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Johnson says goodbye to Jones, Cowboys

The Associated Press

IRVING — Jimmy Johnson, weary of daily duels with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, walked away Tuesday from a team he led to two straight Super Bowls in exchange for a hefty bonus and the freedom to work elsewhere.

Johnson left the Cowboys after five seasons in which they went from being the worst in the league to champions two years in a row.

"I didn't see the same drive I had a few years ago," Johnson said. "It was time for me to step back. I fully expect to coach again."

Assistant coach Joe Brodsky noticed something, too.

"He worked 24 hours a day for five years. I saw burnout coming," he said.

Johnson's resignation capped a long-standing



Johnson

Personality conflicts with owner, lack of drive cause coach to resign from Super Bowl champs

feud that boiled over in Orlando, Fla., last week when Jones suggested in a barroom conversation that he should hire a new coach, and his remarks got back to Johnson.

"After our discussions, we have mutually decided that I would no longer be the head football coach of the Dallas Cowboys," Johnson said, sitting to the right of Jones at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters after two days of meetings.

Their kind words aside, problems between the two began almost as soon as Jones bought the team in 1989, fired Tom Landry and made Johnson his coach.

"This boiled down to a personal thing between Jimmy and Jerry," said defensive coordinator Butch

Davis, who has been with Johnson throughout his 15-year coaching career. "It was nothing about football, it was nothing about management. This was personal."

Johnson tried to soft-pedal his relationship with Jones before the cameras on Tuesday, although they had been trading verbal blows since the Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills 30-13 in the Super Bowl.

"I feel better about Jerry as a friend," Johnson said. Jones said he gave Johnson, who had five years left on his contract at \$1 million per year, a "big-time thank you."

The parting gave them both what they wanted.

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JOHNSON'S CAREER

- 1965 — Offensive line coach, Louisiana Tech
- 1967 — Assistant coach, Wichita State
- 1968-69 — Defensive coordinator, Iowa State
- 1970-72 — Defensive line coach, Oklahoma
- 1973-76 — Defensive coordinator, Arkansas
- 1977-78 — Assistant head coach-defensive coordinator, Pittsburgh Head Coach
- 1979-83 — Head Coach, Oklahoma State
- 1984-90 — Head Coach, University of Miami
- 1987 — Won National Championship with Miami
- 1990 — AP NFL Coach of the Year
- 1992 — Won Super Bowl against Buffalo 52-17
- 1993 — Won Super Bowl against Buffalo 30-13
- March 29, 1994 — Quits head coaching job with Dallas Cowboys

Autopsy reveals baby found in trash chute alive at birth

By James Bernsen
The Battalion

The infant girl found Friday morning by University Police Department officers in a garbage chute of Mosher Hall was born alive, according to officials at the Bexar County Forensic Science Center in San Antonio.

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said the autopsy, conducted Monday, does not indicate whether the baby died of natural causes shortly after birth or was killed.

"Additional tests are being conducted to determine the cause of death," he said. "Following conclusion of the forensic tests, then appropriate charges will be considered by the district attorney or Brazos County grand jury."

Wiatt said it will be a couple of weeks before the results will be complete.

Depending on the results of the tests, the mother, a 21-year old resident of Mosher Hall, may be charged with murder.

The autopsy indicated that the mother carried the infant to term.

UPD also is conducting an investigation of the room where the woman gave birth, as well as other areas in the residence hall.

"When we get that wrapped up, that will be sent to the district attorney," he said.

UPD is investigating whether the mother threw the baby into the trash or whether there was someone else present at the time of birth.

Wiatt would not comment on whether any leads have been uncovered.

"We've gone into all aspects of it," he said.

The woman had constantly told other residents of Mosher Hall that she was not pregnant, and on Friday morning locked the bathroom door connecting her room and her suitemate's room, Wiatt said.

She then told her suitemate she was "just ill," he

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Lawmakers, officials discuss lack of medical training in south Texas

The Associated Press

HARLINGEN — The Rio Grande Valley needs more medical-training programs to treat the border's swelling health-care needs, state lawmakers were told Tuesday.

"The Valley's young people who want to do something about these problems by becoming physicians must move their belongings from 250 to 400 miles away from their home," said Ramiro Casso, a retired McAllen doctor who spent 37 years treating mostly poor patients.

Casso said the costs are prohibitive for many Valley students to study at the nearest medical

schools in San Antonio or the Houston area.

Medical professionals and educators from South Texas testified at a field hearing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education on the Valley's need to recruit and retain more doctors and nurses. Political and economic leaders joined the chorus during the daylong hearing.

Casso and other officials cited bleak statistics about health-care access in the four-county Lower Rio Grande Valley:

• About 40 percent of the residents live below the poverty level.

• About 38 percent do not have health insurance.

• About 43 percent of pregnant women do not utilize prenatal care.

Doctors testified that Mexican-Americans — about 85 percent of the Valley population — suffer high rates of diabetes.

Residents of "colonias" — poor border communities lacking basic services — are vulnerable to a host of infectious diseases such as intestinal disorders, hepatitis A and tuberculosis.

State Rep. Renato Cuellar, D-Weslaco, said a proposal to build a full-service health science center in the Valley was unsuccessful in last year's legislative session, mostly because of the estimated cost —

\$420 million.

Practice makes perfect



David Bireh/The Battalion

Freshmen Zach Hall (left), Adam Malota (center) and James West practice column movements on the Quadrangle Tuesday afternoon in preparation for Company D-2 guidon try-outs.

White House says Clinton invested own \$1,000 into cattle futures market

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton invested an initial \$1,000 in the cattle futures market, parlaying that small stake into nearly \$100,000 in 1978 and 1979, the White House said Tuesday. The White House sought to prove she used only her own money in the mushrooming investment.



Rodham Clinton

She also opened a second account with \$5,000, but wound up with about \$1,000 in losses and closed the account soon after the Clintons' daughter Chelsea was born in 1980, the White House said.

The new material was put out by the White House in an effort to demonstrate that Clinton

spent her own money in the stunningly successful first venture in commodities trading.

"Mrs. Clinton put up her own money, invested it in her own accounts, and assumed the full risk of loss," said Clinton's press secretary, Lisa Caputo, and White House staff secretary John Podesta in a joint statement.

The White House released copies of "statements of profits and loss" Clinton received that shows her main account ballooning over the two-year period.

The documents suggested that, from her initial investment of \$1,000 in October 1978, she made a \$5,300 profit on her first trade within a few days. She reinvested the principal and proceeds in several transactions, accumulating trading profits of \$49,069 that first year offset by \$22,548 in losses. Her net gain for the year was \$26,521.

In 1979, still reinvesting her gains, she made

trading profits of \$109,600 and suffered losses of \$36,600. Her net gain for that year was \$72,996. The White House indicated the difference came in the rounding off of figures.

She closed the account with Ray E. Friedman and Co., a Chicago commodity trader with an office in Springdale, Ark., in July 1979 — after making more than \$99,000 on the original \$1,000, according to the documents provided by the White House.

Tax returns for 1977-79 and other documents released by the White House last Friday showed the nearly \$100,000 in gains in the two years.

The tax returns did not list what Mrs. Clinton had paid for the commodities, the date acquired or the date sold.

That raised questions over how much of her

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Good Friday holiday causes confusion

By Stephanie Dube
The Battalion

Texas A&M faculty members and students will enjoy a University holiday Friday, which has sparked several misconceptions and rumors across campus.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M interim president, said A&M usually waits for the governor to proclaim Good Friday a holiday.

Gov. Ann Richards typically announces the cancellation on late Thursday. Gage said this late notice caused students to erroneously believe classes had been canceled, and this resulted in students' missing important tests or labs which were hard to make-up so late in the year.

"This created an unworkable academic situation for us, so prior to the academic year, we made Good Friday a holiday to avoid academic confusion," Gage said.

Jerry Gaston, executive associate provost, said the Board of Regents approves 12 staff holidays each year, which may or may not be held while school is in session.

This schedule is approved before the fiscal year, which begins September 1.

Gaston said this year's schedule included a holiday on Good Friday, causing the University to be closed and students' classes to be canceled.

"Sometimes the governor issues a proclamation giving state employees the day off," he said. "This happened last year shortly before Easter, making Good Friday a holiday. If she does that again this year, the staff will get an extra day off for later in the year."

Gage said if Gov. Richards proclaims Good Friday a holiday, the employees will be given a holiday, which they can take any time they choose.

However, whether or not Gov. Richards proclaims Good Friday to be a holiday, A&M will still be technically closed and students will still not have classes.

Gaston warned of another rumor circulating on campus connected to the Good Friday holiday.

"There is a rumor that May 31 will be a University holiday if the governor declares Good Friday a holiday, but this is not true," he said. "Summer school classes will start May 31 as indicated in the schedule."

Dolphin demise on coast concerns scientists

The Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Conservation officials are worried about an increase in the number of dolphins found dead along Texas beaches.

So far this year, 122 dolphins have been found on Texas shores, more than twice the 64 found in the same three months last year. Only 150 dolphin deaths were reported in all of 1993.

"We're starting to get a little bit worried," said Graham Worthy, director of the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, a conservation group that tracks dolphins.

Twenty-nine of the 122 were discovered in the Galveston area Saturday, Sunday and Monday — an unusually high number for that period of time in that area, he said.

Six dead dolphins were found at Padre Island National Seashore Thursday and Friday.

In addition, two live dolphins were found on the beach last week and turned over to the Texas State Aquarium. One of those has died.

If a lot of dolphins continue to turn up, Worthy said, he might ask the National Marine Fisheries Service to help investigate the mysterious phenomena.

Scientists have not determined why the dolphins wash up on shore, but a combination of factors are suspected. Those include natural deaths, cancer deaths due to water pollution and injuries by boats and sharks, Worthy said.

It's difficult to determine the cause because the bodies often are decomposed, said Tony Amos, a research associate with the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas.

Scientists can't explain why some years show higher numbers of dolphin deaths in Texas than others, Worthy said.

High death rates happened in 1990 when 214 dolphins were found, and in 1992 when 267 were found.

Some scientists believe outbreaks of diseases may be responsible, Amos said.