

Gone. Forgotten?

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Since his death, Arthur Rubloff's trust has distributed more than \$100 million, mostly to local organizations.

As Arthur 'the Magnificent' Rubloff's trust winds down, his legacy is in jeopardy

By Charles Storch | Tribune staff reporter

Arthur Rubloff was one of a kind. A dandy by way of Duluth. A visionary real estate developer who helped change the face of Chicago but who would have removed a lot of its character if allowed his way. A collector of art and political favors. Gruff in person but the easiest of touches, handing out crisp dollar bills to kids on the street and checks for millions to hospitals, museums and universities.

In headlines he was "Arthur the Magnificent" and "Colossus of real estate development." In person, he was a lanky figure in English suits, bowler hat and cane; his bespectacled, owl-like face was instantly recognizable, whether to shoppers at his Evergreen Park mall or passersby on the avenue he coined "the Magnificent Mile."