



LOCAL MAN HAS GREAT MANY EXTENSION CORDS

By Ernst Voltig

Jim Geoghan, a long time resident of Whitley Heights, called the Whitley Heights Newsletter the other day to inform us he owns more extension cords than he thought. "I thought I had maybe eight or nine," said Jim in a telephone interview. "Turns out I own twenty-two!"

He's gone through his collection and also discovered his cords vary in both length and color. "Some are green, some are orange, some are brown, some are eight feet, some are ten! It's nuts! I even own a one hundred foot extension cord!" Jim explained that extension cords measuring one hundred feet are difficult to find these days. "Darn near impossible!" said Jim. "You find one of them babies lemme know!"

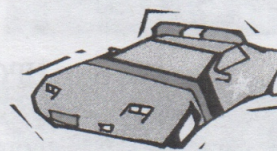
Jim was asked how he came to own so many extension cords and he took a minute to piece it all together in his mind. "Well, I had two when we bought this house," he recalled. "Then I guess I didn't believe I had enough so I started buying

them. I think I found a few of them in the street. You know, ones that had fallen off trucks... stuff like that."

Asked what he plans to do with so many extension cords Jim couldn't think of an answer. "All I can tell yuh," said Jim, "is if I need power six hundred and eight five feet away from the nearest outlet... I'm ready!"

Photo by **GENEVIEVE GEOGHAN**

Greet a Cop



Whitley Heights now has a POST ALARM dedicated armed patrol car patrolling our streets in the late afternoon and early evening hours! If you have not signed up to have a POST alarm system at your home, you can call: 1-800-654-7678. Tell them you are part of the Whitley Heights group. They are a VERY competitive alarm company with some great services.

If you see the patrol car cruising around, introduce yourselves to Officer Gregory or Robert and get to know our friendly neighborhood patrol men.

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Yes, it's a pain to haul them around, but they are ugly and the City of Los Angeles is fairly clear about not allowing them to stay on the street all the time, - something about not being left out "on non-collection days." Sorry to bother you about this, **again**, but apparently some of our neighbors are still having trouble finding space to store their trashcans off the street.

HPOZ

Our new HPOZ City Planning representative is Matthew Glesne. Please contact him directly to be placed on our bi-monthly agenda. 213-978-1198.

As a reminder, please consider the visual placement of satellite dishes when having them installed. It's been brought to our attention that these dishes detract from the beautiful facades of the homes in our historic neighborhood. Satellite providers can give you options for the placement of these dishes with the same signal strength. There's always a better location than one seen from the street.

TIM SWAN

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SLOW DOWN !

Yesterday, I was walking our dog, Spencer, around the hill. Long before I could see it, I heard a car racing around a curve toward us. Sure enough, a few seconds later, a crazy driver flew by at a speed well above anything safe or legal. This is far from the first time this has happened. In fact, it happens almost daily. Tim and I have encountered everything from food delivery drivers to taxi drivers to, most sadly, other hill residents racing around our streets at all times of the day and evening, showing total disregard for the speed limit and most importantly, the safety of others. Having spoken to several other neighbors who have encountered speeding maniacs on our streets, we know this is a very common, very serious problem.

Yes, we yell out, "Slow Down!!" Does it help? Sometimes yes, sometimes no. In fact, one time we actually called a pizza restaurant and filed a firm and serious complaint to the manager about one of their drivers we saw flying down Whitley Terrace around 9:00 one evening. Of course, we shouldn't have to shout out or file complaints, but if it makes a difference, we will. We ask you to do the same. Let your voice be heard and take a stand to keep our neighborhood safe.

Without sidewalks, anyone walking in our neighborhood is forced to walk on the side of the streets. We live in such a beautiful setting, that so many of us want to get out and enjoy it, whether walking alone, with our pets, or with our children. Speaking of which, there are more and more children in Whitley Heights who are at an age where they are playing together, going to and from each other's homes, and therefore, more at risk of being injured by speeding drivers!!

On behalf of all of us who walk, run, bike, or play in our neighborhood, PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!! All it would take would be one tragic incident and lives would be changed forever. Driving safely is not just a courtesy, but the law. Please slow down and report those who are speeding. We can keep Whitley Heights a safe place to live, but we all have to work together.

MAGGIE YOUNG

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Halloween Party for the Kids

Jim Geoghan and Wendy Chambers joined talents to put together one of the best Halloween parties ever for the Whitley Heights small fry. Much thanks to Bob and Theo Primes for graciously allowing us to use their backyard once again. On hand this year were plenty of kids and parents enjoying a fun magician and a pretty witch who did face painting and balloons.



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WHITLEY HEIGHTS WORD SEARCH: UP/DOWN; FRONTWARDS/BACKWARDS; DIAGONAL

...but enjoy this Word Search about our beautiful Whitley Heights!

When considering selling or buying, let me do the “searching” for you using qualified market data, my database of contacts & years of experience, and a selling or buying plan specific to you. Each of our Whitley Heights homes is unique, so common comparables don't apply.



When I sell a house, I don't wait for buyers to come to us, I go out and **search** for **qualified buyers**. And when you're looking to buy, nobody searches harder. I've been known to knock on the doors of homes my buyers are interested in...and it's paid off for them!

My home is in Whitley Heights, and I love it. I also love helping people buy and sell theirs. Despite reports of a difficult housing market, I've had great success this past year working with clients who thought they'd “missed their opportunity.” Give me a call. I'd love to work with you!!

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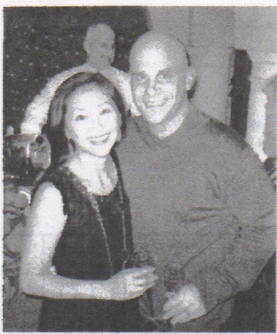
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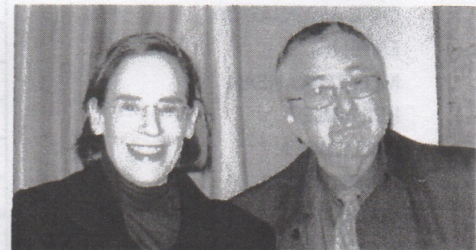
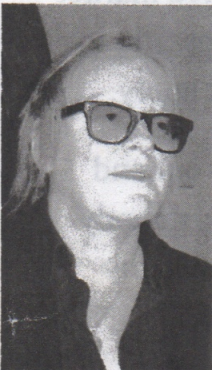


Julie, Steve and Camille Desjardins again invited all the neighbors on the Hill to their home in Kendra Court to celebrate the Christmas holidays.

If you were there, you know what a wonderful sense of warmth and hospitality and holiday spirit was shared by all present. If you missed it, the evening beggars description.

We'll quote Jonathan Little:

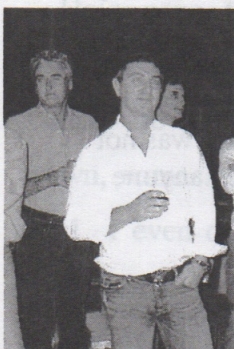
"Wow, - what a great party! the Desjardins put on an over the top Christmas party, - fantastic food, -fantastic drinks, -ohh, and the Veuve Clicquot.....yummm...!!! And all the great neighbors of Whitley Heights!! Heavenly! Thank you so very much!"



W H C A Annual Meeting

- ◆ was held on June 24th on the Patio of Theo and Robert Primes home on Watsonia Terrace.
- ◆ President Alison Connell cites lower membership numbers; encourages involvement with Beautification committee, calls for help with website.
- ◆ Vice-President Steven Wolfe reminds us that street re-paving will be asphalt or nothing.
- ◆ Treasurer Tim Balzer reports a \$3,000 loss for the fiscal year.
- ◆ Susan Harmon display sign that Post Security would like to place on entry streets.
- ◆ Michael Andreas reports that the Bowl has erected a "sound mitt" to minimize noise into the Hill.
- ◆ Mike Shea, LAPD, addresses crime issues and suggests we use 877-ASK-LAPD for non-emergency calls.

Halloween



Photography by
**Jason
Haikara**

The cry of a lone coyote cut through the bone-chilling fog that night. It was easy to imagine ethereal forms lurking, watching in the darkness as an icy wind drove all creatures, living and non-living, to seek warmth and safety.

Okay, so it was actually unseasonably warm, full moon glowing, children playing... a perfect Southern California night. But, hey, it was three months ago now and you know how stories tend to grow and get better with age. Truth is, it was a beautiful evening on Sunday, October 28th, when witches, kangaroos, beauty queens, hippies, and mimes (to name a few) gathered for the annual Whitley Heights Halloween festivities. A scaled down celebration this year was held on the grounds of the beautiful-turned-frightening Harmon estate, organized and conducted by a committee of Whitley's loving residents.

Decorations were a delight. Giant cobwebs stretched tree to tree as huge Halloween blowups watched down on us. Orange lights cast an eerie glow over a graveyard, while a fog machine blew a mystical blanket around us. True fall faire of chili and cider was served, as well as buckets of Halloween candy, popcorn, sodas, and really, really expensive wine. Hey, it's free...whadya expect??? Let's just say, there wasn't a drop left at the end of the evening. Costumes and Jack-o'-lanterns were out in full force for the contests. Kudos to all who entered and all who donated or helped get prizes.

Winning Costumes: 1st Max Balzer, 2nd Schelley Kiah, 3rd Julie Fleischer & Susan Harmon, 4th Colleen Curran, Honorable Mention James Bolton.

Winning Pumpkins: 1st Patty Dryden, 2nd Alex Lelievre, 3rd Eric Kessler & Tracy Calvillo and Mari & Sergio Nicolau, 4th Tim Swann, Honorable Mention Doris Lekowski

The highlight of the evening was a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on an 8 foot screen in the Harmon's yard. It was a hoot hearing the "Rocky-ites" in the crowd screaming out dialogue and singing along, much to the amusement of the neophytes. A few die-hard fans even jumped to their feet to do "The Time Warp" again! As always though, the best part of the evening was seeing all the Whitley Heights neighbors talking, laughing, and just enjoying life on the Hill.

Thanks go to these fine people who worked so hard in order that everyone could have loads of fun. It's neighbors like these who help make Whitley Heights a special place to live:

Susan, Robert, Max, and Panter Harmon for opening their home to us. Bill Harris for lowering his fine Master of Ceremony talents to our silly level. Bill Daly for his professional sound system. Jonathan Little for his P.A. system. Jason Haikara and Bill Donohoe for lending us so many great decorations. And the committee: Jason Haikara, Bill Donohoe, Tim Swan, Michael Gold, Ken Gedgudas, Michael Besman, Susan Harmon, Alison Connell, Tracy Calvillo, Eric Kessler, Andy Menster and Colleen Curran

MAGGIE YOUNG



New Breed of Dog Costs A Hundred Thousand Dollars...

People are talking about a new breed of dog that can run a hundred thousand dollars or more! So what's the breed and how do I get one? Its Latin name is 'canus minus leashus' but you probably know it as the 'leashless dog' or 'dog on the loose'. Ironically, we all have the potential of accumulating such a valuable asset... or should we say liability.

Dog attack court cases have frequently resulted in hundred thousand dollar awards to victims of attacks and a good number have actually gone into the millions of dollars. Wow, that's good money. No wonder a specialty law field just to handle dog attack cases has sprung up, seemingly overnight, and they are doing very well. Especially in Southern California - the dog capital of the West!

A Few Dog Statistics...

Dog bites send over one-thousand victims to the hospital EVERY DAY! Not only do dogs bite 2% of the U.S. population annually but Americans have a one in 50 chance of being bitten by a dog each year. It's actually the fifth most frequent cause of visits to emergency rooms in activities common among children. If that isn't scary enough, consider that the face is the most frequent target - at 77% of all injuries.

To most owners of dogs, it isn't even a question whether they'll let their dogs off leash. They use a leash because they want to avoid such horrible possibilities as their dog chasing a squirrel into the path of an oncoming car, or failing to notice their dog gobbling down a poisonous piece of rotting meat. More importantly, they want to make sure their dog is welcomed by other neighbors as it greets them at a distance with which they are comfortable. You know, common sense 'I love my dog that much' reasons.

So actually this information is for the benefit of all the others. You know them. You see them all the time. They walk their dogs around the neighborhood. No leash of course. Chances are

they aren't picking up after their dog either. Why bother? Their dog is so far ahead of them, they don't even notice or care that they left a nice present in the street around the corner. You know, in the dark area YOU walk through on the way to your neighbor's house?

Of course if you are lucky enough to miss it, don't worry. The leaf blowers will send it flying into a sticky scented dust that settles nicely on that shiny doorknob you touch everyday, or onto your children's outdoor toys or into the barbecue.

Very nice. Burger anyone?

But I Always Use A Lease... Mostly...

Guess it is similar to other situations where those who do the right thing are preached at for those that don't. But no doubt the owners who don't pay attention to leashes will eventually learn the hard way.

Oh, and those numbers above - they actually exclude incidents where people are injured as a result of charging dogs (ie. falling or getting hurt while fending off a dog, or other similar situations.) It's no wonder that billions every year are involved in compensating for injuries caused by the lovable family dog.

California is a strict liability state, meaning that a dog owner is liable for injuries inflicted by his dog upon a human being, even if the owner was not negligent and the dog had never bitten anyone before.

So to all of you who love your dog enough to use a leash, none of these details are of concern. You'll probably never need to consider the issue. But to those who don't, you can't say now that you weren't informed.

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