

At a Glance

■ A Catholic mental health worker was awarded \$6,500 in a court settlement after being fired for discussing his faith with patients at a Green Bay, Wis., psychiatric hospital. Scott Klicka, 31, who was defended in the case by the Rutherford Institute, argued that he talked about his religious beliefs only when asked by patients in group therapy sessions at Fox Valley Hospital.

■ The 6,000-member Reformed Episcopal Church condemned homosexuality and abortion during its 46th general council. According to a report in the National & International Report newsletter, the church is an evangelical offshoot of the mainstream U.S. Episcopal Church. Delegates also reaffirmed prohibitions against fornication and adultery, but called on church members to show "Christlike compassion" to sinners.

■ Twenty-five percent of business and education leaders cited the Bible when asked in a National College of Education survey about what book affected their lives most. Charles Dickens' Tale of Two Cities was named by 4 percent, and the Book of Mormon by 2 percent. No other book was mentioned twice. Heads of 1,000 major U.S. companies and 1,200 college and university presidents participated in the survey.

■ Heavy television viewing can have such negative impacts on children as increasing violent behavior and obesity, according

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people for Christ."

Highlights of the Camporama were the nightly pageants, which preceded the special messages. A different set was built and painted for each pageant, each depicting a different culture and theme. Hundreds of hours went into presenting the pageants, in which 20 actors took part.

Pyrotechnics, special sound effects, and a lot of wit and work prepared the way for a special speaker each night who told the audience of mainly 9-17-year-olds about Christ. The special message on Tuesday evening, presented by Fred Deaver, an executive member of the Royal Rangers Council, focused on the pageant theme of salvation.

The opening ceremony of the Camporama was held Wednesday at 9 a.m. Platform speakers and guests included G. Raymond Carlson, general superintendent; Joseph R. Flower, general secretary; Silas L. Gaither, national director of Church Ministries; Loren Triplett, executive director of the Division of Foreign Missions; Ken Riemenschneider, Men's Ministries Department

secretary; Ken Hunt, national commander; Paul Stanek, national deputy commander; and Mark Gentry, first vice president of the Royal Rangers Council.

As the 135th Army Band of the Missouri National Guard played, all the Royal Rangers, 6 abreast, marched past the lodge reviewing stand by district or foreign delegation. Standard-bearers for each group marched with banners and flags unique to their district or nation.

"One of the more thrilling experiences I have had in recent days was seeing the thousands of young people and their commanders pass in review and noting their commitment to Christ," said Carlson.

Foreign delegates were welcomed by Triplett to the first International Camporama.

Special activities

Two hot-air balloons were stationed near the lodge, providing rides to both boys and leaders. Other rides and activities included go-cart and BMX bike races; the Pine Box Derby; a Bible quiz; rappelling; the low ropes course; .22 rifle, BB rifle, and archery ranges; the Funorama (consisting of games held in various districts); water activities; a 6-mile hike called the Walk About; and the Friendship Trail, which covered the entire campsite.

Special services

Each Camporama day began at 6 a.m. The Circuit Rider Service, an optional event, was held at the small log chapel Wednesday-Friday. Each

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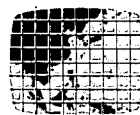
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