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PROVIDING INFORMATION ON RESOURCES AND EVENTS THAT IMPROVE THE LIFESTYLE OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

NEW TOP QUALITY CAR WASH SPRINGS UP AT ODGEN AVENUE

Nicholas Short



Windy City Auto Spa, located at 3451 W. Odgen, offers top quality full car washes, detailing, and custom car installations such as automatic wing doors, ostrich interiors, auto TV's, speakers and more.

Windy City Auto Spa does more than clean cars. Gear heads can also obtain stylish customizations to their automobiles by using Windy City Auto Spa's team of auto technicians. Liz Martinez, co-owner, said that she and her workers provide high quality work, but she would like people to come down to her establishment to see for themselves.

Located on 3451 W. Odgen

Ave., Windy City Auto Spa gives customers full service hand car wash and detailing. The business, which has been open since September, is the second location of another car wash and vehicle customization shop. The process in opening the location involved "a lot of paper work," said Martinez—she filed out several required forms for the City of Chicago in order to launch the new

shop. Martinez received help from her friend and partner, Sal Caspianos, who runs the first location. "I am new to the business myself. [Sal] already had his location, but he helped me, you know, guided me on what to do," she said.

Martinez needed Caspianos's guidance after losing her job. A single mother, she was having trouble figuring out her next move

before he assisted her in opening the new location. Her new business turned out to be the perfect choice for her. She was born and raised in the area, so she felt at home at Odgen Ave. When she was a kid, her grandfather would take her to a spot in the area to teach her about brakes. "Back in the day, kids were running all over, doing what grown folks would do," she said.

In addition to car wash services—which include top quality hand car washes, detailing, motor washes and buffing—Windy City Auto Spa customizes vehicles in various ways. Anyone who, for instance, wants their corvette to have doors that open automatically with a push of a button or needs a high-tech stereo system for their dodge can come to Windy City Auto Spa for assistance. Martinez's crew performs installations of such custom parts as HID lights, strobe lights and digital dashboards. They also construct sunroofs, convertible tops and lambo doors. (They do not provide paint jobs.) The crew can even conduct repairs: they fix flat

tires and take care of cracked or bent rims. And they aid customers with roadside assistance.

So far, Martinez manages four North Lawndale residents, two other workers from the previous location, and a few others from outside the neighborhood. She wants to hire more people from the neighborhood to help her, but there is not enough business available to help generate the money needed to hire more staff. Her crew does what they can to bring in customers. "They try to get their grandmas and everybody to come down to the car wash, but it's sometimes not enough," she said. She would love to have people give her business a chance.

Windy City Auto Spa's contact number is (773) 823-1179. Its hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 on Sundays.

Look for the Windy City Auto Spa's advertisement in the North Lawndale Community News bring it in and get \$2.00 off on your full service car wash.

LANE CHANGE: A Black Chicago Mayor Must Withstand the Heat

A Commentary By Travles R. Lane - The1tlane@yahoo.com

The race to replace Richard J. Daley as mayor of Chicago next year officially kicked off last Monday (Nov. 15) with various candidates, including U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-7th) and former U.S. Senator and Ambassador to New Zealand Carol Moseley Braun, filing their nominating petitions to be on the Feb. 22 ballot.

A Black mayor of Chicago could begin a Black Renaissance in this city that could spearhead a New Black Power movement here and across the country. After all, a Black man founded this city, which is today a great American metropolis teaming with Black people from all around the globe.

That possibility could be a reality in three months if we can find the collective strength of Black unity to elect this city's first African American executive of the 21st Century.

Illinois Senator James Meeks (D-15th), who announced his candidacy a day before filing began, offers Black Chicago voters a third choice amongst themselves in a race that is defined by race.

I hesitate to mention that Meeks is also Senior Pastor of Salem Baptist Church and its 20,000-member congregation, a supposed spiritual calling he has since relinquished and delegated to someone else in his pursuit of political gain.

Coincidentally, we already have a Black man at the very top of the political heap in America to show us what help toward progress Black communities here and beyond

can expect from a politician who abandons his church for the sake of political advantage. Suffering Black Chicagoans cannot afford to invest in another such chameleon.

The same can be said of Moseley Braun, who somehow thinks that we think she has any real chance of representing us as Chicago's next mayor although she hasn't been elected to represent anyone or any thing since 1992.

I mean, I know there are some Black folk in New Zealand, where she last represented somebody, but they are hardly built on the West Side and South Side models found in Chicago.

And since Moseley Braun and Meeks (the M&Ms?) each decided to renege on their pledges to support the Chicago Coalition for Mayor candidate that eventually became Davis, little else needs to be said of the credibility of either where Black unity or any other unity in this city is concerned.

Before I say more, let me confess I unequivocally do not deal in candidate endorsements. In fact, I was most skeptical of a Davis candidacy before and immediately after he decided to accept the coalition's mantle to rescue their failed attempt at Black unity, an attempt cynically thwarted by the M&Ms.

But because I do, however, deal in saying what I think, let me say this: All of us Chicago bothers and sisters from the South Side to the West Side and from the far side and the near side and in the middle of this city, had better get our stuff together if we are to have a chance to help elect another Black

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Your TIF Dollars at Work: The Roosevelt-Homan TIF

Valerie F. Leonard

A tax increment financing district (TIF) is an economic development tool intended to spur neighborhood revitalization by providing funds to redevelop commercial, industrial and residential areas that (arguably) would not be developed otherwise. They are financed by holding back a portion of local property taxes to cover such costs as planning, administration, construction, financing, child care and job training in the local TIF district.

The purpose of this series is to examine the performance of every TIF that impacts North Lawndale; to explore strengths

and weaknesses of the program, and how it may be improved. Most importantly, we hope that you will gain greater insights into how your TIF dollars are being used for the local community. Any questions you have pertaining to this article may be directed to Valerie F. Leonard, 773-521-3137, or valerieleonard@msn.com.

The focus of this article is the Roosevelt-Homan TIF. The following charts depict the boundaries, goals, objectives, project budget, financial performance and major projects implemented in the TIF from the time it was created until now.

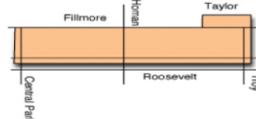
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Roosevelt-Homan TIF

Boundaries



Particulars

- Sponsors—City of Chicago;
- Consultant—Louik/Schneider & Associates
- Wards—24, 28
- Date Created—12/5/90
- Termination—12/5/2013
- Commercial, Residential
- Interdependent with Homan-Arthington TIF
- TIFWorks Eligible

Project Goals

- Foster redevelopment of the area with commercial and mixed income uses.
- Funds from the district are intended to assist with
 - redevelopment costs associated with infrastructure
 - land acquisition
 - site improvements
 - certain interest costs.
- Primary goal: develop commercial complex on Roosevelt Road
 - Predominantly on vacant land, but also involving structures that are suitable for rehabilitation

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2010 Focus

Youth & Reflection

Much has happened since October of 1999 when we first published the North Lawndale Community News more than eleven years ago. Many have contributed, supported, volunteered, written, taken photos, done research, and/or completed our workshops. We have helped many and many have helped us.

When the North Lawndale Community News began in October of 1999 as the North Lawndale Community Newsletter, a focus was established. First, we thanked God for making the newsletter possible. We stated that confidence in the good of the people was the motivating force behind it. Many resources and events are available to us and our neighboring communities and the role of this newspaper is to provide you with that information. Since then it has become a newspaper, larger in newsprint layout and organizational size.

In 2001, our focus targeted the "Revival of the Family". Many of us were then and are now concerned about the state of the family in our community. We focused on providing helpful and useful suggestions to strengthen and restore vitality to the family unit.

In 2002, we targeted "Wholistic Wellness". Our hope was that everyone in our community join us as we moved in the direction of creating a balanced life in which family, work, recreation, community participation, and spiritual endeavors worked together in harmony.

In 2003, we targeted "Education and Training". As a community, we are dominated by results of low educational levels, high unemployment, a hostile economic environment, and unbearable crime and murder statistics. Still, we pushed forward to improve life in our community on many levels and by many people from within the community, as well as concerned people from outside the community.

In 2004, the North Lawndale Community News focused on helping our community acquire a better quality of life through higher levels of reading and responsible wealth creation.

In 2005, it was Technology, Business Development, and Employment. We chose to include a strong focus on providing information and articles on resources in those areas because there was a growing unemployment rate in North Lawndale and some of its neighboring communities that are among the highest of all the 77 Chicago communities.

In 2006, the primary focus for SHS/ NCLN was Health, Education, and Welfare. Health is essential to a good life. Education is necessary for the pursuit of happiness especially in an economy driven society. Welfare is unavoidable in showing man's humanity (love) toward man.

In 2007, the primary focus for SHS/ NLCN was People and Education. Our history of people is great. People have strived to create progress in our community, raised their families, created businesses, triumphed over adversaries, and worked in the community. All year long NLCN focused on articles related to people and education throughout our newspaper, weblog, and website that serves the Westside of Chicago.

In 2008, the primary focus for Strategic Human Services and the North Lawndale Community News during 2008 was the Church, Financial Literacy, and Technology. There are many problems that face North Lawndale and its neighboring communities. Anyone of them are the most important to any individual when it is his, her, or their biggest battle.

In 2009, the primary focus for SHS/NLCN was HEALTH & THE ECONOMY. One of the major issues of the recent presidential campaign was health care. Health care costs have become an escalating burden for employers and consumers alike. Research has shown that total health spending is reduced when consumers bear more responsibility for their health and the expenses related to it. One of the best ways to increase life expectancy while reducing disability is to encourage a culture of selfcare practices.

In 2010, our primary focus will be to live and reflect on our previous years of focus, as we progress to a better quality of life.

The North Lawndale Community News

The North Lawndale Community News is now published weekly by Strategic Human Services. Our purpose is to help inform our community on resources, events, and issues relevant to them and our neighboring communities. Our community includes those who live, work, worship in, and/or care about North Lawndale. Our focus is on positive, productive solutions, that will improve the lifestyle of our community members.

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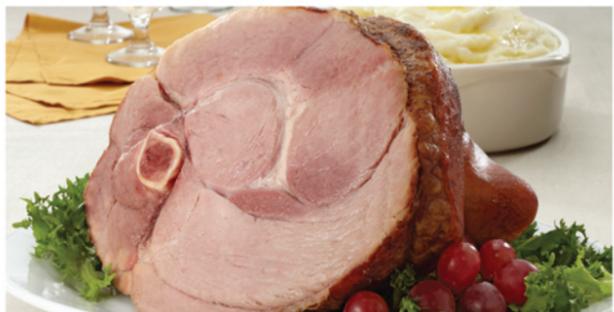
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AT THE FLICKS

David H. Schultz, film critic



Elizabeth Banks and Russell Crowe in *The Next Three Days*

THE NEXT THREE DAYS (*)** As the third film within the last two months that offers a “what would you do?” scenario with those inexperienced, but determined individuals out to gain the release of a wrongly sentenced loved one from prison. The latest film from Chicago born writer-director Paul Haggis who gave us “Crash” takes on the failing penal system. Not by learning the law and using it to gain their loved ones’ release as in “Conviction”.

Here we have another personal refusal to accept the court’s ruling and the appeals that become exhausted against overturning the guilty verdict on an apparent (as in shown in flashback to the crime committed by another woman) innocent but incarcerated person. But instead, committing a crime through arranging to a jail break for the innocent and for them to flee the country and relocate out of U.S. jurisdiction.

Based on the French film, “Pour elle”, Writer-director Paul Haggis’ “The Next Three Days” actually begins three years earlier when two wives get into a heated argument over a restaurant dinner with their respective husbands. A dispute over whether or not a woman could work best if the boss were a man or a woman.

This seems to suggest both women work at the same facility where their boss is female. The reverence of their dispute has some bearing a few scenes later, after married school teacher John Brennan (Russell Crowe) and his incense wife, Lara (Elizabeth Banks) leave his brother and his wife from the restaurant. I guess to cool down Lara; John and his wife have sex in their car before returning home to check on their 6 yr old son Luke (Ty Simpkins) and pay the sitter.

The next morning, as the couple prepare to leave to their respective jobs. Lara discovers a large stain of blood on the back of her coat. When suddenly the police burst in to arrest Lara for the murder of her female boss.

And before anyone could say “Where’s the DNA that would prove her innocence?”, John becomes frustrated and angry with his defense attorney (Daniel Stern)’s negative comments, “No matter what we believe. She’s not getting out!”

And after all the appeals have failed, John is forced to tell her the truth during his visit with her in county jail. Soon after Lara tried to commit suicide and is rushed to the hospital handcuffed to the bed with a guard outside the room.

John manages to bolt his way and is granted to two minutes at her bedside. Where John quietly vows that this would not be the rest of her life. John arranges to meet with Damon Pennington (Liam Neeson in an extended one scene cameo-like role), a famed author and former convict who escape prison seven times who guide through what he needs to do and become in order to break his wife out of prison.

Naturally, John has to clearly become something he’s not --- a resourceful, disciple and detailed criminal type forced to liver multi-lives, taking care of his son who’s taken on a distance demeanor toward his imprisoned mother.

So the quest begins with John becoming obsessed in his secrecy, making the intricate preparations mapped out on his bedroom wall; making keen observations during his prison visits, taking photos, timing his stopwatch, etc.

While encountering a few physical bumps, when John needs to find someone to make fake passports, driver’s license, etc. that gives him double crossed, taken for \$2G’s and beaten up by a pusher (RZA) and a meth drug maker-dealer.

But later he’s approached by a deaf man who read his lips in the tavern and provides the fake passports, driver’s license that reduces his funds to a critical area in order to complete his plan.

And later, John almost gets busted during a visit when he tries a “bump” key that gets broken in a lock that is captured on a surveillance camera in the visitor’s area of the prison. After exiting the facility, he’s observed by Detective Quinn (Jason Beghe) who previously worked the case of the murdered boss who becomes suspicious

when he views John vomiting outside.

But the best cop in this movie that gives an effective performance that should lead to bigger and better roles is

Lennie James as Lt. Nabulsi who’s in charge his squad with the natural instinct to staying on and getting close to foiling John’s plot.

The film continues its intricacy that eventually grows to in an intense level in the last thirty minutes of the film. When John learns he has three days before Lara is moved to a penitentiary down state.

So after he manages to computer alter her medical report that gets her out of the prison into a hospital.

“The Next three Days” begins to heighten its drama into a taut, suspenseful thriller. When John rushes to reach their plane on time, as his plans are discovered in one of three dumpsters that the police being pieced together.

While Lt. Nabulsi (Lennie James) is on the couple’s trait in a very hot and heavy, tension mounting pursuit that ultimately depends on a little technical luck. To finalize whether or not the inexperience John will succeed in getting his family together and escaping the country. While detective Quinn has a “final” sleuth moment that could prove John’s wife’s innocence searching for a lost button on the blood stain coat.

Russell Crowe gives a humane and

emotionally charged performance that might have initially been offered to Mel Gibson that Crowe’s performance kind of remind us of Gibson’s driven and passionate father role dealing with the kidnapping of his son in director Ron Howard’s “Ransom”. If it weren’t for his well publicized marital woes and taped traumas.

And there are other counterpoint similarities like Hilary Swank as the sister who studied law to gain her wrongly imprisoned brother’s release in “Conviction” and Robert DeNiro as the parole eligibility official being tag teamed for an early release for an inmate through his sexpot manipulative wife in “Stone”.

“The Next Three Days” shows us elements of a faulty legal system that is intricately woven into a somewhat flawed yet good thriller. But even with its dramatic license, there is a still a story that is behind the failed judicial system that has yet to be told about how money is more important than the truth.

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Program and the Community Reinvestment Act. The group is most noted for minimizing the potential for up to 1,200 residents to be displaced from their homes as a result of the

implementation of the Ogden-Pulaski TIF. For more information about the Lawndale Alliance, visit <http://lawndalealliance.blogspot.com>.

Roosevelt-Homan TIF

Budget

Project Type	Amount
Prof. Services/Administration	\$300,000
Property Acquisition, Site Prep, Demolition, Environmental	\$900,000
Public Improvements	\$800,000
Financing/Interest Subsidy	\$200,000
Contingencies	\$200,000
Total:	\$2,400,000

Funds Expended to Date

- Fund Balance 12/31/08- \$5,549,296
- % to TIF in 2008-85.78%
- % to General Fund in 2008-14.22%
- Beginning EAV- \$3,536,018
- 2007 EAV-\$22,753,931
- 2008 EAV-\$24,883,022
- % Growth in EAV-604%

Major Projects

- Roosevelt Tower 1, LLC-2006
 - Private Investment-\$17,021,867
 - TIF Assistance \$1,540,033
- Neighborhood Improvement Program-2006
 - Private Investment-\$2,000,000
 - TIF Assistance-\$1,000,000
 - 2008 Rehabilitation Program-\$614,375
- Cineplex-Odeon/ICE Theater-1997
 - Private Investment-\$7,018,000
 - TIF Assistance-\$3,335,000
 - 50 Jobs Promised

Projects in the District*

- Starbucks (closed)
- Dominick's (closed)
- Hollywood Video(closed)

*Whether these projects received TIF assistance or not needs to be verified.

Roosevelt/Homan TIF

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)

- The City of Chicago has authorized up to \$1 million for Roosevelt/Homan single- and multifamily TIF-NIP programs.
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. (NHS) and Community Investment Corporation (CIC) administer the Roosevelt/Homan NIP.
 - NHS administers the program for single family programs
 - The single-family programs offers matching grants of up to \$17,500 to qualified owner/occupants of one-to-four unit properties for exterior repairs and limited interior improvements to help rehabilitate their properties.
 - CIC administers the program for multi-family programs
 - The multifamily program provides matching grants to property owners with five or more units, up to \$10,000 per unit and a building maximum of \$100,000. The homes must be located within the TIF boundaries.



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- Coordinated zoning approvals and real estate development activities for Jewel and Osco stores in Chicago and Collar Counties
- Developed a conference exploring ways to combine historic preservation and affordable housing financing techniques
- Worked with the City of New York to conduct budget reviews and raise \$6 billion to finance capital projects
- Worked with Mount Sinai Hospital to raise over \$107 million in HUD funds to finance the expansion of health care facilities
- Assists nonprofit organizations and local units of government develop proposals for federal funds.
- Wrote "The Time for TIF Reform is Now" on behalf of the Lawndale Alliance
- Analyzed the performance of every TIF in North Lawndale and made recommendations for ways the program may be improved to eliminate waste and provide more direct benefit to local residents
- Developed in the Loop electronic newsletter and Staying in the Loop blog to keep residents and nonprofit professionals informed of latest developments impacting the nonprofit community

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HALLOWES, PART ONE (*)** From the opening scene close-up on the eyes of the new minister of magic, Rufus Scrimgeour (Bill Nighy) who utters the words, "These are dark times" The tone of impending evil looms large to set up the ultimate showdown that represents the beginning of the end in this the seventh and final chapter in the phenomenal JK Rowling books to mega movie franchise that is more bleak and free form than any of the previous cinematic translations.

Just as overwrought as the other films, but with a sense of finality nearing. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" offers up enough excitement, magic and human angst that had to be split this book into two movies to retain its faithfulness to the intricate details and situations for this book-to-screen version over most of the previous treatments that were usually pruned.

Each of our three teenage wizards, Harry, Ron and Hermione (Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson) individually already sense the wind of change in their regular home life to what's forthcoming to Hogwarts since the death of Dumbledore (Michael Gambon).

With an atmospheric imbalance being felt like an impending storm approaching Harry Potter's mortal family led by rotund father Vernon Dursley (Richard Griffiths in a fleeing cameo bit) and his son that used to torment Harry in the early films. Now leave in haste turning his house over to Harry who is later met there by a committee from Hogwarts led by Alastor "Mad Eye" Moody (Brendan Gleeson) who set out to protect Harry from the Death Eaters. By morphing several Potter lookalikes as a diversion accompanied by their own protector.

While prior to this scene, Prof. Severus Snape (Alan Rickman) arrives late for the Dark Lord's council meeting. As Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) has assembled his motley crew of evil-doers in a committee that includes a kidnapped and bruised Hogwarts teacher suspended in the air over the boardroom table who is dispensed for teaching Muggles-born wizards being blended with the Death Eaters and served up to a CGI-type anaconda.

But the real business at hand is finding Harry Potter that Voldemort must destroy who owns the other half of the magic wand that could make

the already powerful Voldemort unstoppable.

While after "Mad Eye's scheme results in several clones being injured during the waiting Death Eaters' aerial assault and the real Harry with Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane) who narrowly escaping.

Soon after the minister of magic arrives at the isolated cottage castle to read Dumbledore's will that leaves some items to three teen wizards that also reveals a missing, sacred sword. Later Death Eaters interrupt the celebration of an impending wedding at a cottage castle in the middle of nowhere.

Harry feels the strain of others making the sacrifice that eventually he begins to realize is his destiny. So Harry after awoken from envisioning Dumbledore in a nightmare. Harry tries to slip out to go it alone. Naturally, he's caught and joined by Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) on this perilous mission to find and destroy the accursed artifact objects known as Horcruxes that contains fragments of Voldemort's soul.

While the trio toil through their quest through elusive leads, decoding arcane symbols and research unfamiliar characters that sometimes makes the film and the audience feel like amaze to get through. In the woods, a growing rivalry goes that is almost "Twilight" like with Harry and Ron venting for the affection of Hermione that could jeopardize their longstanding friendship. Even though it's clear from their kiss, that this is a romance for Ron to lose. Therefore thankfully never comes close to a Team Edward vs. Team Jacob like scenario. While Voldemort makes his own rendezvous journey to uncover an important artifact as the film's cliffhanger finale.

Director David Yates handles this film with an obvious purpose that movies at a slightly brisker pace than the earlier films. But because of the weight of the material as it unfolds, this movie becomes a bit tedious at times for the moviegoer who isn't the typical Potter fan base geek that has to have every detail, nuance and sentence enacted in the movie.

Generally, "Part One" sets up well and gears up for a grand, epic size finale that by all indications here, should lead to the global anticipation of a mega movie event next summer **PG-13; 146min. A Warner Bros. Pictures Release - Presented at**

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mayor. Wasting votes on stalking horses and shape-shifters won't do us any good against the machinations of the monied interests of this city that have designs on ramming a Rahm Emanuel administration down the citizenry's collective throats. And we can only hope to stand against that machine with a closed fist of Black solidarity, that old Black Power mentality that says we do have power when are we are tightly united together.

That, in a nutshell, that is where the pea of hope lies for Black Chicagoans in this mayoral shell game. The M&Ms were never serious when they pledged to support the coalition's eventual candidate. It is now evident they never intended to abide by that decision in the absence of their own selection in the first place.

Now, there are those who say that Davis, 69, who was near-unanimously (97+% of the vote) re-elected to congress on Nov. 2, is an old has been at best. And honestly, they are entirely correct in their appraisal. Because

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