

things. He never stops worrying about their future, either, or how he can make his kids' childhood happy and full of good memories.

But most of all, the children wrote, he never forgets to tell them how much he loves them. Every night when he tucks them in and every morning before their day begins, he says the same thing: "Daddy loves you."

The children ended their essay by noting that "if every daddy were as special as ours, then the world would be a better place."

Their winning effort could be called their love note to their father. "It's pretty flattering," said DiCarlo after reading what they wrote. "I guess they really do love me."

Employed in a family business, Delaware County's Number One Dad is a lifelong county resident. He was born and reared in Chester, graduated from St. James High School in 1975 and from Widener University in 1980.

It's the first time anyone in his family has ever won a contest, he said. And that makes everyone in the family very happy.

As the grand prize winner of the "Father of the Year" contest, DiCarlo receives a gas grill from Boscov's in Granite Run Mall, a barbecue pack from Roy Tweedy's, dinner at O'Flaherty's Restaurant, a \$20 gift certificate from Zac's Hamburgers and a massage from Relaxed of Norweek.

He'll throw the first pitch out on the mound at a Wilmington Blue Rocks game, where he and his family will be guests of honor. He'll also get a personal handyman for four hours, courtesy of CountyWide Home Improvement.

First runner-up Garland Johnson of Chester gets a gas grill from Home Depot in Upper Darby. Second runner-up Ken Cilinski of Aldan receives a \$100 gift certificate from Granite Run Mall and third runner-up, John Aldins of Media, gets a \$100 gift certificate from MacDade Mall.

The runners-up also receive an hour of simulated golf from 3G Golf.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES P.
BECKWORTH MOUNTAIN CLUB

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club. The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club is a Denver-based outdoor organization that works with and exposes urban youth to the outdoors through a number of education programs. The group takes inner city children to national parks and wilderness areas to allow them to experience first hand the joys and the challenges of nature. This experience teaches them an appreciation for the natural world that they might not otherwise ever gain.

Those of us fortunate enough to grow up experiencing the outdoors know the invaluable education that can be obtained through these adventures. As director of the Colorado Outward Bound School, I have been fortunate enough to see directly the benefits that young people can take away from their outdoor experiences. The challenges that they face in these types of programs can provide them with the self-respect and sense of accomplishment that are antidotes for much of the anger and frustration that all too often erupts in violence. Groups like the Beckwirth Mountain Club are instrumental in ensuring that our urban youth are exposed to more positive, character-building experiences.

The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club is part of the Rocky Mountain National Park's Corps of Discovery Program. This program has allowed the group to develop a close, working relationship with the park where numerous youths have participated in hikes, snowshoe walks, and camping trips. As a result of their outstanding work and their ongoing partnership with the national park, the James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club recently was awarded the "Shoulder-to-Shoulder Award" by the National Park Service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask today that my colleagues join me in applauding the efforts of the James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club. At a time when our children are bombarded with images of violence, the James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club strives to replace those images with traits that will allow our children to peacefully coexist with one another. Mr. Speaker, I am attaching a copy of the National Park Service's press materials about this award and the Club.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESENTS "SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER AWARD" TO THE JAMES P. BECKWIRTH MOUNTAIN CLUB

DENVER. On May 16, 2001, Ms. Cheryl Armstrong, Executive Director, and Mr. Michael Richardson, Program Director with The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club, were presented a "Shoulder-to-Shoulder Award" in recognition for their valued partnership with the National Park Service.

The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club is a Denver-based outdoor organization named in honor of famed 19th century trapper and trader, James P. Beckwirth. Born in 1798 in Virginia, the son of a slave woman in the early 1800's, Beckwirth was unwilling to accept the confines of slavery. Instead he set out to make a small place in history for himself. Beckwirth went west into the wilderness of the Rocky Mountains and joined a western expedition led by General William H. Ashley. This was the beginning of his fantastic career as an explorer, Indian scout, fur trapper, prospector, and War Chief of the Crow Indian Nation. His name is memorialized in California where he pioneered a trail in the Sierra Nevada range known as Beckwirth Pass.

The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club works with and exposes urban youth to the outdoors through a number of programs including educational opportunities and field trips. The Club opened The James P. Beckwirth Outdoor Education Center in 1998. As part of Rocky Mountain National Park's Corps of Discovery Program, The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club has developed and maintained a close working relationship with Rocky Mountain National Park, where a number of youth and adults have participated in numerous field trips, hikes, snowshoe walks, and camping trips in the park. As a result of this program, children of Denver's African American neighborhoods have had the opportunity to enjoy our national parks, and have gained a good understanding of life and history of James P. Beckwirth.

"I am proud to recognize The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club as a valued partner of the National Park Service as well as for their hard work in breaking new trails for our children and helping us keep national parks meaningful and relevant to a new generation of Americans," stated Regional Director Karen Wade.

The "Shoulder-to-Shoulder Award" was presented to Ms. Cheryl Armstrong and Mr. Michael Richardson, on behalf of The James P. Beckwirth Mountain Club in Keystone, Colorado, where leaders and managers of the National Park Service met with partners,

tribal representatives, sister agencies of the federal and state government, cooperating associations, foundation and university representatives, and private citizens during the Intermountain Region's General Conference entitled "Stewardships: The Art of Collaboration." Awards were presented to a number of individuals and partners who have worked long and hard with the National Park Service towards accomplishing the common goals of preservation and protection of natural and cultural resources within our national parks.

FCC—A BLACK HOLE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, seven years ago some enterprising Texans came to the FCC seeking approval to deploy their innovative wireless technology. Alas, all these years later, they still await a ruling from the FCC. Once licensed, Northpoint Technology could offer consumers a low-cost service that would provide multi-channel video programming—including all local television stations—and high-speed access to the Internet.

As many of my colleagues know, incumbent DBS operators carry some local channels, but only in the largest television markets, and in no market do they carry all local stations on a must carry basis. My Congressional District, for instance, falls within two local television markets. My constituents in the seventh-ranked Dallas market can get four stations from DBS carriers, but that's less than one-third of the stations in the market. My constituents in the 94th ranked Waco market are unable to get any local stations from DBS carriers. If the FCC would grant licenses to Northpoint, all the stations in the Dallas and Waco markets would become available to consumers.

I would like to submit for the RECORD an editorial that appeared recently in the Wall Street Journal that examines Northpoint's struggle to obtain regulatory approval but raises broader issues. Namely, are our telecom regulators and regulations serving the New Economy or burdening it? At least in the case of Northpoint, I think we can all agree that regulators should not take seven years to approve the entry of a new competitor into the marketplace.

REVIEW & OUTLOOK: SPACE INVADERS

[From the Wall Street Journal June 5, 2001]

Space, as every Star Trek fan knows, is the final frontier, but Federal regulators behave as though it's already been conquered. All of it.

This behavior takes the form of spectrum allocation, a process by which the Federal Communications Commission decides who gets to use—and even how they must use—the invisible electromagnetic wavelengths that transmit radio, television, satellite and wireless phone signals.

The allocation system may have worked well enough when it was designed 80 years ago to broadcast first radio and later TV. But a proliferation of wireless innovations has led to increased demand for spectrum space, and the current method of doling it out, like all attempts at central planning, has resulted in an artificial shortage.

Wireless technologies, we'll add here, are but another way to shake America's thirst

for broadband Internet access, and we suspect that the slotful deployment of broadband has played a significant role in Nasdaq's struggles of late and the dot-com skid in general. In effect, government control of the airwaves has helped to create virtual queues.

One way that industry has responded to the FCC's frequency-hoarding is by developing ways to increase the capacity and efficiency of available spectrum. The idea is to share and reuse bandwidth with existing spectrum occupants, and without drowning out what's already being transmitted over the same frequency.

Northpoint Technology, for example, wants to offer a low-cost alternative to DirecTV and EchoStar, the direct broadcast satellite giants. Northpoint's plan is to use part of its capacity to offer channels like MTV and HBO, while using the other part to offer high-speed Internet and other data services. But before any of this can happen, Northpoint needs access to the spectrum. DirecTV and EchoStar, which already occupy the spectrum and would have to compete with Northpoint, are defending their turf. That's understandable, even if their claim that Northpoint's signal would interfere with theirs is largely bogus. Repeated independent studies and field tests have provided no evidence of anything extraordinary.

What we don't understand is the behavior of the FCC, which says it's still thinking about it. Northpoint first applied for the license in 1994, so the FCC has been thinking about it for seven years.

A provision of the 1996 Telecommunications Act requires the FCC to act on new technology within 12 months, but never mind that. If fundamental reform of the allocation process isn't in the cards right now, the very least that regulators can do is allow the Northpoints out there to make innovative use of the available spectrum.

The larger issue is whether our telecom regulators and our telecom regulations are serving the New Economy or burdening it. How many would-be innovators have looked at Northpoint's ordeal and concluded, why bother? And how much longer must we wait for mass deployment of broadband? something is in the way of all this happening sooner rather than later, and it's certainly not the technology.

FCC Commissioner Michael Powell has at least signaled an awareness of these problems. Last month, he told House appropriators that spectrum allocation "is on the top of my agenda" and that broadband deployment is a priority. Industry and consumers alike have reason to hope he means it.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to join in this special order. In honor of this important occasion and to recognize the contributions of hard working immigrants who have formed the backbone of this great country, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of restoring food stamp benefits for legal immigrants.

For over 30 years, food stamp eligibility was based solely on need. However, due to the 1996 Welfare Reform legislation, people became disqualified for food stamps based on the immigration status. While this was partially repealed in 1998, there are still many immi-

grants, which include taxpaying parents working low-income jobs, children, disabled people, and many elderly people who arrived after 1996 and are ineligible for food stamps. In a country as great as the United States and where resources are plentiful, hardworking immigrants should not be denied crucial work supports such as food stamps.

As well, many citizen children of legal immigrants are hurt because of these eligibility restrictions. The vast majority of immigrant families are mixed status families that often include at least one U.S. Citizen, which is typically a child. There is a great deal of confusion about who is eligible for benefits and this deters immigrant families with children who are citizens from applying for food stamps. In fact, participation by these children with legal permanent resident parents declined 70% from 1994 to 1998, from 1.35 million to 350,000, more than twice the overall rate of participation decline for this period. A recent study by the Urban Institute reported that nationwide, 37 percent of all children of immigrants lived in families worried about or encountering difficulties affording food. Children are the future of this country and it is a tragedy that the greatest nation in the world would allow them to go hungry.

Congressman WALSH and Congresswoman CLAYTON recently introduced the Nutrition Assistance for Working Families and Seniors Act, which I fully support. This bill would restore Food Stamp Program eligibility to all legal immigrants and make other modest improvements in the program for working families. This legislation is a step in the right direction in fighting the hunger problem in America and I would urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Our country is a nation of immigrants and we should recognize the important contribution they make to this country by restoring food stamp benefits to them. Mr. Speaker, thanks for allowing me to join with my colleagues to speak on this special order.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE 202ND COMBAT ENGINEERS, COMPANY B

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of World War II Veterans who helped change the course of history in Europe. Their contribution to the American war efforts is significant and they should be recognized for their contribution.

The 202nd Combat Engineers, Company B, was a unique group that was made up of young men from Ohio and the American Midwest. Trained as engineers at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, they preceded the infantry, during invasions, to cut roads, blow up pillboxes, remove mines and build bridges so the infantry could advance. The success of the ground forces was directly linked to the success or failure of the engineers.

During their assignment to the European Theater, the 202nd contributed to some of the most notable battles of World War II. Omaha Beach, Normandy, Battle for Breast, the Break Out of St. Lo, Crossing the Rhine, and the Battle of the Bulge, were just a few of the famous battles in which these men served.

In one battle at Carhaix, France, the 202nd constructed a bridge more than 40 miles ahead of the infantry. This bridge is particularly noteworthy because it was the longest treadway pontoon bridge in the world, spanning 1152 feet. They accomplished this feat all while under heavy enemy fire.

This year the members of the 202nd will be awarded the 'Spirit of Liberty Award' from the French government for their efforts in liberating France during the Second World War. The presentation will take place on June 23, 2001, during a reunion of the 202nd in Middletown Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, this great group of men, in part, were responsible for bringing the conflict in Europe to an end. We thank them for the service to their country and to the world.

TRIBUTE TO DICK GORBY AND ROCKY BARKER

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the good works of two of the residents of my district, Dick Gorby and Rocky Barker, who together make up the staff of the Veterans Employment Office in Bend, Oregon. I could not be more pleased that the efforts of these two dedicated public servants have earned their tiny, yet effective, office of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security award of "Best Veterans Unit" for the year 2000.

Mr. Speaker, the Bend Veterans Employment Office assists local veterans in finding meaningful employment. But of course, it does much more. It reminds the men and women who have worn America's uniform that their nation and community are grateful for their service. The tireless efforts of Dick Gorby and Rocky Barker have sent this message loud and clear to the veterans in and around Bend. Their success has meant the difference between frustrating unemployment and a sense of dignity and purpose for the thousands of veterans they serve. I salute their commitment to Oregon's veterans and thank them for their selfless devotion on behalf of the men and women who have served our nation so honorably.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN WADE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an environmental champion and respected leader—John Wade. On Thursday, May 17, 2001, John passed away from injuries he sustained from a fall during a hiking trip in the mountains of Colorado. He was 81. All those in Colorado who respect the natural world and our duties to the environment will greatly miss John and his passion for people and the landscape.

John was a Presbyterian pastor and a university counselor. He had a pastorate in Utah and Colorado. During his time as a university