



The calm before the storm.

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

playing time with Nelson the Dalmation, before the rains arrived.

staff photo by Guy Hood

## Continental pilots file countersuit

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — The Air Line Pilots Association, sued for \$50 million earlier this month by Continental Airlines, filed a \$100 million damage suit against Continental in federal court Wednesday.

The Union of Flight Attendants filed a similar but separate lawsuit against Continental in federal court Wednesday without specifying a damage claim.

The lawsuits claim Continental violated the Railway Labor Act in filing for bankruptcy reorganization. The suits charged the company unilaterally suspended labor pacts to cut

pay and increase work loads on a reduced flight schedule. The plans went into effect Sept. 27.

The suit by flight attendants, who went on strike with the pilots Oct. 1, requests reinstatement and back pay.

The ALPA suit also seeks an injunction to restore the pilots union contract with Continental and to bar the airline from using outside strikebreakers to replace the Continental pilots.

Continental says it has enough Continental pilots willing to cross picket lines to keep flying but needs more to expand. The airline has been interviewing outside pilot appli-

cants for 10 days but says it has not yet hired any.

ALPA also sent a telegram to Continental suggesting the union and the company find a mediator to end the pilots' 19-day-old strike.

In another move Wednesday, ALPA filed a petition with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington asking the CAB to disapprove Continental's creation of three subsidiaries to run its international flights.

It charged that Continental officials communicated improperly with CAB Chairman Dan McKinnon about reorganization of its international flight system.

The new subsidiaries, proposed to the CAB shortly before the airline filed for reorganization, are Continental Venezuela, Continental Mexico and Continental Pacific.

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

ALPA has asked Bankruptcy Judge R.F. Wheelis to dismiss Continental's bankruptcy petition, charging it was filed in bad faith to break the unions.

Continental defends the

validity of its bankruptcy petition and its suspension of labor contracts with the machinists, pilots and flight attendants.

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## USDA relaxes free food rules

**United Press International**  
EL PASO — Forty percent of El Paso residents could be eligible 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 certain food items cannot be distributed to an agency that might 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 Lloyd 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."

Some of the food to be redistributed is food that the govern-

ment buys from farmers to keep market supplies lower and 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 families.

The food giveaway program for needy families began in 1981 under Secretary of Agriculture John Block. Quantities of food increased and guidelines were loose, officials said.

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## Four to receive probation for buying county votes

**United Press International**  
BROWNSVILLE — A federal judge Wednesday sentenced four Duval County residents, including a county commissioner, to three years probation for conspiring to buy votes in the 1982 Democratic primary election.

U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela also levied a \$2,000 fine against County Commissioner Fidencio Saenz of Benavides. He did not fine Norma Soliz, Genoveva Garcia, or Domitilla Garza.

The jury that convicted the four on Sept. 7 found Olga Uresti, wife of current Duval County Judge Gilberto Uresti, innocent of the same charges.

Of 31 Duval County residents indicted in a state-federal vote fraud investigation, 25 have been convicted or entered guilty pleas, while six have been acquitted.

The four sentenced Wednesday were members of the political faction that helped Uresti defeat Frank Garcia by a 133-vote margin in the May 1, 1982, election in Duval County. However, some of those convicted have been members of the rival Gar-

cia faction in the county known for its tumultuous politics and contested elections.

Ironically, Vela complimented the four for their political enthusiasm, despite his finding that they went outside the law.

"The way you people are enthusiastic about politics is the way everybody ought to be," Vela said. "Basically, I know you people don't believe you did anything wrong, but what you did was against the law."

Witnesses in the trial testified that county welfare vouchers were distributed to people who promised to "vote right" in the election. Uresti, who originally called for the investigation by the FBI and Texas Rangers, has been informed that he is an official "target" of the continuing inquiry, Wolfe has said.

Uresti has been county judge of the South Texas county since Archer Parr was sent to prison for 10 years in 1975 on a federal perjury conviction. Parr and his uncle, the late "Duke of Duval" George B. Parr, ran a strong political machine in the county for several decades until George

Parr committed suicide on April 1, 1975, while awaiting trans-

portation to serve a five-year income tax evasion sentence.

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## Job market heats up in Austin

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — The hottest job market in the United States during the next nine years will be Austin, an East Coast think tank says.

The top 10 job markets listed by Chase Econometrics of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., include: Austin and San Antonio, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; Orlando and Tampa, Fla.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Oxnard, San Diego, Riverside, and Anaheim, Calif.

Chase senior economist Andrew Moody said in an interview Wednesday with the Austin American-Statesman, that business is attracted to Austin because of its lower wages, lack of unions and business environment.

The number of jobs in Austin will rise at an average annual rate of 4.2 percent from 1982 to 1992, compared to the national average of 2 percent, Moody said.

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