

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