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Baby elephants becoming acclimated to new home in Texas wildlife park

United Press International GRAND PRAIRIE — Thirty-three baby African elephants who faced certain death from overpopulation in their homeland are thriving in Texas' extremely hot summer. A spokesman for International Wildlife Park reported the elephants were "doing fine — they're acclimating quite well."

wanting their ivory or by man's encroachment on their natural habitats. The Kruger National Park, however, had an overabundance of elephants and scientists determined their population had to be reduced.

Bullock may go before grand jury about tapes

United Press International AUSTIN — District Attorney Ronald Earle has indicated he will subpoena Comptroller Bob Bullock to testify before the Travis County grand jury about typewriter tapes taken from Bullock's office that may have been used to conduct private business.

was needed to resolve allegations made against Bullock in October 1978 by the two former employees. "Pretty boy Ronnie is caught with his pants down and his rear showing," Bullock said. "It's evident that Ronnie has misled the people of Travis County and the people of Texas in trying to drag this thing out of his own best political interests. It's long past the time for little Ronnie to put up or shut up. It's time for him to sneak away silently."

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Earle, responding to accusations Tuesday by Bullock that the district attorney had lied to the grand jury about an FBI report on the typewriter ribbons, said Bullock has repeatedly tried to influence the presentation of the case to the grand jury through public and private means. "He will know when it's going to the grand jury when he gets his subpoena," Earle said.

"Ronnie Earle owes an apology to the community to the state and to the four Travis County grand jurors which have come and gone since he first got the report last September. On those grand juries also there have been 48 good people he has lied to, telling them by his inaction that he couldn't resolve the matter because the FBI hadn't reported."

Bullock said he has confirmation that the FBI almost a year ago sent Earle transcripts of typewriter tapes taken from the comptroller's office by two former employees who contended former deputy comptroller Ralph Wayne was using state personnel and equipment to conduct private business.

Earle, in a printed response to Bullock's allegations, acknowledged he received the information from the FBI in September of last year, but he did not mention Bullock's accusations that he had lied to the grand jury about them. "What was on the tapes, then is on the tapes now," Earle said. "The tapes are only part of the case which will be presented to the grand jury when it is prepared."

Bullock contended Earle's handling of the matter makes him a "first-class candidate for the grievance committee."

"Mr. Bullock has taken an almost frantic interest in this case, and tries continually in both public and private ways to influence its preparation and consideration by the grand jury."

Incubator maker judged negligent

Boy, 10, wins judgment

United Press International AUSTIN — A Pasadena boy blinded 10 years ago because he was given excessive amounts of oxygen in an incubator won a \$1,173,334 judgment Wednesday against the manufacturer of the incubator.

long-term use of high levels of oxygen through the incubator, that the hospital was negligent in not establishing policies against such use, and that the doctors were negligent for prescribing the oxygen.

fumes from the burning mattress and died 15 days later in a hospital. His wife, Loretta Jane Forbes, sued on behalf of herself and two minor children seeking damages from the city for her husband's wrongful death. She contended the city was negligent in selecting mattresses that would burn and off toxic fumes.

Russell Alan Spears, born eight weeks premature and weighing only 2 pounds, 2 ounces, was placed in the incubator immediately after his birth and given a mixture of 32 to 40 percent oxygen for 10 days. The high levels of oxygen caused retrolental fibroplasia, a condition which left him totally and permanently blind.

The judge in the case dismissed the portion of the judgment dealing with the doctors, however, because they had settled out of court.

A trial court issued a summary judgment in favor of the city, saying the city was immune from such suits under the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

The Texas Supreme Court, without written comment, Wednesday upheld the decision of lower courts ordering Air Shields Inc. and Southmore Hospital and Clinic Inc. to pay the boy and his mother the \$1,173,334 in damages.

In another case, the Supreme Court went along with a civil appeals court decision ordering a new trial on a suit filed by survivors of a man who died of burns and inhalation injuries he received while a prisoner in the Denton city jail.

But the court of civil appeals selection of the type mattress used in the jail cells was related to the implementation of a formulated policy, and therefore was not covered by damage suits under state law.

A jury ruled Air Shields was negligent in failing to warn the doctors and hospital staff of the hazards of

He suffered burns in the fire and injuries from inhalation of toxic

the merits of the wrongful death

Small chance Texas will be missile site

United Press International LUBBOCK — Rep. Kent Hance, D-Texas, said Wednesday there is only a 10 to 20 percent chance the proposed MX missile system ever will be located in his West Texas district.

Mojave Desert in California, Sonoran Desert of western Arizona, D-Texas, said Wednesday there is only a 10 to 20 percent chance the proposed MX missile system ever will be located in his West Texas district.

Hance made the remark following a briefing on the MX by Maj. Gen. Forrest McCartney of Norton Air Force Base, Calif., the primary development site for the MX.

The Air Force already has submitted two environmental impact statements on the MX as required by federal law. The statements indicate the most likely site for the mobile missile system would be in the sparsely populated deserts of the Great Basin in central Nevada and western Utah.

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