

First Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY:

Worship at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Church School at 9:30 AM
College Class at 9:30 AM
(Bus from TAMU
Krueger Dunn - 9:10 AM
Northgate - 9:15 AM
Youth Meeting at 5:00 PM
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SCONA guest discusses rights

Human rights are not a matter of governmental politics, the assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States said Wednesday at an international student conference at Texas A&M.

"In recent years we have witnessed a dangerous tendency to attempt to play politics with the issue of human rights," said Val T. McComie, keynote speaker for the 28th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA), which continues through Saturday.

McComie, former ambassador to the United States and Brazil from Barbados, said, "Human rights cannot be a mat-

ter of politics or concessions granted by a government. The role of the government is to guarantee the unfettered enjoyment of those rights."

McComie also said that for one country to be critical of another country's handling of human rights they both "must be signatories of some international convention aimed at protecting human rights."

Scheduled to speak today are Harry W. Shlaudeman, U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, and Alfonso Quinonez Meza, president of Compania Hotelera Savadorena and a former ambassador from El Salvador to the United Kingdom.

Utility payers ready to march

United Press International
EL PASO—El Paso Electric Co. and Southern Union Gas Co. could get as many as 1,000 unfriendly visitors Thursday if rate payers, unhappy over recent increases, follow through on their threat to march to their offices behind a group of elderly people.

Celia Espinoza, a march organizer and director of the Hilos de Plata Nutrition Center at Washington Park, said a wide variety of groups expressed interest in the protest.

"If politicians march, they're going to have to do it in the back," she said Tuesday. "This is not their march. It was the seniors' idea and they're going to go first."

Although irritation was high over increases in all util-

ity bills, heating bills this winter have caused the most anger. Many people have seen their bills double, triple or even quadruple.

"Either we eat or pay the (utility) bills," stated a petition presented to the companies.

Espinoza said so many organizations are planning to participate she is asking the groups to identify themselves with signs, as delegates do at a political convention.

"I've just had an overwhelming response," she said. "A lot more than just senior citizens will be there."

When she first announced the march two weeks ago, she anticipated only the elderly or about 500 people would be marching, Espinoza said.

But responses have led her

to predict the demonstration could draw 1,000 participants.

Albert Coca, a businessman, plans to bring a flatbed truck with special seats for senior citizens who cannot march the mile from the intersection of San Antonio Avenue and St. Vrain Street. Local VFW members have agreed to push people in wheelchairs, Espinoza said.

"You have to fight, you've got to keep trucking," said Coca, owner of the Bronco Flea Market.

George A. McAlmon, a lawyer who has a downtown office, gave money to Espinoza for gasoline and to pay for supplies needed to make signs.

"She asked me for a few

bucks, so I gave her a few bucks," said McAlmon. "I'm anything I can. I think march myself."

McAlmon himself has been hit hard by utility bills. Last month, he said he received \$440 gas bill, about triple the typical winter bill.

The march will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the participants are to stop at the headquarters of the El Paso Electric Co. and Southern Union Gas Co.

Bud Quimby, director of community relations for gas company, said most heating bills are correct, said people have been using more gas because of the winter, and that the price of gas to the company has creased.

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Iranian upset by politics

Hijacking motives unclear

United Press International
KILLEEN — The first officer of a Rio Airways flight said the Iranian man who tried to force the plane to Cuba was upset about the political situation in his homeland, but his demands and reasons were unclear.

First officer Frank Flores said the hijacker, identified as Hussein Shey Kholya, a native of Iran with U.S. citizenship,

blamed the United States for problems in Iran.

"Basically (his grievances were) the position his government and his country (were in), what they were going through and his blame on us," Flores said.

"(His reasons were) political, and he was mentioning numbers of 26,000 people being killed for no reason and whatever," he

said. Flight 252 from Killeen to Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport carried 17 passengers, a Rio employee and a crew of four when it was hijacked Tuesday morning by the man demanding to be taken to Cuba.

Officials, however, convinced the man to allow the plane to fly to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, just across the Texas border, instead of going to Cuba.

Six passengers were released shortly after landing in Nuevo Laredo, and the others were freed Tuesday afternoon when the hijacker surrendered his weapon to authorities. There were no injuries.

Kholya was flown to Mexico City and held in custody by Mexican officials.

Flores said before leaving Mexico that the hijacking began almost as soon as the plane took off on the half-hour flight to Dallas.

"We were about 15 minutes out of Killeen en route to Fort Worth when we saw the truck going on in the back of the door slam," Flores said.

"He had the machine broken down into a piece, he said he had a bomb on board, saw it in his pants pocket," he said.

Ted Connell, chairman of the board of Rio Airways, said the airline provided return transportation to the crew and passengers.

"Some of the passengers on Killeen this morning, want to get home, so we're here and let those that get off, then we'll take them on to Dallas," he said.

Connell identified members of the crew as Michael McNeil and flight attendant Katie Springer and Hallmark. They and Flores live in Killeen.



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