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Chicago Reader Photographs. Photographs used to accompany front page and other feature stories in the Chicago Reader alternative weekly newspaper, as well as the columns Calendar, Hot Type, Neighborhood News, Our Town, The Works, and Chicago Anti-Social. See boxes 13 and 42 for photographs of Cabrini-Green. Online inventory: https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/ChicagoReaderPN.xml

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