

ator for public utilities. The department spent \$21 million to replace its 87,000 residential and commercial meters. It used 18 meter readers. Now one person drives the van that takes about 18 days to collect readings from the service area. The utility said complaints of malfunctioning meters and missing bills have disappeared. The utility is anticipating the same for Cleveland.

About 25 percent of the customers would be hooked into the system the first year, he said. The radio device would be used in a unit connected to the meter by magnet. The system would be paid for through money set aside in the division's capital investments fund, he said. In the meantime, the division continues to field customer complaints. The last of its customer service hours is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Center, 3450 East 14th St., Shaker Heights.

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act once the state legislature resolves its stalemate over the budget. The governor over the budget and the money will be allocated to local school districts for students with disabilities.

Republicans have ratcheted up the stakes on the \$787 billion Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi criticized both the bill and the administration's slowness in allocating the money.

But, however, was forced to issue a statement Sunday in which he claimed Ohio hadn't let the state take the lead on the infrastructure project. The House and Democratic House and Democratic recovery act has been held and point to

travel, he said. "I wanted to take some time off to do some volunteer work," he said. "It just kind of came together that if we did the trip on the boat and just lived on the boat, we wouldn't have to pay for places to stay."

**Jon Hauserman**

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Parma

**Charity:** Habitat for Humanity

**Event:** Hauserman is rowing with Kotula for two months and then returning to finish a degree in engineering at Cleveland State University. He is

helping people afflicted with life-threatening allergic reactions.

**Richard Waugh**

**Age:** 49

**Hometown:** Cleveland Heights

**Charity:** Reaching Heights

**Event:** Waugh and a friend took turns riding around the clock to complete a race from California to the Washington, D.C., area in seven days, 10 hours, and 36 minutes. Each biked for a few hours while the other rested. They were accompanied by a nine-person volunteer support crew.

## LAW & ORDER

### CLEVELAND

#### Teen sentenced in Perk Plaza shootings

An 18-year-old Cleveland man involved in a shooting downtown that left one Cleveland Clinic employee dead and badly injured another was sentenced Wednesday to the Ohio Department of Youth Services for one to three years. Bryan Elliot was 17 when he played a role in the shootings outside Scorchers bar at Perk Plaza on East 12th Street and Chester Avenue. His sentencing took place in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, where he pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery. Elliot has agreed to help the prosecution of three others involved. Cornelius King, 25, and his two brothers — Ralfeal, 18, and Perry, 20 — are awaiting trial on charges of kidnapping, aggravated robbery and aggravated murder.

#### Free Legal Aid clinics planned

Legal Aid will hold free advice clinics beginning this week. Clinics in Cleveland are: 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Fatima Family Center, 6600 Lexington Ave.; 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Westside Community House, 9300 Lorain Ave.; and 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Ave. A clinic will be held in Lorain at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave. Legal Aid handles civil problems such as bankruptcy, divorce, employment issues and disputes with predatory lenders, landlords, contracts and rental centers. It also covers getting special education at public schools, public benefits and earned income tax credit. For more information, visit [www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org) or call 216-687-1900.

#### Man sentenced for child porn

A 40-year-old Medina man was sentenced Wednesday to 20 years in prison for trying to fly out of Cleveland Honkins International