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WE DID IT!!! Following a hectic preparatory schedule, the depot was moved without incident on the afternoon of November 18th and the early morning hours of November 19th. The two truck convoy began at 1:28 pm on Wednesday the 18th, stopping two blocks away on Kellogg Avenue until the trip resumed at about midnight. Both halves of the building were off the street and on the new site at 3:03 am. Those of you who were able to attend can attest that **THE NIGHT WE MOVED THE DEPOT** was an incredibly exciting and stirring experience.

The move was delayed from the original late October date due to rain and scheduling conflicts with the utility companies, which needed to raise or drop wires during the move. Some of the important preliminary events were as follows:

Nov 9th: A A Jet Housemovers arrive. The depot is sawed in half.

Nov 10th: The lifting of the building from its foundation is begun.

Nov 11th: After several delays which seriously threaten a postponement of the move date, trenching activities at the new site are finally completed.

Nov 12th: The foundation footings are poured. We beat the rain by a matter of hours.

Nov 16th-17th: Two trees are trimmed on Kellogg Avenue and Los Carneros Road.

Nov 17th: Both building pieces are loaded and ready to go.

Nov 18th: The last minute crazies! The Los Carneros Road oak tree needs to be trimmed further. Additional grading is also required at the new site (South Coast Contractors come through again).

The two building pieces were positioned over the new concrete footings on the morning of the 19th. A concrete block foundation will now be built up from the footings. When this is complete the building will be lowered and pieced together. Re-roofing will then begin.

STEERING COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION Now that Phase I has begun, George Adams will be moving over from the Fundraising Committee to take on the crucial job of Project Coordinator, which involves the supervision of all project construction. Phyllis Olsen will be taking over as Fundraising Chairman.

COUNTY SUPPORT OBTAINED On November 17th, we received the \$10,000 check from the County of Santa Barbara that we have been waiting for. The money is from the Oil Spill Settlement Fund and is to be used for the depot restoration. **Karen Swenson**, 3rd District Park Commissioner, and the **Board of Supervisors** deserve our deepest gratitude for making possible this largest single contribution to date.

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DEPOT CLEAN-UP Clean-up parties were held at the depot before the move on October 20th and 31st. Most of the graffiti was removed, the building was swept out and valuables were collected. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you would like to join in next time, contact **George Adams** at 967-5429.

FUNDING UPDATE The **Alice Tweed Tuohy Foundation** has awarded **Goleta Beautiful** a \$1500 grant toward completion of Phase I. Previously, grants have been received from the **Atlantic Richfield Foundation**, **Security Pacific Foundation**, and the **Mericos Foundation**. Another \$18,000 is needed to reach the Phase I goal of \$89,000.

FRIENDS OF GOLETA DEPOT Here are the newest Friends of Goleta Depot:

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ARE YOU STILL WAITING? To become a member of the Friends, make a one-time tax-deductible contribution of \$10 or more (\$5 for students and \$25 or more for businesses) to the Goleta Beautiful Depot Fund, c/o Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 781, Goleta, California 93116. Friends receive the **Depot Dispatch** and the names of all Friends will be on permanent public display at the restored depot. Making a friend or loved one a member of the Depot Friends is a warm and thoughtful Christmas or birthday present and a gift that will last forever.

FRIEND OF THE MONTH The Goleta Depot Friend of the Month Award for October goes to **Gene Allen**. Gene has helped in all aspects of the depot project - he is chairman of the Review Committee, has been an active fundraiser, has helped out in the building clean-up activities, and is energetically leading the effort to salvage the brick from the old depot foundation. He also donated a number of railroad artifacts that brought in over \$150 at auction at the Goleta Beautiful barbeque. Thanks Gene! Your two tickets for the all-expense paid trip to Tahiti are in the mail.

AN EDITORIAL The depot has been moved and we can all take a great deal of satisfaction in the roles that we've played in helping to complete this difficult task. If you have been particularly close to the project, you've known moments of tremendous exhilaration and times when all hope seemed lost. There's also that touch of sadness on realizing that the old yellow building is gone forever from that familiar spot along the railroad tracks. But for me at least, the most important feeling is the love and admiration I've come to hold for those of you who have worked and sacrificed to help turn a dream into reality. To me, you are and always will be the most cherished part of Goleta depot.

In spite of all the emotion and fanfare and grueling effort, however, I must remind you that the moving of the depot only marks the beginning of the struggle to preserve this beloved piece of our heritage. Failure is still an all-too-easy alternative. There is an enormous amount of work that must be done in the weeks and months ahead. Your help, as well as mine, is needed now more than ever. Let's finish the job ... together.

Gary Coombs
Depot Project Chairman

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