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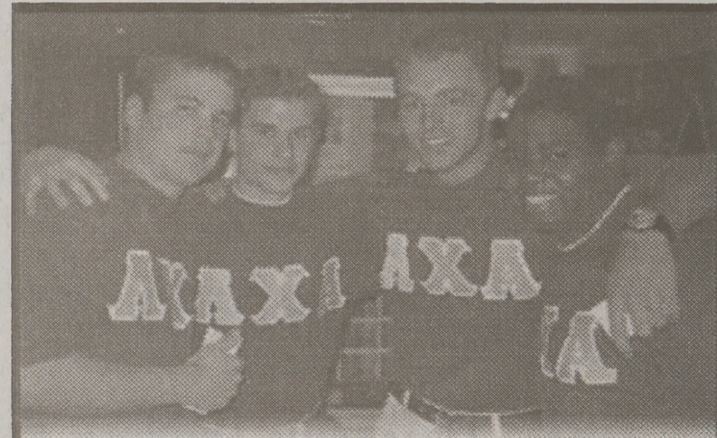
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Bird flu kills 6-year-old in Bangkok

By Daniel Lovering
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand confirmed its first fatality from bird flu Monday, raising the number of deaths in Asia from the disease to seven — the deadliest outbreak since 1997.

The victim was a 6-year-old boy who fell ill after playing with chickens in his village. The Thai government was awaiting test results to determine whether five other deaths were caused by avian flu, as suspected. Six people have died in Vietnam, meaning the worldwide death toll could be 12.

Bird flu has triggered mass slaughter of chickens across Asia, with at least eight countries reporting infections and a ninth awaiting test results.

Pakistan joined that list Monday, with a government official saying 1.5 million chickens died from a different strain of the virus than the one blamed for the human fatalities.

The World Health Organization said the search for a vaccine had been set back because the virus has mutated. A bird flu strain detected in Hong Kong in 1997 no longer can be used as the key to producing a vaccine, the WHO said.

The Hong Kong outbreak marked the first time scientists documented that bird flu could be caught by humans. Six people died in the 1997 outbreak, the deadliest known previous outbreak.

Scientists believe people get the disease through contact with sick birds. Although there has been no evidence of human-to-

human transmission, health officials are concerned the disease might mutate further and link with regular influenza to create a disease that could trigger the next human flu pandemic.

"This is now spreading too quickly for anybody to ignore it," said WHO spokesman Peter Cordingley in Manila, Philippines.

Officials in Bangkok said they were investigating whether the virus might be carried by migratory birds.

The 6-year-old Thai boy, Captain Boonmanut, became infected in Kanchanaburi province and died Sunday night in a Bangkok hospital.

Four other people suspected of having bird flu died in Sukhothai province, the Public Health Ministry said Monday. Officials were also trying to determine if bird flu killed a 56-year-old man who bred fighting cocks.

Asian governments have killed chickens in a desperate bid to contain the disease, with Thailand slaughtering about 10 million chickens and Vietnam more than 3 million.

The outbreak has devastated Thailand's chicken export industry which shipped about 500,000 tons of chicken worth \$1.3 billion in 2003. Thailand's biggest markets, Japan and the European Union, have banned its poultry products.

Dr. Prasert Phongcharoen, a WHO adviser and viral disease expert, urged caution in the disposal of chicken carcasses. If infected chickens are thrown in rivers, "the virus could spread to open pig farms and this could

Pakistan confirms bird flu presence

While bird flu continues to spread in Asia, seven countries have reported the virus in their chicken populations and seven people have died after suffering from cases of the disease.



SOURCES: Associated Press; World Health Organization

result in transmission from pigs to humans," he said.

So far, six other countries have reported some strain of bird flu — Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea and Taiwan. Laos is awaiting test results on an illness killing its fowl, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said.

Pakistan's commissioner for livestock husbandry, Rafaqat Hussain Raja, said Monday that 1.5 million chickens had succumbed to a strain of the virus that could not jump to humans.

An industry official said the disease had killed up to 3.5 million birds.

An official at Pakistan's WHO office, Faizullah Kakar, said the agency had not confirmed a bird

flu outbreak in the country. The reported Pakistani differs from the H5N1 blamed for the human fatalities this year, but similar strains have been known to infect humans, WHO's Web site said.

Indonesian officials' accusations of a cover-up for a job. The Jakarta Post reported Monday that Indonesian officials may have suppressed news of an outbreak at the behest of politically connected businessmen.

A team of agricultural experts said in December they proposed the government with test and positively identifying the disease. A virologist, Dr. Marthen M. said a powerful "business lobby" prevented officials from making the disease public.

The Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council (IFC) presents...

SPRING RUSH 2004

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

January 25 - 30: Individual fraternity events.
January 31: Bid House @ Systems Building, 11am

Questions? Call Julian Mithani (972) 523-7384, Andy Hernandez (361) 676-7868 or Kyle Kramer (361) 676-8005

ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Sun., Jan. 25 • Open House • MSC, 2-6
Mon., Jan. 26 • Pizza and Pool • MSC, 7-8:30
Tues., Jan. 27 • Meet the AGR's • Kleberg 121, 7-8
Wed., Jan. 28 • Dinner • Chicken Oil, 7:30-9
Thurs., Jan. 29 • 42 • Joes, 7:30-9:30
Fri., Jan. 30 • Lunch • Dixie Chicken, noon
Sat., Jan. 31 • BBQ • Oaks Park, 11:30-2
Alumni Smoker • T-Bone Jones, 7:30

BETA THETA PI

Sun., Jan. 25 • Burgers, Vernuea Ranch on Hwy. 21, 4-6
Mon., Jan. 26 • Meet the Betas, House on Texas, 8-10
Tues., Jan. 27 • Fajita Night, Carney's Pub, 6:30-9
Wed., Jan. 28 • Pool and Darts, Dixie Chicken, 7-9
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Banquet, Epicures, 7
Fri., Jan. 30 • Steak Night, T-Bone Jones, 8
Sat., Jan. 31 • Bid House

DELTA SIGMA PHI

Sun., Jan. 25 • Zapatos, 6-9
Mon., Jan. 26 • Bowling at Wolf Pen, 6-9
Tues., Jan. 27 • BBQ at ADPi House, 8-11
Wed., Jan. 28 • Batting Cages, 6-9
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Pool and Darts at Yesterdays, 6-9
Fri., Jan. 30 • Tailgate Party at Olsen Field Parking Lot, 7-10
Sat., Jan. 31 • Bid House

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

Sun. Jan. 25 • Meet the Brothers, at the House, 6-9
Mon., Jan. 26 • BBQ, at the House, 6-9
Tues., Jan. 27 • Fitzwilly's, 8-11
Wed., Jan. 28 • Disco Bowl, Triangle Bowl, 9-11
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Poker Night, at the House, 6-9
Fri., Jan. 30 • Oxford Street, 8-10

Delta Chi

Mon., Jan. 26 • Hornbecks, 6-9
Tues., Jan. 27 • Bowling, Wolf Pen, 9-11
Wed., Jan. 28 • Fitzwilly's, 6-9
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Hilton, 9-11
Fri., Jan. 30 • Delta Chi Dinner, at the House, 6-7

Delta Tau Delta

Sun., Jan. 25 • Meet the Deltas, Kyle Field Press Box, 8-10
Mon., Jan. 26 • Pool and Darts, Fitzwilly's, 8:30-10:30
Tues., Jan. 27 • Hoagies and Stoagies, at the House, 8-10
Wed., Jan. 28 • Wild Game Cookout, at the House, 8-10
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Delt Informational, at the Veranda, 7-9
Fri., Jan. 30 • Victory Date Party, Oxford Street, 7-9

Triangle

Mon., Jan. 26 • Informational, 6pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • BBQ, McInnis Hall Picnic Tables, 5:30pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • What Does It Mean To Be Well Balanced?, Eugene's Coffee House, 7pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Putt-Putt on Texas across from the C.S. Police Station, 7pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • Ultimate Frisbee, Simpson Drill Field, 5pm

Phi Delta Theta

Sun., Jan. 25 • MSC Open House
Mon., Jan. 26 • Meet the Phi's, Lone Star Golf, catered by Quiznos, 7-9pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • Phi Delt House, catered by Tampico's, 8-10pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • *Slide Show Presentation and Speaker, C.S. Hilton (Coat & Tie), 6:30-9pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • *Dinner and Date Party, Olive Garden (Coat & Tie), 8-10pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • *Phi Delt Steak & Cigars, Phi Delt House, 8-10
*Invitation Only

Sigma Chi

Sun., Jan. 25 • BBQ, Sigma Chi House, 6:30-9pm
Mon., Jan. 26 • Alfred T Hornbecks, 8-11pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • Triangle Bowling, 8-11pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • Banquet, 8-11pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Wings N More, 6:30-9pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • Date Party, Sigma Chi House

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sun., Jan. 25 • MSC Open House, 2-6
Mon., Jan. 26 • Crawfish Boil, SAE House, 6-9pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • The Tap, 6-9pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • *Hilton, 7-10pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Date Party, 6-9pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • Bid Acceptance, SAE House, 8-10pm
Sat., Jan. 31 • Bid House, 11am
Lunch Daily at Dudley's Draw, 12-2pm
*Invite Only/Coat & Tie

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sun., Jan. 25 • MSC Open House, 2-6pm
Mon., Jan. 26 • Wild Game Cookout, Sig Ep House, 6-9pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • Live Music and Fajitas, Sig Ep House, 8-10pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • *Informational, Reed Arena, 8-10pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • Casino Night, Sig Ep House, 7-10pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • **Date Party
Sat., Jan. 31 • **Bid Day
*Coat and Tie / **Invitation Only

Phi Gamma Delta

Sun., Jan. 25 • MSC Open House, Dodge Ball at Rec Center, 6-9pm
Mon., Jan. 26 • Casino Night, at Association of Former Students, 6-9pm
Tues., Jan. 27 • BBQ at Recruitment Chairs House, 6-9pm
Wed., Jan. 28 • Billiards & Cigars, at Shadow Canyon, 7-9pm
Thurs., Jan. 29 • *Meet the Fiji's at Pebble Creek, 7-9pm
Fri., Jan. 30 • **Fiji Fight Night at Shadow Canyon, 7-9pm
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