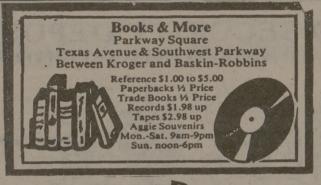
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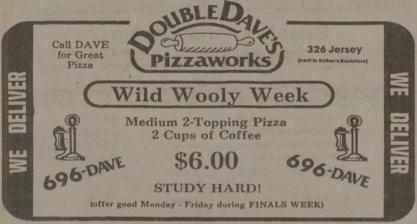
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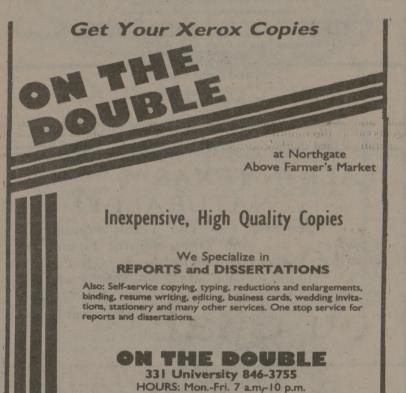
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# Slow food stamps push food banks

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AUSTIN - A combination of computer failures, telephone line problems and bad luck is to blame for a delay in getting food stamps to thousands of poor Texans, the Department of Human Resources said

Charity food banks and shelters in Houston, San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley, where the worst delays occurred, reported their stores of food were nearly depleted by people who had not received food stamp authorization cards. The cards allow recipients to pick up their food

"We have seen an increase," said Linda Tippins, social services director at the Ellas Austin Community Center in San Antonio. "They're complaining that they're not receiving stamps until after the first of the month. It has strained us. At this time of the month, we usually don't see that many (people)."

A similar situation existed in Brownsville, where Catholic Social Services said it had nearly depleted

its store of food. "We have a pantry but it's running pretty low and we're asking people for donations," said Maria Gracias. 'In the last couple of days we've seen about 78 individuals who haven't received their (foodstamp) authoriza-

"Our phones have been ringing off the walls since last Thursday said Rina Rosenberg of the Houston Interfaith Hunger Coalition. "Nine-

Texas bees

to get relief

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ture Department Tuesday put into

effect regulations to prevent spread

of the acarine mite, a pest recently

found in Texas that attacks honey

The mite, an internal parasite of honeybees, was detected last month

in Weslaco in the lower Rio Grande

Valley of Texas. It was the first time the mite had been found in the

The mite can substantially reduce pollination by bees and interfere with bees' ability to fly. Infested

hives also have been found at other locations in the lower Rio Grande Valley and in the Houston, Pecos

Bert Hawkins, administrator of

the Agriculture Department's Ani-

mal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said, "Honeybees are re-sponsible for pollinating billions of dollars of U.S. crops, so we are par-ticularly concerned about new pests

that may cause damage to honeybee The new federal regulations, together with parallel state regula-tions, will restrict movement of bees,

beeswax, used beekeeping equipment and certain related articles

Regulated areas include all or part

of Texas counties of Bee, Briscoe,

Cameron, Chambers, Floyd, Hale,

Hall, Harris, Hidalgo, Live Oak

from regulated areas.

Starr, Swisher and Willacv.

and Three Rivers areas of Texas.

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WASHINGTON — The Agricul-

from mites

teen of our pantries in the poorer sections of town are already out of food entirely, and others are beginning to run really low." About 3,000 Houston food stamp

recipients have failed to receive their authorization card from the DHR,

Workers at another emergency food pantry in Houston were surprised by the large numbers of people coming for help

"We usually handle about 800 hungry people a month," said Betty Wiederhold of the North Main Pantry. "Just during the three days we

Most of the people affected were who filed some sort of change in their household status, said Martin Duckler, deputy commissioner for all sales decline of any size since programs in Austin.

Sales of automobiles, construction that could keep the unemployme age, up 5 109 Mc rate from improving even at 12 1214.11.

But have tood stamp applicants or those who filed some sort of change in supplies, furniture, clothing and gasoline all slipped in the first over-courages Wall Street that men about 13 programs in Austin.

He said course.

He said computer failures in both Houston and Austin caused most of economy is really slowing down, per-during the economic recovery the delays but that the situation was haps a quarter after most people exexacerbated by problems with telephone lines that link the agency's mist, Robert Ortner, said.

system from its old headquarters in

recipients were affected by the tech- see some more growth in consumer

# What's up

Wednesday

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC discuss upcoming activities. A windsurfing video will

# Retail sales drop 0.9 percent in July der fire la troduced

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were open last week, though, we had more than 300 people come in looking for food. We were just shocked."

WASHINGTON — Retail sales slumped 0.9 percent in July, pulled down by the worst setback for department and discount stores in 17 years, the Commerce Department ears, the Commerce Department said Tuesday.

'This is information that the

But analysts in and out of govern-

The telephone line problems ment also said they believed spend-cropped up, he said, when the state ing on merchandise could rebound agency moved its massive computer later this year. "I don't think it's the end of the

Austin to a new location.

Dukler said a "very, very small" Shaber of the Chase Econometrics percentage of the state's food stamp analysis firm. "I actually think we'll

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WASHINGTON — Retail sales billion, \$975 million less than June after seasonal adjustmen decline was even steeper before

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The report suggested that the Dimension The

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# Precautions stop burglars

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WASHINGTON — Burglars strike millions of American homes annually, but homeowners using common sense while on vacation or away for a summer weekend can put the squeeze on one of the nation's most profitable criminal industries.

"Burglars hit a house, apartment or condominium every 15 seconds," the State Farm Insurance Safe Home Guide says. "But if a burglar picks your place instead of the one next door, you probably helped invite him there

"He looks for what the police call 'targets of opportunity.' In other words, easy pickings,"

To burglar-proof a home, think about the outside first.

Burglars like the dark, Keep porches, patios and yards well lit, especially when away from home.

Thieves do most of their work in the rear of a house. Spotlights work, but other types of lights are more economical — and can be just as efburglar climb in a window. Trim for which special locks are man shrubbery, which can provide cover tured. But an old broomsuck to

When away on vacation, have the lawn mowed and don't let newspapers stack up. Lock up ladders and tools. Keep a light on inside the house and leave the drapes open, so it appears someone is home.

Also leave a radio playing, but turn the telephone bell down.

"A prowler will be less likely to hear an unanswered call," the State Farm booklet says. On the inside, think about doors, locks and hinges.

"You wouldn't put a padlock on a paper chain ... so don't put good locks on a hollow wooden door," says the "How to Crimeproof Your Home" pamphlet, distributed by the National Crime Prevention Council.

"If the door is flimsy and weak, or

doesn't fit securely into the frame,

Burglars like sliding glass SOUV in the track of a closed slidi prevents it from being opene even if the lock is ripped apart.

stalled with economy - not see in mind. Most houses and a ments have inexpensive key-in locks," the council's pamphlets They are easy to open with ac or break open wit screwdriver.'

A deadbolt lock provides the protection. The lock mecha slides a strong metal bolt from door into the frame. To be effet the bolt must extend at least inch from the edge of the door.

Door hinges are safe from a glar's tools if they are not ex It's easy to remove the hing and the door, if the hinge

### 22 arrested in sting operation

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on counterfeit trademark merchan- fraud," Bardwell said in a news BATON ROUGE, La. — Federal dise. The investigation stemmed indictments unsealed Tuesday accused 20 people in 10 states of man-

purchased since February in a Secret
Service sting operation financed by
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