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Free legal advice available

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland offers free legal advice to low-income residents weekdays at its downtown office, 1223 West Sixth St., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Ave. The lawyers can't assist with criminal cases but can help with housing, special education, public assistance, domestic relations, predatory lending and other civil issues. The next Saturday session will be Aug. 27 at the St. Martin de Porres Family Center, 1264 East 123rd St. Call 216-687-1900 or log on to www.lasclev.org.

APL resumes cat services

After quarantining cats for 10 days to help stop a virus from spreading, the Cleveland Animal Protective League has resumed adoption and intake services, said Dori Villalon, executive director. The temporary closure helped save nearly 200 cats and kittens. Earlier this month, a stray cat brought to the APL was diagnosed with feline panleukopenia, or parvo, a highly contagious feline virus. The APL is asking pet owners who need to relinquish an animal to schedule an appointment by calling in advance. The agency is encouraging adoptions by offering a two-for-one special on cats and kittens through Aug. 20. The adoption fee includes sterilization, vaccination, collar and tag, travel box, and 30 days of pet health insurance. Visit www.ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-771-4616, Ext. 124, to schedule an admissions appointment.

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Swimmer finishes frigid passage

Lakewood native Steve Vick finished his history-making 92-mile swim in the frigid Lynn Canal fjord this week. Avoiding sharks, whales and sea lions, Vick spent 10 days navigating the largest fjord in North America to protest a road the government wants to build alongside and over it. He was the first swimmer to make the journey, which began Aug. 1. Vick says the \$280 million road would harm pristine habitat for animals. Gov. Frank Murkowski says the road is needed to increase tourism revenue and because families in Juneau, Haines and Skagway can't afford the \$500 ferry fees to traverse the fjord. Details on Vick's swim are at www.lynnswim.org. Information on the road is at dot.alaska.gov and www.taxpayer.net.

PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP

Water to be shut off for repairs

Lake County Utilities Department will replace waterline valves on Madison Avenue and Park Road in Painesville Township on Monday. Water mains will be shut down beginning at 10 p.m. Monday until work is completed. Officials estimate it will take about six hours. Water will be shut off on Madison Avenue, Park Road, Circle Drive and Naylor and Murray streets. Residents are asked to not use water during that period. Discolored water may occur afterward and can be flushed from the cold water tap after service is restored. Call the water department at 440-951-8410.

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