

## Pensacola, Fla., boy named Royal Ranger of the Year for 1985



Jonathan Becker  
1985 Royal Ranger of the Year

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Jonathan Becker of Pensacola, Fla., was selected 1985 Royal Ranger of the Year. Jonathan represented the Southeast Region in competition with seven other Royal Rangers in Springfield,

Mo., August 18-21.

Jonathan attends Brownsville Assembly of God, Pensacola, where his father John is assistant pastor. John Kilpatrick is pastor.

Jonathan, 16, is a sophomore at Pensacola Christian High School. He has spoken in school assemblies with up to 500 students present. He is enrolled in Berean College courses to prepare for ministry. He is a member of baseball and soccer teams and plays the piano and violin.

As Royal Ranger of the Year he qualifies for a \$1,000 scholarship.

First runner-up is Roy Hanks II of Tolono, Ill. (Great Lakes Region). Roy, 18, is a freshman at Eastern Illinois University. He plans to become an eye surgeon. He received a \$500 scholarship.

John Rosero of Brooklyn, N.Y. (Northeast Region), is second runner-up. John, 17, plans a career in law. His expenses at the 1986 National Camporama will be paid as a result of this competition.

Regional representatives were Ken Brunetto (Southwest), Thad Beeler (Gulf), Richard Beebe (North Central), Trent Morrow (South Central), and Mike Price (Northwest).

Candidates were evaluated on their personal achievements, Royal Rangers activities, individual testimonies, letters from school and community leaders, and personal interviews.

The 4 days of activities included tests, practical demonstration of lifesaving and camping skills, and an overnight camping trip to the National Royal Rangers Training Center near Eagle Rock, Mo.



Roy Hanks  
1st runner-up



John Rosero  
2nd runner-up

## Gold Medal of Achievement presented to 1,000th Royal Ranger

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Robert "Robbie" Davis is the 1,000th boy to win the Gold Medal of Achievement, the top award of the Royal Rangers boys program.

Davis attends Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Hurricane, W. Va. His father, Bob Davis, is a district training coordinator and commander. Participating in the Royal Rangers program there, Robbie Davis worked through nearly 30 awards during the past few months, among them CPR, Christian service, safety, physical fitness, and survival.

"Robbie is to be commended for his work and efforts in earning the medal," said National Commander Johnnie Barnes. He challenged Robbie saying, "As a newly-commissioned junior commander, you will have the responsibility of being an example to all the other boys in your outpost. We trust you will be faithful in doing your best to carry out this responsibility."

"Royal Rangers has helped me to set my values in life," Davis commented. "God is first in everything." He related that Rangers taught him how to share Christ with his friends, and encouraged him to be faithful to his church, family, and outpost. He learned a lot about himself and increased his skills in many areas, he said.

The Gold Medal of Achievement may be awarded to a boy after he has earned the highest rating in either the Sea Rangers, Air Rangers, or Trail Rangers.

Three requirements are necessary before the award can be made. A boy must read the *Royal Rangers Leader's Manual*. The commander must submit a written statement to the national office that the boy qualified for the award including a list of all the advanced awards the boy has earned. Finally, the boy must write a 500-word theme, entitled "The Value of Royal Rangers."

At the time the medal is awarded, the boy is commissioned to the rank of junior commander in his local outpost. The newly-commissioned Ranger has the privilege of wearing the junior commander bars on his uniform, and has the opportunity to become a lieutenant commander.

"I am proud to be a part of this great program," Davis said. "The program can help many other boys as well."

In congratulating Davis, Barnes emphasized that Davis has joined a select group. "The honor shared by each of the 1,000 boys who have received the Gold Medal of Achievement has been earned through a lot of dedication, determination, and hard work," he said. "They all deserve special congratulations."

Since Royal Rangers was founded in 1962, one of the primary goals has been to develop the leadership qualities of young men. Leadership in physical, mental, social, and spiritual areas is recognized by a series of advancements and awards.

## AT A GLANCE

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• • • *The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) decided to give higher priority to evangelism and called it a "denominational priority" during its gathering in June. "We affirm the need for missionary initiative to persons who have not yet heard the gospel," said a statement approved by the church's general assembly. "An evangelical presence clearly was in evidence," observed Christianity Today of the meeting. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed just 2 years ago by the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. This merger has given the church "an opportunity to refocus itself," said Richard Lovelace, a professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a Presbyterians United for Biblical Concerns consultant. PUBC is an unofficial caucus of the church which consists of evangelicals working for spiritual renewal.*

• • • *A bomb planted under the speaker's platform killed one person and injured 43 during a Jehovah's Witness worship service in Sydney, Australia, in late July. The explosion hurled worshipers onto the grass outside and blew debris 200 feet into the air. The rear of the church and the roof were destroyed. "It's senseless, just senseless to attack innocent people and a church," said a church leader. The church was not aware of any motivation for the bombing. No one took responsibility for the blast.*

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