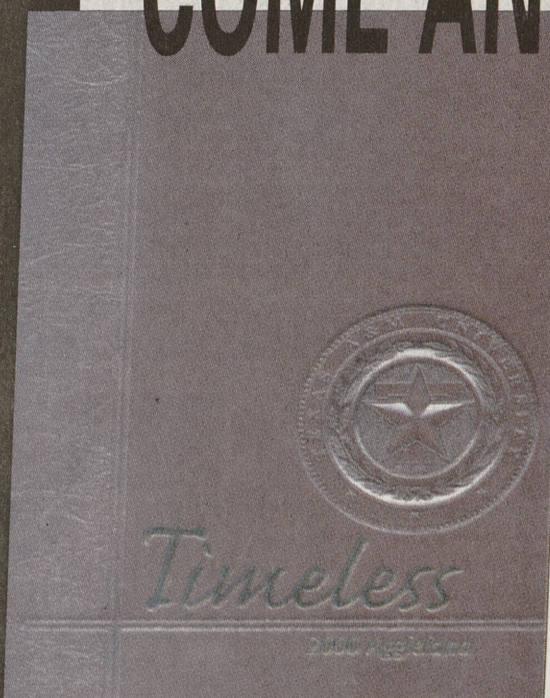


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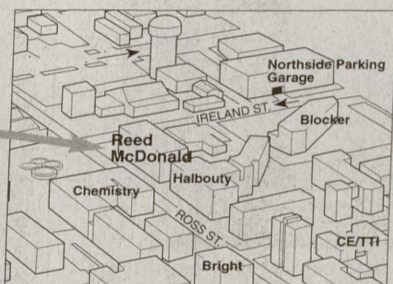


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## Red tide growing along coast

**CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)** — The red tide that has stricken the Texas coast with fish kills and other environmental problems has grown to 18 miles long, but state officials say the bloom is moving south where currents may carry it further away from the state.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) officials, in an aerial tour Monday, saw one patch of red tide starting about halfway down Padre Island.

Patches of algae that may be red tide-related also were observed in Nueces and Corpus Christi bays, Smiley Nava, regional manager for the TPWD's resource protec-

tion division, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. Earlier this year, red tide concentrations, that state agency officials called the largest since

ordinator in Austin, told the San Antonio Express-News. "It looks like it will be a very bad week for the lower coast."

The red tide, which

**"We do not advise people to go swimming or wade fishing in areas contaminated with red tide."**

— Phil Flattery  
Environmental education technician

1986 killed more than 22 million fish within a four-month period.

"It's really heating up," Cindy Contreras, TPWD water quality co-

started early in the summer near the Texas-Louisiana border, has traveled south since that time.

Sample results taken last week showed the high-

est concentrations near Port Mansfield.

A TPWD spokesman said that while possible to prevent the tide, there is a chance there will be large blooms in the future.

But officials with the Texas A&M University System's Texas A&M University Sea Grant said that while possible to prevent the tide, there is a chance there will be large blooms in the future.

### — News in Brief — Fire on Air Force base ruled arson

**WICHITA FALLS (AP)** — The Sheppard Air Force Base Law Center was damaged by a fire that was deliberately set, arson investigators say.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is now leading the investigation into last week's blaze. So far, no suspects have been identified.

Damage to the building and its contents was estimated at \$200,000.

Brig. Gen. Kris Cook, Sheppard Air Base commander, received the findings of a team of fire investigators Monday morning that pointed to arson.

"An accelerant was used to start the fire," Sheppard Fire Chief Jeff Sukalski told the *Wichita Falls Times Record News*.

Cook would not comment on what material was used to start the fire or the exact location the fire originated. It was first reported at 12:53 a.m. Friday.

## Power plants cause particle pollution

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Pollution from electric power plants shortens the lives of about 30,000 people each year, including 1,310 in Texas, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study, commissioned by Clean the Air, a national campaign that takes aim at old power plants, showed that Pennsylvania had the highest number of deaths, with 2,250, because of fine particle pollution.

In Texas, the 1,310 deaths translate to about 11.5 deaths per year. The fine particle pollution were Dallas, with 369 deaths, Houston with 201 deaths and San Antonio, with 93 deaths.

The study said, however, that those numbers could be reduced if strict rules were implemented that forced power plants to cut their sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide — which make up fine particles — by 50 percent below 1997 emission levels.

Nationally, about 18,700 of the 30,000 deaths could be avoided if the rule were implemented, the study said. In Texas, 805 of the 1,310 deaths could be avoided, the study said.

Jeff Saitas, executive director of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, agreed Monday that large coal-fired power plants play a role in the release of fine particle matter, but said that the pollution that was measured comes predominantly from local sources, such as automobiles and electric utilities, not from the power plants that are located outside the metroplex areas.

He also said the smog reducing plans for Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston would cut considerably emissions of nitrogen oxide.



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