# Baby elephants becoming acclimated to new home in Texas wildlife park

GRAND PRAIRIE — Thirty-three baby African elephants who faced certain death from overpopulation in their homeland are thriving in Texas' extremely hot summe

A spokesman for International Wildlife Park reported the elephants doing fine - they're acclimating quite well.

"This is the largest group of African elephants found outside Africa," he said. Asked how the baby elephants were doing in Texas' intense summer heat, the spokesman said: "Fine. The temperature is compa-

The elephants, ranging in age from one to four, are confined to an "elephant section" about 400 feet long and 500 feet wide.

Eventually, some of them will be shipped to zoos around the nation.

The elephants made the long and arduous journey to Texas planned for months with exacting precision — from Kruger National Park in South Africa.

African elephants are listed on the United States' endangered species list because many of them are being killed in Africa by poachers

The Kruger National Park, however, had an overabundance of elephants and scientists determined their population had to be re-

"If relocation were not possible," the spokesman said, "they would cull or kill off enough of the elephants to enable the remaining elephant herd to coexist with the animals and the land they all occupy at the

The parent organization of the Texas animal park, International Animal Exchange Inc., arranged to transport the elephants to Grand Prairie. The elephants underwent a special two-month acclimation period and quarantine that involved special diets to help them adjust to Texas. They were then loaded into individual crates and taken by truck

The animals made the long trip to Houston by ship, then were slowly trucked to Grand Prairie — a 10-hour drive because the trucks stopped every three hours to water and care for the young elephants.

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# Bullock may go before grand jury about tapes

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.

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.

At least two previous grand juries have investigated the allegations against Bullock, and one issued a report sharply critical of the comptroller. But neither grand jury returned any indictments against Bullock or his employees Bullock accused Earle Tuesday of lying to the

Travis County grand jury about his investigation of Bullock's office and called Earle's conduct unforgive-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 com-ptroller Ralph Wayne was using state personnel and

equipment to conduct private business Bullock said Earle has contended for almost two years that the FBI analysis of the typewriter ribbons

was needed to resolve allegations made against bluesday the lock in October 1978 by the two former employed with supplies "Pretty boy Ronnie is caught with his pants do non-nuclea and his rear showing," Bullock said. "It's evident Ronnie has misled the people of Travis County Commanche Pomanche Poma

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"Ronnie Earle owes an apology to the community to the state and to the four Travis County grand juries alore there have been 48 good people he has lied to, telling them by his inaction that he couldn't resolve them by his inaction that he couldn't resolve them atter because the FBI hadn't reported."

Earle, in a printed response to Bullock's allegations, acknowledged he received the information from the FBI in September of last year, but he dight, a substant mot mention Bullock's accusations that he had lied the grand jury about them. "What was on the tape then is on the tapes now," Earle said. "The tapes are green staying only part of the case which will be presented to the grand jury when it is prepared.

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"Mr. Bullock has taken an almost frantic interest, double fence this case, and tries continually in both public at "We have private ways to influence its preparation and on and guard do

sideration by the grand jury."

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

Incubator maker judged negligent

# Boy, 10, wins judgment

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

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 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.

Sherry Spears filed suit against Air Shields, the hospital and two doctors on behalf of her son, but later settled out of court with the doctors for

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ygen through the incubator, that the nospital was negligent in not establishing policies against such use, and that the doctors were negligent for prescribing the oxygen. The judge in the case dismissed

the portion of the judgment dealing with the doctors, however, because they had settled out of court. 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. Jerry Forbus was arrested in 1975 on "suspicion of lunacy"; he set fire to the mattress in his cell when officers refused to allow him to make a

number of telephone calls. He suffered burns in the fire and injuries from inhalation of toxic

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# **Small chance Texas** will be missile site

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Hance made the remark following 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. Other sites around the U.S. - the

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"They made a decision that possed by the first half — the first 2,300 silos would go in Utah and Nevada, to indication we'd look to see where the other would attempt would go. You've got to take in hrough court consideration there wouldn't be development and construction '83, so there'll be some more input Wror Hance said.

Hance said he invited the pre-county officials and the public gets p Wednesday's meeting to give the chance to learn about the MX m to scheduled public hearings in SUSPE McCartney told the 200 person ATLANTA - present in a Memorial Civic Centon Administrated in Administration of the property of the State of the Company of

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