

# WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2016

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## Independence Branch to host Summer Learning Challenge Programs at Independence Park Field House

Even though Independence Branch will be closed for restoration and renovation this summer, we invite you to join us for fun programs all summer long! As part of the citywide Summer Learning Challenge the Independence Branch Library is providing 8 children's and family programs at the Independence Park Field House over the course of the summer. To participate in the citywide Summer Learning Challenge, children will have to register and complete all SLC activities at the Chicago Public Library of their choice (there is no registration for the programs at Independence Park). The libraries closest to Independence Park are the Mayfair Branch (4400 W. Lawrence), Portage-Cragin Branch (5108 W. Belmont), Albany Park Branch (3401 W. Foster) and Sulzer Regional Library (4455 N. Lincoln).

Children aged 0 to 13 can register for SLC Activities, which include weekly drawings for free books! When you register, receive a bag of books courtesy of Bernie's Book Bank (while supplies last), children ages 0-5 will receive a new book courtesy of KPMG (while supplies last), and children who complete the challenge by September 1st will earn a suitcase book bag.

Programs begin June 20th and conclude with the final program on August 22nd. All programs will be held in the Independence Park Field House at 3945 N. Springfield Avenue. For a complete list of programs, dates, times and their locations within the fieldhouse, go to: [goo.gl/gXTHJf](http://goo.gl/gXTHJf) today!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Fri., June 10 • 7 pm

Chicago Civic Orchestra plays  
Bernstein's Symphonic Dances  
Schurz High School  
3601 N. Milwaukee  
FREE EVENT - Tickets Required  
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### Fri., June 22 • Start Time: Dusk

Movies in the Park: *Star Wars*  
Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield

### Sat. June 25 • 9 - 2 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church Yard Sale  
3857 N. Kostner Ave.  
Rain location: Parish Hall  
*Donations accepted by June 19.*

### Monday, July 4th • 10 am - Noon Independence Day Celebration!

*Celebrate 101 years of Independence  
Park beginning with the bike parade,  
followed by games!*

### Fri., July 15 • Start Time: Dusk

Movies in the Park: *Grease*  
Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield

### Fri., Aug. 12 • Start Time: Dusk

Movies in the Park: *Rocky*  
Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield

### Tues., Sept. 20 • 7:00 pm

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

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

# Dear Neighbor,

THERE ARE NO WIRES PUBLISHED in July or August. We will include any important developments and events in the West Walker Email Blast, which is distributed every Friday. If you do not receive the Blast and would like to, just go to [www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org) and sign up to join the West Walker Email Blast.

The big summer event is the old fashioned Fourth of July Celebration in Independence Park. The bike parade kicks off at 10:00 am followed by games. Hope to see you there. Hopefully, calm will be the prevailing mood over the summer. Everyone can do their part by being courteous and watchful. Attending CAPS meetings will keep our beat officers aware of neighborhood concerns.

The Wire will return in September. Also, there are no regularly scheduled general meetings over the summer. The next meeting will be held September 20, 2016.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

*Mike Webber*

*WWCA President, Pro Tem*

## News From Hands to Help Ministries

On April 29, Hands to Help held its annual Trivia Night event hosting a sellout crowd of neighbors raising resources for the community and testing their trivia knowledge. Over 125 people enjoyed delicious food, great company, and one lucky guest won a five night stay at a Michigan Cabin and another won two VIP tickets to the Pitchfork Music Festival!

The Filament Theater held the packed house of diverse neighbors. Throughout the night laughter and fun filtered throughout the room.

Thanks to all of our guests who packed the event, Hands to Help reached its event goal. These funds are crucial for the organization to serve neighbors on the brink of homelessness and those that are currently homeless. Neighbors like "Sam." Sam is a father who is working fulltime and was living on the El because he could not find housing. With help from Harrison, Hands to Help's Outreach Worker, Sam and his daughter are now living together in an apartment.

Hands to Help sends a special thank you to all of those who volunteered and financially supported the event. Additionally, it would not have been so successful without our corporate neighbors who generously donated the great food and drinks including: Community Tavern; Jeff's Red Hots; Hops and Barley; Louis Glunz Beer, Inc.; Krispy Krunchy Chicken; Fannie's Café, Bakery, & Boutique; Bacci Pizza; Mariano's; Eli's Cheesecake; Roma's Pizza; The Cabin at Old Irving; and Jewel-Osco at Six Corners.

There were also many generous raffle prize donors, including: Mark and Lourdes Roberts; Law Offices of Stephanie Rachael Lieberman;

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# 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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## Local Church News

### St. John's Episcopal Church

3857 N Kostner Ave

This summer join us for worship in the Garden on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 am on July 3 and August 7.

Movie nights in the garden are Saturday nights at dusk on June 18, July 16, and August 20. Please check our website for updates and details at stjohschicago.com.

### Irving Park Lutheran Church

3938 W. Belle Plaine

**Gentle Yoga Classes Offered at IPLC** Wednesday Evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm beginning in June. This gentle chair yoga class incorporates mindfulness and meditation. The chair yoga class is practiced sitting in a chair or standing near a chair using it as a prop. For those who have more strength and flexibility, they are welcome to explore some of the poses on a yoga mat. This class is designed for seniors or anyone wanting a slower paced exercise program. The classes explore poses that can improve posture, flexibility, strength, breathing and mood, and can be beneficial in reducing stress. Teacher Janet Misbach was in her early 50s when she first started taking yoga classes as a means of incorporating more exercise into her life. In her desire to share yoga with others her age or older, she completed a 200 hour yoga teacher training program in 2013. In 2015, she completed a chair yoga certification program and a mood management yoga certification program. Janet is registered with Yoga Alliance, a national credentialing organization for the yoga community. Participants are requested to contribute \$10 per session, a portion of which goes to the church. For more information and to let Janet know you will attend the classes: jgmisbach@gmail.com.

**Magic Mushroom Children's Summer Program** Full or Half Days, in AUGUST! This year this popular, affordable, creative summer enrichment opportunity will be held August 1-26, with full or half day options for children 3 years old through 6th grade. Attend for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 weeks, paying for only the time your child is there. Explore the incredible world God created through weekly themes like Quest, Discovery, and Uniqueness. For more information, go to ww.iplc.org and click on the mushroom, or contact Rachel at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org

**IPLC Summer Worship Schedule** Worship is at 9:30 am on Sundays, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer  
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### Should You Remodel Before You Sell?

We have a sellers' market in West Walker. There is strong buyer demand and relatively few homes for sale. To get the top sales price for your home, a big question is always, should I remodel/update before I sell? Here are a few key questions to consider:

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# CAPS Reports

## May 18, Beats 1722 & 1723

Present: 17th District Commander Elias Voulgaris, Beat facilitators Martha Hack & Carla Elliott, CAPS Sergeant Peter Kontil, CAPS Officer Mary Jane Parks, Representatives from the offices of Ald. Margaret Laurino (39th) and Carlos Ramirez Rosa (35th)

17th District Commander Elias Voulgaris was present at the meeting. He has been commander for 10 months now. From 1986-1994 he was a patrolman in the 17th District, so he knows the area well.

The Commander was at the meeting to address the homicide that occurred on May 16th at 4355 N. Elston. The offender is in custody. The Commander described the shooting as a drug deal gone bad. The offender and victim exchanged drugs and money in the victim's car. A disagreement evolved over a pair of headphones that the victim was putting up for payment. After the victim took back the headphones, the offender shot him. The offender is Larry Russell who lives at 77th & South Jeffrey, but is a cousin to known crime and drug house residents

in the 4600 block of N. Central Park. The victim lived in the neighborhood.

The Commander informed the group that he is using Facebook to communicate with neighborhood groups. It's not his intention to scare people, just inform. He recently posted to make residents aware that officers are putting pressure on known gang members in the Mayfair Park area due to activity there. The community can help the police by calling 911 if they see suspicious activity. The police need probable cause to stop someone and if a 911 call has been placed that helps.

The commander has joined the West Walker Civic Association's Facebook page and will post pertinent information there. You can join by searching West Walker Civic Association on Facebook. Please keep in mind that he is limited in the kind of information that he can share on Facebook.

Last, the Commander introduced our new CAPS Sergeant, Peter Kontil.

In old business, Officer Parks reported that the Russell house in the 4600 block of North Central Park was going

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# 39th Ward Report



Looks like summer has finally arrived and summer in Chicago brings festivals, farmers markets, and special events. For up-to-date information on the city's summer activities, please visit [www.choosechicago.com](http://www.choosechicago.com).

Please join us at our free Health and Safety Fair on Wednesday, June 15,

from 9 am – noon at the Albany Park Community Center, 5101 N. Kimball. Experts will be available to provide information on nutrition, yoga, bicycle safety, health screenings and mental health. This event is free and open to the public. My office is hosting our annual City Sticker Sale in the 39th Ward Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, Thursday, June 16 from 10 am – 2 pm. With the new year round stickers, all Ward Office sales are limited to people with stickers expiring in June or July 2016.

I am encouraging 39th Ward residents to take part in two donation drives this summer. Currently, there are several hundred homeless veterans in Chicago. When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence, they often do not have the basic items needed to set up a home. My office is participating in the Help-A-Hero drive to collect household items, such as garbage bags, laundry detergent, cleaning items, and personal hygiene items, for our veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the 39th Ward Office throughout the month of June.

We've joined forces with the City Clerk's Office to collect gently used and clean blankets and towels for our animal friends at the city's Commission on Animal Care and Control (CACC). Every donation will go directly to an animal at CACC and will be used for sleeping, snuggling, bathing, or traveling to a new home. We will be accepting blanket and towel donations at my 39th Ward Office thought the end of August.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer. To stay in touch over the summer, please sign-up for my newsletter at either [www.AldermanLaurino.com](http://www.AldermanLaurino.com) or by sending a request to [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org). Please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us with your concerns or questions.

*Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward*

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## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

### Frieda Lee Concert Raises Funds for Carlson Programs

Chicago jazz legend Frieda Lee and her band captivated an audience of 160 people at the Irish American Heritage Center on April 30th for the benefit of Carlson Community Services. Elegantly set in the Center's Erin Room, Frieda and her band performed two hours of music to a rapt crowd, inspiring occasional cheek-to-cheek dancing.

Irving Park Fine Arts artistic director Roger Bingaman served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Now in its 21st season, the Fine Arts classical music concert series is one of Carlson's three programs.

Carlson would like to thank the following sponsors for their financial support of the event. Platinum Sponsors: Anonymous, Irish American Heritage Center. Gold Sponsor: Joe & Ginia Jahrke. Silver Sponsor: 45th Ward Alderman John Arena. Supporters: The Winebow Group for donated wine, 39th Ward Democratic Committeeman Robert Murphy, 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino. And especially Frieda Lee for donating her services.

We would also like to thank our Silent Auction donors for their wonderful donations. The Cabin at Old Irving, Christopher Richard & Roger Bingaman, Sarah Steedman, Erin & Tim Bouman, Glenn & Miiri Kotche, Lori Johnson, Light Opera Works, North Shore Distillery, Dorene & Michael Jordan and Community Tavern.

An Evening with Frieda Lee raised \$5,700 for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, Carlson has three programs, the Irving Park Fine Arts Series, The Magic After-School Place after-school program and Three Brother Community Garden. For more information visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.



Top: Frieda Lee (second from left) poses with West Walker fans Laura Ell, Liz Mills, Helen Carpenter and Laurie Gardner. Bottom: Mitch and WWCA Wire editor Lee Stein along with Leslie Frazier enjoy the Frieda Lee concert benefiting Carlson Community Services.

### Exercise Your Right to Garden at Three Brothers Garden!

Winter is over and Three Brothers Garden is waiting for you! The garden is a "pantry" garden, which means all vegetables grown in the garden are donated to Irving Park Food Pantry. Last year, 828 lbs. of vegetables were harvested for the food pantry. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. If you're a novice, we'll show you how to plant, maintain and harvest. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Tuesday night harvests will begin in mid-to-late June. To be added to the list to receive announcements about our harvest and work days, e-mail Liz Mills at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org), or visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org). Join us and get growing!

# News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

## Pantry's Hunger Walk June 25th

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's 31st annual Hunger Walk will be held Saturday June 25th at Jackson Park (near Hyde Park). Volunteers and friends of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry will be walking the 2-mile course (down from 3.1 miles in past years) to help raise awareness about hunger in our communities.

Pantries and other organizations come together to create a large crowd with activities and music during the day. The Walk is the Pantry's biggest fund-raising event of the year, and past contributors are receiving letters explaining the walk and asking for donations. **Students can receive volunteer service hours for participating!**

A link to our Hunger Walk page at the GCFD's website is available at our website ([www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org)). Or, you can go to the GCFD site ([www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org)), click on "Hunger Walk" under "Upcoming Events" and then click on the Pantry's logo on the Irving Park Food Pantry listing. From there you can donate or sign up to walk.

The walk opens for registration at 7 a.m. on the 25th, and the walk begins at 8:30 a.m. You can take as long as you want to walk it. We'll hope to see you there!

Thank you to the after-school classes of students in the Right at School program at Beaubien Elementary School (5025 N. Laramie) and Hawthorne Scholastic Academy (3319 N. Clifton) for their donations to the Pantry!

The classes worked with the Peapod grocery delivery folks in a Kids Give Back project in which they learned about nutrition and eating well. Each class then received a \$200 credit from Peapod to order nutritious foods that Peapod delivered to them to donate to the Pantry. We appreciate their efforts on our behalf and for picking our Pantry to receive their donations

Please stop by the Pantry's booth at the GIPNA Farmers' Markets on June 12 and 26. Volunteers will be staffing our booth to accept monetary donations, hand out information and sell insulated tote bags (for a \$10 donation). Please say hi when you visit the market.

The Pantry again is in need of pet food, especially cat food. We are one of only a few food pantries in the city to offer pet food to our clients, through a partnership with the Community Animal Rescue Effort (CARE). We work with a number of regular donators, but our supplies



Board Member (back row left) Mike Mette and Executive Director John Psiharis accept food donations selected by the kids at Hawthorne Scholastic Academy and the Right at School Program Manager Lakiesha P. Dunn

have dropped even as our list of clients wanting pet food grows. If you want to donate to the Pantry, please consider donating pet food, which we don't have access to through other sources.

We are always in need of toiletries (shampoos, soaps, razors, shaving cream, diapers, deodorants, feminine-hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste and toothbrushes). Travel-sized items are fine. We also need both men's and women's white crew socks.

Don't forget: If you sign up for the Amazon Smile program <https://smile.amazon.com/>, your purchases at Amazon will benefit the Pantry. Any time you enter Amazon through that bookmark, we receive 0.5% of all purchases, with no cost to you or changes to how you buy. We appreciate your help and support!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** The Food Pantry seeks a volunteer manager for our Wednesday distributions. The right person must be available on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. For more information and description, please visit our website at [irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://irvingparkfoodpantry.org).



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II Magnet School will take them off your hands for their annual Used Book Sale, to be held on Saturday, June 11th. Please drop donations inside the school main entrance of either campus: 3900 N. Lawndale or 3815 N. Kedvale from 8-5 pm M-F, up until the day of the sale. Mark you calendars - community members are invited to come and shop that day!

## Schurz High School

The Civic Orchestra plays Bernstein's Symphonic Dances at Carl Schurz High School on Friday, June 10 at 7 pm. Erina Yashima, the CSO's third Sir Georg Solti Conducting Apprentice, leads the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in a free program of music by Bernstein and Mozart. This is a free event but tickets are required. Visit [cso.org/civic](http://cso.org/civic) or call 312-294-3000. Schurz is located at 3601 N. Milwaukee.

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## St. Edward School

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## CICS-IRVING PARK SCHOOL

**PUMA Class of 2016** This year's Class of 2016 is a milestone event for CICS-Irving Park. This is our first graduating class that has students who have attended all years K-8th grade at our school, which opened in the 2007-8 school year. Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

**LEAP Innovations Award** On May 5th, CICS Irving Park received the \$280,000 Grant Award from the LEAP Innovations Breakthrough Schools Chicago Program! Our team developed a grant proposal which was vetted by a panel of national experts through onsite visits and evaluations. Nearly 2 million dollars in total grant funding will be awarded to 4 elementary and 3 high schools located in neighborhoods across the city of Chicago.

**Coding Academy** In May, Distinctive Schools offered its students free Coding Academy classes taught by Coderdojo Chicago. Students received hands-on learning to develop an understanding of how to control the design and layout of web pages.

**PUMA Prowl Walk-A-Thon** Our fifth annual walk-a-thon, held on May 20th, raised over \$11,000! Thanks to all our sponsors for making this a great success!

## GIPNA Pancake Breakfast

Join your neighbors for food, fun, and community at the 12th Annual GIPNA Gourmet Pancake Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, June 19, from 9 am to noon at the Independence Park Bungalow. Everyone is welcome to attend!

For the third straight year, we'll be serving at the beautiful Independence Park Bungalow, located on the corner of Hamlin and Byron. Indoor and outdoor seating (weather permitting) will be available for our guests. As in years past, our menu will consist of two very special pancakes, an egg dish, and a special Children's Table treat.

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to be in housing court on Monday, May 23rd. Aggressive reporting of illegal activity at that house continues.

In new business, two West Walker residents asked whether crime statistics year over year could be provided. While the Commander and officers would like to reassure residents that crime has remained steady and that the area is still very safe, it seems to some residents that homicides and gun violence are up in the Beat. The CAPS officers will follow up for the next meeting.

A free 17th District Women's Self-Defense Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 25th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at Bosen Chicago Martial Arts & Fitness, 4224 W. Belmont Ave. Please wear comfortable clothes. To RSVP for this class, call the CAPS office at 1-312-742-4588 or email [CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org](mailto:CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org)

As always, call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident. CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, June 15, 2016. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to [westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com](mailto:westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com). The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

*Liz Mills*  
CAPS Coordinator



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Lifeline Theatre; Filament Theatre; Ginnie Fraser; Patrick Palsgrove; Pete's Pizza 2; Kingston Reflexology; and Longman Martial Arts.

And the event surely would not have been possible without Tom Kane, Nikki Scherr, and Dave Frobish who developed the questions and hosted the Trivia Night. The music from movies category was definitely a crowd favorite. Finally, Hands to Help thanks the BuildOn student group from Schurz High School who generously gave their time to set up tables, chairs, food, and decorations ensuring the event's success.

Miss the event? Connect to Hands to Help via social media to stay in touch and learn about the clients served every week. Like us on Facebook (handstohelpministries) or follow us on Twitter (HandstoHelpChgo). Also, consider becoming a board member or serving on a committee. Email our Executive Director, Gayle at hthexecdirector@gmail.com for more information.

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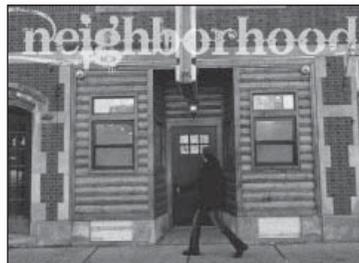


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- Mary & Dan Byrns
- Laura Ell
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- Mindy Finnigan
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- Gettings Family
- Impact Staffing
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- Kolasinski Family
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- Sue Gregoire & Jim Medd
- John Minor
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- Pat McKee
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- Rebecca Orozco
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- Sarah Steedman
- Strulovitch Family

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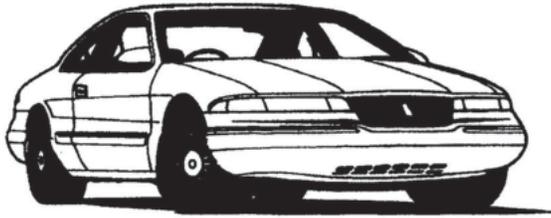
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