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Carol and Jon McCabe stand at home in Clarendon Hills on Feb. 17. Jon, 75, donated one of his kidneys to Carol, 74, in May 2022 after undergoing a battery of medical procedures and tests to see if he was qualified as a donor to his wife. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Red Stars getting in line

Women's soccer team joins others seeking public funding to build new stadiums

By Meghan Montemurro, Jeremy Gorner and A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

As city and state lawmakers discuss public funding for the Chicago White Sox and Bears to build new stadiums, the Chicago Red Stars are making a move to be part of the conversation.

The National Women's Soccer League club's current stadium in suburban Bridgeview is not ideal for the team, and it has been a pressing issue predating the new ownership group. If elected officials use taxpayer dollars for new stadiums for the White Sox or Bears, then Red Stars executives contend they also should be included in whatever funding is allocated.

Red Stars Executive Chairperson Laura Ricketts and team President Karen Leetow recently met with Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch in Westchester and are scheduled to meet this week with Illinois Senate President Don Harmon at his district office in Oak Park.

The Red Stars are in the fact-finding phase of selecting a potential stadium site within the city, sources told the Tribune, and have not determined the level of funding that would be needed. Ideally, the club would find a location in Chicago that fits both a stadium and training facility. Those plans do not include moving in at Guaranteed Rate Field, the current White Sox home, if the Sox head for the exits.

The Chicago Cubs, meanwhile, acknowledge active talks have begun with Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration about what City Hall can do to help the team secure an MLB All-Star Game as soon as 2027 or 2028. The Cubs' previous efforts were rejected by other mayors, but Johnson has signaled he's more amenable to helping.

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'We're not unicorns'

Husband donates kidney to wife at Loyola Medicine, showing possibilities for such transplants after age 70

By Rebecca Johnson | Chicago Tribune

Jon and Carol McCabe were in the Galápagos Islands with their family for the trip of a lifetime. The couple from Clarendon Hills shared 30 meals with their children and grandchildren and admired diverse wildlife.

But Carol's health rapidly declined during the trip. She struggled to walk long distances and needed lots of naps.

"The fatigue was overwhelming," the 74-year-old recalled from the 2021 summer vacation.

Carol's nephrologist broke the news a few months later that her kidney function had deteriorated to 14%, meaning her chronic kidney disease progressed to stage 5, described as "kidney failure."

Chronic kidney disease is quite common, affecting 1 in 7 adults in the United States, with more than 800,000 Americans living with kidney failure, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If someone's kidneys fail they have two options in order to live — receive a kidney transplant or undergo taxing dialysis treatments.

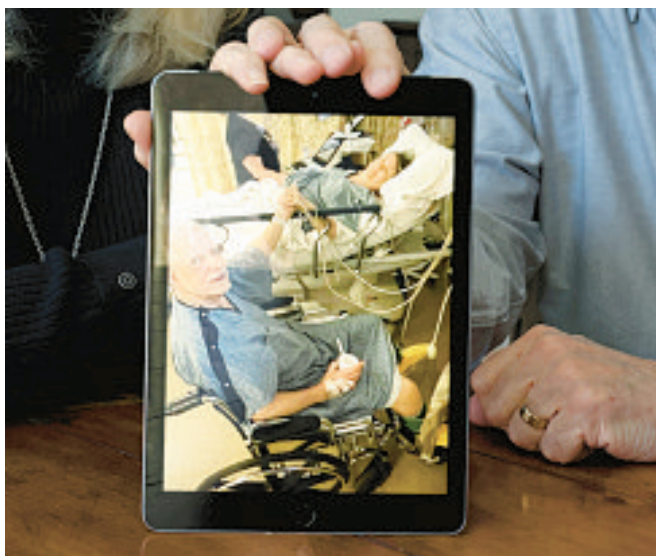
For elderly patients, choices are often more limited.

"She was a 72-year-old woman with kidney failure and it's a seven-year wait (for a kidney transplant), and her life expectancy on dialysis is 3 ½ years," Jon said.

"So if she can't get a living donor kidney, she ain't getting a kidney, she ain't getting dialysis and she's going to die. That was the reality we were facing."

Jon, now 75, immediately knew he wanted to donate one of his kidneys to his wife, a hope that became a reality almost two years ago through Loyola Medicine's Living Kidney Donor Program. The transplant gave the couple their "life back" but was at times a complicated and emotionally fraught process.

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After the surgeries to give Carol McCabe one of Jon's kidneys, Jon left his bed to sit by Carol's stretcher, holding her hand. Their recovery for the most part has gone well.

DA seeks gag order in Trump's NY case

Request to judge filed before the March hush-money trial

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prosecutors in former President Donald Trump's New York hush-money criminal case asked a judge Monday to impose a gag order on Trump before next month's trial, citing a "long history of making public and inflammatory remarks" about people involved in his legal cases.

The Manhattan district attorney's office asked for what it called a "narrowly tailored" gag order that would bar Trump from making or directing others to make public statements about potential witnesses and jurors, as well as statements meant to interfere with or harass the court's staff, prosecution team or their families.

Prosecutors are also proposing that the names of jurors be kept from the public to "minimize obstacles to jury selection, and protect juror safety."

Without limits, prosecutors said, Trump's rhetoric would "create a significant and imminent threat to the trial by distracting personnel, diverting government resources, and delaying the administration of justice."

"Self-regulation is not a viable alternative, as defendant's recent history makes plain," prosecutors wrote in court papers. Trump, they said, "has a longstanding and perhaps singular history" of using social media, campaign speeches and other public statements to "attack individuals that he considers to be adversaries."

The requested gag order would not ban Trump from commenting about the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg.

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Jury impaneled in trial over officer's slaying

The jury will hear the case against a man accused of shooting and killing Chicago police Officer Ella French during a traffic stop. **Page 2**

Chase renovating its longtime Loop office tower

While Chicago businesses downsize downtown office space, JPMorgan Chase is doubling down on its local headquarters. **Business**

Sweden clears hurdle to NATO membership bid

Hungary's parliament voted Monday to ratify Sweden's bid to join NATO, ending more than 18 months of delays. **Nation & World**

Ex-Ravinia Women's Board volunteer sues over her dismissal

Attorney worked with nonprofit since 1993

By Chloe Hilles
Chicago Tribune

A longtime member of the Women's Board of the Ravinia Festival Association is suing the nonprofit music organization and its leadership for "wrongful" and "defamatory conduct" after the Board of Trustees expunged her from the working board for an alleged conduct violation.

Karen Ettelson, a Glencoe attorney who volunteered for the nonprofit since 1993, filed a suit last month in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging she did not commit any conduct violation and that the organization's bylaws did not authorize the Board of Trustees, its chairman or executive committee



Karen Ettelson pages through the coffee table history book she authored about the Ravinia Women's Board. **CHLOE HILLES/LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN**

to remove any member of the Women's Board.

"For 30 years I've volunteered with this organization, and it was gone in a matter of days," Ettelson

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