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Mexican flights tax airports

stepping stone to Mexico is putting a strain on the ability of U.S. Customs and Immigration officials to process passengers at the Internaional Airport.

American Airlines discontinued its El Paso flights to Mexico 25 years ago and during that time El Paso residents wanting to travel to Mexico had to fly to other Texas cities to make connections, take charter flights or cross the border and board Mexican airline flights

landing in neighboring Juarez. But following bilateral agree-ments between the United States nd Mexico, Frontier Airlines earlier this year reinstituted flights to resorts on Mexico's east coast. Dur-ing the first seven months of this

EL PASO — The recent restoring f El Paso as a commercial airline tepping stone to Mexico is putting strain on the ability of U.S. Cus-strain on the ability of U.S. Cuscording to airport statistics.

Those figures are expected to increase even more as Frontier expands its service and Continental Airlines on Oct. 1 begins daily flights to tourist cities in western Mexico.

Robert Van Epps, manager for Frontier, predicted more charter flights also would stop in El Paso, El Paso, Albuquerque and Denver would be the first American cities linked by air to the new book linked by air to the new beach resort outside Vihutanejo, billed as the former bathing place of women of Aztec royalty. Frontier, which also some charter flights to Mexico have been diverted to other airports be-

cause of the shortage of federal in-spectors at the El Paso airport and flies to Mazatlan, Cancun and Guadalajara will begin the new they predicted that later this fall the personnel shortage will become even more crucial when some Conflight Nov. 8 Continental will provide service

Van Epps said that federal inspec-tion facilities at the airport are de-signed for a capacity of about 150 passengers an hour, but that the We hope for increased domestic service feeding those flights to Mexico," said Walter Jones, airport combined capacity of Continental and Frontier airplanes is about 230 persons.

> Jones and airport architect Robert Garland said they hope to have a new inspection facility completed by midsummer 1980, to alleviate the bottleneck

The enlarged 14,700 square foot inspection station would contain enough space for processing about 450 passengers an hour, more than a 747 carries, Garland said.

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Power exec

got kickbacks, broker says The broker, Raymund Gramund, 74, of Houston said in a deposition Monday he paid Richard Raymond, 64, of St. Petersburg \$57,000 in cash in 1973 for being allowed to operate

ing scheme that defrauded Florida Power of millions of dollars. He received a three-year sentence

Raymond was acquitted of conspiracy, mail and wire fraud charges in March and testified he never re-Raymond's attorney, Ron Caccia-tore of Tampa, Monday said Raymond told the truth during Granlund's trial and has "done no-thing urgeng". thing wrong.

The deposition will be used in a Granlund received \$1.9 million in commissions. He was convicted in July of masterminding a fuel oil pric-gained from Granlund.



No 'nukes' — yes balanced budget Gov. Brown campaigning in state

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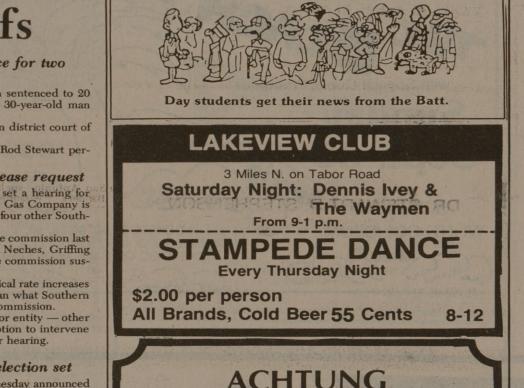
opposes nuclear power. Brown's nuclear statements Monday, which came shortly after a

giant anti-nuke rally in New York and similar protests in other cities, were received warmly by his South-em Methodist University audience. brown also pushed for a constitu-tionally mandated balanced federal budget, a theme that dominated his Sunday appearances in Dallas, his first in-person effort to gain Texans' to so the cuts, would spur in-creased productivity, and combined with lower annual increases in defi-cit spending, would improve the na-tion's economy.

Brown said he believed tax incen-Brown also pushed for a constitu-tionally mandated balanced federal creased productivity, and combined

"The dominance the United States once had on the world scene won't continue unless we increase productivity and invest in new technology," he said, while calling for a switch from consumption to investment.

Brown said he favored creation of " tabliet level post to promote ex-port of American products. "If we don't push (our exports) we will get pushed out of the way," he said. a cabinet level post to promote ex-





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Stabbing leads to 20-year sentence for two

United Press International HOUSTON — Two 16-year-old boys have been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the April stabbing death of a 30-year-old man

Robert Robles and Paul Ojeda were convicted in district court of the slaying of Bobby Lee Nentwig. The attack occurred outside the Summit after a Rod Stewart per-

Nov. 28 hearing set in gas rate increase request AUSTIN - The Railroad Commission Tuesday set a hearing for Nov. 28 in a rate increase request Southern Union Gas Company is seeking to impose on customers in Port Arthur and four other Southeast Texas citie

Southern had filed a rate increase request with the commission last February. But the cities — which also include Port Neches, Griffing Park, Groves and Nederland — did not act and the commission suspended consideration of the request.

In July and August the five cities approved identical rate increases for Southern. However, the increases were less than what Southern had requested and the company appealed to the commission. The commission also announced that any person or entity — other than the parties already involved — must file a motion to intervene

within 14 days in order to appear at the November hearing.

Expenditure dates for November election set

AUSTIN - Secretary of State George Strake Tuesday announced that the first deadline for a political committee to file contribution and

expenditure statements concerned with proposed constitutional amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot would be 5 p.m. on Oct. 7. Strake said general purpose political committees that file monthly statements were not required to meet this deadline. Since the Oct. 7 will be a Sunday and Oct. 8 is a holiday, Strake said the deadline would be extended to Oct. 9.

The secretary of state said any candidates and political committees involved in any elections held on Nov. 6 by cities or other political subdivisions must also file statements during the October deadline.

Borman elected to directorship

DALLAS - Frank Borman, a

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mer astronaut and chairman and chief executive officer of Eastern Airlines, has become a director of lectronic Data Systems, Inc Borman, who commanded the Apollo 8 space flight, was elected a lirector at the firm's annual stockolders' meeting Monday night.

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