



## Going over the wall

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**PHOTO GALLERY:** <http://galleries.apps.chicagotribune.com/chi-20120705-window-washers-pictures/>

Nadav Kurtz's 10-minute film "Paraiso," Spanish for "paradise," captures the hopes and resignations of Jamie Polanco, his brother Sergio, and Cruz Guzman, who work for Corporate Cleaning Services, Chicago's largest window-washing company.



## Off to work

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012 )

Window washer Sergio Polanco, carries rappelling ropes to the top of the American Medical Association building in downtown Chicago.



### Prepping their gear

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012)

From left, Sergio Polanco, Cruz Guzman and Jaime Polanco prepare their equipment prior to washing the windows of the American Medical Association building in Chicago.



### A little prayer

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012)

Cruz Guzman, a window washer with Corporate Cleaning Services, genuflects and points to the sky as part of his faith before descending the exterior of the AMA building.



### Over the top

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012)

Sergio Polanco descends from the top of the American Medical Association building.



### **Starting their work**

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Sergio Polanco, foreground, and Cruz Guzman, right, begin their descent from the top of the American Medical Association.



### **Rapelling down**

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012)

A window washing crew with Corporate Cleaning Services descend from the top of the American Medical Association building.



### **Hanging around**

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Cruz Guzman, a window washer with Corporate Cleaning Services, shows off while descending from the top of the American Medical Association building.



### **Keeping watch**

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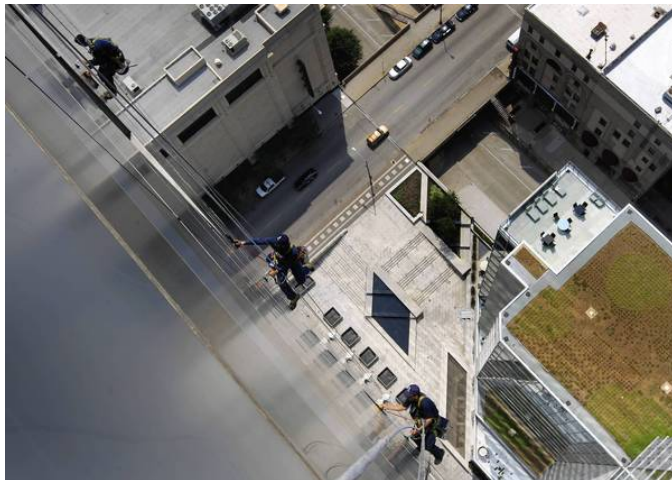
Eloy Rodriguez, a window-washing supervisor, with Corporate Cleaning Services, looks out from the top of the American Medical Association building as the window washers clean the building's exterior.



### **Going down**

(Alex Garcia, Chicago Tribune / July 2, 2012)

Cruz Guzman pushes off from the American Medical Association building while descending to the ground.



### **Synchronized**

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Top left to bottom right, Sergio Polanco, Cruz Guzman, and Jaime Polanco clean the outside of the American Medical Association building in Chicago.



### **Gleaming in the light**

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Sergio Polanco cleans the south side of the American Medical Association building.



### **Taking a break**

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Corporate Cleaning Services workers, from left, Eloy Rodriguez, Sergio Polanco, Cruz Guzman and Jaime Polanco take a break in the plaza of the American Medical Association building while washing the exterior windows.