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One Year Later

Last year's front page headline read, "Tested?" We probably expected we'd be in a better place by now. The column suggested local options for testing. Now we're asking if masking will become a part of our everyday life.

We travel to Michigan quite often and many if not most folks have put the mask aside. Restaurants servers are not wearing masks in many of the restaurants and you only see a few people wearing masks in places like Menards or grocery stores where the employees are required to wear them and they ask the unvaccinated to mask also.

On a positive note is that the **Chicago Thanksgiving Parade** returned this year to provide us with the usual representation from our diverse ethnic communities plus the high school marching bands from Iowa, downstate Illinois and Chicago area. See photos on page 16 and 20.

And for many of us, we were sad to see the Grail Café close but it did provide us with a bright spot during a difficult year. Sheldrick Holmes had a dream to make a community space where goodness could be found. It was not your usual fast food eatery. You had to allow enough time for



Sheldrick Holmes, The Grail

Sheldrick to work his magic and for us, his creations never disappointed. Fresh ingredients, farmers market berries and herbs grown in the flower boxes out front. Even if you ordered something you liked the day before, it was just a little different the next time around. It's the closest thing to a French restaurant we've had here.

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JAZZ SHOWCASE

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 Thu-Sat, Dec 2-4, 8pm.....Drummer Makaya McCraven
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 Mon, Dec 6, 8pm.....Bob Lark
 Tues, Nov 7, 7pm.....Chicago Human Rhythm Project
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 Thu-Sat, Dec 9-11, 8pm.....Jane Bunnett & Maqueque
 Sun, Dec 12, 9:30pm..... Jane Bunnett & Maqueque
 Mon, Dec 13, 7pm.....Metropolitan Jazz Octet featuring Dee Alexander
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 Anniversary of Impulse Records
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 Thu-Sat, Dec 16--18, 8pm.....Saxophonist Tim Warfield's Jazzy Christmas
 Sun, Dec 19, 9:30pm..... Saxophonist Tim Warfield's Jazzy Christmas
 Mon, Dec 20, 7pm.....Metropolitan Jazz Octet featuring Dee Alexander



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South Loop Neighbors represents South Loop residents who are concerned about:

- Ensuring high-quality, reasonably-sized real estate development as well as infrastructure improvements that respect the unique character of our community
- Preserving and protecting the area's Landmark Districts, including Printing House Row and Historic Michigan Boulevard
- Promoting quality education, recreation, services, retail, community activities, and events
- Maintaining a socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhood
- Developing strong relationships with key city officials to ensure they respect, hear, and act on the concerns and ideas of the South Loop community. South Loop Neighbors serves members and residents within the area bounded by Congress Parkway to approximately 25th Street and from the

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Greg Borzo, Lana Reese and
Jeremy Campbell have joined
the Board.

South Loop Development Roundup

A reminder: Our Sept. 16 online meeting covered the development and planning issues active in the neighborhood. If you weren't able to attend, you can view [the entire presentation on YouTube](#).



The latest on all South Loop projects can always be found at southloopupdate.com

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OPINION

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Mondays with Mike:

by [mknezo2014](#) November 22, 2021

Gun radicalism



[Heidi Stevens](#), a Chicago Tribune Columnist (among other things) had this to say on Facebook about last week's Rittenhouse verdict: "This country keeps finding new and endless ways to break your heart."

Ain't it the sad truth. I have nothing to say about that matter that hasn't been written. Like everything in today's United States, the verdict and Rittenhouse's actions are starkly polarizing.

I don't have anything against responsible gun owners, or responsible gun ownership. But a dumbshit, barely pubescent kid shouldn't be able to even pick up an assault weapon, let alone parade around an inflamed situation with one. That he could do so is symbolic of how ridiculously stupid this country has gotten about firearms.

This has all happened in my lifetime—it wasn't always this way. I still have hope that we can get back to sanity, largely because of sentiments expressed by a couple of lifelong gun enthusiasts who feel like I do about America's gun insanity, and who are trying to do something about it.

One is a Montana resident named Ryan Busse. He's written a book called "[Gunfight, My Battle Against the Industry that Radicalized America](#)." Full disclosure: I haven't read it yet but I intend to after hearing him interviewed on today's edition of "Fresh Air."

In truth, Busse had me at the title. Because the current state of non-regulation does represent the victory of a radicalized minority.

Busse grew up loving guns, and that led him to become a very successful executive at a firearms manufacturer. He was present when things went haywire. When the NRA morphed into a hate and fear vendor, and funder of campaigns. It wasn't always thus.

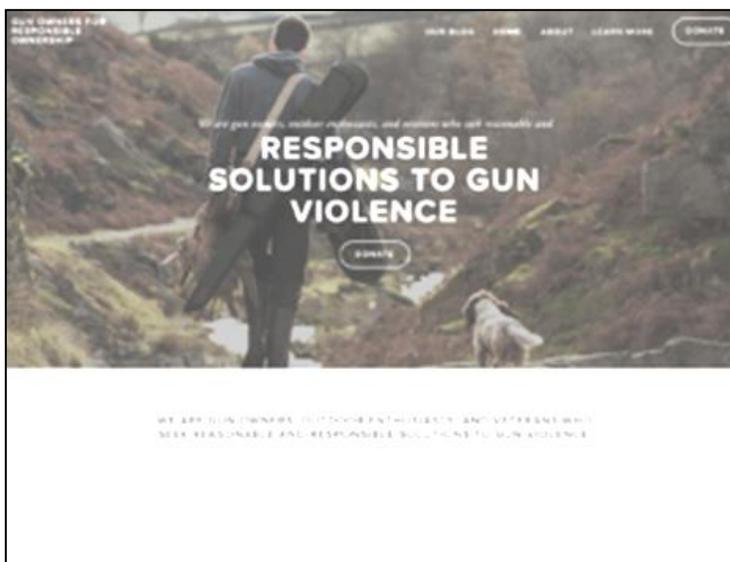
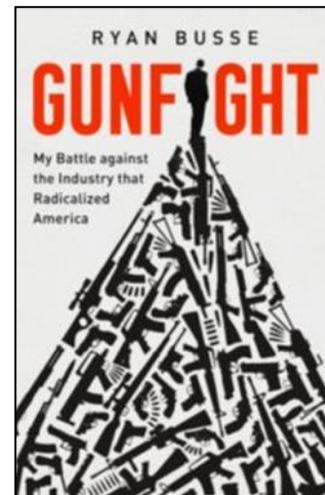
Anyway, whether or not you read the book, [I urge you—however you feel about the 2nd Amendment and guns in general—to listen to the interview](#).

I also recommend visiting the Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership website. From the *Who we Are* section at the site:

We are gun owners, outdoor enthusiasts, and veterans who seek reasonable and responsible solutions to prevent gun violence.

We envision an America where all are safe from gun violence, and where responsible gun owners take the lead to promote safe gun ownership and sensible laws and regulations.

Our commitment to change arose from the December 2012 shooting at the Clackamas Town Center in suburban Portland, Oregon. Two people were killed and a third wounded. All were strangers



to the shooter, but to us they were family, friends, and neighbors.

We believe our Second Amendment rights come with responsibilities. We also believe in common-sense efforts to reduce gun violence and promote gun safety across the country, including background checks on all gun sales, and safe and secure storage of firearms to prevent access by children or any unauthorized individuals.

The site is chockfull of solid data and information about advocacy. There are tons of seemingly smallish measures that are doable, and have been proven to make a difference.

God knows we need something different than we have.

Safe & Sound Blog by Beth Finke

Senior Class: Karen's Sex Education

November 20, 2021

<http://Bethfinke.com/blog>



I am pleased to feature Karen Fontaine as our Senior Class guest blogger today. A Professor emeritus in the College of Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing at Purdue University Northwest, Karen has retired after a long successful career as a nurse, scholar, therapist, author, lecturer and educator. She maintains her private practice in counseling, and somehow finds the time and energy to participate in the memoir-writing class I lead at Admiral-at-the Lake on Wednesday afternoons, too. The essay she wrote when I assigned "Rules I was Supposed to Follow as a Kid" helps explain her lifelong interest in all these fields, and I was delighted when she agreed to let me share her "rules" essay here with you Safe & Sound blog readers.

Rules I Was Supposed to Follow by Karen Fontaine, RN, MSN

Sex: not to be talked about, not to be done.

At 4 years of age I awakened from my afternoon nap and decided to put lots of scotch tape on my genitals. When my mother walked into my bedroom, she freaked out. "No, no, no, no, no!" I didn't know what was wrong, but I knew it was serious. "We don't do that kind of thing!"

What kind of thing? Was scotch tape only to be used on paper? What's wrong here?

About the same age, I walked in on my father as he was putting on his underwear. When he saw me, he leaped into the walk-in closet. "He has cow udders!" I thought. Growing up in Wisconsin, I'd seen lots of those. "BUT why is he jumping in the closet? How strange." I wish now that I could tell the confused child that she's okay.

These incidents illustrate my family's pejorative approach to sexuality. Don't look, don't touch, don't call it by name.

Sex education in my family was negative and shame-based. The rule was no sex until you are married. But they certainly never said or implied anything positive about enjoying sex in marriage. So, the question became, "If it's so awful, why would I save it for the person I loved?" I decided to find out for myself: I became sexually active when I was 16. Sex was okay, just okay.

"What's the big deal about sex", I wondered. Of course, I wasn't orgasmic in my teens. After that scotch tape episode, I was convinced it was bad to explore my own body.

Fast forward to my 24th year of life. I am in the basement of the church getting dressed for my wedding. Minutes prior to walking down the aisle, my father turns to me and says: "I guess I don't have to tell you about sex, since you are a nurse." I was stunned. "My father said the word "sex?" I thought. "My father thinks I am a virgin? This is a hell of a time to be trying to do sex education." I muttered something and tried to smother my look of shock.

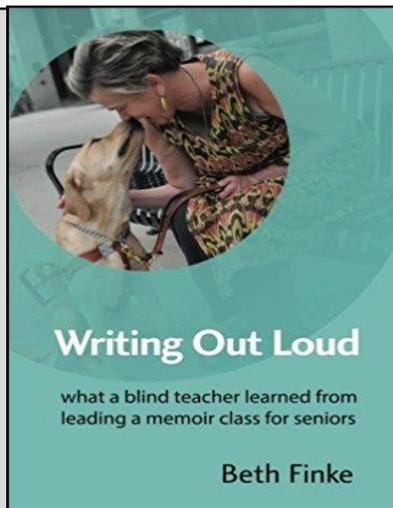


Today's guest blogger Karen with her daughter Simone.

So no wonder I spent 40 years as a sex therapist trying to help others cope with destructive family, religious, and social messages about sex. Over the years I have also become an advocate for positive sex education — for people of **all** ages.

Karen Fontaine is a certified sex therapist and has served on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy since 2000. Her private practice in Chicago specializes in Sex Therapy, Relationship Therapy, and Individual Therapy.

Beth Finke's books: "Safe and Sound", "Long Time No See" and "Writing Out Loud" can be purchased at Sandmeyer's Book Store.



US journalist jailed in Myanmar for nearly 6 months is freed

By GRANT PECK and DAVID RISINGtoday



Columbia College Grad Denny Fenster

In this photo provided by the Richardson Center, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Bill Richardson, right, poses with journalist Danny Fenster in Naypyitaw, Myanmar, Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. Fenster, sentenced only days ago to 11 years of hard labor in military-ruled Myanmar, was freed and on his way home Monday, a former U.S. diplomat who helped negotiate the release said. (The Richardson Center via AP)

BANGKOK (AP) — American journalist Danny Fenster, who spent nearly six months in jail in military-ruled Myanmar and was sentenced last week to 11 years of hard labor, was freed Monday and began his journey home.

Fenster was handed over to former U.S. diplomat Bill Richardson, who helped negotiate the release, and the two landed in Doha, Qatar.

“I’m feeling all right physically,” a bearded Fenster, in baggy drawstring pants and a knit hat, said on the tarmac in comments carried by the Al Jazeera network. “It’s just the same privations and things that come with any form of incarceration. You just go a little stir-crazy. The longer it drags on, the more worried you are that it’s just never going to end. So that was the biggest concern, just staying sane through that.”

While still jailed, Fenster told his lawyer that he believed he had COVID-19, though prison authorities denied that.

Fenster, the managing editor of online magazine Frontier Myanmar, [was convicted Friday](#) of spreading false or inflammatory information, contacting illegal organizations and violating visa regulations. Days before his conviction, he learned he had been charged with additional violations of terrorism and treason statutes that put him at risk of an even longer sentence of life in prison.

He is one of more than 100 journalists, media officials or publishers who have been detained since the military ousted the elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in February, and his was the harshest sentence yet.

“This is the day that you hope will come when you do this work,” Richardson, a former governor of New Mexico and past ambassador to the United Nations, said in a statement emailed by his office. “We are so grateful that Danny will finally be able to reconnect with his loved ones, who have been advocating for him all this time, against immense odds.”

Fenster has been in detention since he [was arrested](#) at Yangon International Airport on May 24 as he was headed to the Detroit area to see his family.

“We are overjoyed that Danny has been released and is on his way home — we cannot wait to hold him in our arms,” his family said in a statement. “We are tremendously grateful to all the people who have helped secure his release, especially Ambassador Richardson, as well as our friends and the public who have expressed their support and stood by our sides as we endured these long and difficult months.”

The exact allegations against Fenster were never clear, but much of the prosecution’s case appeared to hinge on proving that he was employed by another online news site that was ordered closed this year during a [crackdown on the media](#) following the military’s seizure of power. Fenster used to work for the site but left that job last year. **CLICK BELOW FOR REST OF STORY**

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Lauren Groff, *MATRIX*

Riverhead Books

It is 1158, and seventeen-year-old Marie de France rides alone, banished by Eleanor d'Aquitane, queen of France, for being a bastardess with the royal blood of her father but with the aspect and prowess of the Amazon woman he raped. Thirty hours by horseback from the pampered comforts of her Norman castle, Marie was to become prioress—then Abbess— of the “piteous abbey” adorned with “burn piles of last year’s weeds and fourteen fresh black graves for the dozen nuns and their two aspirants who’d succumbed to a disease that turned their flesh blue as they “drowned in their own lungs.” Marie was typical of the leaders of convents of the Middle Ages: multi-lingual; intellectual; fierce; either despised or unfit for marriage; and, with luck, in love with the Lord. Marie was *not* a lucky girl. But she had “the power to bend nature to her will...a too-huge woman on her war horse, one-time crusader,” and led the most influential Abbey in the country, at a time when Abbeys were often run by women since most of the men—and many women: including her own dead aunts, Queen Eleanor and *her* son, Richard the Lion Heart—were off on failed Crusades to recover the Holy Land from the Saracens. Groff sets Medieval royal tables with stuffed peacocks, gateau and wines imported from burgundy, while sisters and serfs survived on thin

porridge and thinner prayers. Medieval prisons were filled with queens and princes who rebelled against their royal fathers—and with peasants whose eyes were plucked out for stealing fowl from the King’s lands. It is a tale of the times, replete with oft-ignored lessons from history: “the final apocalypse would likely be the stone and the soil in the waters of the Earth itself, through human frailty and greed, made too hot for it to be willing to bear anymore life upon its back;” the “Moslems” were “fighters too great” for the pale warriors fo the West; and that “there had been rumors of witchcraft. But such rumors were irrepressible when it came to powerful women.” And it is a story of one women, Marie of France, a real woman whose poetry in French was the first published by a member of the second sex, whose real or imagined experiences were either commanded by mystical visions from the Virgin Mary that would guarantee her a place in heaven— or they were selfish ambitions that would cause her flesh and her soul to be devoured by the dogs of hell. Either way, this cross between **The Sword and the Stone** and Saint Teresa’s **Interior Castle** is an original and beautiful read.

Lorraine Schmall

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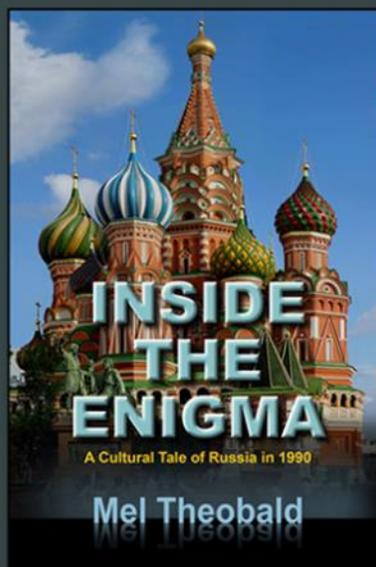


Susan Bass Marcus writes and illustrates fiction, essays, and reviews. Her Dragonwolder fantasy novels, *Malevir: Dragons Return* and *Where Dragons Follow*, offer a world of dragon clans, an enigmatic menace the Malevir, sprites, goblins, questing humans, and magical giants. Her musings appear weekly on her blog, “About Susan Marcus,” <https://susanbassmarcus.net>. Both paperbacks are available at Sandmeyer’s Bookstore.

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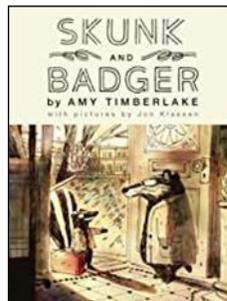
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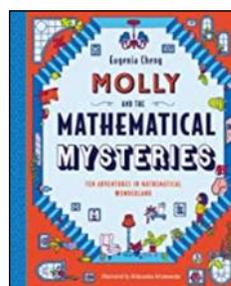


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Adult Books

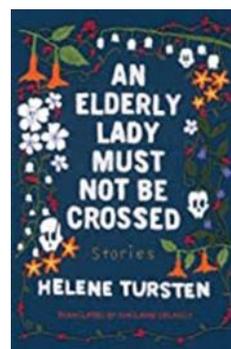


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An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed

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Retired in Chicago

Time for annual review of Medicare choices

By **Marianne Goss**, November 14, 2021

By Marianne Goss, November 15, 2021 at 8:34 am
It may be inconsistent for a liberal who supports a government-funded healthcare plan to opt for a private company's Medicare Advantage plan, but it goes to show that personal interest wins out. Medicare Advantage saves me hundreds of dollars a year.

Medicare Open Enrollment for 2022 continues until December 7. After reviewing my options, I'll stay with Humana Gold Plus, a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 premium and dental, hearing, vision, teletherapy, and over-the-counter drug benefits. It was hard to choose between Humana and Aetna's Medicare Advantage plans, which have better dental benefits. My choice next year may be different.

Private insurance companies are paid by the federal government to offer Medicare Advantage plans, which bundle all coverage into a single plan. Traditional Medicare is managed by the government and necessitates buying a supplemental policy and drug insurance for comprehensive coverage.

Coming up on its 25th anniversary next year, Medicare Advantage is growing in popularity. AARP reports that 42 percent of Medicare recipients choose it, and a majority are expected to by 2030. The appeal comes from premiums as low as \$0; more benefits, including dental, hearing, and vision coverage; and the simplicity of having a single plan.

Why wouldn't everyone opt for Medicare Advantage? Choice. Whether HMOs or PPOs, Medicare Advantage plans steer members to their provider networks. People with Traditional Medicare can see whomever they want.

I understand why people in sparsely populated areas would prefer Traditional Medicare. They might sometimes want to seek medical care outside the limited number of local providers.

But in Chicagoland, where top-20 hospitals like Northwestern and Rush are in Medicare Advantage networks, and where huge medical groups like Duly (formerly DuPage) have hundreds of specialists and

scores of hospitals in their systems, people can see top doctors for any health problem. Paying for a supplement and a drug plan with Traditional Medicare seems senseless when I get Rush Health with Medicare Advantage.

However, I do not have chronic health problems. People needing ongoing treatments might prefer Traditional Medicare with a supplement to avoid the copays that Medicare Advantage plans charge. They also might want to choose Traditional Medicare from the start because switching to it later might result in higher premiums for preexisting conditions or in being turned down for a supplemental policy.

My main reason for writing this post is not to argue for or against any choice but to remind people to review the Medicare options during Open Enrollment. Whatever your current insurance, it's not advisable to automatically stick with it for next year. Plans change. Annual Open Enrollment gives you an opportunity to find the best one for you.

If you like a Medicare Advantage plan, be sure to check that your providers are in its network before signing up.

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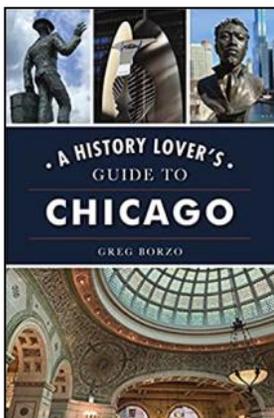
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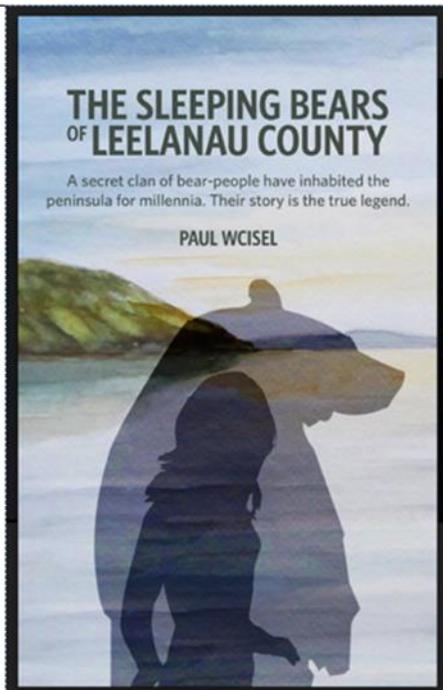
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Beth Finke

A Snapshot of Chicago: Buddy Features Art and Objects From Over 200 Local Artists

November 19, 2021

by [Alex Priest](#)

On the first floor of the Chicago Cultural Center is one of the largest and most representational exhibitions of artists who are making work in our city right now. Buddy is a uniquely curated gallery and shop, operated in collaboration with Public Media Institute and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. Buddy features over 200 Chicagoland artists, makers and small creative businesses, making it a living archive and “a snapshot of Chicago,” according to director Stella Brown.

Brown started Buddy in January 2020 with an open call for Chicago-based artists to display and sell their work to the public. Over the last eighteen months, Buddy has grown to support local and interdisciplinary makers online, in their shop at the Chicago Cultural Center and through programmatic initiatives. The Buddy shop is essentially hundreds of solo exhibitions on view in one place, with everything for sale at approachable prices. Buddy supports a range of artists through a rotating display of one-of-a-kind objects, including limited-edition prints, clothing, paintings, key chains, books, zines, jewelry, household items, small art objects, videos, music and ceramics with prices ranging from \$1-\$1,800. Most of the objects at Buddy are priced under \$50 with sixty percent of all sales going directly back to their artists.

But Buddy is more than an amplified museum gift shop, it is an artist-run space, a gallery, a platform and programmatic headquarters. Over the last six months they have expanded their programming to include pop-ups across the city, a video display at the north entrance at the Cultural Center and a residency. This winter, Buddy is expanding to include a full suite of free holiday programming.

Buddy is open Tuesday–Saturday 11am–5pm and Sunday 11am–4pm at the Chicago Cultural Center, 72 East Washington, and online at hi-buddy.org. Click below for more of the article

<https://art.newcity.com/2021/11/19/a-snapshot-of-chicago-buddy-features-art-and-objects-from-over-200-local-artists/>



Buddy at the Chicago Cultural Center/
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Today is kind of the end of the regular year, right? Starting with Thanksgiving and through New Year's should probably be its own unit of time – maybe the year with an appended “H” – since everything shifts into holiday mode, whether it's how we eat or what we do with our free time.

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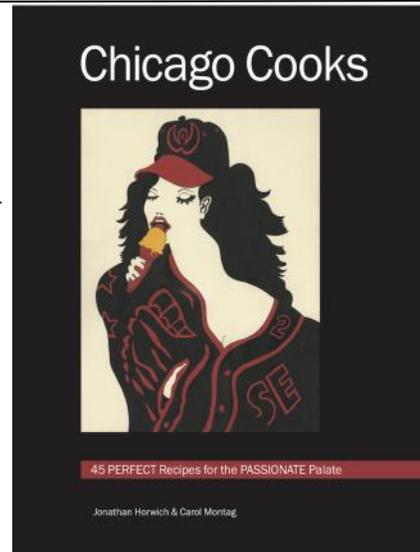
Not every food category is included here, but the ones we have chosen represent a foundation any cook will need to provide for a family or to entertain brilliantly. We hope you will trust us and try these recipes

so that you can experience food made with care and passion, food that stimulates your palate, and inspires you to share each recipe with those you love.

The two authors are long-time residents of Chicago. Returning to Chicago after 40 years in California as a jazz producer and recording engineer, **Jonathan Horwich** has continued pursuing his passion for music and high quality sound. **Carol Montag** grew up in St. Louis, MO and came to Chicago to attend The University of Chicago and never left. She has been an educator for 52 years as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and educational coach.

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[Sun-Times: Two Sloop Locations Front-runners for Downtown Chicago Casino](#)

More chatter on the casino and the money looks to be on two Sloop sights ([via Sun-Times](#)):

some insiders believe the casino competition boils down to Neil Bluhm versus Neil Bluhm.

The head of Chicago-based Rush Street Gaming and owner of the lucrative Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, Bluhm is behind two proposals, either of which could benefit from few complications and a quick start. With the firm Related Midwest, Bluhm wants a casino on vacant acreage in the development site known as The 78, running southwest from Roosevelt and Clark.

It's close to downtown, and the land is shovel-ready. But Bluhm has hedged his bets, offering on his own a casino plan for the existing Lakeside Center at McCormick Place, the oldest building at the convention complex and the one least utilized. It's got parking already there and vast floors ready for slots and table games.

We're pretty cold on the 78 location as it would dramatically change the profile of the Sloop as this land is poised to become a critical, central component of the neighborhood.



That said, the renderings of the 78 casino does look pretty striking and it has a crazy high tower:

For anyone looking for architectural flourishes, the biggest offering is at The 78. The plan includes a 1,000-foot observation tower—its rendering makes it look like a giant circular staircase. It's almost as tall as 875 North Michigan, the former John Hancock Center.

As part of its entertainment component, the plan promises to re-create Mister Kelly's, the storied Rush Street nightclub that was a stopover for musicians and comedians traveling from coast to coast. It closed in 1975

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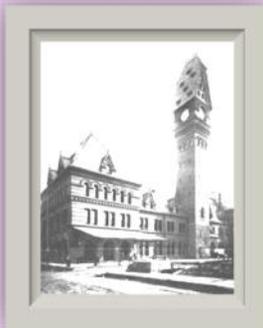
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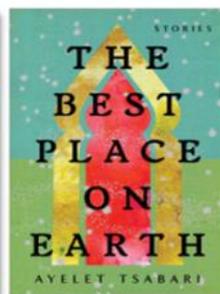
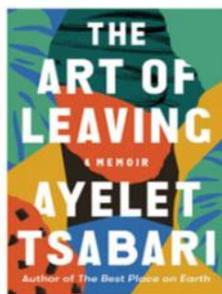
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By [Jordan Perkins](#), Staff Reporter November 23, 2021

Jazz musician G. Thomas Allen said his venture into music began in the Black church as a child where he sang solos and was a choir member, learning skills such as harmonizing and improvising.

“For me, that experience of the Black church really set the tone to how I’ve been able to soar in different genres,” Allen said. “You can’t think of jazz without thinking about gospel.”

Allen, an adjunct faculty member in the Music Department, won the 10th annual Sarah Vaughan International Jazz competition, also called The SASSY Awards, on Nov. 14 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey. Allen said he was excited to even be a finalist and that he was grateful.

Click below for the entire story.

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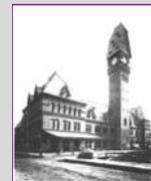
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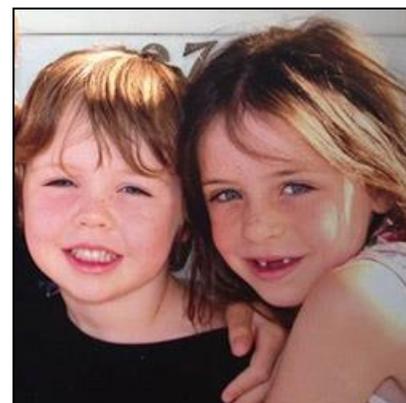
After that day, I never wanted to think about gun violence again. I didn't want to be constantly reminded of Daniel's death.

But as I saw more and more families shattered by gun violence,

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This time of year is always really difficult for me, as the day that marks my brother's murder gets closer and closer – but I have to keep working to honor him. **That's why, for Giving Tuesday, I'm asking you to help Sandy Hook Promise protect other children like Daniel from gun violence. A group of generous donors is even matching donations today, but we're very short of our \$755,000 goal. So please, before the midnight deadline, can I count on you to give right now?**

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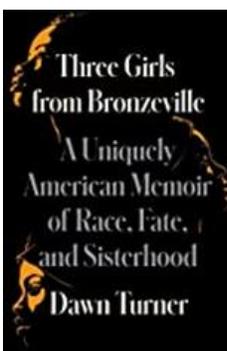
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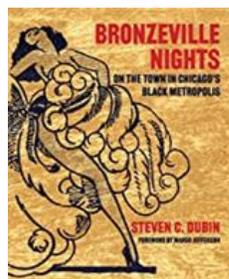
Elly Fishman worked as a senior editor and writer at *Chicago* magazine. Her features have won numerous awards including a City Regional Magazine Award for



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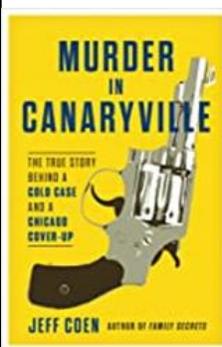
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Man who shot driver in South Loop on Saturday was AWOL from a pending felony case, prosecutors say

November 23, 2021 [CWBCicago South Loop](#)

An eight-time convicted felon [opened fire on a busy South Loop street corner](#) Saturday evening, striking a man who was waiting for a traffic light to change near the Roosevelt CTA station, prosecutors said. The accused man, 36-year-old Christople Davis, was AWOL on a pending felony case at the time of the shooting.

Davis is the 52nd person accused of killing, trying to kill, or shooting someone in Chicago this year while awaiting trial for a felony. A total of 73 victims are involved in those crimes.

Police officers who responded to the area of Wabash and Roosevelt around 9:48 p.m. saw Davis crouching behind a concrete structure with another person who was pointing at Davis, prosecutors said during a bond hearing Tuesday afternoon.

Davis tried to get away when officers approached him, but cops managed to detain him nearby and subsequently found a loaded handgun in his jacket pocket, according to the allegations. Prosecutors said he spit in the face of one arresting officer.

A 36-year-old driver waiting for the red light to change at Roosevelt and Wabash suffered a graze wound to his back. He drove himself to Stroger Hospital for treatment.

CPD surveillance cameras and CTA security footage both show Davis firing the gun in the victim's direction, prosecutors said.

<https://cwbcicago.com/2021/11/52-man-who-shot-driver-in-south-loop-on-saturday-was-awol-from-a-pending-felony-case-prosecutors-say.html>

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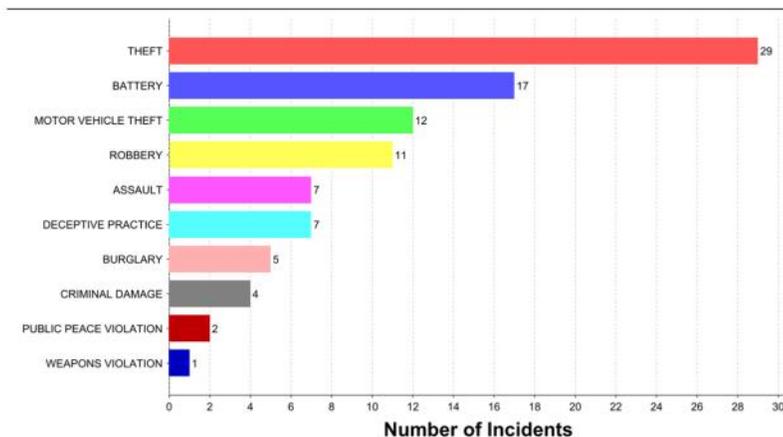
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South Loop: Man is charged with driving stolen car that's linked to \$120K Louis Vuitton heist

[November 23, 2021 CWBChicago South Loop](#)

A man on bail for a pending gun case was arrested in the South Loop on Sunday after police determined that he was driving a stolen car used in last week's robbery of the Louis Vuitton store in Oak Brook, according to prosecutors and a source.

Oak Brook officials said 14 people took about \$120,000 worth of merchandise in a lightning-fast raid of the suburban Vuitton store last Wednesday afternoon. The crime was [captured on video](#).

Around 2 p.m. Sunday, Chicago police pulled 22-year-old Jamari Stigler over near Clark Street and Roosevelt Road because the car he was driving had a license plate that investigators linked to the Vuitton heist, according to police records. Twitter user [@Kimberl24391237](#) [posted photos of the scene](#).

During the traffic stop, police learned the car was stolen and they arrested Stigler, Assistant State's Attorney Sergio Gomez said. Stigler is not accused of participating in the Oak Brook robbery, and Gomez said investigators don't know if Stigler personally stole the car he was caught driving.

Prosecutors charged Stigler with possessing a stolen motor vehicle and theft.

His private defense attorney argued that there is no proof that Stigler knew the car was stolen. He asked Judge Maryam Ahmad to allow Stigler to post a \$1,000 deposit to go home on electronic monitoring.

But Ahmad was even more lenient than the attorney hoped. She decided to allow Stigler to go home without electronic monitoring in exchange for a \$1,000 deposit.

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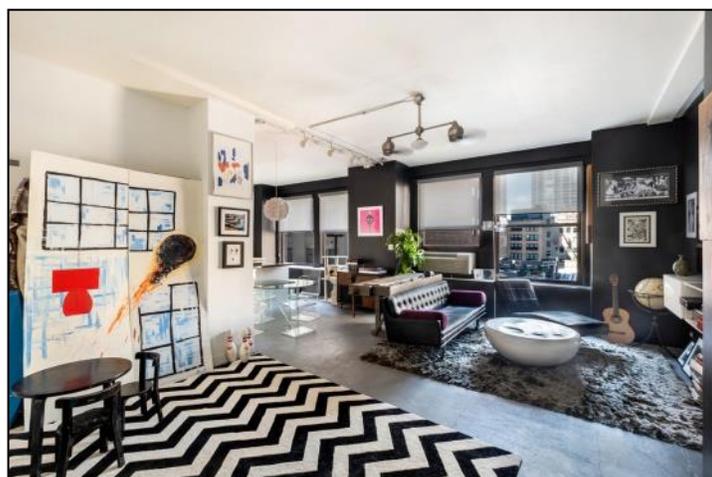
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