

## SEMI-OFFICIAL

In California, non-profit Roots of Change, with grant writing assistance from Gus for \$1,500,000 for marketing support of incentives, launched a program called Market Match. The simultaneous appearance—and success—of double-your money markets drew national media and grant-makers' attention and laid the foundation for rapid expansion. By 2009, Wholesome Wave granted \$330,000, up from just \$38,000 the year before, to shoppers at 40 farmers markets in 10 states plus the District of Columbia.

Over the years, he wrote books and journal articles, and taught agribusiness as a visiting scholar at Harvard Business School.

In 2007, Schumacher, along with Cathy Bertini, former Director of the World Food Programme and Professor Robert Thompson, Gardner Professor of Agricultural Economics at Illinois, oversaw the preparation of the Task Force Report of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, titled "Modernizing America's Food and Farm Policy: Vision for a New Direction".

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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[From The Washington Post, Sept. 27]

GUS SCHUMACHER, A FORCE IN THE FARM-TO-TABLE MOVEMENT, DIES AT 77

(By Bart Barnes)

Gus Schumacher, a fourth-generation farmer and third-ranking official at the Agriculture Department, told the story of his epiphany about food hundreds of times.

It was the end of a summer afternoon in 1980 at a farmers market in Boston, and he was helping his brother load up his truck with unsold produce grown on their family property in Lexington, Mass. The bottom fell out of a box of pears, scattering the fruit into the gutter.

There, a young mother with two little boys eagerly gathered them into the folds of her unhemmed shirt. She was a single mom, she explained, dependent on food stamps, which back then made fresh fruit and vegetables prohibitively expensive for her. The pear spill was a bonanza.

For Mr. Schumacher, he would say later, it was a seminal moment in his life. He grew up on a farm, and it had never occurred to him that parents would find it hard to provide their children with fresh fruit and vegetables.

He would change it, he told himself.

Mr. Schumacher—who in a 50-year career also served as the Massachusetts commis-

sioner of food and agriculture, a food project manager and agriculture development officer for the World Bank and finally a co-founder of a nonprofit group that tries to improve affordable access to fresh, locally grown food—died Sept. 24 at his home in Washington. The cause was an apparent heart attack, said his wife, Susan Holaday Schumacher. He was 77.

Since that farmers-market epiphany, Mr. Schumacher helped make food assistance programs more generous in allowances for fresh fruit and vegetables. He also became a force in the farm-to-table movement, encouraging restaurants and retail stores to buy produce locally.

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That scene, or a version of it, would play over and over again between 1984 and 1990 when Mr. Schumacher was agriculture chief for Massachusetts. He was always asking chefs whether they knew any farmers who could supply them food directly. He created market coupon programs for seniors and low-income families with children. He chastised breakfast diners for serving English jellies instead of American ones.

"Gus was instrumental in bringing two seemingly obvious groups together who never talked to each other—chefs and farmers," Hamersley told the Globe. "He's basically the architect of chefs featuring locally grown produce. As always, there was a team of people with him, but he was sitting in the chair."

The Washington Post reported on Mr. Schumacher's work with refugee and immigrant farmers all over the United States. He encouraged them to grow and market their native vegetables, such as amaranth. From New England, the New York Times reported, Mr. Schumacher made personal deliveries of Asian greens that included pea tendrils, Chinese chive blossoms and Cambodian spearmint to the Washington restaurant TenPenh.

August Schumacher Jr. was born in Lincoln, Mass., on Dec. 4, 1939. He grew up on a farm in Lexington, and his father was one of the largest parsnip growers in Massachusetts. His grandfather and great-grandfather were farmers in New York City. They grew winter vegetables in glass-enclosed hot-houses.

Mr. Schumacher graduated from Harvard University in 1961 and attended the London School of Economics.

Over his career, he had a variety of consultancies, served as Massachusetts agriculture chief from 1984 to 1990 and was the USDA undersecretary of agriculture for farm and foreign agricultural services from 1997 to 2001.

Since 2008 he had served as founding board chairman of Wholesome Wave in Bridgeport, Conn., which seeks to increase access to affordable, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

His first marriage, to Barbara Kerstetter, ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Susan Holaday Schumacher of Washington; a stepdaughter, Valarie Karasz

of Brooklyn; and two grandchildren. A stepson, Andrew Karasz, died earlier this month.

## HONORING THA YING XIONG

## HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 1, 2017

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible young man, Tha Ying Xiong of Weston, Wisconsin, and congratulate him on receiving this year's Paul Bunyan's "larger than life" award. Paul Bunyan, with his trusty blue ox, Babe, was a larger-than-life figure in Wisconsin. And through his dedicated work in the Wausau region community, Tha Ying certainly exemplifies the term "larger than life." Tha Ying serves his community as a member of the Help Making Our Next Generation (H.M.O.N.G.) Youth Program, a member of the ReUnited Dance Group, coordinator for the first Mr. Hmong Royalty competition, and has spent countless hours on behalf of the Hmong American Center fundraising and helping to fulfill the day-to-day operations that every organization needs to thrive. He is described as a leader among his peers, even by those who are much older than him. His selfless acts to improve the community around him serve as a true inspiration to us all and as a credit to the legacy of Paul Bunyan. Congratulations, Tha Ying.

## RECOGNIZING JIM SACKET FOR HIS SERVICE

## HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 1, 2017

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to recognize the illustrious career of James "Jim" Sacket on the occasion of his retirement. Jim is retiring this December after twenty years of dedicated service to Schoharie County as District Attorney.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jim has resided in Schoharie, New York for over sixty years. From a young age, he exhibited a rare diligence and a community-driven spirit. While attending Schoharie Central School, Jim was an Eagle Scout and an active participant in the National Honor Society as well as in many athletic programs.

In 1984, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Suffolk University. He then went on to obtain his Juris Doctor degree in 1987, and later clerked for Attorney Paul Callahan in Duanesburg, New York. In 1990, Jim was admitted to the New York State Bar, and established his own practice shortly thereafter. Jim's legacy of hard work is a source of inspiration, instilling the values of determination, confidence, and civility in his community.

In 1997, Jim was elected Schoharie County District Attorney and has proudly served as the county's Chief Law Enforcement Officer since. In this capacity, through his effective prosecuting, Jim has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to preserving the safety and security of Schoharie County. Jim is a man of uncommon judgement with a fierce loyalty to the integrity of our judicial system.

As District Attorney, Jim served as a respected leader of the Schoharie community, and I thank him for his commitment to the State of New York. I wish him, his wife Rhonda, and their two children, James and Anne, every happiness as they embark on this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN U.S. NAVY ENGINEMAN PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS (PO1) VINCENT E. PARKER, SR.

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen U.S. Navy Engineman Petty Officer First Class (PO1) Vincent E. Parker, Sr. who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on November 18, 2001, during Operation Enduring Freedom. PO1 Parker drowned aboard *Samra*, an Iraqi freighter, which capsized in the Persian Gulf. Petty Officer Third Class (PO3) Benjamin Johnson also died. PO1 Parker was part of a security team from the USS *Peterson* (DD969). He was based at Norfolk Naval Station, Virginia.

United States Representative Charles W. "Chip" Pickering, Jr. submitted details of PO1 Parker's service into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Thursday, December 13, 2001. PO1 Parker, a native of Preston, Mississippi, joined the U.S. Navy in 1982 after graduating from Nanih Waiya High School in Louisville, Mississippi. In the document, Rep. Pickering described PO1 Parker as a devout member of the Assembly of God Church in Columbus, Mississippi, and he grew up in a loving, well-respected family with five siblings. PO1 Parker's mission on the day he died was to enforce the United Nations sanctions imposed upon Iraq following the Gulf War. He boarded *Samra*, a ship believed to be smuggling oil for Saddam Hussein. Rep. Pickering commended PO1 Parker for his lifelong devotion as a son, husband, brother, father, and citizen. Rep. Pickering also said that while serving on board the USS *Peterson*, PO1 Parker was known not only for his naval leadership, but also for the example he set as a citizen and a man of God.

Stephenie Parker Ybarra, PO1 Parker's niece from Columbus, Mississippi, paid tribute to her uncle in a post on a memorial website. "Uncle Butch, you were loved by the whole family," Stephenie wrote. "You were one of our family's role models. All the nieces and nephews adored you. I can't tell you how much you are missed, but I can tell you I am extremely proud to have been your niece. Your ultimate sacrifice is only a small reflection of the type of person you were. I can't wait to one day see you and grandpa again and recap on all the stories you have missed. I love you and miss you!" Another niece of PO1 Parker, Jessica Owen of Amory, posted a tribute on the same memorial website. "I am so proud of you," Jessica wrote. "You are the bravest man I have ever known, and your courage has reflected upon your family. We are better people because we have loved, and have been loved by you. The sacrifice you made for the family and country you loved will

never be forgotten. I carry your memory in my heart every day. Like Steph, I look forward to the day when I can talk to you again and to the day when we can look back at all you have missed and smile together."

PO1 Parker is survived by his wife, Charlotte Parker; their two children, Vincent Parker and Rachel Parker; his sister Ruth Marie Parker; and his four brothers, Glenn Parker, Andy Parker, Steven Parker, and John Parker.

PO1 Parker proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 19 years. His commitment to protect America will always be remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF UPLAND, INDIANA

### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Upland, Indiana. Upland has played an integral role in the industrial and educational development of Indiana and Hoosiers from every part of the state are thankful for the contributions of the men and women of Upland.

The town of Upland is celebrating 150 years, but the history of Upland dates back further. Settlers came to the area in 1828, clearing the land and trapping wild game for food and furs. In 1867, settler Jacob Bugher gave a right of way to the Central Railroad of Indiana in exchange for a promise that all passenger rail would stop in the soon-to-be-formed town. Central Railroad of Indiana agreed, the railroad was built, and Upland was officially incorporated.

In the years since it gained its name as the highest point on the Central Railroad of Indiana rail line, Upland has developed into a lively and thriving community, serving as a home for generations to families, businesses, professionals, churches, schools, and other organizations.

In 1887, the town saw a great influx in business due to the discovery of natural gas. Just a few years later, in 1893, Taylor University moved to Upland. The University was founded on the belief that education should be available to women as well as men, and Taylor University is now regularly ranked in the top three colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report. The arrival of Taylor University gave students across the country the opportunity to receive a first-class liberal arts education in a special town.

In recent years there has been an influx of business developments in Upland, which has been great for the economic growth of the town. The town of Upland has a unique balance between established favorites like Ivanhoe's Drive-In, a drive-in restaurant established in 1965 famous for its ice cream and burgers, and attracting new businesses, like coffee shops and clothing stores.

Upland, Indiana exemplifies the best of small-town America. The citizens have a clear passion and love for their town, but are also quick to welcome visitors from around the world. I am proud to represent such an amazing town, one with a history of growth and success as well as the promise of a pros-

perous future. Please join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the incorporation of the great town of Upland, Indiana.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN STRICKLER FOR THE MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Strickler from Belgrade for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Strickler joined the United States Marine Corps in 1983 and served until 1986 when he was honorably discharged as a corporal. Those closest to Mr. Strickler describe him as "always a Marine," professional in action, appearance, and bearing.

Mr. Strickler's service extends beyond his military career. He is involved with several veteran, civic, and youth organizations. He is the Commander of the local Honor Guard and a member of the Gallatin Valley Memorial Day Parade Committee, where he instituted a program to honor Gold Star family members in the annual parade.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Kevin Strickler for his dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO SABARISH MOGALLAPALLI

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sabarish Mogallapalli. Sabarish and his fellow teammates created the winning app, City Recycle Day, as part of the 2017 Congressional App Challenge. Their team is combined of students who attend Waukee High School and PrairieView Middle School in Waukee, Iowa.

The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to learn how to code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress from their home district. The team's app is entitled "City Recycle Day". It is designed to alert members of a community as to the date of their next trash/recycle pickup day. It also alerts users of special pickups and delays.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Sabarish and his teammates for creating the winning app, and I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Sabarish and his teammates on this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.