshell

by Mary Ann Donohue

A special year 2000 Thanksgiving with two new participants, Isabelle and Hannah, along with one other first time attendee Michelle. Our memories of a Memorable Holiday were at once amusing and entertaining!

The wedding of the year was full of excitement and fun. The bride looked stunningly beautiful and the groom glowed with unabashed pride. Everything went forward without a hitch until Isabelle descended upon some unprepared guests at a marvelous brunch hosted by Aunt Pam. At her mother's concern for possibly inconveniencing some people her father reminded her it takes a village to raise a child. I am sure you are aware of the origin of those words of wisdom!

Revealed: *The Secrets of Marital Happiness*

This year marked an important milestone for both the Donohues and the Jaynes. Mr. And Mrs. Donohue celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary and Mr and Mr.

Jayne celebrated their 45th !!! Congratulations to both couples !!

Sabra Jayne had this to say concerning her marriage, " Everything got a lot better once K'non started to lose his hair !! I love looking at his little bald head !"
(45 years and 5 boys may explain the bald-pattern).



Marital Bliss does exist. Kennon and Sabra Jayne married 45 years and going strong

STORYBOOK WEDDING IN AMHERST

by J. R. Donohue
(that's Mr. Donohue to you)

Soon-to-be-Millionaire Joe Jayne marries girl-of-his-dreams Sybil in the wedding-of-the year at Massachusetts-College-Town. The new-ly-wed Mr. Jayne was quoted as saying, Wow-these hyphenated words are driving me up-the-wall!?.

Other than the hyphenated words complaint, the new-ly-weds were overheard to

say some of the following. Who are these people? They must be from your side of the family, they are so strange looking! I think the birdhouse was the worst gift ever. Hey dude, one and done!

The storybook Amherst Police Department had brought in reserve forces from neighboring towns, fearing the worst and isolating the Lord Jeffrey Inn. Happily, the bridal couple and the wedding party retired early. There was none of the expected raucous behavior associated with the low life people in the wedding party, guests etc. Captain Nice B. Nice of the storybook Amherst Police Force was quoted as saying, “what is wrong with these kids today, don’t they know how to party?” He added, “But it’s nice to see these kids act like mature adults and keep the noise down”. The Big Band at the reception featured a twelve-year-old trumpet player who turned out to be Joe Jayne’s illegitimate son from one of his previous affairs. Everyone at the wedding thought it most thoughtful of Joe to include his I.S. (illegitimate son) in the wedding. Said Joe, “it was the least I could do for the kid, besides he plays great trumpet!”

John Jayne A.K.A. The Best Man, toasted the happy couple and recalled fond memories of his brother Joe. His fond memories of his brother focused on Joe’s dirty laundry and he pleaded with all present to send in any surplus detergent to Sybil A.S.A.P. There was even some talk of a two washing machine house or perhaps, renting an apartment over a Laundromat. It should be noted Joe Jayne’s clothes looked fairly clean at the wedding.

The day after (ugh) featured a Brunch hosted by Uncle Don and Aunt Pam. People staggered into brunch looking as old as Lord Jeffrey. The Brunch was a grand idea, bringing together people who had no wish to meet the

day before, and forcing them into meeting again the day after. Brunch featured the new-ly-weds as well as the Bride’s parents and Bridegroom’s parents. The parents of both appeared extremely grumpy, having just paid the bills for the rehearsal dinner and the wedding. There was some talk of taking up a collection to help out the parents, but this was quickly dismissed, much to everyone’s relief.

Celebrity Interview with the Best Man

We caught up with John Jayne, the best man at his modest but charming home in Littleton, MA. John was looking relaxed in a cardboard pantsuit and obviously felt comfortable enough with our crew not to bother to shave or comb his hair. We sat down over a Coors Light and a bowl of popcorn.

Interviewer: John, it’s great to meet you and get the inside scoop on Joe and Sibyl’s wedding.

crunch, crunch crunch, shoveling back another fistful of popcorn...

John: Yeah, the wedding was great !

Interviewer: We understood that you had alot of responsibilities—were you nervous going into the affair ?

John: (slight chuckle, reaches into his pocket) I received a manual in the mail—I love manuals !!

What he hands us appears to be the original list of Best Man responsibilities typed up by the Bride herself !!

WEDDED BLISS FINDS ITS LIMITS

by Kennon Jayne

Interviewer: Well ! This looks pretty thorough so I guess it was smooth sailing for you ?

John: Pretty much. Although I had to put together a presentation for the rehearsal dinner which drove my wife crazy for a few weeks ! Hey- would you like another beer ? I have some in the cooler out here on the deck- a little trick I learned from Poppy.

Interviewer: No thanks- I'll just have some more popcorn- Oh- it's all gone? That was fast ! Anyway, we heard that your toast was exceptional at the wedding . Did you prepare a long time for that ?

John: Yes, and No - I certainly thought alot about it beforehand, but things started to gel actually in the nick of time! I had an epiphany while staring at the ceiling about ½ hour before the ceremony. Somewhere between my wife saying, "You really better get dressed, don't you think?" and " Get in the shower, NOW !!" It all came together.

At this point John is starting to look distracted and idly picks up his laptop.

Interviewer: Well, I guess that's all we need! Thanks for your time!

John: Oh, yeah, (*not looking up*) No problem!

As we left we heard some muttering which sounded like: "this data looks pretty good—fits the model perfectly"...

United in a glorious September wedding, "Sibyl Said Yes" and "Joseph The Broker" Jayne became one in unison with vows of mutual agreement to support each other in all tasks of their future lives. Authoritative sources, close to the newly weds, have now reported that "Sibyl Said Yes" has just sent her first signal stating her status on domestic issues. Sibyl said, "NO" - she could not "support" Joe's routine for cleaning and pressing his business suits. At a Sunday morning "buds" weekly planning session, Joe said he wanted his pants to his business suit cleaned and pressed, but not the suit jacket. Pants, he said, get more wrinkled in wear than do jackets. Don't send my jacket. It was reported that there was a lull in the conversation. Silence descended. Joe continued to list his "to dos" for the week. Suddenly from the other side of the room a voice sounded forth - with a proclamation. It was Sibyl. She declared, "I CANNOT SUPPORT YOU IN THAT - THE WHOLE SUIT SHOULD GO - NOT JUST THE PANTS!" Joe dropped his lists and leaned forward in his chair because Sibyl did not say "yes". Sibyl said "no" to this pants only routine. According to a top aid to these newly weds Sibyl is strategically staking out her position early on in this otherwise blissful partnership.

Semper Paratus!

Late news release - New Canaan.
11/04/01

Update to "WEDDED BLISS FINDS ITS LIMITS"

An impartial survey conducted by the firm of "Jayne, Donohue, Dabrowski, and Bridesmaids of Sibyl", has just been released. Their latest poll shows that "Sibyl Said Yes" Jayne continues to have a top approval rating despite her adamant stand against the "pants only pressing" issue. The public continues to show support for "Sibyl Said Yes" in her right to say "NO". (As this paper has repeatedly reported, we endorse free expression of speech and dress. Women do wear pants now, and jackets, also.)

Jean-Marie and Tiptoe's Top Ten Moments of Sybil and Joe's Weekend Wedding in Amherst

10. The interesting fashion interpretations of what casual dress meant to everyone at Brunch...

The Luau look: Poppy's Wild Waikiki Wear!

The "When are we raking the leaves?" look"

The Jayne boys!

The "I just came from the club" lookeveryone who summers in Maine!

The "Isn't this still the reception?" look:...Joeeeeeey!

9. The Farmers Market in Amherst and all the beautiful dogs at the market

8. Yummy small potatoes at Brunch, Lobster Bisque at the Reception and Popovers

at Judy's

- 7.** K'non, with his folder of course, in the lobby of the Inn, interrogating Sabe on the "Pinocchio Dinner"
- 6.** Breakfast at the Black Sheep Bakery: so delicious, so intelligent, so earthy crunchy man
- 5.** Seeing pictures of Joe and Sybil with Chicken Pox
- 4.** Isabelle in her white and yellow flowered dress and the lovely bride in her haute couture \$\$\$\$ gown
- 3.** The best man relinquishing his responsibility for the groom to the bride: "he's all yours Sybil!"
- 2.** Sybil and her Dad dirty-dancing to the Kermit song, from Sesame Street, Joey's favorite show
- 1.** The "I Do"!!!!!!!!!!!! Ha Ha Ha!!!!!!!!!!!!

Caitlyn, Ian, and Isabelle's Top Five Worst Moments of the Amherst Wedding Weekend

- 5.** No dogs for sale at the Farmers Market and Daddy buying yet another plant that we will have to water

4. Mommy threatening to ground Ian in front of everyone at our table if he didn't dance with her at the reception; by the way, he never did dance with her and he never did get grounded, well, at least not for that!
3. Isabelle getting side swiped by Patrick Brennan outside of the wedding church; she brushed it off, Mom laughed, but the Brennan?'s were traumatized
2. Daddy and Jean-Marie saying way too many nice things to Caity about the **ALL GIRLS** Ivy League schools in Amherst
1. Watching Poppy and Daddy at the reception discussing strategizing how to snag as many maple syrups as possible from the singles tables because, "C'mon, really, are they going to make pancakes or waffles in the near future? They could care less about the Maple Syrup right now!?"

A Poem by the Bride

The first time we met Joe doesn't recall -
 I might have been ugly or maybe too tall
 Joe had no idea if I was good looking or not
 It was at the museum he realized I was hot!

Joe's first visit to Amherst was in early fall
 The weather was miserable...
 Directions were worse
 Can you believe he still bought me a Kate Spade
 purse?!

Thanksgiving came and off to Littleton I go
 Karen and Johnny's house with a pecan pie in tow

A house full of people warmly welcomed my
 appearance
 Too bad my pie didn't come with insurance!

Christmas that year brings nothing to mind, but News
 Years Eve?

That's the night our marriage was conceived
 The resolution Joe made was to ask on bend and
 knee -

And on July 15th, Sibyl Said Yes indeed!

The Small Point cocktail-party-circuit our engagement
 did make

Shared that year with Johnny's big cake
 The planning had begun
 I was off to a good start
 That was all before the really hard part

The date was first
 When can it be?

The fall for sure, to see all the leaves
 October was booked until two thousand and two
 I couldn't possibly wait so long - what is a girl to do?!

The 15th of September looked better and better
 Its going to be outside?
 Yes - tell them to bring a sweater!

My dream coming true before my very eyes
 The months and days kept slipping by
 All the invites and seating
 Fittings and confirmings
 Registering and worrying
 Nothing that Joe and I couldn't work though
 Despite the little quarrels,
 Of which there were few

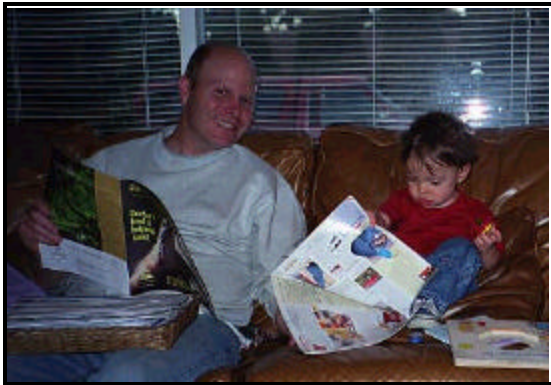
To Maui we go for "Romance of all Seasons"
 Joe couldn't wait (for all the right reasons)
 My excitement grew with each day that passed
 But thank goodness Joe sprung to fly us first class!

Joking aside, I was a very lucky bride
 Joe, you are the greatest man I could ever have found
 My love, so deep and true, knows no bound
 Even when I have to pick your undies from the
 ground.

Seattle Update

by Truxtun Jayne

This has been a quick and exciting year! I don't know if I can recall all of the excitement. Max has been the major part of our lives. He is growing very quickly. He started walking back in April on a vacation in San Diego. It may have been a visit to the Zoo that inspired him. We quickly realized that this much anticipated "step" in his life brought on a whole new level of Childcare in our lives! He quickly became a man on the move and continues to get into everything.



Young Max with his father. Life on the West Coast is tough!

I became pretty handy with the cordless drill installing latches around the house. Christina on the other hand, uses the, "let him play with anything as long as it makes him happy" approach. It has been known to drive me nuts.... Should I bother picking all of this stuff up?

Max has been progressing quickly through his daycare classes. He was residing in the infant room early this year, then graduated to the Waddler room and will graduate to the Toddler room on Dec 3rd. We are looking forward to the Toddler experience because he will be surrounded by more developed children and we suspect his dialect will change from indiscernible baby babble to concise English!

We have had a great year traveling. Besides San Diego, we have been to Lake Tahoe for Pat Barrett's (grandpa) wedding. Then we made our way back east to the homeland (for me anyway) and Max was finally able to meet Hannah. They hit it off very well and Max is still talking about her.



Yeah, it was pretty cool meeting my cousin Hannah

We had lots of fun at Joey & Sibs wedding. And despite travel complications Max remained patient. We also have made some trips to Madras, OR to visit with Grandma and Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Max

had a good Halloween this year. He cruised the local neighborhood in his Tiger outfit and collected lots of candy. He has actually eaten some of the candy, but Christina and I are taking care of most of it.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving in Madras with our West Coast family. We are also looking forward to Christmas. Last year Max was really interested in wrapping paper and ribbons and bows, but I think he will be appreciating presents more this year.

Quotable Quotes

“Dug”

Isabel Rosa

“ They always say they’ll turn up the heat, but they never do !!

-Mr. Donohue visiting Karen and John

LITTLETON SPORTS PAGES

Hey there sports fans! This is Bobby Donohue reporting on the Greater Littleton, MA sports scene.

Once again, “Mr. Donohue” has arrived with an arsenal of tennis rackets and more in the trunk of his car, and appears ready for the big Round Robin tournament usually held on Friday. The following is a preview of the cast of characters you may see.

THE PLAYERS

“Mr. Donohue” – Master tournament organizer, has a sneaky, slicing backhand. Weakness: has strange penchant for apple trees. You may catch him off guard while he is scooping out nearby trees.

Mrs. Donohue – What can I say about this one! Very consistent player, champion of many tea & coffee conventions in the 70’s & 80’s. Weakness: No known weakness, however, will rely heavily on Divine Intervention.

Jean-Marie – A Power house on the court. Possesses a forehand shot that has been known to penetrate even the strongest chain link fence. Weakness: Engage her with a distracting Clinton- era political conversation.

Tony (a.k.a. Tip-Toe) – Smooth talking hot shot of the tennis scene. Former West-Point graduate has disciplined training regimen. Weakness: Catch him day dreaming about local garage sales and antique stores.

Michelle – Beautiful rookie player in the tour, already graces the covers of several magazine covers. But don’t let her beauty fool you as she is a fierce competitor on the court. Weakness: clothes – likes to check out all the “cute”: matching tennis outfits of players on nearby courts.

Karen Jayne – Early in her career was tagged as “non-athletic” and now is showing the poise and drive to win it all. Would love to prove

herself but will have to wait this year as she is on maternity leave from the tour.

John Jayne - Very smart and talented player. The buzz is that John has been developing a new racquet (in his basement) that will revolutionize the game. Weakness: will rely heavily on strong physics background by trying to calculate ball speed, velocity, trajectory etc....

Mr. Jayne – Veteran player who cannot be overlooked. Honed his skills on the clay courts of Small Point, ME. Weakness: will hold lengthy pre-game news conferences complete with charts & graphs on how he will dismantle the competition.

Joe Jayne – already a millionaire due to lucrative product endorsement deals (he clearly does not need the money from this tournament) Joe has a current tennis sneaker deal in the works dubbed the “six figure sneaker”. Lots and lots of charisma on the court. Weakness: adoring looks from new wife Sibyl sitting in front row will keep him from focusing on his game.

Bill Jayne –Another veteran of the Small Point circuit and eldest of the tennis-playing Jayne brothers. Has a quiet confidence that can wreak havoc with his opponents. Weakness: Cannot stop laughing when paired with brother Joe for doubles-often plays without approved tennis shoes.

Dark Horses & Unknowns

Sibyl Jayne- UMASS grad and newlywed. Not much is know about her game but she seemed to display some athletic moves on the

dance floor at her wedding to Joe Jayne.

Mrs. Sabra Jayne – Another highly touted member of the tennis playing Jayne family. We are told from our sources that she likes to make “choo-choo train like” noises to distract her opponents.

Isabelle & Hannah- Both of these youngsters are in the Junior Development program (under Mr. Donohue’s tutelage). We have great expectations for both of these fine young ladies.

Ian- Exciting young prospect, starting to show the power & finesse of his mother. Weakness: will be bleary-eyed from a late night Road Rash battles & Poekemon trading sessions with Joe Jayne.

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POLICE BEAT - SHREWSBURY, NJ

Investigation continues into theft of approximately \$20.00 from a roving, sometimes seemingly confused ATM machine, on October 31, 2001.

Witnesses report seeing someone dressed in black at the machine, probing it in an unusual way. Police stated they have a suspect, but when pressed, refused to confirm reports that a local nun was under investigation. Anyone with information on the case is asked to contact Shrewsbury Police.