What's up

Tuesday

PARKS AND RECREATION: registration for the pre-season softball tournament will run through Feb. 19. Format will be double elimination. Play starts Feb. 24. Entry fee is \$55. For more information call 764-3773.

PARKS AND RECREATION: registration for College Station's first soccer invitational will run through Feb. 19. Format will be round-robin with play being on February 22-23. Entry fee is \$75. For more information call 764-3773.

PARKS AND RECREATION: will offer adult soccer leagues. Registration will be through Feb. 21. Season starts March 3 and will consist of 10 games plus playoffs. Entry fee is \$250. For more information call 764-3773.

GALVESTON COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder to discuss the se-mester activities. For more information call Danny, 764-

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PEER AD-VISORS: will present programs on how to survive Math 230 at 7 p.m. in 127 Blocker and how to survive Bana 303 at 7 p.m. in 130 Blocker.

SPIRIT AWARD APPLICATIONS: Buck Weirus Spirit Award applications are available in the Former Students lobby, 110 YMCA, the Student Activities office, the Student Government office, and the MSC. Applications should be returned by Feb. 29.

RHA FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: will hold a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

AGGIES FOR BARTON: invites everyone to come and meet with Congressman Barton at 8:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

PLACEMENT CENTER: will hold a "Health Careers Opportunity Day" with representatives from Allied Health, Pharmaceutical Sales, Medical Technology, Hospital Administration and Graduate Schools of nursing, pharmacy, and physical therapy. For more information call Judy, 845-5139.

FRONTIERS IN OCEAN TECHNOLOGY: a symposium on the future of ocean technology and research will be in 301 Rudder from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The symposium is sponsored by the University Marine Fellows Program and Texas A&M's Sea Grant College Program. For more information call 845-3854.

AGGIE ALLIANCE: will present a lecture by Missy Norton, from Tennaco at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. New memberships will also be accepted. For more information call Dana, 693-9339.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will have a general meeting and hear from former students who are now enrolled in law school at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder. For more information call DeeDee, 260-0672.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: will hold a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. For more information call Denise, 260-1869.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION: will present Dr. James E. Womack speaking on "What's New in Genetic Research" at 7 p.m. in 201 Veternary Medical Sciences Bldg.

GAY STUDENT SERVICES: will hold a general meeting in Rudder. For the time and room call Gayline, 775-1797.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF IRANIAN STUDENTS: will present a lecture by Dr. Siddiqui at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. For more information call

SAILING TEAM: will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences Bldg. For more information call Billy, 764-2999.

TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: will hold a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

AGGIE DEMOCRATS: will hold a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 704 Rudder. For more information call 696-0335.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: will meet in the Ramada Inn Penthouse at 7 p.m. to hear Chris Schaefer and Company give information on careers in data processing. Appropriate business attire required.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS: will hold a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

MEXICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will hold meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. For more information call Argentina, 845-4113.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC. For more information call Jenda, 260-0846.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS: will have a discussion on ceramic gas turbines at 7 p.m. in 127B Zachry. For more information call Randy, 822-5552.

TAMU ONE-WHEELERS: will hold a general meeting at 5 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White. For more information call Pete, 696-7232.

DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: will hold body conditioning at 6:30 p.m.; beg. ballet at 7:30 p.m.; inter. ballet at 8:30 p.m.; and pointe at 9:30 p.m. in 268 E. Kyle.

SEVENTH ANNUAL AGGIE INDEPENDENT FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Ballroom of the MSC. For more information call L. Hickman,

COLLEGIATE FFA: will present a speech by Dr. Frank Litterst on "Life After A&M" at 7:30 p.m. in 228 Scoates Hall.

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Accused kidnappers face robbery charges

SHREVEPORT, La. — Two men benefit of probation, parole or suscharged with kidnapping a woman from the parking lot of a Shreveport discount store also pleaded guilty Monday to armed robbery charges ducted w in Caddo District Court.

David Thomas, 23, of Jasper,
Texas, and Christopher Harris, 19
of Bossier City, entered those pleas
as their trial began before Caddo
District Judge John Fant.
Assistant District Attorney Marty

One man was armed with a gun

Thomas and Harris were arrested in East Texas while driving the abducted woman's 1980 Trans Am.

Stroud said additional charges of and forced the woman into the back simple kidnapping and conspiracy to commit simple kidnapping will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Both face a possible sentence of 15 to 20 years hard labor without simple kidnapping and conspiracy to seat of her car, she told officers. The men drove her to a wooded area near the Caddo-DeSoto parish line, tied her to a tree, robbed her of \$50 and took her car, she said.

Consumer association approves regulation

AUSTIN — The Texas Consum-ers Association said Monday it en-dorses regulation of electric co-gen-eration by the Public Utility "Unless all of the contract terms Commission.

Brad Weiwel, association • president, said in a statement that PUC rules should provide for full disclo-

"Unless all of the contract terms are required to be revealed, the temptation for sweetheart contracts between the utilities and co-generators will be great," Wiewel said.

Knife art

Craftsman captures history in work

Associated Press

HIGHLAND VILLAGE - He has captured the spirit of such fa-mous battles as The Alamo, Pearl Harbor and the Battle of San Ja-

Through his work he has immortalized legendary figures including John Wayne, Kit Carson and Buffalo Bill.

Sam Shortes, a Highland Village resident, has brought famous people and events into homes and hearts of literally thousands of people through his commemorative guns and knives.

The success began inadvertently 11 years ago, when Shortes, who received his training as a chemist, began studying a technique often used by Rembrandt. The art form involved etching patterns onto a wax surface and then covering the pat-tern with ink. When the ink was wiped away, the residue would re-main in the etched pattern, bringing greater definition to the design.

Shortes began adapting the technique to pen and ink drawings and found the greater detail could be given to the sketchings by enlarging the print, perfecting the detail and then reducing the design. He showed the art form to a consultant of a leading gun manufacturer, who at the time was considering expanding their product line to include knives. Smith and Wesson asked Shortes how much he'd charge to produce the pattern on knives. After he gave them a "ball park" figure, the company returned with an order for five thousand knives.

working to fill the order. He maintained his job with Texas Instruments during the day and worked on the knives at night. The year was 1976, and "Bicentennial fever" was raging in epidemic proportions. The Buck Knife company contacted Shortes and requested 7,600 commemorative knife blades. Shortes filled the order, thus sealing the success of his infant company.

Shortes confesses,"I never considered myself an entrepreneur. I guess I just floated downstream in the deluge of entrepreneurs.

Initially, Shortes was responsible for producing the art used on the commemorative items, but as the company grew he found it necessary to hire artists to design the patterns

"I've always been artistic, but I never considered it a career. It was

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just something that I didn't ever think I could make money at," Shortes said.

As Shortes began to put his ideas on paper, it became clear that such a concept provided both the financial security and technological challenges necessary to satisfy him. As the business evolved into a suc-

cessful enterprise, Shortes left his full time job and dedicated himself to building the future of his company. The name "Aurum Enterprises" was chosen because aurum is the Latin word for gold, and much of Shortes' work is etched and inlaid with 22 karat gold.

"I never imagined that this dream would travel so far," Shortes said. His was the first company to successfully produce the technological process needed to use the art form for etching on guns and knives, although he claims it's simply an "ancient art form with modern technol-

Much of the work that is produced by Shortes is for commemorative occasions with a historical

"I guess you would call us "The Franklin Mint' of guns and knives," he said. "We're always commemorat-

ing or celebrating something."

His commemorative work has included a series of John Wayne gun projects for Colt-Walker and Winchester, Dallas Cowboys commemorative belt buckles, the Geronimo Peace Dagger and guns for the Los Angeles Police Department, the FBI, the National Guard and the Secret or five thousand knives.

With his wife to assist him, Shortes ented a warehouse and began

Service. His limited-edition projects can be found in the John Wayne Cowboy Museum, the Alamo Museum, and in numerous historical sites across the country

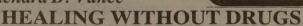
"Typically, the work I do is on a limited-edition basis," Shortes said. 'The items are serial-numbered, which broadens the appeal as well as making them more valuable. In the future, we'll be offering smaller items, such as more belt buckles, pen and pencil sets, letter openers and so

Shortes' satisfaction with his intricate work comes from more than merely producing a project that is admired and treasured by those who purchase it. "When I was designing computer chips (at TI), I spent a lot of time and energy on projects, none of which have survived the test of time," he said. "Everything has been reclaimed or reprocessed since then. Now I'm doing something that will survive me.

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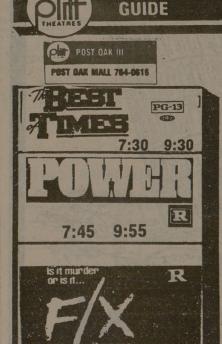
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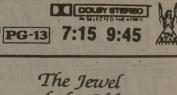
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