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A charming couple and long-time residents Doc and Grace Eldrige displayed their bas-reliefs.



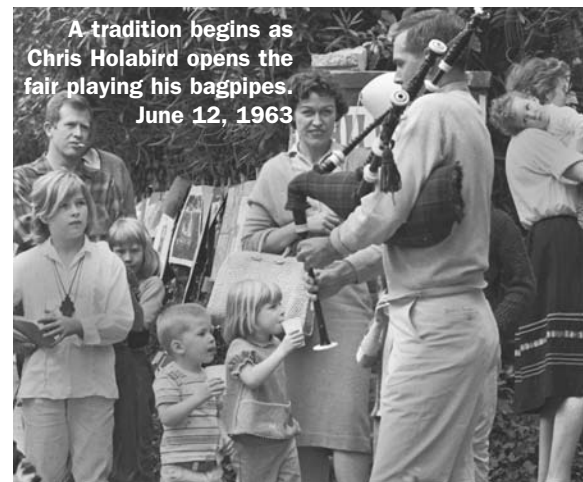
Coming Soon...

The Annual Beverly Glen Fair

By Social Events Chair, Steve Bluestein

Once again it's time for the Glen Fair. This annual event brings both residents and visitors together in an atmosphere of friendship and community. The many crafts-people, the games, the food and the music make this event a must attend for all Glen residents and their immediate family and friends. So get your neighbors, tell your friends, and meet us at the Fair.

Date: June 12, 2005
 Time: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 Place: 2200 block of Beverly Glen Place
 Admission: Paid Members: Free
 Non-members: Each adult \$3.00
 Family Discount: Maximum of \$10.00 per family.
 Kids under 12, free.



A tradition begins as Chris Holabird opens the fair playing his bagpipes. June 12, 1963

A Note Regarding The Fair

From Residents Of Beverly Glen President, Dan Buben

We need volunteers for all areas of the fair. I always appreciate all the volunteers we have each year, both the ones that have lived in the Glen for many years and new Glen residents....

Openings for volunteers include:

- Solicitation and/or donation for the silent auction
- Stuffing mail boxes with fair announcement flyers
- Creating and hanging fair posters
- Controlling the flow of traffic on the day of the fair
- Securing vendors for booths
- Manning the membership table at the fair
- Serving and preparing food including: barbecue items, salads, desserts and beverages
- Set-up and clean-up
- Overseeing safety tasks such as helping with the moon bounce, etc.
- Supplying miscellaneous items such as coolers to keep drinks cold, and umbrellas

If we can get 50 volunteers to donate 2 hours of their time on either Saturday June 11th or Sunday June 12th I know we will have another great fair. Please volunteer today; your community depends on you! Call or email me, Dan Buben, at dan@legendmortgagela.com or (310) 351-5992. This year we are going to vote on the best homemade dessert of the Glen and post the recipe in the next issue of the Glenite. To donate a homemade dessert for the fair please call Dobbie Heimer at (310) 860-1275.

Hilary Marshutz, admiring her father's photographs. This fair was the beginning of Roger Marshutz's career as a commercial photographer when Glen resident, Milton Zolotow, partner of the renowned Los Angeles design studios Gollin, Bright and Zolotow, hired Roger as a photographer.

Letter from the President

Spring is here, finally, after a rainy winter on April 10th we had our Traditional Garden Walk in the Glen. Over 50 residents attended. Thanks to Pam Weil and her team of volunteers for making this event a smashing success. On April 17th we had a membership party at the Four Oaks, which we have Peter Roelant to thank for being so generous. The appetizers and desserts were outstanding. Also, many thanks to Richard Renaldo of Beverly Glen Realty for his contribution of wine from his wine cellar and Mike from Beverly Glen Market, who supplied beverages.

As stated in previous Glenites, we are in need of volunteers to assist members of the board in all areas, who will give their time to make our community better. I am very thankful for residents like Pam Weil for the garden walk (Please see article on page 5), Karina Combs for her donation of restoring our shelves and getting our history of the Glen in archival boxes, and donations from Rob Sinclair and Dan Buben for purchasing the archival boxes. I am very thankful for the 7 volunteers that stuffed mailboxes recently with announcements for up and coming events. Steve Bluestein, Diane Fisher, Amy Jones, Will Wright, George Chritton, Antoinette Bower and Trein Schiffelbian. A little help makes a big difference. Thank you for climbing the hills!!!

Rob Sinclair is working with our local government offices to get our signs for the community. By majority vote our residents choose to have the sign read "Welcome to Beverly Glen Please Drive Slowly."

The fair is scheduled for June 12th from 12-5 pm. We are in need of volunteers. Please see article in this Glenite on for areas on which we need help in or call me today at (310) 351-5942 or email me at Dan@legendmortgagela.com to volunteer. Reminder the June fair is free to paid members so pay your dues today! If you are not sure if you are paid up for 2005 please call Diane Fisher at (310) 474-1160 or email her at DynamicDiane@verizon.net. As of April 10th, we had 94 paid members. We thank the 94 families for doing their part and helping the community. Please do your part to support your community.

Recently The Road Paving Committee met with Deputy Fortuna Ippoliti of Councilman Jack Weiss's office and The Bureau of Street Services (B.O.S.S.). Our meeting went very well with help from the efforts and dedication of long hours of research by Elizabeth Ghaffari, the legal counseling from Dominique Shelton and the contributions of Rob Sinclair and Karina Combs. We need others to get involved. On April 10th Mary Dee Donnan decided to join our committee. Thank you!!! Others have come forth and I will mention them in the next Glenite. B.O.S.S. committed to paving two streets in our community. The budget for street repairs is very limited so we are very grateful for this commitment. Hopefully we will see additional streets repaired in the next budget, the most important thing for our residents to remember is that we will need more people to help with this project.

Steve Bluestein's article, First Annual Beverly Glen Beautification Project, which was featured in the Winter Glenite describes the improving/renovation

contest for trash cans. If you would like to submit a design or plan for the June fair, please call Steve at (310) 475-4763. We will plan to announce the winners in our Autumn Glenite. The winners will be announced in our Annual October meeting. For more details on this Beautification project go to www.BeverlyGlen.org and click on Glenites then on winter 2005 and find article on page 5.

A group of board members went to the Sherman Oaks Homeowner's Association meeting on March 16th to obtain more ideas on how to get more involvement and increase the number of social activities for the Glen. Their guest speaker was Laura Chick City Controller of Los Angeles. She spoke about fraud, you can find more details on her website www.lacity.org/ctr/ Approximately 250-300 residents came out for this meeting. Each month a different restaurant is featured where members pay \$3 and Non-members pay \$5 to attend the meeting and have dinner. The meeting was over at 8:30 pm but in the 2 hours you got to meet residents, city and county representatives and other local residents. They also featured a long time resident that was a roofer in the community. Wouldn't it be great if we could do the same? If you would like to volunteer to help make this happen contact me. My goal is to have our 1st meeting in July. Perhaps your business could be promoted at one of these meetings. Nothing is better than supporting your community businesses.

We are in the need of a traffic chairperson Peter and Hadley Arnold are passing the torch to spend more time with their family. I am thankful for the contributions they have made to our community. If you wish is to help in the traffic area please let me know or call. Peter or Hadley at (310) 234-8805 and they can inform you of some of the projects that they have started. We need a committee in this area. Remember a team of traffic volunteers can make a difference. Talking about traffic, I need volunteers to get trained and certified to move a portable speed trailer, which is available for our community. The city budget is tight so we need to take advantage of this equipment while we can. Volunteer today with Robert Ringler at raringler@adelphia.net or call (310) 475-5978. Also Robert is working with state Senator Torlakson to support SB466 so we can get a mobile photo radar enforcement system. Each month on the 2nd Tuesday, over 16 Westside communities get together from 8:15AM till 10:30 to discuss traffic. I need one resident that has a flexible schedule that can attend these meetings monthly and report to The Resident of Beverly Glen Board what action and plans the Community Police Advisory Board (C.P.A.B.) is taking.

Lastly, we have talent in the Glen! For the week ending April 10th one of our residents, Breck Eisner, director of the movie "Sahara" saw his film become the number one box office hit...the movie of the week!!! Good going Breck.

See you in the Glen and see you at the Fair on June 12!

Dan Buben
President of Residents of Beverly Glen, Inc.

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Emergency Preparedness Corner

By Antoinette Bower, Emergency Preparedness Chair

It is April 10, 2005 and I've just come back from the Garden Walk with its very good turnout and decided to scrap my original Glenite piece. First of all, the Walk is a reminder of the glorious diversity of our area; we went from small and intimate almost-English gardens to rocky hill country that would just about work for western film locations. There were roses and wildflowers, a meadow and orchards and cacti and views – and just as varied a bunch of walkers. I kept thinking, "Nowhere but LA could one get this – true country minutes away from art, music, theatre, shopping, (sea, desert, mountains and over 200 languages close by.)

Why wouldn't we risk it and live on or off a largely narrow canyon road with a lot of overhead hazards – which is used as an alternative freeway by what feels like half the world. Why should we be worrying about vague future emergencies – plus fire clearance under-way this month should take care (as much as anything can) of the likeliest danger?

But the point has always been that being all-round prepared isn't that big a deal, and it's not all that time-consuming. What is more important than emergency preparedness? Thinking about EP is not being a worrywart. It isn't depressing. It doesn't mean attending boring meetings. It costs relatively little (unless you're thinking of buying your own generator or something!) It is, very simply, using common sense. And that can only make one feel better.

Since I've been Emergency Preparedness Chair for RBG, what

surprises me is how little input there is from residents of the Glen. No suggestions, no queries, no comments, (with the exception of a couple of our Community Emergency Response Team members.) I can't be doing that perfect a (lonely) job of it.

We know how important individual preparedness is. But then there's COMMUNITY preparedness. For instance, late last year we had a power line down around the 1700 block – at the same time phones were out, and even – for a short time, cell phones. In situations like this, 2 BIG THINGS: information flow (as it's amusingly called) & traffic control.

With the help of the LAFD Disaster Unit, I made a modest list of emergency supplies which would help our CERTeam and backup volunteers to handle possible situations until the real first responders (understaffed now - imagine anything major) - could get to us. And on March 30, presented a request for funds to the Bel Air / Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, which was turned down, practically without discussion – 12 to 4. The good news is that the subject will be "revisited", hopefully with more discussion – i.e. we will regroup and try again. But why is EP, of all things – always being postponed?

REMINDERS: Keep some cash handy, preferably smaller bills. Make it a habit to keep enough gas in the car so that you won't be stuck in an emergency. Keep rotating your extra water & food supplies. Allow room for emergency vehicles, always.

Traffic Troubles...

As all Glen Residence are aware, traffic and speeding are immense issues in the Glen. Local police officers can often be seen issuing tickets and patrolling the Glen with the help of their laser radar guns.

The ticket dance



View from inside a police car with officer and a laser radar gun



Les River Community Center Is Here For You...

The Les River Community Center (LRRC) can be used for birthday parties or other private events. Members of the Residents of Beverly Glen have the benefit of using it once free when a member. Non-members can use the center for a rental of \$50 with a \$75 refundable deposit. There is a discount for multiple use of the center. To reserve the center call Fadia DeFalco at (310) 475-3820 or email at fadiameric@aol.com.



Wednesday, February 9th the Glen Democratic Club held their spirited monthly meeting.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE MAY 17TH!

Among the guest speakers, Jose Altילו Hernandez, Senior Policy Consultant for California Senator Richard Alarcon, gives a speech to garner votes for Mr. Alarcon in the March election. Pam Cook gave an animated talk on her favorite candidate for the 2005 Los Angeles mayoral election, Antonio Villaraigosa.



Residents of Beverly Glen Social Events Chair, Steve Bluestein recounts his experience in this year's rains...

Last February 21st my life was changed forever. At about 10:35 a.m., a wall of water and debris came through my home during one of our worst rainstorms. I had seen reports of people covered in mud on TV but I never dreamt that I would be one of them. For the first 48 hours I walked around in shock as I remembered yet another thing that had been lost to the wall of water. My home office took the brunt of the damage, housed in that room was 30 years of my career... Reviews, photos, videotapes, scrapbooks, scripts... You name it was there along with family photos and a lifetime's memories. In a matter of seconds it was all gone.

I was determined to make lemonade from lemons. It was a choice. I could either sit and say "why me" or I could chose to find the good in all this. Here is the good in all this. Fifteen minutes after the event, as I like to call it, my neighbors were waist high in muck pulling out whatever they could and redirecting the water to flow away from my house instead of through it. I am blessed to have Brian Whirsching living right next door. Without asking, he ran into my house right after the loudest noise I have ever heard took out my office, and pulled me out as I stood there staring at the mess. "What do I do, Brian?" Within a beat Brian was damming up the hallway with towels, rugs, pillows ...anything he could to prevent the water from flowing down the stairs. Within a few minutes the fire department was here and in a stroke of genius pulled the toilet off to allow the water to drain through the waste pipe. It literally saved my home and to Brian and the Fire Department, I will be forever grateful.

Another bit of wonder... I had an emergency preparedness plan. And so when the event happened I pulled out my plan and knew exactly what drawers to go to for protected tax records, current business papers and such. I cannot tell you how important that list was. In a moment when my brain was

not functioning, I had a list of orders that kept me focused.

That first night we were left homeless. But the very next day the fellowship of the Glen began to appear. Our neighbors made sure we had food every single night, we had flowers delivered, the phone did not stop ringing and someone even sent their handyman, Don Hamilton, as a "gift" for the day. Slowly we began to pull life back together. I went through my grieving period over the loss of my "things" and closed the book on that chapter. With the help of my Glen Family and National Flood Insurance (yes, I had flood insurance) I will be able to move forward and rebuild the house...brighter, better, more Glen. And for that lemonade, I will never be able to thank my friends and neighbors.... Josh Wager, Kelley Dockery, Stephen McSwain, Brian Whirsching, Judith DeLorca, and Dr. Michael Churukian.

A Note From Captain Craig Evans At Your Local Fire Station 99

Hello Community Friends,

A warm welcome is extended to everyone for the annual open house at all fire stations on Saturday May 14, 2005 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Local Fire Station 99 (Mulholland Dr. and Beverly Glen) will again hold its neighborhood extravaganza. Local neighbors have adopted Fire Station 99 to showcase its invaluable resource to our community. Free food, "Jolly Jump" for the kids, "Jaws of Life" demonstration, helicopter fly-over, tee shirt sales, raffles, Dalmatian "fire dogs" and much more will make this a wonderful community event. Come meet your local firefighters, see their equipment, and see the "house" they live in.

Volunteers are requested to assist with the open house. High School students can earn "community service hours" while hosting at the fire station. Please call the fire station at (818) 756-8699 for more information.

Upcoming Events

MAY

May 2 – Brush clearance inspections begin

May 10 – Free Community Depression Screening and Lecture from 2pm - 5pm the maple counseling center (tmcc), the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles are offering a free screening, educational lecture, and consultation for those who feel they may be suffering from depression. Attendees will learn how to recognize the signals of and ways to deal with depression, take a written self-test, receive helpful literature and a brief visit with a mental health professional. West Hollywood Community Center at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. Free limited seating is available, reservations are recommended. To make reservations call (323) 876-1717.

May 14 – Annual fire station 99 open house (see details in article on this page.)

May 18 – the maple counseling center's (tmcc) 6th Annual Car Raffle and Movie Screening where one lucky winner will drive home in a 2006 Lexus hybrid or win \$30,000 in cash! Begins at 6:00 pm at The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Cost is \$100 per person for event admission and a car raffle ticket. For more info call (310) 271-9999 x481.

May 22 – Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles' (JBBBSLA) 10th Annual "18 Pockets of Joy" Golf Tournament at Lost Canyons Golf Club in Simi Valley. Proceeds fund Camp Max Straus a JBBBSLA life skills building residential summer camp. For more information or to participate call Rebecca Rauh at (323) 761-8675 x 30.

JUNE

June 12 – Annual Beverly Glen Fair Date (see details on page 1)

PLEASE REPORT YOUR POTHOLE!

The Bureau of Street Services only repairs and patches what is requested. File a complaint or request service from the Bureau of Street Services by calling the 311 city directory number or (213) 473-8410 or (800) 996-CITY (2489). For more information regarding Side Street repairs and repaving please visit the Beverly Glen website: beverlyglen.org. Click on the Short Cuts link to Side Street Repaving On the Beverly Glen Side Street Paving Main page follow the link to Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

Spring Garden Walk

More than 50 Glen dwellers gathered at the Les River Community Center on Sunday, April 10, to welcome Spring with a champagne brunch and garden walk. Mimosas and merry conversation blended with a smorgasbord of fine breakfast fare. Two groups left the LRCC to visit the lovely garden of Jama & Todd Clark on Beverly Glen Place with its small brook and rose arbor entry, the garden of Mary Morlis Papiro complete with pond, bridge, and “forest creatures”, the garden of Amil Roth with its cactus specimens, and the wide and welcoming garden of Judy and Bob Graham, with spontaneous side trips to the Luppens and Rosenblatts. The garden walk was completed with a visit to the expansive hillside garden and multi-faceted sanctuary of David and Roxanne May where the intrepid many climbed to the crest for a view of Stone Canyon Reservoir. Thanks to all who attended and to all those who opened their gardens to us. Thanks to the crew of Pam & Ron Weil, Chris & Rhoda Holabird, Sara Santschi, Dobbie & Greg Heimer, and Jan Riggs who put it together. Looking ahead, please let us know if you have a garden you’ve worked hard on and if you’d like to participate in next year’s garden walk, or if you could refer us to a special Glen garden you know of. E-mail pweil@rsharch.com.



Bob Graham talks about his landscaping...5th from the left

Take a Hike – Open Space Opportunities in Your Own Backyard

This year the hills are greener than ever, thanks to record rainfall. It’s a great time to get out your hiking boots and explore some of the parkland trails winding through nearby canyons. Access is easy, and the driving distance short.

For a handy network of trails, check out the 45-acre Coldwater Canyon park, managed by the TreePeople. From Beverly Glen Blvd., head east on Mulholland. At the intersection of Coldwater Canyon, Franklin Canyon and Mulholland, turn right onto Franklin Canyon. Park at the TreePeople parking lot directly to your left. Once you’ve parked, cross the Mulholland, Coldwater Intersection and follow the signs to the TreePeople headquarters and trail heads. Dogs on leashes are welcome, and some trails are Baby Jogger friendly. Maps and more info are available at www.treepeople.org.

The Franklin Canyon Park has good hikes as well, and can also be accessed from Mulholland. Turn right on Franklin Canyon, then left on Lake Drive to find a parking lot and trail heads. For a Baby Jogger friendly fire road, it’s better to enter the park from the Sunset side. Go north on Beverly Drive, fork left when the main Coldwater Canyon Drive goes straight. Bear right on Franklin Canyon Drive until you hit Lake Drive, then south 0.3 miles to a well marked trail head on the left. The fire road is fairly steep, with nice city and canyon views. A development project has cut off the trail at the top of the hill where there used to be a 360 degree view, but it’s still a good hike up. The sign at the trailhead also shows other trails.

OPEN SPACE UPDATE

By Pam Cooke

Do you remember the 2002 open space ballot measure which was approved by property owners? Well, I am a representative to the committee, and new Vice Chair for our area committee of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Assessment District. Our committee has been working for over a year to locate, assess and approve parcels for purchase for permanent open space.

We are located in what is designated as Area B. You can look at the District’s website at www.preserveopenspace.org and see what we have been doing.

So far, we have been able to acquire four parcels around Beverly Glen and have already approved others. We hope to identify, approve and purchase quite a few others, especially those in wildlife corridors and on/around the ridgelines and Stone Canyon Reservoir. If you know of parcels which are available and which may provide good permanent open space, please let me know. We have one more year to complete the acquisitions, so please be a participant in this once in a lifetime process that will help to preserve the flora and fauna of Beverly Glen and the Santa Monica Mountains. If you know of properties, please give me (Pam Cooke) a call at (310) 441-5415.

It’s important to work as a community to maintain and improve the quality of the parkland and other green space in the canyons. This fall, a group of neighborhood residents, working with the Glen Board of Directors formed the Open Space and Wildlife Committee. Our primary goal is to address concerns regarding green spaces and wildlife habitat around the Glen. We hope to provide community outreach, information, and to interface with our representatives or staff of such bodies of the Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA), the MRCA Citizen’s oversight committee, the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Association.

For maps and more info on local hikes: www.localhikes.com
www.lamountains.com www.nps.gov/samo/outdoors/
www.smmc.ca.gov/ (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy)

For more information, contact Kerry Jensen or David Neelin at kerryjensen@adelphia.net.

Focus On Glen History

Jack Allen, former owner of The Four Oaks Restaurant and long-time Glen resident recalls...

The Four Oaks has a long history of adapting to the times. If you will accept some mythic stories and the memories of old time Glen residents, the evidence the building gave up during the 1969-1970 renovations, and imagined reconstructions, come along. I'll tell you a story.

At the turn of the last century, the Four Oaks property was a campground. Parallel to a spring-fed creek and shaded by a giant Oak tree with four trunks, a Sycamore close to the water, and abundant native brush, a residential-type structure was built by a man sensing a demand for services beyond ordinary camping. He regularly let out upper-level bedrooms to whomever and for whatever, built a small restaurant kitchen at ground level where horses had been stabled, and incorporated a licensed tavern into the upper floors floor of the building.

As odd an enterprise as it was, and without much scrutiny, the Four Oaks obtained legitimacy as "commercial" in 1909 when Los Angeles became the first large city in the nation to adopt zoning ordinances that distinguish between residential and commercial properties. Hairline distinctions aside, the Four Oaks is a decade older than L.A.'s oldest restaurants, Musso and Franks (1918) and Philippe, the Original (1908).

My friend Les River, a long-time resident, knew and loved the colorful history of the Glen. He told me tales of such things as romantic liaisons gone tragic, frequent floods, snowfall in the Glen and the cistern murder on Scenario Lane, and arson by annoyed neighbors. Les identified the originator of the Four Oaks a character named Smith, whose final flourish to the property was the addition of a two-pump gas station, a nice touch for the menu of activities at the Four Oaks. The first "character" among the settlers of the Glen. Smith knew the location was a good bet. The Southern Pacific railroad's 4000-foot-long wharf on Will Rogers State Beach was being gradually abandoned (1899-1909) in favor of a new Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro, so the Glen was wasn't in danger of becoming a freightline on the way to the "Port of Santa Monica."

In the period that followed (1909-1920), more people found the Glen, water wells were dug for newly build cabins and the Four Oaks prospered. The events of the next decade (1920 - 1930) brought profound changes to the Glen and notoriety to the Oaks. Los Angeles was growing rapidly with a population exceeding a million, and out and about were 43,000 real estate agents unhappily competing with lot giveaways in the Glen to subscribers of Sunset magazine. UCLA opened a new campus in 1929 on nearby Westwood farm land, spiking Glen population and increasing the Oaks' business.

It was a lively time for Mr. Smiths Tavern. Model-T owners and friends could drive up the rutted Glen road, refuel, joining the locals for drink, a meal and Jazz.

The beginning of the interest in the new Jazz and the Blues heard on the radio or records or live on the Oaks' piano, was exciting for Glen

friends, and even the serious drinkers with a wary eye on the Temperance Movement.

The new jazz and Blues became the sound track for the story of America's resistance to Prohibition. With Billy Sunday, a baseball player-evangelist-Prohibitionist exhorting the folks to "Quit drinkin' and hit a home run for Jesus", strong lobbying by the Temperance groups and, alas, the fervent support of the KKK, Congress passed the 18th amendment, prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Along with thousands of like-minded people, including the then Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Four Oaks promptly installed a still in a concealed cellar room. Their home brew was undoubtedly supplemented with buy from offshore Santa Monica bootleggers. A 1926 building permit adding a second floor room for "dining" suggests the Oaks was flourishing and additional customers came to listen to Duke Ellington, or a few Bert Williams' Prohibition Blues tunes. The Feds never found the Oaks small-time still, it was left for me to discover in 1969 when new foundations were built. Speakeasy, Tavern, Whorehouse! I fell in love.

While the "Revenooers" didn't close the Oaks, the Great Depression launched the place into Rip Van Winkle's Sleepy Hollow for 35 years. Struggling, the property changed hands in the 1930's, sold to the Currie women, two ladies who invested in Depression-era "corner properties". Master leased to Jack and Ma Hanson, Ma did the cooking and Jack played piano. After Ma died, itinerant leaseholders came and went until 1966, all working the first floor kitchen and bar area consisting of bar stools, a miniature pool table, juke box, a wall-mounted pay phone and a two-keg beer cooler. Jack took his piano and continued living upstairs with his extended family, oblivious to the 3/4 height cubicled bedrooms and a toilet stall in the corner of his living room.

As the Four Oaks quietly survived those tough years, serving truck stop fare and beer to its customers, two mildly ambitious restaurants opened and closed in the Glen. Les River, Meg Burke, sometime poet, and Don Flaherty, an artist with plaster, had varied memories of both: a "weekend only" restaurant where the cleaners is today. And up the road from the cleaners the 2nd restaurant was fully licensed and popular with the UCLA football players (Bob Waterman/ Jane Russell era). Crowded and noisy, it burned to the ground one late night in the 40's. Ruled arson, the only suspects were certain long-annoyed neighbors.

In early 1967 I bought the Four Oaks, a ruin of a restaurant, from Ms. Currie, who didn't think much of her Four Oaks corner investment. "What the hell do you want with that place?" she asked. I bought the place and retired 20 years later. The years in between were a joy, leavened with some sorrows. A fine person, Nick Twoomy, an employee at 15 was seriously injured in a car crash, and my manager Jeff Wilson died in a plane crash in 1978. Renovations had told us the Four Oaks history and with hard work and some pride we received local and national recognition: *LA Times*, (Lois Dwan) *Gourmet Magazine* (Caroline Bates) and good gossip items in the *New York Times*. We also won a few gold medals for our Mushroom Ketchup and Salad Dressing at the California State Fair. That's it folks, though there may be more to tell one day. Best ever, Jack Allen

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