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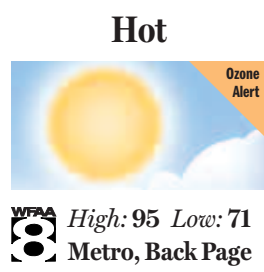
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No good! T.O. wasn't a factor in his debut, but Mike Vanderjagt's two missed field-goal attempts in overtime made a big difference in the Cowboys' preseason-ending 10-10 tie.

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METRO

Wanted Canadian discovered in Plano

A Canadian man wanted for 24 years by Montana authorities in the death of his girlfriend has been living in Plano. **Section B**

TEXAS

A&M chancellor stepping down

After less than two years on the job, Robert McTeer is leaving as chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. **3A**

NATION

Bush seeks to boost backing for Iraq war

President Bush, attempting to shore up flagging public support for fighting the Iraq war, told a veterans group that the conflict is "the decisive ideological struggle of the 21st century." **18A**

WORLD

U.N. report: Iran won't cooperate

Iran has not cooperated with inspectors trying to assess whether its uranium enrichment program is for peaceful purposes, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog reported. **19A**

BUSINESS

Lockheed Martin to build spaceship

Lockheed Martin won a multibillion-dollar NASA contract to build a manned lunar spaceship. **2D**

GUIDELIVE

Fall movie season has a lot to like

From film noir and historical drama to kids' flicks and horror sequels, the fall movie season is red-hot. **1G**

GUIDE

Fall arts preview

Check out our roundup of upcoming events in music, dance, theater and art, and our critics' top picks.

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Slayings put focus on local Aryans

They killed suspected snitch and one of their own, police say

By TANYA EISERER
Staff Writer

Aryan Brotherhood gang members thought Anthony Ormwell Clark was snitching on them, so they lured him to a Mesquite residence, killed him, and dumped his body in a pond, authorities say.

They also killed a female

gang member at the same home as a way to exact "internal discipline," police say.

Police now believe her body lies at the bottom of Lake Ray Hubbard, one more victim of a criminal organization that has been spreading violence across the nation since white inmates in San Quentin founded the group to protect themselves against black and Hispanic gangs in the mid-1960s.

FBI divers, assisted by Dallas

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3 nuclear plants in TXU's future

Plan addresses coal pollution worries, raises waste-removal concerns

By ELIZABETH SOUDER
Staff Writer

TXU Corp. has a new plan that addresses worries about coal pollution and could make the company more money: nuclear plants. The Dallas power company an-

Mayors oppose coal plans. 16A

nounced plans Thursday to build up to three nuclear power plants by 2020.

TXU didn't say where it might build the plants. The company will probably expand the Comanche Peak nuclear plant near Glen Rose, which happens to be the most recent and most expensive plant ever built in the U.S.

The company said the modern nuclear plants would also address Texas' growing demand for power and could offer lower, more stable prices.

"I first think about it in terms of fuel diversity and not having all our fuel eggs in one basket," said TXU Wholesale chief executive Mike McCall.

The news comes at a time when

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Ready to ride out a recharged Ernesto



STEPHEN MORTON/Associated Press

While Tropical Storm Ernesto brought waves to Tybee Island, Ga., on Thursday, it carried lots of rain and the threat of hurricane-strength winds to the Carolinas. Ernesto made landfall late Thursday in southern North Carolina. (Story, 10A)

Cells as cancer killers?

Study shows success with gene therapy, but cure is still far away

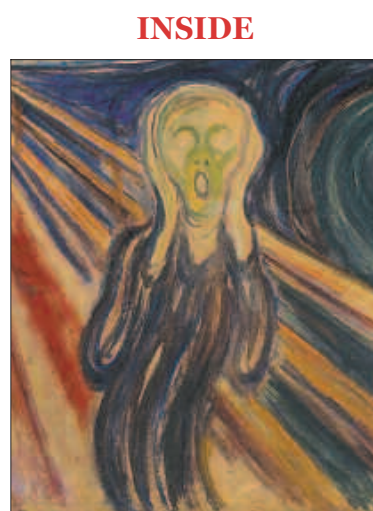
By KAREN KAPLAN
Los Angeles Times

Scientists for the first time have genetically modified tumor-fighting immune cells, allowing patients to rid themselves of an aggressive form of cancer, according to a study released Thursday.

The technique, used to treat two patients with advanced melanoma, a skin cancer, paves the way for a new approach to fighting cancer by harnessing — and boosting — the body's own immune system. Traditional methods rely on toxic chemotherapy and radiation treatments to kill out-of-control tumors.

The researchers from the National Cancer Institute, whose findings were published online by the journal *Science*, say the strategy could be adapted to treat breast, prostate, lung, colorectal and other common cancers.

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Norwegian police recover Munch masterpieces

Police recovered the Edvard Munch masterpieces *The Scream* and *Madonna*, two years after masked gunmen grabbed the artwork from an Oslo museum. **20A**

Retired coaches cash in with returns to the field

Loopholes pursued to maximize pay, avoid surcharges on hirings

By GARY JACOBSON
Staff Writer

In Texas, high school football coaches make good money. Retired coaches can do even better. Consider Mike Farda.

In June 2004, the longtime Irving Nimitz coach quietly retired from his \$86,250-a-year job in one of the largest area school districts. He was 58.

A few weeks later, after a search that produced three other finalists who had never been a head football coach, Irving ISD rehired Mr. Farda at his old job for higher pay. Under teacher retirement rules, he also could collect at least half of his monthly pension checks.

Irving ISD chief stands by rehiring. 9A

This year, Mr. Farda again quit his Nimitz job and accepted a position in Maypearl ISD, a small district about 40 miles south of Dallas. He is a \$58,000-a-year athletic consultant, not an employee, so he expects to get his full pension.

Concerned about underfunding of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, lawmakers passed new rules last year that make it harder for districts to hire retired educators, including coaches.

But that hasn't stopped the practice — which some call "double dipping" — or the hunt for loopholes. Hiring Mr. Farda as a consultant means he maximizes his income and Maypearl avoids a hefty surcharge on hiring retirees.

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Foreclosures rise as income falls, expenses pop up

More homeowners hit by unexpected costs are failing to pay mortgages

By STEVE BROWN
Real Estate Editor

Kemisha Jones doesn't want to leave her 2-year-old southeast Dallas home.

But the single mother may not

have a choice.

She's one of more than 28,000 North Texans whose homes have been posted for foreclosure this year. Barring a miracle, Ms. Jones will be forced to give up her three-bedroom house next month.

Her troubles began with thousands of dollars in family medical expenses. A surge in property tax bills added to her finance woes. "My house payments went

from \$871 to \$1,385 a month," said Ms. Jones, whose house is valued at about \$106,000.

"For a while I was making it — I was rocking and rolling," she said. "But now I realize that I can't afford this house."

Ms. Jones' predicament isn't too different from what thousands of Americans face.

The number of mortgage defaults in the Dallas-Fort Worth ar-

ea is up 30 percent this year.

Nationally, lost income accounts for about 41 percent of foreclosures. Illness and excessive debt are the second- and third-most common reasons, according to a seven-year study by mortgage giant Freddie Mac.

In North Texas, rising property taxes and increasing mortgage

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