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Labor group to pick chief

The North Shore Federation of Labor, formally the Cleveland AFL-CIO, is set to replace 10-year Executive Director John Ryan, who is resigning in April to work for U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown. Ryan, who is credited with improving the North Shore's political power, took a leave last year to run Brown's campaign. North Shore's 27-member executive board has narrowed its choice to two people: Bill DeVito, an iron worker and longtime union organizer; and Harriet Applegate, a union and political activist who was recently laid off by the national AFL-CIO. If she gets the nod, she will become the first woman to head the Cleveland labor group. The board will make its choice April 11.

Legal Aid clinics

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host two civil legal issues clinics from 9:45 a.m. to noon Saturday. The sites are: Barton Center, 14312 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood, and the Euclid St. Clair Development Center, 813 East 152nd St. Volunteer attorneys will staff the civil legal clinics for low-income people. Interested people should bring all relevant paperwork. The attorneys do not handle criminal cases. The clinics are under the direction of the Volunteer Lawyers Program. For details, call 216-687-1900, or go to www.lasclev.org.

St. Malachi benefit set

St. Malachi Center's seventh annual Soup for the Soul benefit is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cleveland. The event helps the center nourish families of the near West Side of Cleveland. Tickets are \$60 each. For reservations, call 440-808-0455, or go to www.Blacktie-Cleveland.com/rsvp, and use the event code Malachi.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Bridge work to cause detours

Motorists will face traffic pattern changes this week traveling on Interstate 90, at Bishop Road because of bridge construction. On Tuesday and Wednesday a westbound left lane will be closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. At 9 p.m. each night, all traffic will be required to exit at Bishop Road. On Thursday and Friday, an eastbound lane on I-90 will be closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. At 9 p.m. each night, all eastbound traffic will be required to exit at Bishop Road.

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