

WEST WALKER WIRE

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Do you know the 10 most common home decorating mistakes?

Find out at the WWCA January Meeting

Come join us at our January 15th meeting and find out. Laura Heitz of Right Now Redesign, (www.rightnowredesign.com), will discuss the 10 Most Common Decorating Mistakes and share new decorating styles. See how you can transform a room, using existing furnishings and accessories!

Laura's philosophy is that your home should reflect your interests and focus on your priorities. "I believe in honoring someone's belongings and that is why my style is collaborative. It's important that I understand the way you live – are there pets, children, a family heirloom that is treasured? These types of questions help me carve out a space that reflects the homeowner's needs and interests."

Laura has 25 years of marketing and design experience working with clients in the shopping center, special event and retail industries. Several years ago she decided that it was time to leave behind her career in corporate marketing and focus on what was a lifelong passion. She studied with Lauri Ward, founder of the Interior Refiners Network, and a new life was born.

Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle to win a free One Hour Design Consultation. Plus, everyone will receive \$50 off when booking a Room Redesign before January 31, 2008.

Come join us on January 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Latvian Hall, 4160 N. Elston. Start out the year with a fresh new look for a favorite room in your home!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 15 • 7:30 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

January 16 • 7:00 p.m.

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Police Station,
Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

January 19 • 2:30 p.m.

Movie at the Park - Shrek the Third
Independence Park Field House
Auditorium - Springfield & Irving Park
(more info on page 7)

February 1 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Irving Park Lutheran Church
Pancake Supper
IPLC gymnasium - 4057 N. Harding
(more info on page 6)

February 5

Primary Election Day
www.chicagoelections.com
or call 312-269-7900

February 10 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Valentine's Brunch
Irving Park Methodist Church, Keeler
and Grace (more info on page 6)

February 19 • 7:30 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

February 20 • 7:00 p.m.

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Police Station,
Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor:

Happy New Year! I love starting the year fresh. There's never a better time to assess one's life and try to make improvements, no matter how small. I looked back at the resolutions I included in my column from last year, and everything in them still made sense. I can honestly say I tried my best to stick to them all. But since nobody's perfect, here they are again....

- Slow down. In the car. At home. In life.
- Get involved, but use time efficiently to make the greatest impact.
- Appreciate the contributions of others.
- Shop or dine at a local place that's never been tried before.
- Patronize local businesses whenever practical.
- Be considerate of neighbors. Keep shrubs trimmed, sidewalks shoveled, exterior maintained.
- Walk the 'hood. To save on gas and traffic congestion, but also to enjoy our neighborhood's architecture, gardens and park.
- Carefully consider the candidates in the upcoming elections and vote.
- Respect the ideas, beliefs and resolutions of others.

If my second resolution strikes a chord with you, please note that West Walker is looking for some help with delivering the Wire and meeting set-up. You'll find details on Page 5.

Along those lines, thanks to last month's Wire contributors **Davor Engel, Michelle Kaicener, Jackie Kazarian and Margaret McIntyre**. With the addition of these West Walker residents and the by-lines of several others, it was one of our liveliest issues ever. If you've got a review to write, a recommendation to make, or just want to put in your two cents, see our publishing guidelines on page 2.

Over \$3,600 was raised at the Whole Foods 5% community support fundraiser to benefit the Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project. Thanks to everyone who shopped at Whole Foods that day!

Thanks to everyone who attended the December holiday party. We're grateful to State Representative **Rich Bradley**, Alderman **Margaret Laurino, The Fish Guy, Kids Dance and Farmers Market Garden Center** for donating a variety of great gift certificates as door prizes.

Board member **Dorie Westmeyer** has planned a terrific January meeting. If you're looking for ideas on how to spruce up your home, join us on January 15th at 7:30 p.m. **Laura Heitz** of Right Now Redesign will show us how to use our existing stuff in new and exciting ways. In February, we'll focus on what's involved in making bigger home improvements. See you there!

Sincerely,
Liz Mills

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement
*"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."
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For information on advertising, please see our Advertising Rates, Page 9.

"Green" Food

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. I know I probably ate too much!! Easy to do, this time of the year. My New Year's Resolution, as it is every year, is to try and get back to normal meals.

Well, ok, so what is "normal food"?

For most of our recorded history, normal food was seasonal - food we could easily harvest around us at certain times of the year - e.g. cabbages in March, asparagus in April, apples in August, and pumpkins in September.

Nowadays, though, thanks to our global economy, we can go to the supermarket and find almost any food item we want, at almost any time of the year.

"Great," I hear you say, "Isn't that one of the wonderful benefits of our modern, affluent lifestyle? I like strawberries on my plate in February."

Well, yes, it certainly is a benefit, but not without a cost. Have you noticed how food has been going up in price lately? Everywhere one looks, it seems someone is reporting on higher food costs. Why is this? Well, of course, food costs are connected to energy costs, which we know have been spiraling upwards of late.

Food production is heavily dependent on fossil fuels. We use fossil fuels to make fertilizers and pesticides, to fuel harvesting machines, to make plastic wrapping and packaging, to store the food, and as transportation fuel to bring the food to the local grocery store. This, in turn, impacts our environment, in terms of more greenhouse gases released into our atmosphere, and more waste which needs to be recycled.

So, what can we do to be more green? Well, one thing we can do is buy Organic – food produced without using artificial fertilizers, pesticides or chemicals. Look for USDA Certified Organic produce. Also, we can buy more local, by joining a CSA - Community Supported Agriculture, or shopping at a Farmer's Market. Food which doesn't have to travel far from the farm to your dinner table is better for the environment, healthier for you, and supports local businesses.

Don't forget to take a reusable shopping bag to the store so we can cut down our usage of plastic bags, and look for items that have less plastic packaging.

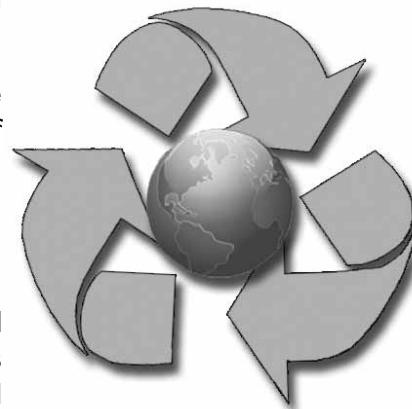
Wishing you well for 2008!!

Michelle

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My pick for Website of the month:

<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>



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WWCA – General Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2007

WWCA President Liz Mills opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Since this was the annual Holiday Meeting, all present introduced themselves.

The November General Meeting Minutes were approved.

A balance of \$1,502.10 was reported in the WWCA general account.

Liz Mills reported that she was aware that several complaints had been received relating to the demolition occurring at 4247 N. Elston. It was also reported that no specific development was planned for the property at this time, although that would likely change in the future. However, ground has been broken on the project on the old C-Manny's property; construction is expected to continue when the weather improves.

Liz Mills reported that a Special Events Chair volunteer had stepped forward and that more volunteers were needed to assist in events such as the popular Winter Social.

There were no updated reports for PEBA or CAPS.

The Vision Committee has issued a call for artwork to be displayed during an "Art in My Backyard" exhibit.

State Representative Rich Bradley was present and provided an update on the Public Library. He has been working with Alderman Laurino, Alderman Mell and Commissioner Dempsey to keep the idea of a new Independence Library branch alive. Although funding has been earmarked, we need to continue to press to have the resources committed for a new library. He noted that the branch at Irving Park Road and Austin Boulevard is now the model for new branches.

The official meeting was adjourned and members and guests enjoyed treats and drinks brought by many to share.

Door prizes, generously donated by Alderman Laurino's office, State Representative Bradley, The Fish Guy, Kids Dance and Farmers Market Garden Center were awarded to several lucky attendees.

May everyone have a Wonderful New Year.

Like to Walk?
Looking to volunteer in
your neighborhood?
Walk for WWCA and
be a Wire Carrier!

A carrier is needed
to cover the route
on Hamlin north of Elston.

If you can help - please contact
Liz Mills at 773.267.9298



Margaret Laurino
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39th Ward

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Tapestry Community Arrives in West Walker

by Mark Johnson, Pastor

Happy New Year! As a new Church Fellowship, & Center for Community & the Arts we hope you will come and visit us on Sundays at 10:30 or at one of our up and coming events.

We are here to serve, and are interested if you have any prayer requests or special needs. Drop by for coffee and let us get to know you.

This month's Chicago area artist, opening January 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., at The Tapestry Center is Jessica Hoekstra, a Masters student at Columbia University.

We're located at the corner of Avers and Irving Park Rd.



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West Walker Still Needs Help!

Two key volunteer positions remain open within our organization. These jobs are essential to keeping our neighborhood informed and our gathering space ready for the monthly meetings. Both require a monthly commitment – but the time is relatively minimal.

Wire Carrier Coordinator

This position requires approximately a 2 hour per month commitment. One hour is for counting and sorting copies of the Wire for distribution to the Carriers (who will then deliver the newsletter in the neighborhood). The distribution to the carriers means going to between 14-16 homes in the neighborhood, (taking less than an hour by car, a bit more on foot). The Wire Carrier Coordinator is also responsible for recruiting new carriers if any are unable to continue to deliver.

Monthly Meeting Set Up/Break Down Coordinator(s)

Help ready our space before the monthly WWCA General meetings. This volunteer position requires arriving to the Latvian Hall at approximately 7:00 p.m. to unlock the building, set up chairs and a couple of tables. The meeting coordinator is also responsible for break down at the close of the meeting, putting chairs/tables away and any cleanup (minimal) of garbage. Keep in mind that most times others will be around to assist you. But we need someone to be the go to person for this job just in case others aren't around to help.

Keep in mind - this job could be shared between two volunteers (one to set up and one to break down), so maybe this is something you and a neighbor would consider taking on together!

If you've wanted to get involved with WWCA but were worried you didn't have a lot of time to give – these jobs could be for you! Contact any of the Officers or Board Members for more details or to volunteer.

News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

by Pat Eisenhart,
IPCFP President

Many thanks for your generosity and support for December Distribution. We served 290 families with 978 people in those families.

Our next event is our Valentine Brunch, held at The Irving Park Methodist Church at Keeler and Grace on Feb. 10th from 11:30 p.m. till 1:30 p.m.. The tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for Seniors and Pre-Teens. Tickets the day of the Brunch are \$1 more. The menu is Egg Bake Casserole, Sweet rolls, Muffins, Bagels, Fruit Cup and Beverages. Tickets are available from Pat Eisenhart at 478-4027.

A Happy, Healthy New Year to You All and God Bless you for all your many acts of kindness to us.

FAT FRIDAY!

*Irving Park Lutheran Church's
(Pre-Shrove Tuesday) Pancake Supper!*

Irving Park Lutheran Church's annual Pancake Supper will be held on Friday, February 1st, from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. in the IPLC gymnasium, located at 4057 N. Harding in Chicago. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children twelve years and under. They can be purchased by an IPLC council member, or by calling 773-267-1667, or at the door on day of event.

As always, guests may feast on Swedish and regular pancakes served with lingonberries, fresh apple topping or syrup, sausages and beverages. Sweets can also be purchased at the Bake Sale table. While you're eating, you may register your child for the 2008 Magic Mushroom Summer Program. MM's dates in 2008 are July 7th - 31st. We hope to see you there!

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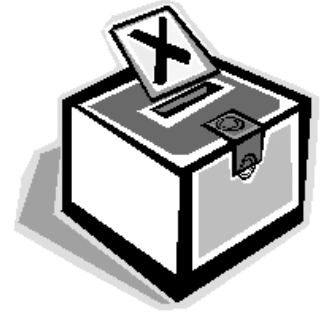
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2008 Primary Election Early Voting Sites & Hours

Chicago voters may use any of these sites for Early Voting, which will be offered January 14 - 31, 2008, for the February 5, 2008 Primary Election.

Remember:

- Bring a government photo ID.
- You don't need an excuse or reason to vote early.
- All Early Voting sites in Chicago are fully accessible.



Early Voting Hours:

Monday - Saturday

All Locations - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including on
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sundays - Only at Election Board Headquarters
9 a.m. to noon

Sites closest for West Walker Residents are:

Independence Library, 3548 W. Irving Park Rd.
N. Park Village Admn Bldg, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.

If you need to vote early and work downtown
you can go to the

Chicago Board of Election Commissioners
69 W. Washington St., Lower Level Conference Rm.

*Note: This is the only Early Voting site with Sunday
hours, from 9 a.m. to noon.*

Unlike voting absentee, you DO NOT need an excuse or reason to utilize Early Voting. Those who vote early cannot vote again on Election Day. A list of all early voters will be provided to the judges of election prior to the opening of the polls on Election Day.

REMEMBER: If you are registered to vote, you may use ANY site during Early Voting. Voters who wait until Election Day may cast ballots only at their assigned polling places.

Each early-voting site is equipped with touch-screen stations. The touch-screen stations are loaded with every type of ballot.

Pollwatchers are allowed to monitor early voting.

Early voting ballots will not be tabulated until the close of the polls on Election Day.

Need more info? Call 312-269-7900 / TTY 312-269-0027

Movie in the Park (Fieldhouse)!

Lose the Winter Blahs and come out to see Shrek the Third, at the Independence Park Field House Auditorium, on Saturday, January 19, 2:30 p.m..

This is a free showing and you can bring your own snacks and drinks for enjoyment during the film.

It's an event for the entire family, so parents must supervise their own children (no drop-offs).

For more information, call the Independence Park Field House at (773) 478-3538.



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Office Report: 40th District



Legislative Update: Fighting Crime

Representative Bradley Supported All the Following New Laws:

Stopping Gun Violence

In 2004, 944 people were killed by guns in Illinois. From 1999 to 2004, a staggering 6,999 Illinois residents were shot to death. Rep. Bradley wants to make our state a leader in reducing the number of gun crimes and keeping guns out of the hands of criminals who threaten the safety of our communities.

- Senate Bill 940, which would require all public and private hospitals and mental health institutions to provide mental health records to the Department of State Police, in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy earlier this year, when a student with a history of mental illness murdered 32 people. The bill also requires the state to report the information of any person prohibited from having a Firearm Owner's ID card to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
- Senate Bill 1007, which prohibits the manufacture, sale or possession of large-capacity ammunition clips, like the one used in the Virginia Tech shootings.
- House Bill 758, which would close the "private sale loophole" by requiring background check on private handgun transfers and helping law enforcement track the owners of weapons used in crimes.

Making Schools Safer

- House Bill 2671, which prohibit sex offenders from serving as election judges and House Bill 263 to require that child sex offenders cast absentee ballot by mail or vote in person at the election office, NOT in a school.
- Senate Bill 143, which requires that Illinois' non-public schools are protected by requiring mandatory criminal background checks on all those applying for a job in the schools.

Stopping Sex Offenders and Promoting Internet Safety

- House Bill 1548, which requires violent sex offenders to wear a GPS bracelet for the rest of their lives, because child sex offenders are 90% less likely to re-offend or go missing when their every move is supervised by a GPS tracking device.
- Senate Bill 710, which requires that sex offenders in jail submit a DNA sample to be included in the State Offender DNA Identification System and used by state and national law enforcement to solve outstanding cases and quickly locate those who commit future crimes.
- House Bill 1998, which creates a Missing Sex Offender Database to identify sex offenders who are in violation of the state's registration requirements.
- House Bill 50, which prohibits a convicted child sex offender from contacting any unrelated minor via the internet in 2005.
- Senate Bill 1472, which encourages schools to teach internet safety to young students with age-appropriate curriculum in cooperation with the Attorney General.
- Senate Bill 697, which targets those who create, distribute or possess pornography involving children under 13 years old, making them eligible for up to 30 years in jail and the requirement to register as a sexual predator.

Richard Bradley, State Representative 40th District - 3520 N. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60641, (773) 794-9444



Art in My Backyard!

The West Walker Vision Committee is thrilled to announce that it will be launching a series of events called "Art in my Backyard" in 2008. The idea behind the series is two-fold, to celebrate our local artists, musicians and writers, and to bring more art to West Walker. In the coming year you can look forward to a number of exciting events including an art exhibition by neighborhood artists. Our very own Jackie Kazarian



is planning this event and here's your opportunity to take part!

The exhibit will be held in a neighborhood storefront (tba) with a public opening

reception. Participating artists are expected to assist with installation and gallery-sitting for one day during the run of the show.

Proceeds from sales will go directly to the artist.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS DISPLAY YOUR WORK AT ART IN MY BACKYARD

If you would like to be considered for an exhibition, send jpegs to jk@jackiekazarian.net, or mail slides or CD to Jackie Kazarian, 4052 N. Avers Ave, Chicago, IL 60618. Please include your name, address, phone number, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish the materials to be returned. Artists living within the following boundaries will be considered: Lawrence to Belmont, Central to California.

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CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

The December meeting was again atypical, lasting only 30 minutes with very few people in attendance and no special presentations. Overall the Police Officers indicated the beat had been relatively quiet, believed due to the cold weather.

Officers gave an update on the new issue brought up at the last month's CAPS meeting.

- Officers checked into the report of a prostitute sighting on Lawrence from Pulaski to the River. They could not find any such person. The resident who reported this sighting, also confirmed that the person seemed to leave the area. There was speculation this was due to the cold weather.

Under new issues discussed:

- There was a report, by a resident, of a homeless person being unusually aggressive at the corner of Irving Park and Monticello. Officers indicated they were aware of the person and would continue to monitor.
- Officers reported there had been reports of a purple/maroon van in the area stealing dogs. The offenders had not been apprehended.

- Officers reported an off-duty officer witnessed two suspicious juveniles on Irving Park just east of Central Park (it should be noted that this is just outside the West Walker area). The juveniles began to etch (aka deface) the side of a building. They were arrested.
- Officers reported several pod cameras had been installed, one at the southwest corner of Drake and Lawrence, one at Lawrence and Kimball, and one on Monticello. Pod cameras installations tend to move every quarter. Locations of the cameras are dependent on the number of 911 calls and are usually decided by the Commander and the Alderman in the area.



Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood November 21 - December 19, 2007:

Criminal Damage (to vehicle)	6
Theft over \$300	5
Motor Vehicle Theft (automobile).....	4
Burglary (forcible entry)	4
Robbery (strongarm)	3
Theft under \$300	3
Battery (simple)	3
Theft (from building)	3
Narcotics (possession)	1
Assault (simple).....	1
Assault (aggravated)	1
Criminal Damage (to property)	1

It should be noted the amount of crimes and the variety of crimes, for this time period compared to the previous time period, reduced greatly. The only exception was Criminal Damage to vehicle in which there was six incidents.

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for our beat are held at the 17th District in the Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the 3rd Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is January 16th. More information about CAPS is available at www.cityofchicago.org. Join the CAPS team of police officers, residents and City Departments working together for a safer Chicago.

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Office Report: 39th Ward



I hope everyone enjoyed a very Happy Holiday Season! As you make your New Year's resolutions, remember that **Chicago Park District** has programs for everyone. Parks will begin online registration for **Spring 2008 Programs** on **Monday, February 25th at 9:00 am**, and in-person registration on **Saturday, March 1st**. Please contact your local park for more information.

Upcoming Events... It's time to 'turn green into blue.' On **Saturday, January 12, 2008**, the City of Chicago will be hosting a recycling event at **North Park Village (5801 N. Pulaski)** from **9:00 am – 2:00 p.m.** Residents of the city are invited to bring their Christmas trees, wreaths, and/or a bag of recyclable goods, and each resident will receive a CFL bulb, blue bags or a reusable water bottle (while supplies last). That same day, at the same time and same place, the City of Chicago will also be hosting a **Winter Preparedness Fair**. This fair is free of charge, and those attending will receive a free home weatherization kit (while supplies last). This is a great opportunity to learn how to reduce your heating bill and about financial assistance programs for utility bills and home weatherization.

My office now has Cook County **Prescription Discount Cards**. Any county resident – with or without prescription coverage – can use this program. Even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the discount card – it may save you money on prescriptions your existing plan does not cover. Everyone is eligible, and there are no claim forms or annual fee. For more information, visit <http://co.cook.il.us> or <http://www.caremark.com/naco>, or call toll free 1-877-321-2652.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at (773)736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Margaret Laurino - Alderman, 39th Ward

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 311

(Always request a tracking number)

17th Police District: 312.744.8346

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting: 3rd Wednesdays of the Month
- 7:00 p.m. at 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski Road

39th Ward: Alderman Margaret Laurino
773.736.5594 4404 W. Lawrence Ave.

Email: ward39@cityofchicago.org

Web: www.aldermanlaurino.com

Constituent Night: Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Call ahead. Meet Alderman Laurino to discuss Ward concerns.)

39th Ward Streets and Sanitation: 312.744.8163

33rd Ward: Alderman Richard Mell
773.478.8040 3649 N. Kedzie Ave.

Email: rmell@cityofchicago.org

Web: www.33rdward.org

33rd Ward Advisory Council: Third Thursday each month
at Horner Park Fieldhouse, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.; 7:00 p.m. (Discuss your issues with the advisory council)

33rd Ward Streets and Sanitation: 312.744.1451

40th District State Representative: Richard Bradley
773.794.9444

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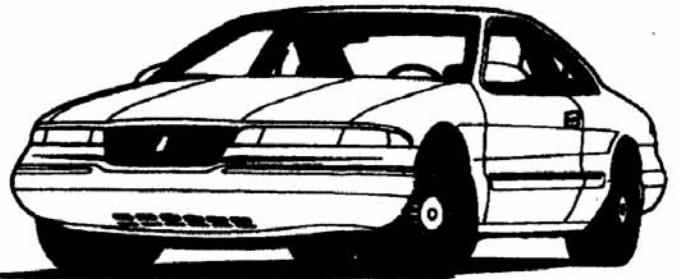
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