

NEW YEAR'S PREDICTIONS

Psychic glimpses '99, sees Jordan in wing-tips, Aikman's angel

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Her father apparently didn't listen. He rarely won.

Though Lana said she didn't know much about sports, she was willing to gaze at photos of many sports personalities and offer her general thoughts. We applied them to particular situations.

Troy Aikman

"I think he's realized there is more to the world than just materialistic items," said Lana.

We tended to agree, since he's had to adjust to life the past two years without the Vince Lombardi Trophy.



AIKMAN

Lana also said 1999 is going to be a big year for Aikman and that he has a guardian angel to protect him. She didn't mention if the guardian angel answered to the name of Erik, Larry or Nate.

Ricky Williams

The word from Lana: He's either headed for New Orleans or Dallas. This could mean one of two things. Either the Saints are going to trade up to take him in the NFL draft or the Rangers hit the jackpot when they dealt for the two-sport star.



WILLIAMS

David Stern

Listen to our psychic friend describe the NBA commissioner: "He's got a high-tension job and he's looking for peace. He hasn't quite found it yet. He's demanding and tough because he has to be."



STERN

Well, that would pretty much describe the position he's in right

now, trying to save the season. So, will he do it by the Thursday deadline?

"He's going to have to make some changes. He's got to get a lot of things together and look within his soul. He's got to be alone with his thoughts. He's been taking a lot from many people. He better watch it: If he doesn't find peace soon, he's just going to blow up."

If not him, then the NBA.

Mike Modano

"He's kind of a hoodlum, but not in a bad way," Lana said. "He likes to play practical jokes. His buddies mean a lot to him."



MODANO

We think that means he and longtime linemate Jere Lehtinen have formed a solid bond.

Lana also said she sees Modano going to the East Coast, "maybe Philadelphia," later in the year. We'll ignore the Stars' March 14 trip to play the Flyers and take it to mean a Dallas-Philadelphia Stanley Cup Finals.

Roger Clemens

We're not sure what to make of this because Lana saw two places connected with Clemens — and neither of them was Fort Knox. She saw Dallas, which undoubtedly will raise the hopes of Rangers general manager Doug Melvin, who has been trying to acquire him from Toronto for a month. She also saw Minnesota, however, which raised our eyebrows unless she thinks Clemens' salary will be equal to the entire payroll of the cost-cutting Twins. She said she felt stronger about Minnesota.



CLEMENS

"But he and Canada, they like each other," she said. "He may be getting some bad advice. He has psychic capabilities, but he doesn't listen to himself."

And here's a little tidbit that may



The Dallas Morning News: Louis DeLuca

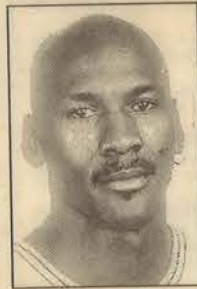
The psychic took one look at Cowboys coach Chan Gailey (left) and owner Jerry Jones and Super Bowl popped into her head. Gailey, she offered, loves nothing more than coaching.

entice Melvin to sweeten the deal for Clemens, who has won consecutive Cy Young Awards: "He's going to be better in 1999."

Michael Jordan

"It's hard for him to be loyal," Lana said.

So, OK, we figured Jordan wouldn't be returning to the NBA.



JORDAN

"He'll be active this year," she said.

Check that, maybe he will return.

"He wants to climb the corporate ladder," Lana said, finally leading us in one direction "And he will."

Ah-hah. Michael Jordan, CEO of Nike. How come we didn't think of

that?

Jerry Jones

We think Lana's timing was a little off here. Like maybe by a year. Lana picked up the picture of Jones and laughed.

"He seems to be saying, 'God, help us,'" she said. "He doesn't know how to make changes."

Oh yeah? Tell that to Barry Switzer.

Chan Gailey

"He loves his job," she said. "He doesn't want to do anything else."

That's fine. So, here's our prediction for Gailey: Win lots of games and don't cross the owner.

Gailey and Jones

When we asked Lana to look at the two pictures together, she nearly shivered.

"Is this team in the Super Bowl?" she asked. "That just popped right out at me."

Don't get too excited, though. Lana also said Green Bay wants to get back really badly and Minnesota "wants to kick butt."

Don Nelson

Another bull's-eye.

"He's got children around him," she said. We took that to mean either assistant coach Donn Nelson, who is his son, or the childish NBA players who make up the Mavericks' roster.



NELSON

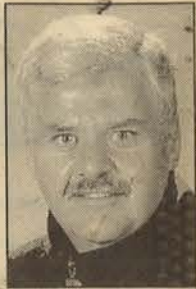
A bit of a warning for Nelly: "He better watch his high blood pressure."

Apparently, she's been watching the Mavs' informal pickup games.

Ken Hitchcock

Sounds like Lana's been talking to the folks in Phoenix, who've been spreading the word about unrest in the Stars' dressing room.

"I don't like him," she said the moment she picked up his photo. "He's snooty and sneaky and arrogant. I think he's very materialistic. He likes the finer things in life."



HITCHCOCK

If that's so, Hitch, if you want to hold the finest item in hockey, the Stanley Cup, this year, then heed Lana's advice:

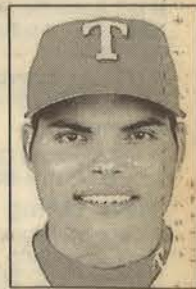
"If he is more gentle and more loving, he could move mountains," she said. "It's not what you say, but how you say it."

Ivan Rodriguez

"He's a proud person," Lana said. "He's ready for whatever you throw at him."

Lana didn't check the passed ball statistics, since Pudge allowed the second-most of his career.

But, according to Lana, 1999 should be a big year for him — and maybe for the Rangers.



RODRIGUEZ

"I see Los Angeles," she said. "But not live."

Kevin Brown vs. the Rangers in the World Series. What a story.

With that our hour — and our budget — was exhausted. We bid Lana farewell, but not before getting a receipt. That's when Lana, the psychic with a gift for seeing the future, had us feeling a little bit shaky.

"How do you spell predictions?" she said.

Uh-oh.

Then she rallied. On our way out, she started to talk about horses and their importance in our lives. That's when we got it. Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami: Broncos and Cowboys.