

# Half of goal reached in stored oil reserves

**United Press International**  
NEW ORLEANS — The United States is halfway to its goal of socking away enough oil in underground storage units to spare itself a severe shortage if foreign oil supplies are disrupted, an energy official said

Thursday.  
U.S. Energy Secretary Don Hodel said the government had pumped 375 million barrels of oil into the country's Strategic Petroleum Reserve. That amount is about half of the 750 million barrels U.S. officials

planned to inject into the storage facilities.  
"When the first oil was delivered to the SPR in 1977, we were importing 8.5 million barrels a day and 750 million barrels was determined to be the total amount necessary to provide

adequate insurance against an oil disruption," Hodel said.  
He said drawdown tests, in which oil in underground SPR caverns is pumped to above ground facilities, had been successfully completed in Texas and Louisiana.

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## Mattox closes nursing home

**United Press International**  
LUBBOCK — The Texas attorney general's office shut down a second unlicensed nursing home in about a week Thursday, getting a temporary restraining order against the Inez Retirement Center of Shallowater.

Lawyers from the attorney general's Austin and Lubbock offices received the order from a

state district judge. A Dec. 16 hearing was scheduled concerning the Inez home.  
An unlicensed Lubbock nursing home operated by Goldie Wilson was shut Nov. 30. A Friday afternoon hearing was slated for a temporary injunction to keep it closed.

The actions were part of a statewide effort by Attorney General Jim Mattox against unlicensed homes and also licensed homes failing to meet state health codes, Mattox press aide Elna Christopher said.

Euna Wright, a nurse surveyor for the Texas Health Department's Lubbock office, told state district court officials she inspected the Shallowater home Nov. 21 and found 16 clients there.

She said all residents needed services that require more than an unlicensed facility could provide.

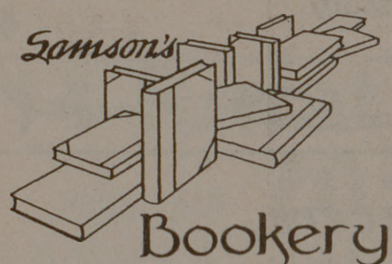


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### Tooting

"I'm tooting my horn for KAMU-FM" says Joseph Mitchell's sign Thursday as he encourages people to support the Public

Broadcasting Station on campus. Mitchell received his Ph.D. in educational administration from Texas A&M recently.



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## Forgery court date moved

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — Arraignment of a woman charged with forgery of a will from Howard Hughes, the billionaire aviator and movie maker who died in 1976, was postponed Thursday because of illness.

Martha Jo Graves, 54, was arrested Tuesday in Houston and returned to Los Angeles Wednesday. She was placed in the hospital ward of Sybil Brand Institute for treatment of an un-

disclosed medical problem, officials said.

Her arraignment was postponed until Friday.

Deputy District Attorney Mitchell Harris said Graves was the "formulator of the forgery, producer of the will and signer of the will."

Her co-defendant, Harold Mallet, 52, of Canyon Country, was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Dec. 20 on charges of conspiracy to commit grand theft, forgery, perjury and pre-

paring false evidence in the case.

Mallet and another man allegedly signed the document as witnesses. The third suspect was granted immunity from prosecution in return for supplying information to authorities.

Graves and Mallet, who was vice president of Aspen Airlines, were accused of trying to pass off the four-page document as a genuine will of Hughes. Since his death, about 50 such purported wills have surfaced in

California, Texas and elsewhere but all have been found forgeries.

The Graves-Mallet wills bequeath 80 percent of the estate, valued at between \$1.1 billion to \$1.5 billion, to the late Hughes Medical Co. and 20 percent to Acme Co., an inactive corporation founded by the late Earl Tower for whom Graves was as secretary.

## Letter bomb explodes, seriously wounds sisters

**United Press International**  
GLADEWATER — A bomb in a package delivered in the mail exploded as a Gladewater woman opened it Wednesday night, seriously injuring her and a sister, police said Thursday.

Police Chief Jim King said the small package was delivered through normal mail service to Rhonda Fox, 22, Wednesday. As she opened it about 8:30 p.m., a bomb exploded, spraying shrapnel on Fox, her 8-year-old sister, Melinda, and four others.

Fox was in critical condition at Goodshepard Medical Center in nearby Longview. King said she had lost one eye and could lose her other eye. She also had

lost one finger and might lose two more and had sustained a punctured lung, he said.

Melinda Fox was listed in fair condition Thursday following surgery.

King said another sister, Julie Fox, 15, received minor injuries and a friend, Sherry Dolan, and her two children, Laurie, 2, and Leslie, 14 months, did not require hospitalization.

The bomb did very little structural damage to the residence, King said.

"We have not arrested anyone. Right now, we don't have a motive," King said.

King said remains of the bomb would be shipped to the

Postal Inspector's laboratory in Washington late Thursday. "I can't tell you if it's sophisticated. We'll have them look at it first," he said.

George Eller, agent in charge for the Postal Inspector, would "rather not discuss type of explosive device now."

He said there was a return address on the package, but there were no suspects.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also to enter the investigation, a spokesman with that agency said.



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