

Methodist Church was restored and transformed in a 300-seat Cultural Arts Center in 1985. Amtrak passenger rail and Metrolink commuter services came to Simi Valley under his reign.

New businesses have come in, providing a needed equilibrium in the community. Potholes have a short lifespan. Smut has been discouraged. Gang activity has decreased.

Greg exhibited true leadership when a trial was thrust upon the community that threatened to unfairly soil its name and again when the Northridge earthquake devastated much of the city. It is a leadership that will be sorely missed.

However, Greg's legacy will live on. In 1995, he launched the Vision 2020 Project, a strategic planning process designed to lead the city's evolution well into the next millennium. It was launched as a community project, ensuring its endurance even as Greg moves on.

Mr. Speaker, Greg is retiring from public office, but I have no doubt he and his lovely wife, Ede, will continue to make their presence known in all aspects of the Simi Valley community. I know my colleagues will join me in wishing him godspeed in any endeavors he wishes to tackle.

SANTA BARBARA COMES TO  
WASHINGTON: THE CAPITAL  
CONFERENCE

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on September 16, I was proud to welcome 35 community leaders from my home town of Santa Barbara, California to Washington for a Capital Conference. It was an honor to host a distinguished group of educators, business leaders, community activists, and elected officials for a series of discussions with leading Federal policy makers.

The Capital Conference focused on some of the most important issues facing Santa Barbara and our nation, including technology, education, business, and the media. We talked with William Kennard, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission about the e-rate, cable rates, and telecommunications issues. We had very fruitful dialogues with Minority Leader RICHARD GEPHARDT and Secretary Richard Riley about education. Monterey Congressman SAM FARR and noted political commentator Eleanor Clift spoke at lunch. At the White House, we discussed a range of issues with several senior aides, including Press Secretary Mike McCurry.

Throughout the day, my neighbors from Santa Barbara had the opportunity to learn first-hand about efforts underway in Washington to deal with critical policy issues. But even more important was the chance for my colleagues in government to hear directly from the grassroots about how Federal initiatives are working or not working.

The day concluded with a reception at the Library of Congress and a lecture by Santa Barbara's own noted poet and philosopher Noah benShea. I was pleased to co-host the evening's events with the Santa Barbara News-Press, the Santa Barbara County Board

of Education, and the McCune Foundation. Noah's talk, entitled "Creating a Caring Society," was enlightening and enjoyable, and I would like to commend some selected passages to my colleagues.

EXCERPTS FROM "CREATING A CARING SOCIETY"

(By Noah benShea)

I am generally of the opinion that most of us don't lack for insight but the character to act on what we know. Character is insight's chariot.

Greatness is not always what you reach but what you reach for. In the Bible it is written that "justice, justice, shall you pursue." It is the pursuit of justice that is noble. It is the reaching out to others that is caring . . . Justice and caring are targets that we are no less for not reaching but much less for not chasing.

To be indifferent to the fate of others is to live outside the passions of love and hate. A society that is indifferent is uncaring. A society that is indifferent is, by definition, neither passionate nor compassionate.

Now is a time for forward looking people to stop and look backward. Look at those who looked beyond themselves. Listen to those who heard higher voices . . . People with power are required to care about those without power. And how people with power treat those without power is the defining profile of a society.

Caring is not a political issue except as our politics fails to make caring an issue. Caring is not a matter of left and right but looking out for those who are on both our left and right. Caring is not a matter of left and right but who is left out and not who is right.

BUD MANSFIELD TESTIMONIAL

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is often clear in retrospect that an individual's lifetime of varied jobs and experiences were but preparation for a task that would allow him utilize all the skills and wisdom he had accumulated. There is such a man in my Congressional District, and as Bud Mansfield retires from his post as Executive Director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on his fine career.

What qualities might we seek in a chamber director? We would look for someone with genuine business experience, someone who has deep roots in the area and involvement in the community, and someone who knows both the upside and downside of business ventures. We would look for someone with the salesperson's skills to sell the community to a developer and sell a developer to the community, and someone with such a work ethic that, as his last day of employment approaches, says that he doesn't plan to really retire, ever.

It's quite clear, Mr. Speaker, that I have been describing Francis "Bud" Mansfield, who has devoted his life to work and to volunteer efforts in the Sault Ste. Marie area on the eastern end of Michigan's Upper peninsula.

Bud earned his stripes in the world of business early, delivering messages for Western Union on his bicycle at the age of 12, as area residents were reminded in a recent article in the Sault Evening News. He earned his stripes, literally, in the Michigan National

Guard. He worked in the men's department of a local department store, started his own cleaning business, joined the sales force of a local General Motors vehicle dealership, and eventually acquired that dealership. Bud, however, soon became one of the economic victims of the closing of Kincheloe Air Force, one of two base closings that has devastated my district and an event that later presented Bud Mansfield, the chamber director, with special challenges.

Let me take a moment to state, for the record, several of almost 50 organizations which Bud Mansfield has helped shape, guide or support in his role as chamber director. A program like Habitat for Humanity would be familiar to you, Mr. Speaker, but there are other programs, such as Artrain and Rails to Trails, that are special Michigan success stories.

Sault St. Marie has a unique location. It is an important border crossing into Canada and it is the site of the Soo Locks, which link Lake Superior with Lake Huron. These geographical features ensured that Bud would have a role to play with the Joint International Committee, with the Internal coordinating Committee for Joint Relations, and with a Soo Locks operations committee.

Bud also served on the board of local Catholic schools, and as he said in his recent Evening News interview, he weathered the closing of that school system in the late 1970s with great sorrow. He later served on the board of the Sault Area Public Schools.

It's clear that Bud won't stop moving, working and traveling after he leaves the chamber. He and his wife Mary have eight children, all of whom, according to Evening News, have moved back to Michigan. In the interview with Bud, he also stated he has considered doing some writing.

So maybe, Mr. Speaker, a life of varied jobs wasn't just shaping Bud for his chamber work. Maybe the real adventure for this 71-year-old lies just around the corner. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the best for Bud Mansfield, a dedicated community servant.

HONORING MONROE TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monroe Township High School, who will host the Twelfth Congressional District's "hi-tech" fair on October 19, 1998.

More than 20 companies, agencies and universities will exhibit their latest technology to high school students from across the district. Among those attending is Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, who will demonstrate their medical "arm wrestling" machine; the FBI, who will demonstrate a new DNA profiling program and Rutgers University, who will display their computer-based visualization of feed digestion called the "electric cow." Other attendees include U.S. Army CECOM, the Sarnoff Corporation, NASA, the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Lucent Technologies, Lockheed Martin and Monmouth University.

In the last decade, New Jersey has become home to many technological companies. With the increase in computer usage, our children