

Eagle Regional Visitor Information Center. During the winter, he serves as the ambassador at the Eagle County Regional Airport—helping travelers with all their information needs.

This spring, the couple was selected as the Eagle Flight Days Parade grand marshals, an honor given to them in recognition of their outstanding services to the Eagle community. The two led off the parade on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton's contributions and exceptional services to the community of Eagle are to be commended. The dedication and hard work they demonstrate is remarkable. The state of Colorado is privileged to have such outstanding citizens.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LT. COL.
THOMAS S. BLACK, U.S. ARMY
RESERVE

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt thanks to my constituent and friend Lt. Col. Thomas S. Black, the commander of the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area in Dublin, CA.

Lieutenant Colonel Black assumed command of Camp Parks on August 5, 1997, and has been a tremendous asset to both the Army Reservist and the surrounding community. I, and everyone who served with him at Camp Parks, owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

The bonds between Camp Parks and the surrounding community have always been strong. However, Lieutenant Colonel Black took the relationship to a whole new level with his extensive use of local contractors, his partnership with the city of Dublin on creating new soccer fields and his privatization of the camp's water and wastewater utility system. Camp Parks has truly become one of the Tri-Valley's greatest treasures.

Lieutenant Colonel Black has had a long and prestigious career in the U.S. military since his enlistment in the California National Guard in 1973. He has served in southern California, Germany, Georgia, and Texas, and along the way has earned the U.S. Army's Meritorious Service Medal, the U.S. Army's Commendation Medal, the U.S. Army's Achievement Medal, and various other service awards and ribbons.

I, like everyone else at Camp Parks and the surrounding community, am very sorry to see him leave. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I have truly enjoyed working with him on issues important to the well-being of Camp Parks and the U.S. Army Reservist. And as the U.S. Representative of the 10th Congressional District, I have truly enjoyed the friendship I have developed with Lieutenant Colonel Black over the last 2 years.

I wish he, his wife Kathy, and his sons the best at his new assignment in Japan. Thank you again Lieutenant Colonel Black for your leadership, your support, and your service to this Nation.

HONORING G. BRUCE EVELAND,
STATE COMMANDER FOR THE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize an organization which has served as the backbone for securing and protecting the rights of veterans of United States Armed Forces. This year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States celebrates its 100th year of providing a voice for the American military retiree. Central to the national organization's Centennial Anniversary celebration are the people who are a chief source of its success: the leaders of the local chapters.

I am fortunate enough to number among my constituents in New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District the State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. G. Bruce Eveland, a resident of Medford, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Eveland for all that he has done not only for veterans, but for his country. His persistence and hard work have ensured a better life for individuals who have certainly earned it: those men and women who have risked their lives serving the United States of America. Bruce Eveland is a tremendous asset to veterans everywhere, and, on the dawn of his homecoming celebration in Lumberton, New Jersey, I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in recognizing his service.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK J.
BALEY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects and honor a community leader and loyal Democrat, Mr. Frank J. Baley. Frank Baley passed away on Saturday, July 10, 1999 at the age of sixty-nine.

Frank Baley was a devoted public servant and a leader of the Village of Stickney for ten years. He began his political career as a Democratic precinct captain and later served as a member of the Stickney Library Board. In 1965, he was elected Democratic committeeman of Stickney Township and remained a member of the Stickney Township Regular Democratic Organization until his death. He was elected a trustee on the Stickney Village Board in 1966, and held that position for twenty-three years before being elected village president in 1989.

In addition to his political career, Mr. Baley was an insurance and real estate broker. He also held various positions with the Cook County assessor's office and the clerk of the Circuit Court, where he served as the director of the criminal division.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to pay tribute to Mr. Baley. As a valuable and revered public servant and community leader, he will be greatly missed.

WINNER OF THE DISCOVER CARD
TRIBUTE AWARD

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend James A. Clark, an outstanding and innovative young man from Brownsville, Texas.

Competing with over 10,000 other applicants, James won a Silver Award in the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship for his outstanding contribution in the area of Trade and Technical Studies. The scholarship rewards student achievement in areas beyond academics. Winners must not only have a strong academic record, they must also possess special talents, be strong leaders, overcome personal obstacles, serve their community, and embark upon unique endeavors.

Academic success is definitely an important aspect of a young person's education. It requires hard work, interest, creativity, and discipline. However, real learning also occurs outside the classroom. A special talent cannot fully flourish without dedication and hours upon hours of practice. Leadership requires self-sacrifice and temerity; overcoming personal obstacle calls for faith and perseverance; and community service requires dedication, compassion, and unselfishness. James Clark, as a winner of the Discover Card Tribute Award, demonstrated all of these qualities.

While I am very proud of James, I know he did not do this alone. I commend his parents and his teachers for supporting and encouraging him in this proud undertaking. I especially commend the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), not only for its active participation in bringing the program into fruition, but also for its support and development of effective school leaders who ensure the highest quality in public education.

I appreciate the efforts of the private sector, like the Discover Card, who are serving a larger interest in recognizing the efforts of outstanding students. They support the AASA in its mission to prepare schools for the 21st Century by improving the condition of children and youth, connecting schools and communities, and enhancing the quality and effectiveness of school leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in applauding James Clark. He exemplifies the high level of academic success, leadership, dedication, creativity, and community service that all Americans, young and old, should emulate.

THE RADOM POST OFFICE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to call attention to the 125th anniversary of the Radom Post Office. The celebration was held on June 16th. Refreshments were served and a raffle was held at the end of the day. The post office has been a pillar of the community since it was built in 1874. Jane Restoff, the current postmaster in Radom, organized the event.

In small towns like Radom, the Post Office serves not only as a place to send letters, it is a place where the community comes together to interact. It is an important part of our heritage and must not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE THEODORE
"TED" JAMES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sadness that I take a moment to recognize the remarkable life and significant achievements of one of Larimer County's leading businessman, Theodore "Ted" James. An entrepreneur and developer of Grand Lake Lodge and Hidden Valley Ski Area, Mr. James died at his home on June 8 in Estes Park, CO. While family, friends and colleagues remember the truly exceptional life of Mr. James, I too would like to pay tribute to this remarkable man.

Mr. James was a resident of Estes Park for 46 years; moving to Larimer County in 1953 to run sightseeing buses, two lodges, and a store in Rocky Mountain National Park. During his time in Estes Park, Ted was the president and manager of the Hidden Valley Ski Area, Trail Ridge Store, Grand Lake Lodge, and the Estes Park Inn.

A graduate from Greeley High School, Ted attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. During his college career, Mr. James received numerous football awards and was selected by Knute Rockne for the All West football team. Upon graduating college, with a bachelor's degree in business, Ted played football for the Frankfort, PA, Yellowjackets, now known as the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. Many years later, Mr. James was inducted to the Nebraska Hall of Fame at Memorial Stadium.

In 1947, Mr. James was instrumental in merging the Burlington Bus Co., and American Bus Lines to create American Bus Lines in Chicago. With previous experience as the manager of the Greeley Transportation Co., Ted was immediately offered a job as the president and general manager of American Bus Lines Chicago branch.

In 1953, Mr. James was given the opportunity to develop Hidden Valley Ski Area by the Larimer County Park Service. He was a park concessionaire for Hidden Valley, Grand Lake Lodge, and the Trail Ridge Store, as well as operating the Estes Park Chalet.

Mr. James was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Scottish Right and Estes Park Knights of the Belt Buckle. He was commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America in Denver, president of Ski County USA, and member and director of Denver Country Club.

Although his professional accomplishments will long be remembered and admired, most who knew him well will remember Ted James as a hard working, dedicated, and compassionate man. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. James for their profound loss.

ORACLE CORPORATION: A MODEL
CORPORATE CITIZEN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues are familiar with the extraordinary success of Oracle Corporation of Redwood Shores, California. Oracle is the world's second largest software company and the leading supplier of software for enterprise information management. Under the guidance of its visionary CEO, Larry Ellison, Oracle has pioneered the use of the Internet computing model for the development and deployment of enterprise software. The technological leadership of this outstanding company, which operates in more than 145 countries around the globe, has dramatically improved the ability of businesses to compete in our rapidly changing world.

Oracle's status as a corporate role model, however, rests on far more than its supremacy in the field of information technology. A corporate citizen of the highest order, Oracle has generously provided services and technical support to charities and social causes around the world. The company has truly made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, one recent illustration of exemplary corporate citizenship also demonstrated Oracle's information technology prowess and its application to public service. The ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Balkans, resulting from Slobodan Milosevic's campaign of ethnic cleansing in Kosova, has left hundreds of thousands of refugees with husbands separated from wives and families and parents separated from their children. Attempts to reunite these shattered families have taxed the resources of NATO and international peacekeepers, as well as United Nations refugee officials and other humanitarian organizations.

Desperate to ease the plight of lost family members, the American Red Cross turned to Oracle for an Internet-based solution. Oracle quickly responded by developing the Displaced Persons Linking System (DPLS), an innovative program which has greatly assisted relief workers in reuniting lost family members. In recent days, this technology has been used to bring together many refugees separated by the chaos of war, including a 13-year-old Kosovar refugee and her father in a Macedonian refugee camp, as well as an elderly Kosovar man in a New Jersey relief center and his son in Albania.

Mr. Speaker, Oracle's outstanding humanitarian efforts were noted by the Acting President of the American Red Cross, Steve Bullock, who said: "The Balkan refugee crisis is enormously complex both in terms of its size and scope. Oracle's status as the world's leader in information management technology has helped us tackle this problem in a manner that will help not only Kosovar refugees and their families, but also the victims of natural disasters whom the American Red Cross traditionally has served. I can think of a few organizations better suited to helping the American Red Cross move into the new millennium than Oracle."

Mr. Speaker, Oracle's significant contribution to the relief effort in Kosova merits the sincere gratitude and appreciation of all of us.

The development of the DPLS is only one of a multitude of charitable efforts initiated by Oracle. The Computers for Coexistence program, for example, uses the growth of Internet technology to promote peace and stability. Oracle is currently installing hundreds of network computers in Israeli and Palestinian cities, in schools and community centers, to link children of both people to the Internet and to foster communication between them. A similar effort to bridge the "digital divide" is also underway in Northern Ireland, offering a new avenue for bringing together Protestant and Catholic children and undermining ancient prejudices.

An additional charitable venture, Oracle's Promise, is helping to better the lives of children here at home. By providing computers to schools in low-income neighborhoods across America, Oracle has helped to create enhanced learning opportunities for over 125,000 young people in more than 1,000 classrooms all over our country. These invaluable interventions have occurred in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Washington, DC, and many other cities. These efforts have earned Oracle the commendation of General Colin Powell in his "America's Promise 1999 Report to the Nation."

Mr. Speaker, Oracle employees directly assist these various programs by volunteering in communities in all corners of our great country. In addition to the thousands of volunteer hours contributed to these projects, Oracle employees devote spare time to causes ranging from Meals on Wheels to literacy tutoring, from assisting senior citizens with minor home repairs to raising money for breast cancer research. Oracle strongly encourages and helps to coordinate these efforts, reflecting this corporate citizen's genuine commitment to public service.

As America's economy grows and prospers, I hope that other companies follow Oracle's outstanding example by recognizing a corporate responsibility both to their communities and to the welfare of the less fortunate. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent in the Congress the international headquarters of Oracle Corporation, as well thousands of its employees in the Bay Area. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the men and women of Oracle for their exceptional contributions to our society.

OUR CONSTITUENTS DEMAND
SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LAWS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, the people of Illinois and Indiana, and in particular the residents of my district, are beginning the healing process after having suffered the violence of hate over the 4th of July weekend. I am thankful and grateful for the outstanding effort by local, state, and federal law enforcement officials in bringing the rampage to an end. I am also proud of my community for never losing faith and for having the courage to stand tall in the face of hate.

The killing and shooting spree took the lives of two men and forever changed the lives of