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Historic Dey Mansion Re-Dedication Scheduled



Historic Dey Mansion, General Washington's HQs during the American Revolutionary War, and an important investment in Passaic County's piece of American History, has undergone an extensive renovation.

The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the re-dedication of

the Historic Dey Mansion. The Dey Mansion, located in Wayne NJ on the Preakness Valley Golf Course, achieved national recognition as General George Washington's revolutionary war headquarters and is considered to be the "Jewel of the Passaic County Park's Department."

After extensive renovations, funded by

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**2016 is a
Leap Year!**
What are You
Going to do with
Your Extra Day?



Every four years is designated as a leap year, which has 366 days, as opposed to a common year, which has 365.

Leap years are needed to keep our modern day Gregorian calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun.

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Around Town Community Calendar...



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Young at Heart Club • The Young At Heart Senior Club Will Meet The First and Third Tuesday of the month at the fellowship hall of The First Presbyterian Church on Maplewood Ave. at 12:00 pm. Refreshments will be served from 11:00am to 12:30pm. The new time for all future meetings is now 12:00 noon. Come socialize, make new friends and play bingo. All are welcome to join the club. Be a guest for the day or go on our trips.

Upcoming Trips For 2016

1. Monday March 7th-2016-Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.-"Spreading It Around". - 2.Wednesday April 27th,2016-Trip and show-Jersey Dreamers(J.Z.)"That's Amore" at LA Neves-Haledon, NJ. Dancing/Singing. - 3. Wednesday May 4th, 2016-"Legends in Music-"Patsy Cline" a Comedian and Dancing-at Doolans/Spring Lake, NJ. - 4. Wednesday June 15th, 2016-Jefferson House at Lake Hopatcong, NJ. "A Day with Elvis"-Boat ride,good food-fun day. 5. Wednesday June 15th, 2016-Jefferson House at Lake Hopatcong, NJ. "A Day with Elvis"-Boat ride,good food-fun day. All trips leave from the Masonic Lodge at 1484-1510 Van Houten Ave. For more information & ticket prices call Lillian @ 973-779-5581.

FLY FISHING IN MONTANA • East Jersey Trout Unlimited, 33 W. Passaic St. (American Legion Hall), Rochelle Park, NJ speaker for it's Wednesday night March 9th meeting is Dave Hess of Tightlines who will discuss fly fishing in Montana. The meeting starts at 7:30, admission is free. For further information contact Christopher Henrickson at 347-581-6361.

ST. ANDREW'S 39'RS • Upcoming events: Atlantic City trips to Resorts casino are planned for, February 18 and March 17, 2016. The cost is \$25 per person. The bus leaves from the back parking lot od St. Andrew the Apoatle Church, 400 Mt. Prospect Ave. Call 973-472-5273

WEST PTERSON FIRST AID SQUAD AUXILIARY FISH N CHIPS DINNER • Fish n Chips Dinner (chicken dinner on request) -Eat in or take out available - Wednesday, March 9, 2016 -Time: 4:30- 7:30 p.m. - American Legion Post #238 - 410 Mount Pleasant Ave, Woodland Park, NJ - Tickets: Adults: 16.00 children 10 and under \$8.00. You Must Specify fish or chicken and adult or child in advance by calling WPFAS at (973) 279-2500 mailbox #3 or by email: wpfasauxiliary@aol.com - Limited tickets will be sold at the door

BEEFSTEAK DINNER • North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency (NJEDDA) Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray Fundraiser on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 6:30 to 11:00 pm at the Boys and Girls Club located on Colfax Avenue, Clifton. Ticket \$45 Dinner, Music, Raffles, BYOB Call (973) 772-2600 for tickets and information.

VALLEY SENIORS • The Valley Seniors Social Club meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 11:30 am at the Masonic Temple 1484 Van Houten Avenue. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For more information contact Ethel at 973-706-6164.

BOTANY VILLAGE SENIORS • The Botany Village Seniors will have the following trips: Wednesday February 17, Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA - Wednesday March 16, Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes Barre, PA - Wednesday April 20, Sands Casino. All casino trips leave at 10 am from the Sacred Heart Church parking lot on Clifton Avenue Call Elda at 973-546-6369.

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Rep. Pascrell, Rooney Lead House Bill to Protect Young Athletes From Concussion

Joins Sens. Udall, Klobuchar, Blumenthal on bill addressing false safety claims for sports gear



Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.

WASHINGTON – Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.) joined U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and U.S. Representative Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) to introduce bipartisan legislation aimed at protecting young athletes from the dangers of sports-related traumatic brain injuries. The Youth Sports Concussion Act would help ensure that safety standards for sports equipment, including football helmets, are based on the latest science and curb false adver-

tising claims made by manufacturers to increase protective sports gear sales.

“We want young people to be able to compete and achieve in sports, but we want them to be safe,” said Pascrell, co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force. “This bill will hold manufacturers account-

able and ensure all sports equipment meets standards worthy of our kids’ safety. When the safety of our children, the safety of the minds of our future generation, is at stake, no precaution is too great.”

Their announcement comes just before Super Bowl 50, as doctors, players, researchers and others are talking about the need to protect players — especially young athletes — from experiencing debilitating head injuries. Sports are the second-leading cause of traumatic brain injuries for youth 15-24 years old, and athletes suffer up to 3.8 million concussions every year. An extensive National Academy of Sciences report, Sports-Related Concussions in Youth: Improving the Sci-

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HOUSE CALLS

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Open for Business

by Nicholas J. Veliky

It took a Federal DEA task force made up of Clifton’s finest and federal agents to take a big bite out of Clifton’s drug problem with the arrest of six individuals and the seizure of 20 kilograms of heroine with a street value approaching \$10 million dollars. This arrest is part of a greater effort in North Jersey on the part of the DEA.

In 2002, then Paterson Mayor, Marty Barnes left office in disgrace and under indictment in a corruption scandal, for which he was eventually convicted and served a prison sentence. Move ahead to 2016 and the family of current Mayor Joey Torres and a private foundation headed by City Council President William McKoy would like to pay for a stained glass window, depicting Barnes, to be displayed in a place of honor in Paterson City Hall. With so many notable mayors and civic leaders who have done the city of Paterson “Honor,” why would you choose to immortalize, in stained glass, someone who was convicted of accepting bribes and kickbacks at the expense of the residents of Paterson.

With the current state of affairs in the Silk City it should come as no surprise that a convicted felon be given a place of honor in the “People’s City Hall.”

The Lakeview Civic Association is no more. For the past 25 years a group of dedicated Lakeview residents have worked tirelessly to develop and maintain the quality of life in the Lakeview community. Under the leadership of Dawn Kaiser and Steve Christopher the group sponsored neighborhood events such as Christmas Tree Lighting, Street Fairs and other events that added to the quality of life in one of Clifton’s original neighborhoods. The community owes a debt of gratitude to these volunteers for all they have done.

There has been an arrest in the case of the missing funds from Clifton’s School 5 PTA account. Apparently the amount missing is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 dollars, all earned through the fund raising efforts of the students and families of the Valley Road School.

Tragedy struck the Passaic community with the death by carbon monoxide poisoning, of a young mother and her two children. The three sat in the family car keeping warm, as the children’s father cleared snow. The car was running and the exhaust pipe was plugged with snow. With all the high tech options available you would think that today as standard equipment a CO2 detector would be as commonplace as air conditioning.

With winter still here and more storms to come please be sure your exhaust pipe is cleared before entering an idling vehicle.

The Bergen County Audubon Society is celebrating their 75th Anniversary. Watch for more on their 75 years in upcoming editions.

Every Kid in a Park Program Aimed at Next Generation of Leaders



The “Every Kid in a Park Program, Aimed at Next Generation of Leaders,” is a free program for fourth-graders to experience the immigration process on Ellis Island

The Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island are teaming up with the National Park Foundation and park concessioners Statue Cruises and Evelyn Hill, Inc. to provide a free and immersive educational experience to fourth-grade classes.

Fourth-graders will participate in The Journey, an experiential education program where students will be “processed” on Ellis Island as immigrants from the early twentieth century. The Journey was developed by education staff at the National Museum of Immigration on Ellis Island.

The program celebrates the National Park Service Centennial (1916-2016) and is part of the White House’s Every Kid in a Park initiative designed to inspire the next generation to discover

America’s public lands.

This free program is made possible by a grant from National Park Foundation and is targeted to Title I schools in the metropolitan area during March, April, and May. Ferry transportation to the islands and lunch will be provided for the program at no cost to the participating schools.

“The 2016 Centennial really pulls into focus the challenge of engaging a new generation of leaders who will carry the park service mission into the next century,” said Superintendent, John Piltzecker. “I’m very pleased that we, along with our partners, have crafted a program that rises to that challenge by giving fourth-graders the chance to experience the immigration story Ellis Island represents.”

“We are proud of our involvement with the 2016 National Park Service Centennial,” says Mike Burke, VP/COO of Statue Cruises. “By offering this program to fourth-graders in this region, we hope to inspire in them a lifelong connection to parks across our nation.” Statue Cruises

is the official transportation concessioner for the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island.

Park concessioner Evelyn Hill Inc. will provide free lunch vouchers to participating students. “We are excited to be part of this immersive experience for fourth-graders and look forward to hosting our next generation of leaders,” said Bob Uffer, General Manager.

Information about the program and how teachers can make a reservation can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/elis/learn/education/every-kid-in-a-park.htm> or by calling Statue Cruises at (877) 523-9849 Option #4.

Opened on January 1, 1892, Ellis Island became the nation’s premier federal immigration station. In operation until 1954, more than 12 million immigrants were processed at the station. It has been estimated that more than 40 percent of America’s population today can trace their ancestry through Ellis Island. After 30 years of abandonment, the main building was restored by The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and, working in partnership with the National Park Service, opened as a museum in September 1990. www.nps.gov/elis



Relay For Life Off to a Great Start Teams Now Forming for American Cancer Society Annual Community Event



Local residents gathered at the Shannon Rose in Clifton to hear about the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event coming to Clifton on June 11, 2016. The Relay for Life kick-off was the start to the American Cancer Society’s season-long effort in creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays. The focus, helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

Decorated with a Relay of Champions theme, guests were greeted by Kristen Hariton Relay for Life Chairman. Clifton resident Chris Liszner shared her story as a cancer survivor. Those who attended learned how their participation in the nationwide movement benefits life-saving American Cancer So-

ciety research.

Relay for Life is a unique community event that allows participants from all walks of life to join together in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is an overnight celebration where teams camp out, and participate “relay” style. At nightfall, participants light hundreds of luminaria candles around the track in a touching ceremony honoring cancer survivors as well as paying tribute to those lost to the disease.

Clifton Stadium will host the event on Saturday June 11 at 3PM to Sunday June 12 6AM. To learn more about the Clifton event, form a team or volunteer to help, please visit www.relayforlife.org/cliftonnj or please call Ed Ahart at ACS 973 285-8041.



The Legal Insider

Physician Assisted Suicide: Where do You Stand on the Issue?

BY JEFFREY W. POMPEO, ESQ.



The highly publicized case of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, a medical doctor who assisted 40 people in committing suicide in Michigan in the 1990s, brought the subject of physician assisted suicide to the attention of the public in the United States.

Physician assisted suicide is legal in California, Oregon, Washington and Vermont. It is not legal in New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY BILL

In New Jersey, legislation to legalize physician assisted suicide (referred to as "S 382") died on the floor of the Senate without a vote and will not become law at this time.

The proposed law, known as the "New Jersey Death With Dignity Act," would be subject to voter approval at a general election and would

permit (1) an adult New Jersey resident (a) with the capacity to make and communicate health care decisions to a health care professional (b) who has been determined by their attending and consulting physicians to suffer from a terminal illness that will cause death within six months (2) to obtain a prescription for medication that they can self administer to end their life in a humane and dignified manner (3) after voluntarily expressing a wish to die.

ALTERNATIVES

The bill would require the patient to make an "informed decision" after being advised by the attending physician of, among other things, the alternatives to taking the medication, including palliative care (relieving pain without dealing with the underlying cause); hospice care (sup-

portive care in the final phase of a terminal illness which focuses on comfort, rather than cure) and pain control (therapeutic methods for the relief and management of pain).

ORAL AND WRITTEN REQUEST

Under the bill, the patient must make both an oral and written request for the prescription to their attending physician and repeat the oral request at least 15 days later.

The patient's request must be on a form signed and dated by the patient and witnessed by two people.

The physician would not be permitted to write the prescription without first offering the patient an opportunity to revoke the request.

OPPOSITION

The physician assisted sui-

cide bill was opposed by various organizations because, among other reasons, it did not require a mental health evaluation; did not require a doctor or other health care professional to be present to supervise the ingestion of the medication; relied on the assumption that a physician can predict death within 6 months, and did not require notification of family members.

With such opposition, the New Jersey Senate did not vote on the bill and physician assisted suicide will not be subject to voter approval at this time.

CONCLUSION

Physician assisted suicide . .

. where do you stand on the issue?

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Dey Mansion Re-Dedication Monday February 22

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both the NJ Historic Trust and County Open Space Trust funds, the historic Dey Mansion, will re-open to the public on Monday, February 22, 2016. The day will begin at 10:30am with tours of the newly restored mansion, along with Revolutionary War re-enactments and an official re-opening ceremony, planned for 3 p.m.

"It's rare for a county to have a piece of American History that's as significant as the Dey Mansion. I am proud we worked together to preserve and restore this landmark," said Freeholder Director TJ Best. "If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the historic Dey Mansion, the re-dedication ceremony would be a great time to reconnect



with a piece of American history right here in Passaic County." In 2004, the County Plan-

ning Department received a grant of \$37,500 from the NJ Historic Trust to prepare a Historic Structures Report,

a precursor to applying for funding to make capital improvements to Dey Mansion. In 2009, the county received a subsequent grant in the amount of \$619,737.

Dey Mansion is a pillar of the American Revolution, and was one of the places where General Washington turned the tide of the American Revolutionary War. The Mansion is also noted for being the place where Washington first learned of the betrayal of Benedict Arnold.

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Ashton's Design Chosen as Official Logo of Clifton's Centennial



The Clifton Centennial Logo Committee solicited entries for the official symbol of Clifton's centennial from Clifton residents. The group officially presented the winning entry at a recent meeting, announcing the entry submitted by Rich Ashton as the winner. Ashton's design will be used to identify and promote events celebrating the city's 100th birthday.

The Centennial committee will be hosting a number of events and trips, to mark Clifton's 100th birthday. The first event to kickoff the Centennial celebration will be a beefsteak to be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016. Vivian Lalumia and Elaine Yac-

carino are the chairpersons of the beefsteak event which will be held April 17 at the Boys and Girls Club from 4 PM to 8PM. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$15 for children 6-12 and children under 5 are free. Tickets are available by calling ticket chairperson, Norma Smith at 973 744-5707 or at the Clifton City Clerk's office. The proceeds from the beefsteak event will be used to defray some of the costs incurred by the Centennial Committee. Pictured are Mayor James Anzaldi accepting the winning design from Rich Ashton as Logo Committee Chairman John Pogorelec looks on.

St. Philip Knights Hold Annual Scholarship Beefsteak



L-r: Grand Knight SK Rich Donkersloot, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dennis Fitzpatrick, Past Grand Knight former District Deputy SK Ray Lill, St. Philip's pastor Fr. Joseph Garbarino, St. Philip former pastor and Scholarship namesake Msgr. Peter Doody.

St. Philip The Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 held their annual beefsteak dinner as a fundraiser for the Msgr. Peter Doody Scholarship Fund. This scholarship provides funds for St. Philip students continuing their education at a Catholic High School and provides as needed tuition assistance to needy St. Philip Students. The dinner was held Saturday January 30th in the St. Philip auditorium.

Special guest speakers were The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, and St. Philip's Pastor Rev. Joseph Garbarino. Each spoke on the value of Catholic Education. Bishop Cruz noting that as a resi-

dent of Cuba, for many years he didn't have the option to attend a Catholic school he shared that his religious education for First communion was done in secret by nuns. Fr. Joe Garbarino noted the ongoing support the St. Philip Knights have extended toward catholic education for the past 10 years. Garbarino encouraged all to continue in this valuable endeavor. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund contact Grand Knight Rich Donkersloot E-mail: rdonkersloot@verizon.net or by Phone: 973-650-3327.

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Nature in Your Backyard

BY DON TORINO

The Bald Eagle Continues its Comeback . . .

The Bald Eagle Continues its Comeback, Now we need to make Sure it stays .

By Don Torino

There is good news for the Bald Eagle popula-

tion in New Jersey, The Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program reported One hundred ninety-one nest sites throughout the state in 2015, an incredible comeback especially when you consider that in the 1970's many people expected the symbol of our country to be extinct in the lower 48 states. Out of 150 nest sites that had known outcomes they produced 199 young, this included a foster chick from Maryland that was



tion in New Jersey, The Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program reported One hundred ninety-one nest sites throughout the state in 2015, an incredible comeback especially when you consider that in the 1970's many people expected the symbol of our country

fledged from New Jersey. Locally this means Eagles now have nests in places like Wanaque, Woodcliff lake and Oradell and other unlikely heavily populated areas such as Kearny and Ridgefield Park, a true success story unparalleled in bringing a species back from the brink. Many generations

have passed in our time without having the privilege of watching a Bald Eagle grace the skies of our state, Never did I dare dream that in my lifetime I would see This magnificent bird return in these numbers to New Jersey and I couldn't have even imagined that it would be nesting right here so close to where I have grown up and still live . It gives me goose bumps just saying those words. But we must always remember the Eagle did not return on its own, it did not comeback by accident or because we simply wished it so .We need to always recall how the Eagle managed it's incredible comeback and how we got from one pair of birds in the 1980's to where we are now.

The eventual recovery of The Bald Eagle



ly discredit and personally humiliate her Silent Spring led to the outlawing of DDT in 1972 and

to what we now call the modern Environmental movement . Next, two landmark pieces of legislation, The Clean Water Act in 1972 and the Endangered Species Act in 1973 gave government agencies and



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Conservation groups the money and encouragement to bring the

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Bald Eagle Continues its Comeback

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in history now, Would we be up to the challenge? Could we muster enough political determination to again accomplish something as great as the return of the Bald Eagle? Or would we sit back and say we as Americans can't do these great things any longer? We don't have the money; Government is too big or any other excuses some folks may come up with to keep us from doing what needs

Bald Eagle back from the brink. None of this would have been accomplished without public outcry and the will of the average citizen. I often wonder what if we were at that point

to be done. Today we even are faced elected with officials that tell us we need to turn the clocks back and do away with the endanger species act and the clean water act.

The Bald Eagle has returned, and we should take some time to reflect and congratulate ourselves but we should also look at this as the beginning of the story not an ending. We can use the victory of the symbol of our nation here in New Jersey to give us

the resolve to accomplish much, much more . There is still land that needs to be preserved, wild creatures that need to be saved and an environment that still needs clean water and air we can we safely drink and breath , we can do this, the recovery of the Bald Eagle proves that is so. The Eagle is back, now it is everyone's job to be ever vigilant so we can make sure it stays here for future generations to enjoy.

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Protecting Youth From Concussion

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ence, Changing the Culture, previously found that there is a lack of scientific evidence that helmets and other protective devices designed for young athletes reduce concussion risk — yet some manufacturers continue to use false advertising claims that prevent athletes, parents and coaches from making informed safety decisions.

In 2012, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warned nearly 20 sports equipment manufacturers that they might be making deceptive concussion prevention claims, but the FTC's actions thus far have not been an effective deterrent. The Youth Sports Concussion Act would empower the FTC to seek civil penalties in such cases.

Rep. Pascrell has been raising awareness of traumatic brain injury dangers and treatments for more than 15 years, including the House passage

of his Concussion Treatment and Care Tools (ConTACT) Act, which provides for national protocols to be established for managing sports-related concussions. The ConTACT Act directs CDC to convene a conference of medical, athletic, and education stakeholders to establish model concussion management guidelines; and authorizes grants to states to establish, disseminate, and implement concussion management guidelines for school-sponsored sports and fund schools' implementation of baseline and post-concussion neuropsychological testing technologies. While the bill was blocked in the Senate, Congressman Pascrell was successful in urging CDC to establish the Pediatric Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Expert Panel, which is in the process of drafting concussion management guidelines that are expected in 2016.

“One thing's certain about Minnesotans — we love our sports. But whether it's football, hockey, or the many other sports we play and love, parents, coaches, and young athletes must be equipped with the facts and informed of the risks when making safety decisions,” Klobuchar said. “This bipartisan bill will protect our athletes and help make sure they can continue to compete on and off the field safely.”

“Today we are sending children onto football fields unaware of the long-term dangers of concussions and head traumas. But we know that people as young as 18 — people who never played a down of professional or even college football — show evidence of CTE,” Blumenthal said. “Though the dangers of head injuries are real, the science around prevention is still developing. This legislation empowers the FTC to crack down on manufacturers of athletic equipment who use misleading safety claims to profit off parents' fears. False advertising regarding a particular gear's



safety features puts children's short and long-term health at risk. Our youngest athletes — our future sports heroes — deserve truthful and accurate information to make informed decisions so that the sports they play today can be sports they play for a lifetime.”

“While we all love to watch our kids play sports, we never want to see our children get seriously injured,” said Rooney, co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force. “This bill ensures that protective sports gear is properly advertised and marketed — so if you buy a helmet for your child that says it

‘reduces the risk’ of concussion, you know that you're buying something that is scientifically proven to help keep your child safe. Safety standards in youth sports are so important, especially so my three sons are able to play on safer fields than the ones I once competed on.”

Numerous sports, medical and consumer organizations have supported the Youth Sports Concussion Act, including:

- American Academy of Neurology
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Brain Injury Association of America

TLC's 8th Annual Murder Mystery

The Theater League of Clifton is proud to present its eighth Annual murder-mystery dinner theater “The Multiple Mystery Murder” written and directed by Kirk Woodward. TLC will once again partner with Mario's Restaurant to host the show.

TLC's annual dinner theater has become a very popular, and often sell-out, local event. These dinner theaters

helps support the TLC mission to bring the performing arts to the greater Clifton community — guests enjoy a fun night with a 3-course dinner and a show for just \$40!

The Multiple Mystery Murder tells the story of a family gathered as Cousin M prepares to finalize a will. But M's suggestions don't make the family happy at all. Might

they try something... murderous? Produced by Mark Peterson with Stage Manager Tara Freifeld.

The cast features new talents as well as TLC Alumni, including Roberta Almeida of Belleville, Kenneth Fowler, Michael Purdy and Michael Sconzo of Clifton, Tara Moran of Montclair, Tarek Salib of Rutherford and Danielle Petrucelli of West Orange.

Tickets are \$40 and include a 3 course dinner of Salad, Pas-

ta, Sea Bass, Chicken, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert, and Beverages: soda, tea and coffee. A cash bar is also available.

Show dates are February 26, 27, 28 & March 4, 5, 6; Friday & Saturday at 8PM and Sunday at 4PM, at Mario's Restaurant, 710 Van Houten Avenue in Clifton, NJ. These shows often sell out; limited seating available, please make reservations in advance!

Tickets will be reserved on a first-come first served basis. Payment and table selec-

tion can be made online, by phone or by mail. Choose your seats and pay online at www.theaterleagueofclifton.com. Call the TLC box office at (973) 928-7668 to reserve your seat. Or, send a check to Theater League of Clifton, P.O. Box 4072, Clifton, NJ 07012, include the show date with your check.

For more information visit www.theaterleagueofclifton.com, call 973-928-7668 or email theaterleagueofclifton@gmail.com.



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Dey Mansion Re-Dedication

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location for Dey Mansion in Preakness Valley was chosen because of its proximity to the Great Falls in Paterson as well as the abundance of food and forage. The mansion was constructed between 1740 and 1750 by Dirck Dey, a Dutch-born planter whose family rose to prominence as high ranking members

of the military and government. His eldest son, General Richard Dey, sold the homestead in 1801, and in 1933 it was acquired by the Passaic County Parks Commission for historical purposes, and it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in July 1970.

The Dey Mansion is also the meeting place for such important and prestigious organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution,

the Sons of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution and Colonel Pawling's Independent Corps Levies. The Dey Mansion is where Washington changed history, and it is for that reason the Board of Chosen Freeholders is committed to its preservation.



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What Will You do with Your Leap Day?

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It takes the Earth approximately 365.242189 days – or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds – to circle once around the Sun. This is called a tropical year.

However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a leap day on February 29 every four years, we would lose almost six hours a year from our calendar every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by around 24 days!

While this scientific sounding adjustment helps keep the calendar in line, it also

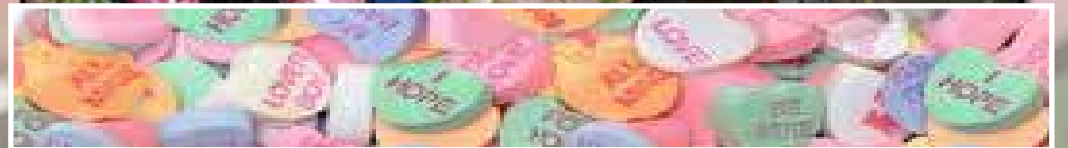
offers all of us one extra day this year. Undoubtedly on Monday February 29th most of us will be working. This doesn't change the fact that we get an extra day this year. The question "what will you do with your extra day, your leap day" elicited a number of responses. Some will use the day to do nothing and just relax. Others plan to spend extra time with family and friends, while still others say they plan to carve out time to do community service.

Regardless what you plan to do, remember, a day is a day so make the best of it.

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