

One beached dolphin dies; other is stable

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PORT ARANSAS — One of two rare dolphins that beached themselves last weekend died Tuesday despite attempts to save it with a mixture of Gatorade and force-fed fish.
 The other dolphin remained in stable condition at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute.
 The six-foot long helmet dolphins, which have distinctive black markings on their heads, were found on the beach Saturday about 100 yards apart.
 One was a male and the other a female, and researchers named them Ella and Stan.
 Using a squirt bottle, researchers gave the dolphins, floated in a three-foot deep tank with life jackets, Gatorade to combat dehydration and force-fed them menhaden, a type of fish.

They were later given intravenous solutions.
 Tony Amos, an oceanographer at the UT facility, said it was unclear what was wrong with the dolphins, although the female has intestinal parasites.
 He theorized, however, that the animals were mates and that when the female — ill with parasites — headed into shallow water, the male followed.
 The dolphins refused attempts to guide them back to the sea, said Amos, adding, "They seemed to have lost their echo location abilities."
 Survival rate for beached dolphins is only about 5 percent, officials said.
 An autopsy is being conducted on the male to determine the cause of death.



Greg Schwab, a graduate student in veterinary anatomy, and Dr. Anthony Amos, an

oceanographer, attempt to feed a dolphin found stranded on Port Aransas gulf beach.

Photo by BARBIE ANDERTON

United Way at midpoint in fund drive

At the halfway point of the Brazos County United Way fund drive, contributions total \$202,046, or 20 percent of the goal.
 Texas A&M is one of the 11 divisions making up the drive, and A&M has contributed more than any other division.
 A&M has raised \$71,036 — the highest single donation of any division. This boosts A&M up to 10 percent of its \$110,000 goal.
 The three sub-divisions of the A&M campaign are the United Way System and the students.
 So far the University has raised \$45,056, the System has raised \$25,956 and the students are \$24,000 down for \$24.
 The student drive is a long-term, event-oriented fund raising effort not limited to the eight weeks of the county-wide campaign.
 Money raised by students is used for sponsored activities during the year. Campaign will be turned in at the end of the eight weeks, but donations from the A&M students are in throughout the year.
 The goal for this year's United Way drive is \$425,000.

A&M communication professors view CBS libel trial

Trial labeled 'libel trial of the century'

By VIVIAN SMITH
 Reporter

Two Texas A&M communications professors predict different verdicts in the CBS vs. Westmoreland case which has been labeled the "libel trial of the century."
 The case involves Gen. William Westmoreland's allegations that CBS's "60 Minutes" falsely accused him of distorting estimates of enemy troop strength in Vietnam and keeping the news from his bosses.
 CBS broadcast this in 1982, knowing it was false, Westmoreland said. Westmoreland wants \$120 million in damages.
 "I feel the burden of proof is on Westmoreland," Mel Chastain, KAMU-TV director said. "My gut feeling is that CBS will win the case, although it may take some teeth out of investigative reporting."
 "Investigative reporters may turn to less controversial issues — making safer statements and conclusions about what they report."

Bob Rogers, journalism professor sees it differently.
 "I am concerned," he said, "because from what has unfolded so far, it looks as if CBS could be in trouble."
 If Westmoreland wins, journalists stand to lose because increased restrictions could have a "chilling effect" due to the reporter's fear of a lawsuit, he said.
 Journalists across the country are watching the proceedings closely and are speculating on who will win and on possible implications. A&M is no exception.
 Chastain said television programs that emphasize investigative reporting should survive the verdict.
 "I don't think it will bring to an end such programs as '60 Minutes,' '20/20' or NBC's 'White Papers,'" he said. "Journalists feel a responsibility to serve as the 'Fourth Estate' or watchdog for the people."
 Chastain gave two reasons why he thinks CBS will win.
 First, he said, CBS conducted an

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internal investigation after hearing Westmoreland's complaint and reported 11 spots in the program that lacked journalistic ethic.
 CBS's willingness to conduct the investigation and reveal the results will have a "better effect on the 12 jurors than trying to stone-wall them," Chastain said.
 "Any good news-gathering institution tries to police itself and get to the bottom of incidents like this," he said. "CBS is one of the best."
 Secondly, in order for Westmoreland to win, Chastain said, libel law says he must prove "actual malice." He must convince jurors that CBS

broadcast the information knowing it was false.
 "The idea of a conspiracy by CBS to get Westmoreland just doesn't wash," Chastain said. "CBS has access to too many resources and uses too many news-gatherers to succeed in a conspiracy."
 Rogers said that during the last 10 years the Supreme Court has issued decisions to restrict the news media's ability to comment on public figures.
 "Television is show business and CBS may have felt they needed to make a good story better by pumping more drama into it," Rogers said.
 Chastain said that many people believe electronic journalism is show business — it hits only the high spots and really isn't a substantive field.
 "We have quicker deadlines and less air time that makes it seem our news has less depth, but broadcast journalists are just as dedicated to the truth as print journalists," Chastain said.
 Rogers said he is in favor of investigative journalism. But, he said,

journalists need to be fair in all aspects of news-gathering, from interviewing to editing, he said.
 "Investigative journalists need to nail down all facts — presenting facts whether they make the journalist's case or not," he said.
 Libel law is in pretty good shape now, Rogers said.
 "I don't want to see any more restrictions," he said. "There are ample opportunities to punish those who act irresponsibly, yet give media its freedom to report the necessary facts."
 "Any time any one of us (journalists) makes a mistake we're sticking a knife in the body of journalism and all of society suffers."
 Chastain said the case is trying more that just one program on one network.
 "Journalism — primarily broadcast journalism is on trial," he said.

Tanker trucks catch fire, two injured

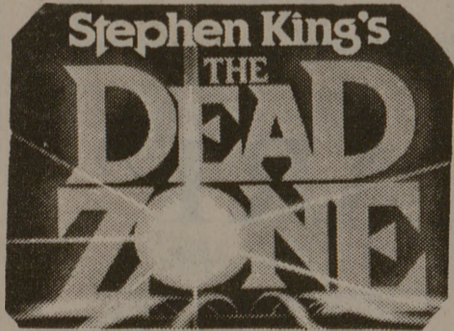
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CHANNELVIEW — Two tanker trucks loaded with gasoline caught fire near the Interstate bridge crossing the San Jacinto east of Houston.
 Lorne Childress, 20, and Steve Fischesser, 28, both of Baytown, were taken to Gulf Coast Hospital. Both had been exposed to fumes at the Musgrove Township Fire Station where a fire broke out at about 1 p.m.
 Childress, an employee of Mar Services, was in stable condition and was transferred to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. Fischesser, who works for Beaumont Oil, was treated and released.
 Several area fire departments tackled the blaze until 3 p.m. when fire was put out. The cause of the fire was unknown Tuesday afternoon.



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