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Health officials continue seeking typhoid source

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Health officials said Wednesday they were not ready to abandon the search for the source of a typhoid outbreak that struck nine people, including eight Trinity University students.

Dr. Courand Rothe, director of the Metropolitan Health District, said investigators are still looking for the source of the disease although the outbreak appeared to be over.

The ninth victim was confirmed to have the case this weekend, but no new cases have been reported, he said.

All but one of the nine victims are students at Trinity University, but health officials said the other victim often ate at the campus cafeteria.

Up to 200 stool and blood samples have been taken from Trinity food service employees and workers at nearby restaurants.

"I don't think we should (call off the dogs)," Rothe said. "We've still got blood specimens at the Texas Health Department labs still to be checked. I don't know if we can abandon the chase or not."

State officials were in San Antonio to confer with Rothe on whether they should heed U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, who wants the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to enter the case.

So far, state health officials have not entered the San Antonio investigation and have not requested that the CDC become involved.

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Pygmy whale, 'Sugar', improves after beaching

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PORT ARANSAS — "Sugar," the beached pygmy killer whale being nursed back to health at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, had shown so much improvement during her sixth day ashore that researchers Wednesday increased the water in her holding tank to six feet deep.

"We're trying to let her float free and swim a little bit," said oceanographer Tony Amos. "Our ultimate aim is to have her swimming."

Until Wednesday, the team of scientists and volunteers maintaining a 24-hour-a-day vigil with the stricken mammal had kept the water level in the pool at 27 inches and its temperature at 72 degrees. They stayed constantly by her side in the water to make sure the weakened whale did not drown.

Amos said the pygmy killer whale — of a species rarely seen anywhere except in the deepest tropical oceans — has shown continued improvement on a diet of warmed squid and fish fed to her through a tube.

The team also began preparing a larger, deeper tank with hopes of moving Sugar again if her health continues to mend, he said.

Amos said no other member of the species had survived lon-

ger than 22 days once it beached and the scientists would be presented with a dilemma of what to do if the 7-foot-long creature regains full strength. It would be a difficult decision to set her free isolated from other pygmy killer whales that live only in groups, he said.

If she should completely recover, "we'd have to make some decisions, because being a social animal, the chances of finding any of her kind in the Gulf prob-

ably would be kind of slim. We'd have to think about that. It's certainly one of our options."

Amos said marine experts from the University of Texas and Texas A&M University had been making notes on the animal's behavior and conducting medical tests, recording heartbeats and any "vocalization."

Amos said the whale had been emitting "a series of clicks," but nothing as vocal as the "song" noises made by a smaller male

whale, believed to Sugar's calf, that died last weekend.

The scientists theorized that it was the socialization factor that caused two small whales, both of which appeared healthier than the extremely ill female, to beach with her near Port Aransas on Dec. 1. The smallest most active male died the day after the three were found, and the second male died the second day.

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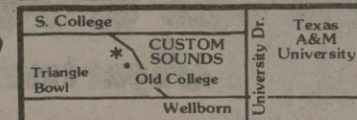
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