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USDA relaxes free food rules

EL PASO — Forty percent of El Paso residents could be eligi-prices higher. ble for free food now that the federal government has relaxed its rules, an official for the Paso del Norte Food Bank said

Wednesday. . The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it is dropping a requirement that lie certain food items cannot be discertain food items cannot be dis-tributed to an agency that might discriminate action for needy families began in 1981 discriminate against recipients.

Under those rules, officials said, a shelter for battered women could not receive the food because it would feed only women.

State Rep. Mary Polk, D-El Paso, announced that the USDA had ordered the redistribution of food, spurred by her request to Texas Sens. John Tower and Llovd Bentsen.

In her letter to the lawmakers, Polk said: "I'm sure you will agree that the intent of this program was for these foods to be distributed in an effective manner.

tributed is food that the govern-



ment buys from farmers to keep prices higher

Food stored in warehouses in Texas was a burden to the state, she said

Polk had asked that the USDA to allow the food to be distributed to schools, charitable organizations and needy fami-

under Secretary of Agriculture John Block. Quantities of food increased and guidelines were loose, officials said.

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Stephanie Cambio, a junior pre-med major from Humble, gets in a little

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Continental pilots file countersuit

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The ALPA suit also seeks an The Union of Flight Atten- injunction to restore the pilots ts filed a similar but separate union contract with Continental uit against Continental in and to bar the airline from using eral court Wednesday with- outside strikebreakers to replace

Continental says it has violated the Railway Labor enough Continental pilots willin filing for bankruptcy ing to cross picket lines to keep rganization. The suits flying but needs more to ex-

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mediator to end the pilots' 19day-old strike. In another move Wednesday, ALPA filed a petition with the Aeronautics Board in Washington asking the CAB to disapprove Continental's creation of three subsidiaries to run ployees

its international flights. It charged that Continental

The new subsidiaries, prop- validity of its bankruptcy petiosed to the CAB shortly before tion and its suspension of labor ALPA also sent a telegram to the airline filed for reorganiza-Continental suggesting the un- tion, are Continental Venezuela, ion and the company find a Continental Mexico and Continental Pacific

Continental filed a \$50 mil-lion lawsuit on Oct. 12 accusing ALPA and its president, Henry Duffy, of antitrust violations, price-fixing and illegal harassment of the company and its em-

ALPA has asked Bankruptcy Judge R.F. Wheless to dismiss Continental's bankruptcy peti-



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Four to receive probation e for buying county votes

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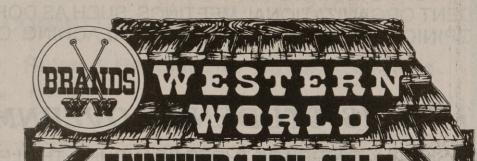
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