



Northern star

Quarterback Matt Dunigan (left) of Lake Highlands took advice from former Cowboys great Roger Staubach and turned it into a CFL Hall of Fame career. **2C**

NOTEWORTHY

SPORTSDAY HIGH SCHOOL



Cooking up plans for future

Staff Writer Matt Wixon writes about Allen lineman Russell Lacock (above), who has an interest in cooking and hopes it leads to a career.

Also ...

Football news, statistics and standings along with news from volleyball and cross country appear in the weekly section.

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RANGERS

Matthews feeling good in Anaheim

Gary Matthews Jr., who went 2-for-5 in a 6-5 loss to the Angels, has family living near Anaheim, making it a possible home for the Rangers free agent-to-be. **3C**

BASEBALL

Astros win again, keep pace in race

The Astros needed 15 innings to beat the Pirates, 7-6, and keep them 1½ games behind the Cards, 4-2 winners over the Padres, in the NL Central. **4C**

COLLEGES

Big 12 struggling with youthful QBs

Nine of the 12 starting quarterbacks in the Big 12 have less than a season under their belts, and that may be a reason the conference has started slowly this season. **16C**

STARS

Backup goalie wants to prove himself

Mike Smith has worked his way onto the Stars roster, but he wants to accomplish more. **15C**

COLLEGES

BYU (2-2) at No. 17 TCU (3-0)

Mountain West Conference opener

5 p.m. today
(Versus; ESPN-FM 103.3, KTCU-FM 88.7)
Senior safety Marvin White's soft side, **11C**
Preview, **11C**

SCORES

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at Los Angeles.....7	at Pittsburgh.....15
Toronto.....7	Arizona.....6
at Detroit.....4	at San Fran.....3
at New York.....16	at Florida.....7
Baltimore.....5	Cincinnati.....2
Tampa Bay.....11	at Atlanta.....13
at Boston.....0	New York.....1
Chicago.....2	at Chicago.....3
at Cleveland.....1	Milwaukee.....2
Kansas City.....6	at St. Louis.....4
at Minnesota.....4	San Diego.....2
Oakland.....6	Los Angeles.....6
at Seattle.....4	at Colorado.....4
	Philadelphia.....8
	at Washington.....7

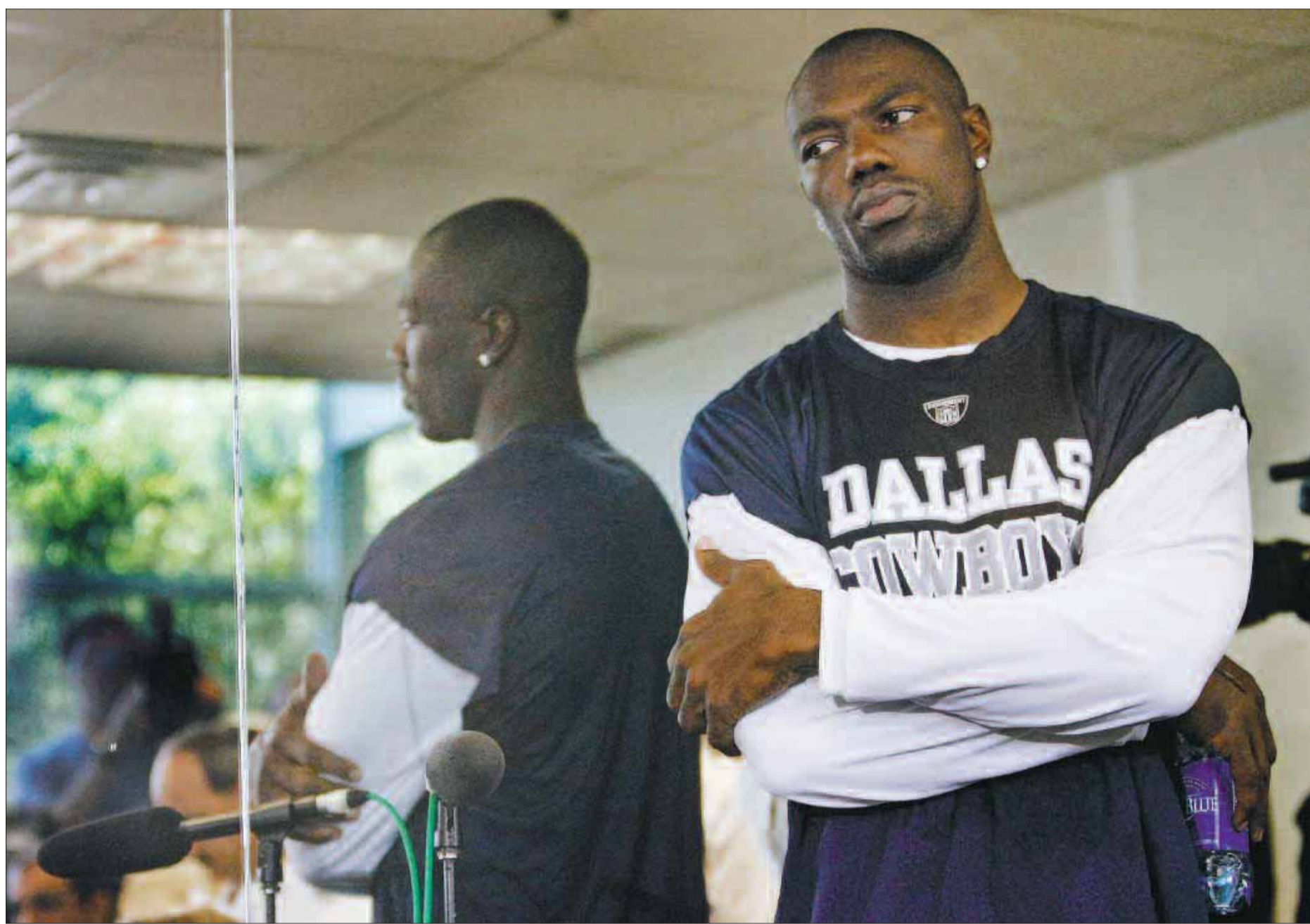
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OWENS' TRIP TO THE E.R.

On the level?



LOUIS DeLUCA/Staff Photographer

Terrell Owens listens to others speak at his news conference after he denied trying to commit suicide. He said he had a bad reaction to painkillers.

Teammates express concern and support in confusing times

By DAVID MOORE
Staff Writer

IRVING — A large part of Terrell Owens' life unfolds in public.

On Wednesday, the Cowboys were left to wonder what goes on in the receiver's life away from the spotlight.

Did Owens attempt suicide, as was stated in the initial police report, or did he inadvertently suffer an allergic reaction after taking prescribed pain medication on top of his daily supplements? The latter is what Owens told the media in an afternoon news conference.

Coach Bill Parcells and the Cowboys organization skirted comment on specifics, citing a lack of information. The coaching staff didn't mention Owens or address his situation before practice.

Players expressed their concern and support. They also expressed disbelief that Owens would attempt suicide, a view bolstered when they witnessed him running sprints at Valley Ranch moments before addressing the media.

"We didn't have a team sitdown," defensive end Marcus Spears said. "We didn't call a meeting. We didn't gather around him and start saying prayers."

"We're fine. We're good."
"I don't think you can look at any person in the room and say they're going to go out and commit suicide. Or they're

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MICHAEL AINSWORTH/Staff Photographer

"The bottom line is I called 911. Terrell was not feeling well, and I'm happy that I'm sitting here before you guys today with Terrell because I made that call. Anything could have happened."

Kim Etheredge, publicist for Terrell Owens

Owens, publicist say the right things, but something's wrong

IRVING — Money, as many rich folks will tell you, is not a salve that makes them immune to the same problems that affect my life or yours.

Fame, wealth and status don't guarantee utopia.

Terrell Owens lived through a traumatic childhood. Imagine as an 11-year-old, discovering your father lived across the street with his own family.

Critics say the 32-year-old star receiver should get over his childhood issues because they happened so long ago. Well, our country is full of folks who lay on psychologists' couches and spend hundreds of dollars on hour-long sessions to deal with childhood issues that haunt them as adults.

As his publicist and friend, Kim Etheredge knows T.O.'s darkest secrets and deepest fears. She knows about his sensitive nature and how kids teased and ridiculed him as a child.

She knows the strict way his grandmother raised him, and how his mother worked double-shifts at a textile mill to



JEAN-JACQUES TAYLOR

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■ **Cowlishaw column:** Hard to figure who or what to believe in this mystery. **1A**

■ **Tough times:** Owens' personal trainer said the receiver was caught in "a perfect storm." **1A**

■ **Few facts:** T.O. news coverage was heavy on speculation, Staff Writer Barry Horn notes. **8C**

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Nelson's legend lives on in current players

A couple of generations of golfers hold Nelson in the highest regard

When Byron Nelson retired from competitive golf, he took up ranching. But he never really left the game.

As an ambassador, he made a strong impression on current play-



BILL NICHOLS

ers, helping bridge a gap of about 75 years.

Services Friday

The funeral for Byron Nelson is at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Richland Hills Church of Christ, 6300 NE Loop 820 in North Richland Hills.

Nelson forged relationships with handshakes and conversations after watching players in

Senate approves Congressional Gold Medal for Byron Nelson, 6C

tournaments. He sent hand-written letters of congratulations. He and wife Peggy had players over for dinners at their Roanoke ranch.

"He's special because he went out of his way to do the very most he could to help other people," veteran Jim Furyk said. "That's why we should all learn so much from

him. He'd be a really tough role model to follow because he was so wonderful."

Nelson died Tuesday at 94. He did more than pass the torch. He set a glowing example of how to play the game and how to conduct oneself off the golf course.

At the Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles for a Jack Nicklaus exhibition, he made a point of intro-

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