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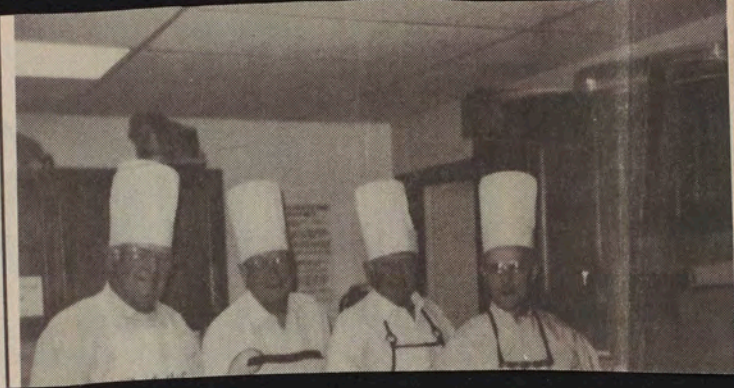
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Film crew banned from Capitol



Gene Shelburne

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Guess again. Armed with all the bureaucratic permits, painstakingly following every regulation to the letter, Randy's film crew quickly found themselves targeted by Capitol police.

"What are you doing here?" the police wanted to know. Randy showed them their permits and

My friend Randy Becton took a film crew to Capitol Hill last November.

They went to D.C. to shoot a segment of a national TV special entitled, "Choosing Morality: A Standard To Live By."

Sounds straight enough, doesn't it? As American as baseball and apple pie.

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Keeping Christian crew from filming contradicts religious freedom of country

explained the nature of the program being filmed. All their paperwork was in order.

"Well, you can't run those power cables across the sidewalk here," the police objected. A previously-unheard-of rule. When the Christian film-makers offered to re-route the cables, the policed confessed their real intent. "We just want you to move."

Hours of preparation were lost as the crew tore down their equipment and set it up near a fountain not far from the Capitol. By then, Randy says, "word was out in Washington about 'that religious TV crew trying to tell us about morality.'"

Filming had hardly resumed when the police reappeared. Seven times they appeared, interrupting the work each time. Finally the head of the police department came himself.

All the equipment was safe and legal. all required

permits were in hand. But the chief ordered the film crew to leave the Capitol grounds at once. If they did not, he said, they would be arrested.

Two weeks earlier a Gay Rights demonstration took place in Washington. C-SPAN filled our living rooms with living color views of topless women, and of male and female homosexuals engaging in sexual acts in the street. In front of children. Across from the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument and the White House. These people were welcome in D.C.

But in the cradle of a nation born to defend religious freedom, law-abiding Christians advocating sexual morality were banned.

Just since October, 1993, when the crew began filming, the atmosphere has changed drastically. Now, Randy says, "The climate is openly hostile toward Bible-based Christianity."

(Gene Shelburne is a minister. His mailing address is 2310 Anna St., Amarillo, Tx 79106-4717.)

Canyon Lake Action Center in 12th year of service

By ROBERT STEWART
Special to the *Herald-Zeitung*

One agency that represents and serves all of Canyon Lake is the Canyon Lake Action Center.

Now in its 12th year, this social service agency operates thanks to donations, charitable funding and lots of hard work from volunteers.

Of all the activities at the action center, almost everything is offered to the community free of charge.

"It's all free. That's something that the Action Center strives to do—to either have no charge or very little," said Executive Director Janeta Cox. "There is a fee that goes with the Van Trip. And if there is one of the seniors that has a problem with that it can be worked around. Inclusion of everyone is the ultimate goal."

The center's mission statement says the purpose of the Action Center is charitable in nature. It is to plan, develop and operate itself to meet the spiritual, social, physical and emergency needs of the community.

Popular activities at the Action Center include senior exercise, senior games, congregate meals, free blood pressure testing and van trips.

"Most of our activities are geared toward the senior citizens," Cox said. "That's because the majority of the area consists of senior citizens."

Cox cited a recent estimate said that 60 percent of the Canyon Lake population is senior citizens.

"One of the things that has really been growing really well lately is the noon meal program on Monday," she said. "That's really picked up and the senior exercise program has picked up. We tried having an exercise program about four or five years ago and it really didn't materialize. Then we started this program. We actually don't even have an instructor—we have a video that we use. We started out one day a week and after they exercised a few weeks they came to me and said 'can we go twice a week' and I said yes. Now we're thinking about going to three times a week. Those people that are doing the exercise—it makes them feel so good that they complain when they miss."

The Action Center's van trips take participants to events like plays at the Circle Arts Theater in New Braunfels or the STAGE Theater in Bulverde. Cox said the van trips, which

cost \$2 for local trips or \$4 for out of town trips, have also been very popular.

While there are no membership fees to utilize the Action Center programs, donations are always welcome. The United Way, as well as area churches and civic groups are very supportive.

"The Action Center is supported by the United Way of America," Cox said. "The Action Center also receives some money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which is designated for rent and utilities for homeless people or people demonstrating need.

Also, the churches out here are a big contributor. We get money regularly from other organizations like Lions Club, VFW, PEC, GVTC, and others."

Canyon Lake Women In Business has chosen to sponsor the Action Center this year as that group's benefit project.

"Our biggest contributor is our thrift shop," Cox said. "This is the first year in our new building and the business just keeps getting better. We just have a constant flow of things coming in and we have a fast turnover. A lot of

it is things that come back out."

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