



Note from the Editor

I miss Ed Roberts. Since he passed, there's been nobody I can call late at night to get a party of a conversation. The Ed Zone, Billy Golfus called it. That zone was a reliable, portable upper. Ed was always seriously truthful, and laughing all the way.

For the articles which follow, I took huge editorial liberties: ransacking a number of sources, shown below, picking them apart to weave a conversation.

Although he may never have said it all in one day, every word and every sentence is Ed's; none is taken out of context.

Ed knew I'd never misquote him anyhow. After the first article where I made him the subject, he didn't bother to fact-check the ones that followed.

Many of us wish he were here. I hope this conversation brings him close enough so that some new friends can hear his voice. — *l.g.*

SOURCES: interviews with Ed for *Mouth* and *New Mobility* by Lucy Gwin; Timothy Pfaff's profile for *California Monthly*; interviews by Susan O'Hara for the Bancroft Library; Jon Oda's transcript of an Ed speech; and finally, most importantly, a video of Ed's talk to the very first Partners in Policymaking weekend. To get in the Ed Zone, watch it at www.mncdd.org/parallels2/one/video/ed_roberts-pipm.html