

In Tough Times ... Real Victories

Like most of California, the Central Coast has been hit by tough times. The shutdown of Fort Ord. Budget cuts for our schools. Threats to the viability of our farms.

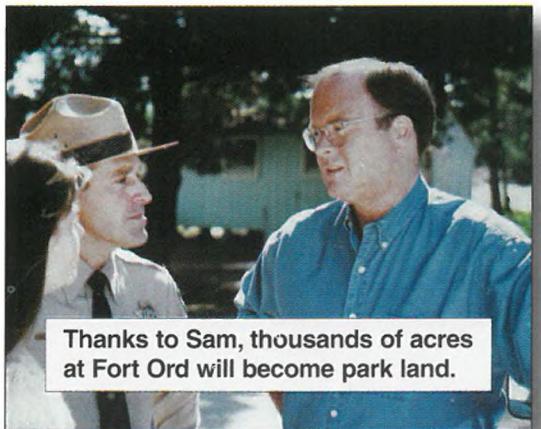
But we're fighting back, and winning, with the determined help of Sam Farr.

Since we sent him to Congress in the special election last year, Sam has made our economic comeback his number-one priority.

CONVERTING FORT ORD.

Sam fought for — and won — the \$15 million to start a new CSU campus at Fort Ord. And he's fought to ensure that the jobs involved in converting the base will go to local workers. CSU Monterey Bay will mean literally thousands of new jobs for our area, including spin-off jobs in research and manufacturing.

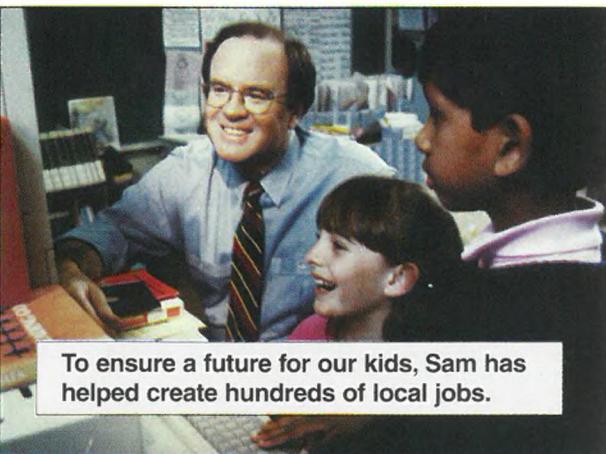
IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS. Sam's commitment to education doesn't end with the new university. He's fighting for better support for the Head Start program, reduced class sizes for K through 12, and more classroom computers and other tools to prepare our kids for the future.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT.

A lifelong defender of our environment, Sam worked closely with Leon Panetta to secure the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. He's also helped to delay sonar testing off Point Sur to make sure there's no harm to marine mammals.

SAVING LOCAL JOBS. Sam stepped in and prevented the shutdown of the Social Security office in Salinas, saving 300 jobs. He's also won approval of the new DFAS center at Fort Ord, which will create 700 jobs.



ATTACKING CRIME. Sam fought for passage of the new crime bill, providing more local police, tougher penalties for violent offenders, and aggressive crime prevention efforts, including a ban on military-style assault weapons.

DEFENDING OUR FARMS. The moment he arrived in Congress, Sam got a seat on the Agriculture Committee so he could defend our number-one industry. There he's fought to open foreign markets to California produce. He's also won approval and funding of major new reclamation projects for our area to provide needed irrigation water and to combat seawater intrusion.

CONTROLLING THE BUDGET.

One of Sam's first votes in Congress was to dramatically cut the federal deficit and shift more of the tax burden from low-income working families to those with six-figure incomes. That measure trimmed wasteful spending, and has given us deficit reductions three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman.

BACKING HEALTH REFORM.

Sam is strongly committed to reforming our nation's health care system. There's no excuse, he believes, for a system that denies coverage to people with existing medical problems, or cuts off coverage if you have to change jobs.



CLEANING UP CONGRESS. Sam has fought successfully to change the way Congress works. He helped pass the new House reform bill that makes members of Congress live by the same laws that apply to the rest of us. And he supports stringent campaign finance reform measures to reduce Congress' dependence on special interest campaign contributions.



We've been through some difficult times lately. Nearly everyone here in our area has felt the economic pinch. But even in the toughest times, I've never doubted for a moment that we would bounce back.

We have extraordinary resources here, from our rich farm land to the beauty of the coastline. But our most valuable resource by far is the talent and determination of our people.

Although I'm proud of the role I've played in helping to win the Marine Sanctuary and bring a new CSU campus to Ford Ord, the truth is, these kinds of victories don't happen without the hard work and commitment of the whole community.

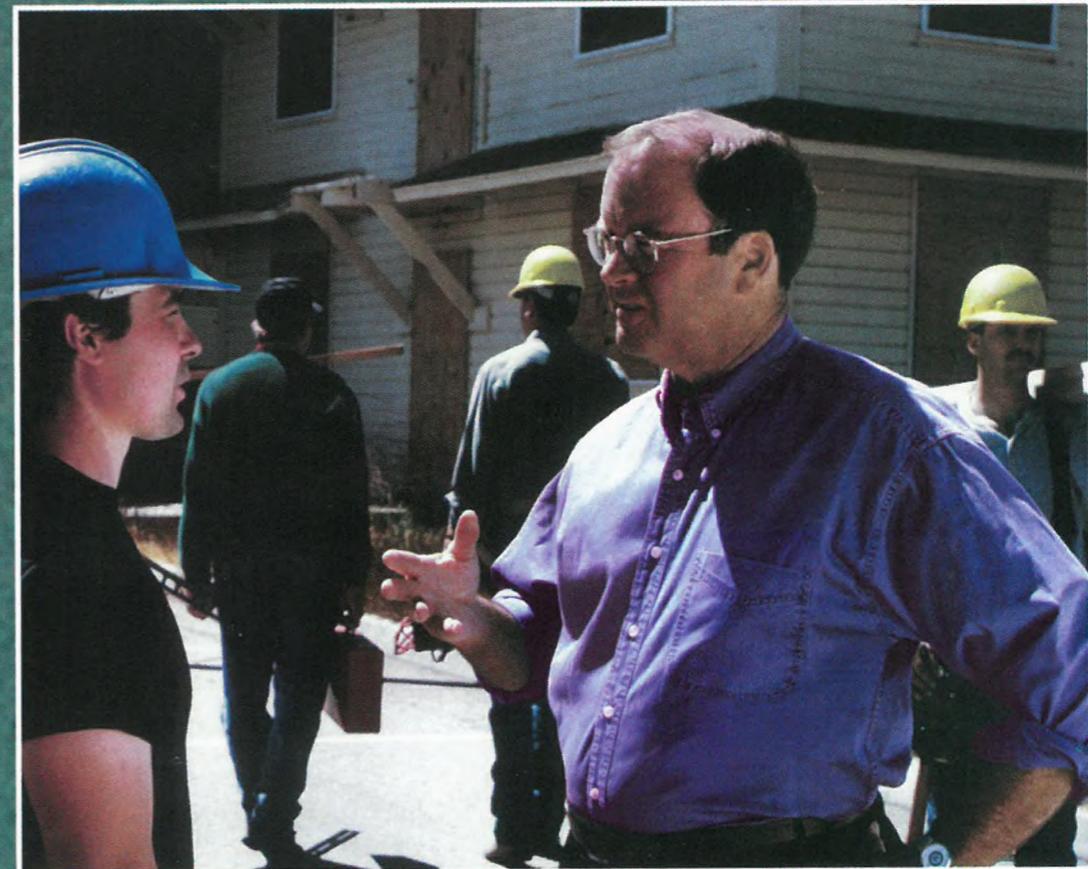
There's more hard work ahead — more battles to fight and win. Let's continue to work together, so our kids and grandkids can grow and prosper here, too.



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Leading the Comeback