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The First Street Garage

by David Larson

Originally a farm implement dealer, the First Street Garage on the corner of Garfield Avenue was a gray block building made for mechanical work rather than as today's show palace's are geared to contemporary automobile marketing.

Unlike the more attractive two and three story buildings that lined State Street, it was a plain building as can be seen in the picture. It's showroom could only hold one car after a half day of maneuvering to get it into the space in order to properly display it.

The repair shop was dark, visually mechanical, greasy, and mysterious, which only a mechanic could appreciate.

In 1932, at the very bottom of the depression, Wallace "Walley" Blackledge started his business on First Street representing Plymouth, Desoto and Graham automobiles, all of which are no longer manufactured. Blackledge eventually replaced these lines with Cadillac, Pontiac, GMC, and Jeep. It was stated in *The Belvidere Daily Republic* of that era, "... Prompt and efficient service on all makes of cars have made his auto repair room under the supervision of George Studebaker, one of the city's best auto mechanics, sought by motorists from all over the city and the surrounding rural territory. With one of the best wreckers built, which has a power winch, an excellent wrecker service is also conducted." Walley sold Kendall oil, Excide batteries and pumped Phillips gasoline on First Street in addition to auto sales and service.

Walley was an avid golfer and belonging to the Bel-Mar Country Club at the far eastern end of Logan Avenue outside of Belvidere. On Thursday October 27, 1938, Thursday being a customary afternoon off to play golf for local businessmen, Walley shot a hole-in-one using a 7-iron on the ninth hole, the green of which is just outside of the big picture windows of the club house.

Over the years, the building was acquired by neighboring Manley Motors and removed to create space for a newly constructed body shop for that dealership. Recently, the City of Belvidere purchased the property and removed the body shop building and the Manley Building. This was done to facilitate a deal on behalf of Manley Motors to relocate on the corner of State Street and Appleton Road. Today the property, which in the early 20th century was slated to be a boutique hotel, which never got off the ground, and instead became a center of automobile sales and is now a vacant lot.

A Second Republican Files Suit to End Stay-At-Home Order

Cabello, a Trump loyalist, case seeks to end Stay-At-Home for Illinois residents

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

A second Republican state representative on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker alleging he overstepped his authority in ordering Illinoisans to stay at home to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The outcome of Machesney Park Rep. John Cabello's case could affect all state residents, as



(top) Walley 4th from the right with a hat.
(middle) First Street looking East. (bottom) An ad for farm implements sold at the First Street Garage.

Cabello filed the suit in Winnebago County on behalf of himself and "all citizens of the state of Illinois similarly situated."

Illinoisans' right to "free movement" — to leave their homes and shop at a local business, for example — were "arbitrarily stripped away from them" by Pritzker's implementation of the stay-at-home restriction, Cabello alleges.

That order, initially instituted on March 20 and extended through the end of May, "could continue into perpetuity as (Pritzker) solely determines, all without due process of law," according to the court filing.

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“No one has that authority — nobody, not the governor, not the president,” Cabello’s attorney, Thomas DeVore, said Wednesday in a phone interview. “That is the stuff of kings centuries ago. It is unconstitutional.”


DeVore is also representing Rep. Darren Bailey, a Republican from Xenia, in a similar case. On



Theodore F. Staniec Jr., 73, of Belvidere, IL, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, IL. He was born on Monday, May 20, 1946 in Chicago, IL to the late Theodore and Marvel (Kunz) Staniec. He married the love of his life, Susan Rosenberg, on Saturday, May 27, 1967 in Chicago, IL. Ted is loved and will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Sue; son, Brian (Rhonda) Staniec; daughters, Belinda (David) Schirmer, Beth Staniec, Bridget (Ryan) Oakley; grandchildren, Tom Schirmer, Nathan Staniec, Gracie Spears. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a memorial service at a later date. A memorial fund has been established in the family’s name.

Obituaries

- Clair, Robert, 82, Belvidere, April 22
- Krause, Ruth, 75, Belvidere, April 27
- Lynch, Leo, 94, Belvidere, April 23
- Ohlsen, Coralyn, 95, Belvidere, April 21
- Schwebke, Ronald, 91, Cherry Valley, April 28
- Staniec Jr., Theodore, 73, Belvidere, April 20



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Monday, a Clay County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of Bailey and released him from the governor’s stay-at-home orders.

Cabello’s case differs from Bailey’s in that it alleges the Illinois Department of Public Health has “supreme authority” to close businesses and put residents under quarantine or isolation.

According to the statute creating the department, officials must either have an Illinoisan’s consent when doing so, or obtain a court order. The burden of proof is great — among other things, the department would need to prove to a judge that the community’s health is “significantly endangered” by the person it wants to quarantine.

DeVore said the procedure outlined by that statute is “the law of the land” and what should be governing any quarantines.

“... Pritzker has perverted the emergency provisions of the (Illinois Emergency Management Act) in an effort to rip the sacred responsibility of the health and lives of the people away from where the Legislature placed it, being local control of county health departments of the (Illinois Department of Public Health), and in doing so he took complete

control of the free movement of every citizen within the state of Illinois,” according to the lawsuit.

“Even if well intentioned by Pritzker, his actions as governor have left every citizen of this state completely devoid of any procedural due process rights to protect their liberty...,” the document continues.

In the court filing, DeVore also takes issue with the governor’s disaster proclamations including a 30-day “arbitrarily placed” time frame.

The Illinois Emergency Management Act specifies a governor has emergency authority during a disaster for 30 days, but DeVore said it does not specify that a disaster must include an end date.

He said he believes Pritzker does not have the authority to issue successive disaster proclamations, and he suggested the Legislature should use those 30 days to determine what actions it should take to protect public health.

“They’re playing games with this type of language,” DeVore said. “The governor’s people should appreciate there’s a lot of smart people in this state who can see this for what it’s worth.”


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Republicans Call for Reopening Legislative Session

Second lawsuit argues Pritzker is exceeding executive power

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Republicans in the General Assembly are urging House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President Don Harmon to call lawmakers back into session so they can vote on whether to extend the state's stay-at-home order beyond May 1.

The top legislative leaders, however, say they're not yet ready to make that call.

"I'm not here to criticize the governor amid this crisis, but to bring attention to the fact that the state Legislature needs to be part of the decision-making process," Geneva Rep. Dan Ugaste said during a video news conference Wednesday. "Any additional disaster proclamation by the governor needs the approval of both chambers of the Legislature."

Ugaste was joined by Assistant Republican Leaders Norine Hammond, of Macomb, and C.D. Davidsmeyer, of Jacksonville, who argued that Gov. JB Pritzker is exceeding his legal authority by extending the stay-at-home order another month.

"A co-equal branch of government – and I stress co equal – the Illinois General Assembly has the duty to collaborate and to provide legislative oversight with the other branches of government, particularly with the executive branch," Hammond said.

The Illinois Emergency Management Act gives the governor authority to declare a state of emergency for up to 30 days and to exercise broad executive power during that time. But the law is silent on the question of whether that may be extended indefinitely, 30 days at a time, although Pritzker has argued that it's done routinely in cases of flooding and other natural disasters.

"I just want to clarify and make sure everyone understands that what we're talking about here is the governor's authority to go past that 30 days of emergency power," Davidsmeyer said. "Whether you agree with the governor or disagree with the governor, we believe that a separate but equal branch of government, the General Assembly, should have input in the direction of the state of Illinois."

They are just part of a growing chorus of GOP lawmakers who argue the General Assembly should be part of any decision to extend the stay-at-home order as well as when and how to reopen the state's economy.

On Monday, a circuit judge in Clay County ruled in favor of Xenia Rep. Darren Bailey's lawsuit claiming Pritzker's executive order will infringe on his civil rights. And while that decision applies only to Bailey, and it is being appealed, Rep. John Cabello, of Machesney Park, filed a second lawsuit Wednesday, this time

seeking an injunction to prevent another stay-at-home order from going into effect.

Pritzker on Wednesday called the latest lawsuit "irresponsible" and an attempt at "grandstanding."

Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, has been urging Pritzker to call lawmakers back into session because those lawsuits, if ultimately successful, could put the state in financial jeopardy.

"If the governor believes his actions are best for the state, he should have the Legislature confirm it, and if he can't or won't, it calls everything he has been doing into question," she said in an email Wednesday. "It is also putting the entire state at risk ... and the state of Illinois on the hook for untold damages. Do it lawful, do it right, and be transparent about it."

Pritzker said during his daily briefing Wednesday that lawmakers are considered "essential workers" and they can reconvene at any time, but that it is up to legislative leaders to make that decision.

Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan, said in an interview Wednesday that calling lawmakers back into session would go against the advice of public health experts about how to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Patterson, spokesman for Senate President Don Harmon, also said it is too early to call lawmakers back into session.

"The Senate president has told senators that he wants to see a crystal clear plan of action for urgent issues before we return, along with a similar plan for how to protect the health and safety of lawmakers, staff, support personnel, media anyone else who might attend a legislative session," he said in an email.

Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady, of Bloomington, has also called for a return to session.

"Today I called the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and told them Illinois Senate Republicans stand ready to return to Springfield to take up the timely and important issues facing Illinois and its residents such as the fair maps amendment and COVID-19 related issues," Brady said in a statement Monday. "The work we do for our residents is essential and it can be done in a safe manner by following the proper social distancing guidelines. Other units of government are meeting and doing the people's business. It is time for the Illinois Legislature to do so."

Illinois Ramps Up Testing, Staffing at Long-Term Care Facilities

State surpasses 50,000 COVID-19 cases, announces 92 additional deaths

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The state of Illinois is sending out teams of nurses and ramping up testing for COVID-19 at nursing homes and other long-term care facilities as it continues efforts to control the spread of the virus.

Gov. JB Pritzker said Wednesday during his daily briefing in Chicago that the Illinois Department of Public Health is deploying 10 teams of 50 nurses each to long-term care facilities around the state, and it will deploy another team of 200 nurses in the coming days.

Pritzker said the nurses' primary functions will be to administer swab tests to the staff and residents, train nursing home staff on how to conduct swab tests themselves, and help the facilities improve their hygiene practices and use of personal protective equipment, or PPE.

"As always, I want to offer my gratitude and the thanks of a grateful state to the front-line staff who dedicate their days and their nights to this work and who are stepping up in incredible ways to protect those most vulnerable to this virus," Pritzker said. "Know that your work makes a world of difference for the people that you care for, to their families and to all of Illinois."

IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said her agency is focusing on nursing homes because of the unique vulnerability of their residents.

"Our long-term care residents are at greater risk of infection because of the inherent nature of living in that congregate setting, not to mention the advanced age and the attendant comorbidities," she said. "Public Health will continue to work closely with the long-term care facilities across the state, calling almost 200 facilities a day to check in on the staff and ask for the assistance that may be required. We're making sure that they're employing the most up-to-date guidance and answering any questions that they may have."

Pritzker had announced earlier that the state was ramping up testing at those facilities so that all residents and staff could be tested free of charge. Since April 19 when those efforts began, he said, the state has distributed more than 18,000 testing swabs to 68 facilities across the state.

More recently, he said Wednesday, IDPH secured a contract with New Jersey-based Quest Diagnostics, which operates labs in Illinois, to process 3,000 tests per day for long-term care facilities and to report those results within 48 hours.

In addition to deploying nurses to long-term care facilities around the state, Pritzker said



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IDPH and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation have simplified the hiring process for nurses so facilities suffering from staff shortages due to illnesses can quickly hire temporary staff.

Information about outbreaks at specific nursing facilities is available on the IDPH website.

Pritzker announced those efforts Wednesday as IDPH reported 2,253 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 92 virus-related deaths over the previous 24 hours. That brings the total to 50,355 cases, and 2,215 deaths since the pandemic first appeared in Illinois. Cases of the disease have been reported in 96 of the state's 102 counties.

Also over the previous day, laboratories had processed 14,478 specimens for a total of 256,667 since the pandemic began, IDPH said.

Starting Friday, May 1, a new stay-at-home order will take effect in Illinois for 30 days. Under that order, all individuals will be required to wear some kind of face covering when they are shopping or in any other public setting.

Garden centers and nurseries will be allowed to open for business and other retail outlets will be allowed to take online and telephone orders for delivery or pickup outside the store. Golf courses will also be allowed to open under strict social distancing guidelines.

That order, however, is now the subject of two lawsuits filed by Republican lawmakers who argue that Pritzker is exceeding his authority under the state's emergency management law.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul on Wednesday filed an appeal with the 5th District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon and simultaneously in the Illinois Supreme Court of a Clay County circuit judge's ruling from Monday that the new stay-at-home order will violate the civil rights of Rep. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia.

"There is no question that the COVID-19 pandemic has forever changed our state, and government must balance the critical need to save lives with the economic hardships being felt by residents throughout Illinois," Raoul said in a statement Wednesday. "Governors have historically renewed disaster declarations to meet the challenges of disasters that last longer than 30 days without objection, and a pandemic should be no different."

The second lawsuit was filed in Winnebago County Circuit Court by Rep. John Cabello, R-Machesney Park, who is seeking an injunction to block the next stay-at-home order from taking effect. But Pritzker said Wednesday he will not back down.

"I think it's a similarly irresponsible lawsuit," he said. "You know, we're in the business here of keeping people safe and healthy. That's what the stay-at-home order has been about. And I just think that lawsuit is just another attempt at grandstanding."

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Another 92 Covid-19 Deaths Announced Wednesday

Pritzker outlines testing at long-term care facilities

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

The state reported another 92 COVID-19 deaths Wednesday along with 2,253 new cases as 14,478 tests were completed in the past 24 hours.

There are now 50,355 confirmed cases in the state, including 2,215 deaths. There have been 256,667 tests completed in Illinois. The latest deaths came in 15 counties across the state.

More than 5,000 patients were hospitalized due to COVID-19 as of midnight Monday, while 1,290 were in intensive care unit beds, according to officials.

Gov. JB Pritzker said the state recently received a shipment of more than 300,000 N95 masks and 500,000 KN95 masks from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The state has distributed nearly 20 million pieces of personal protective items to hospitals, organizations and others across the state.

Pritzker also outlined increased efforts to protect long-term care facilities, where more than 600 people have died, including staff and residents, after contracting the virus at such a facility.

"We are working to test all residents and all staff for free at facilities, without known COVID-19 outbreaks, allowing us to identify early the presence of COVID-19 in a facility and to isolate those cases before widespread transmission," Pritzker said.

He added tests are also being conducted at facilities with known outbreaks to identify people who should be isolated.

That policy started on April 19, Pritzker said, and since then, the state has distributed more than 18,000 testing swabs to 68 facilities.

He said the Illinois Department of Public Health has secured a special contract with Quest Diagnostics to run 3,000 tests per day from Illinois long-term care facilities at no cost to the facilities. Those results will be provided within 48 hours, he said.

Another 102K Illinoisans File First-Time Jobless Claims Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Pritzker announces modified order to reopen some businesses in May

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Department of Employment Security said Thursday that 4.4 million Americans filed first-time unemployment claims during the week that ended April 18, including 102,936 workers in Illinois.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 520,227 workers in Illinois, or 8.2 percent of the state's civilian labor force, drew unemployment benefits during the week.

That news came during the fifth week of a statewide stay-at-home order that Gov. JB Pritzker issued to control the spread of COVID-19, an order that forced nonessential businesses such as bars, restaurants and many retail outlets to close.

That order had been scheduled to expire on April 30, but Pritzker announced Thursday that a modified stay-at-home order allowing

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IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
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CIRCUIT COURT IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID R. RASMUSSEN,
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NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS,
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2020, a resident of Belvidere, Illinois. The Representative for the estate
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60120. The Attorney for the estate is Douglas J. Schefflow, 63 Douglas
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be filed on or before October 19, 2020. Claims against the estate may
be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 601 N. Main
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or witnesses to the Will in open Court, or other evidence, as provided
in Article VI 5/6-21 (755 ILCS 5/6/21). Within six (6) months after the
effective date of the original Order Admitting the Will to Probate, you
may file a petition with the Court to contest the validity of the Will as
provided under Article VIII 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1).
The estate will be administrated without Court supervision unless an
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Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Signature of Executor /S/Douglas J. Schefflow
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and
Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 12,
2020 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401
Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Dean Kelly (Abbott Land and Investment
Corporation), 2250 Southwind Boulevard, Bartlett, IL 60103 on behalf
of the property owners, Dal Pra Trust 1994 and Southtown Ventures,
LLC, 1901 Union Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use for
a daycare center (3+ children) at 435 Southtowne Drive, Belvidere,
IL 61008 within the GB, General Business District (Belvidere Zoning
Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(5)(B)(2) Daycare Center (3+ Children)
and 150.904 Special Use Review and Approval Procedures. The subject
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A part of the South 25 acres of the east half of the Southeast
Quarter of Section 35 Township 44 North, Range 3 East of the
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of the southeast corner, west 164.7 feet, north 187.2 feet, west
794 feet, south 357.33 feet, west 366 feet, south 211.05 feet, east
733.42 feet, northeast 226.99 feet, northeast 62.38 feet, northwest
100.57 feet, northeast 173.87 feet, east 200 feet, north 164.55 feet
to the point of beginning (except commencing at the southeast
corner north 631.49 feet, west 164.7 feet, north 187.2 feet, west
794 feet, south 357.33 feet, south 21 feet); located in Boone
County, Illinois; PIN: 05-35-482-017.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at
the stated time and place.
Alissa Maher, Vice-Chairman,
Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission
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Community News

Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step groups have moved their meetings to Zoom - Although there are in-person meetings that continue in the area and they are following the guidelines provided by the Winnebago County Department of Public Health, many of the members of A.A. are choosing to practice safe social distancing by attending meetings online.

A list of Zoom meetings can be found on our websites and members of the community who are struggling with a substance abuse or drinking problem can find help 24/7 by visiting: www.rockfordaa.org and www.district70aa.org or by calling 815-968-0333. Sober members of AA are available to take calls and provide guidance around the clock.

The Wall That Heals visit to the Belvidere area May 7-10 has been postponed-

This event hosted by Flora Grange #1762 would have brought the preeminent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the Boone County Fairgrounds May 7-10 for Vietnam veterans, family members, students and other members of the public. We are already looking at dates in 2021 to reschedule this important event. We want to thank all our sponsors whose continued support will make this event possible in 2021.

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LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff(s),
vs. 20 CH 47
BERTHA CONEJO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: BERTHA CONEJO, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT EIGHT (8) IN BLOCK NINETEEN (19) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF SHEFFIELD GREEN, PLAT NO. 6 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF (1/2) OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS PLATED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PLAT IN INDEX FILE ENVELOPE NO. 32, AS DOCUMENT NO. 78-1544 ON MAY 22, 1978 AS SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 05-35-330-008-0000
commonly known as 1422 14TH AVE BELVIDERE IL 61008; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by BERTHA CONEJO, and recorded in the Office of the Boone County Recorder as Document Number 2007R10021; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Boone County, located at 601 N MAIN ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008, on or before May 25, 2020, default

may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
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TCF NATIONAL BANK; Plaintiff,
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NOTICE OF SALE

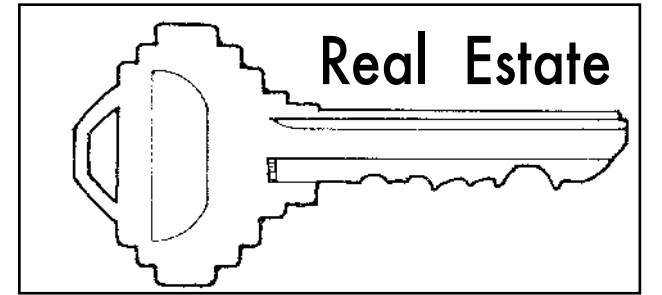
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The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

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For information call Mr. David T. Cohen at Plaintiff's Attorney, Cohen Dovitz Makowka, LLC, 10729 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois 60467-4531. (708) 460-7711.
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some businesses to reopen will remain in place through Saturday, May 30.

Under the modified order, which is takes effect May 1, hospitals will be allowed to resume surgeries that have been delayed and elective procedures on patients who test negative for COVID-19. The health care industry has seen a sharp rise in unemployment during the pandemic as hospitals and outpatient clinics have been forced to cancel or delay elective procedures, which are a major source of their revenue.

Essential businesses and manufacturers will come under new guidelines as well, such as requirements to provide face-coverings to all employees who aren't able to maintain a six-foot social distance, occupancy limits and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only essential lines for manufacturers.

Also, garden centers and nurseries will be considered essential businesses and can reopen, although they will have to follow social distancing requirements and they must require employees and customers to wear face coverings. Animal grooming services will also be allowed to reopen.

Nonessential retail stores will be allowed to reopen to fulfill telephone and online orders for pick-up outside the store or for delivery.

Golf courses will also be allowed to reopen, although they will be required to establish social distancing requirements under state guidance. State parks will reopen in phases, although boating and fishing will be limited to groups of no more than two.

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday how significant an impact the revised stay-at-home order will have on the state's overall unemployment rate. The Department of Labor will report official unemployment figures for April in mid-May.

The changes announced by Pritzker represent many of the changes that Republicans in the General Assembly have been urging him to make in recent days. Some Republicans, however, wanted even further easing of restrictions, such as allowing small, independent retailers, barber shops and hair salons to reopen as long as they follow health guidelines and limit the number of people in the store at one time.

Some have argued that the restrictions have been unfair to small, independent retailers because, for example, shoe stores are considered nonessential businesses while big-box retailers like Walmart and Target, which also sell shoes, have been allowed to remain open.

Pritzker, however, said Thursday that without the social distancing measures, COVID-19 would have spread much faster, causing many more deaths and overwhelming the state's hospital capacity. He also said that while hospitalizations and deaths have begun to decline, there are still enough infected people in the state to cause a second wave of the disease if the restrictions were removed entirely.

Pritzker also said that he had listened to other elected officials from both parties as well as Illinois business leaders and medical experts from throughout the world.

"My intention, as always, is to put your health and safety first as we make some practical adjustments based on what we've learned in the first five weeks of the stay-at-home order," he said.

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin called the modified order a "first step" in moving the state forward.

"I want Illinoisans to know that the Executive Order is not final, but it is a working document subject to change," Durkin said in a statement Thursday. "While I am pleased with today's actions, we must do more to restore economic vitality of the state while maintaining the health and safety of our citizens."

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Rep. Keicher, House GOP Propose Strategies to Safely Re-Open Illinois

State Representative Jeff Keicher, R-Sycamore, and the Illinois House Republican Caucus are offering an array of proposals and ideas on ways to safely re-open Illinois during the coronavirus pandemic. Some of these proposals include a safe, responsible re-opening of doctor offices, clinics and hospital systems, essential retail operations resuming online or curbside pick-up, plant or garden centers and the re-opening of local and state parks.

"Our first and foremost concern remains public health and safety. After weeks of hearing from struggling employers and workers who have lost their jobs, been furloughed, or seen their hours cut, we feel there are common-sense and responsible steps our state can take so Illinois residents can buy the things they need and get the services they depend on in a safe and healthy environment," Keicher said. "In addition to online ordering and curbside pickup, many businesses can utilize social distancing, face coverings, and density restrictions to operate in a responsible manner. We need to begin the safe economic recovery for Illinois as soon as possible; being mindful of the need to do so responsibly to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 spreading. We have the ability to do this using safe, common-sense solutions recommended by public health experts such as masks and cloth face coverings, social distancing and other measures that will allow us to move forward with a modified re-open."

Rep. Keicher believes it is time to lift the order suspending all 'elective' medical procedures at Illinois hospitals. "Right now, Illinoisans across the state are not able to receive standard and necessary care, like cancer preventative screening services. In some parts of Illinois, hospitals and healthcare organizations have stabilized and need to provide access to vital health services. If the governor extends his disaster declaration, we are strongly advocating he revise his orders on non-COVID-19 related medical care."

House Republicans also believe the state can safely reopen many state parks and recreational facilities following proper social distancing guidelines including potential closure of restrooms and indoor facilities.

"We can open our state parks, monitor them using conservation police and park staff, and allow Illinois families to resume outdoor activities," Keicher added. "Camping, hiking, golfing, hunting, fishing...these are all activities that can be enjoyed while maintaining recommended social distancing. Following guidance from the White House and the governor, we can reopen Illinois using a regional approach. We are not advocating for an 'all-at-once' reopening with no mitigation to prevent the spread of COVID-19,

but we can get started moving in the right direction and begin to restore people's livelihoods so that families whose earning ability has been interrupted can get back to work in a safe and responsible way."

House Republicans Urge More Transparency on Inmate Releases

Pritzker administration says it's complying with laws and regulations

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois House Republicans on Monday stepped up their demands that the Pritzker administration release more information about inmates being furloughed or granted early releases from state prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic.

They also requested the governor consult more with the General Assembly about granting such releases.

"As a co-equal branch of government, we shouldn't have to wait and learn of all of this from media reports," Rep. Avery Bourne, of Morrisonville, said during a video news conference. "We should not have had to learn from a media report that between March 2 and April 10, there were 1,300 prison inmates who were released through executive action. As a co-equal branch of government, we should have known about this ahead of time."

Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order April 6 allowing the Illinois Department of Corrections to grant medical furloughs to inmates beyond the standard 14-day limit.

But he has also used his executive authority to commute the sentences of 20 inmates since declaring a state of disaster on March 9, according to the Prisoner Review Board, and IDOC has used its administrative authority to grant early releases to hundreds of inmates to reduce the prison population and the risk of exposing both inmates and prison staff to the virus.

Pritzker estimated that more than 1,300 inmates had been released since he issued the disaster declaration, although he said he did not have an exact number when asked at his news conference Monday.

Pritzker said previously that his goal was to release inmates who were incarcerated for relatively low-level offenses and people who were nearing the end of their prison term anyway.

But Rep. John Cabello, of Machesney Park, said the releases have gone far beyond those criteria to include 47 people convicted of murder, including at least two who had decades left on their sentences.

He specifically identified inmates Bobby Wilson and Brian Harrington, both under the

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age of 30. Wilson was not scheduled for release until 2049, according to IDOC records, while Harrington was scheduled to remain behind bars until 2032.

A review of their cases, though, reveals that both men were tried and convicted as adults for crimes they committed as teenagers. Wilson was released April 2, one week after the First District Appellate Court reversed his conviction on the grounds that he was too young to understand the consequences of waiving his Miranda rights. Harrington's attorneys and family had sought clemency for him last year, and he has been cited by the advocacy group Campaign for Youth Justice as an example of the harshness that results from trying teens as adults.

Cabello also said lawmakers want to make sure that crime victims and their families are being properly notified when an offender is released.

"We need to make sure that the victims' families have been notified," he said. "And I sure hope that none of these people reoffend because I will hold this governor personally responsible if any of these folks reoffend and hurt somebody else, and I would sure hope that the rest of the state does that as well."

But IDOC spokeswoman Lindsey Hess said in an email that crime victims and local law enforcement agencies are being notified of the releases.

"State's attorneys receive an email notification when an incarcerated individual is released early," she said. "Victims are notified by the Prisoner Review Board and the (Automated Victim Notification) system sends notifications to those who register."

Nevertheless, Republicans argued that the administration should consult with them more about decisions to grant early release and, at the least, explain the criteria being used to grant clemency and early releases.

Rep. Terri Bryant, of Murphysboro, said she is a retired employee of IDOC and remains in regular contact with counselors and other staff in the prison system who tell her there doesn't appear to be any consistency in the standards.

"The counselors are tasked with looking at the case files of individuals and then determining who

meets the criteria," she said. "Well guess what, the criteria is changing every two or three days. So I get a glimpse of what some of that criteria is because individuals at Department of Corrections are sharing that with me. However, we as legislators don't know what that criteria is. And I don't think we'll have the chance to know what the criteria is because then everyone would know how this has been shifting."

During his daily COVID-19 media briefing Monday, Pritzker said he is willing to provide whatever information the lawmakers want.

"We'll be happy to provide information to anyone," he said. "I don't have the numbers right here. I can tell you that we've overall reduced the

population in our prisons by, I know, it's more than 1,300. Overall, many of those were near the end of their terms or actually their sentences were up, but also many of them were under this program of either medical furloughs due to COVID-19 or other reasons for pardons or commutations on my part."

IDOC spokeswoman Hess noted that the department has statutory authority to place offenders on electronic detention or award earned "discretionary credit" in order to reduce an inmate's sentence. A list of all of the discretionary credits granted since March 1 - 945 in all - is posted on the IDOC website.

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