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Concerned Citizens of Patterson:

Contrary to current political rhetoric, St. John Parish has a verified traditional water treatment plant which is **NOT** “the same water treatment plant our current officials are trying to implement,” as printed in Billy Badeaux’s campaign ad printed in Friday’s edition of the Daily Review newspaper.

FACT: The **FIRST** non-traditional water treatment plant to be built in Louisiana is currently being constructed in Plaquemine Parish.

The City of Patterson will be the 2nd facility built in Louisiana, along with at least two other municipalities. Those two are Westwego & St. John the Baptist which have been approved by DHH and are currently awaiting funding.

Thanks,

Mayor Grogan

tour guide who is building a house on 24 acres of Kalapana lava fields.

Their example may be of little comfort to nearly 1,300 residents of Pahoa, who are watching as lava threatens to set fire to homes and split their town in half. As of late Thursday, the lava was 430 feet from Pahoa Village Road.

Terminally ill woman may postpone taking her life

PORTLAND, Ore. — A terminally ill woman who expects to take her own life under Oregon's assisted-suicide law says she is feeling well enough to possibly postpone the day she had planned to die.

Brittany Maynard said in early October she expected to kill herself Nov. 1, less than three weeks before her 30th birthday. She emphasized that she wasn't suicidal, but wanted to die on her own terms and reserved the right to move the date forward or push it back.

While she hasn't completely ruled Saturday out, Maynard says in a new video she feels she has some more of her life to live.

"I still feel good enough, and I still have enough joy — and I still laugh and smile with my friends and my family enough — that I don't seem like the right time right now," she says in the video.

"But it will come because I feel myself getting sicker. It's happening each week."

Maynard said she was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer earlier this year. Because her home state of California does not have an aid-in-dying law, she moved to Portland and has become an advocate for getting such laws passed in other states.

Crews to begin work to recover Kansas victims

WICHITA, Kan. — Work begins today to recover the remains of the four people who died when a small plane crashed into a flight training facility at a Kansas airport, authorities said.

Jet fuel from the plane burned so hot during the blaze after the crash Thursday morning at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport that portions of the building remained unsafe all day and emergency officials voiced concerns about the stability of the structure. Late Thursday night, smoke continued to rise from the wreckage.

Heavy equipment will be brought in today to remove portions of the building so firefighters can reach the victims, Wichita Fire Chief Ronald B. Caswell said. Crews are expected to be at the site for at least a couple of days.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Leah Yeager said the pilot reported a problem with the left engine of the twin-engine Beechcraft King Air soon after taking off from the airport.

Medicare bought meds for dead people

WASHINGTON — Call it drugs for the departed: Medicare's prescription program kept paying for costly medications ever after patients were dead.

The problem was traced back to a head-scratching bureaucratic rule that's now getting a second look.

A report coming out today from the Health and Human Services Department's inspector general says the Medicare rule allows payments for prescriptions filled up to 32 days after a patient's death — at odds with the program's basic principles, not to mention common sense.

"Drugs for deceased beneficiaries are clearly not medically

for each beneficiary.

Medicare's current practices allowed most of these payments to occur," the report said.

Of 348 prescriptions dispensed for the dead beneficiaries, nearly half were filled more than a week after the patient died. Some cases multiple prescriptions were filled on behalf of a single dead person.

Japan expands stimulus to spur recovery

TOKYO — Japan's central bank expanded its asset purchases in a surprise move today to shore up sagging growth in the world's No. 3 economy.

The Bank of Japan said it would increase its purchases of government bonds and other assets by between \$91 billion to \$181 billion to about \$725 billion in total annually.

BOJ Gov. Haruhiko Kuroda said the increase was required to prevent a reversal into a "deflationary mindset" that the country's leaders contend has stymied growth for many years. Conceiving such a trend is "the most important thing we can do," Kuroda said. "Whatever we can do, we will."

The Nikkei 225 stock index jumped 4.8 percent to close at a seven-year high of 16,413.76 and the dollar rose 2 percent against the yen after the unexpected decision.

Captured: manhunt ends for trooper ambush suspect

BLOOMING GROVE, Pa. — They searched for him in impenetrable woods and forbidding caves, in schools and vacation homes and even in a roadside clothing donation bin, all the while hoping that ambush suspect Eric Frein wouldn't take a potshot at them from some unseen, distant perch.

For 48 tense days, hundreds of law enforcement officials fanned out across the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania in a grueling manhunt for the 31-year-old survivalist armed with high-powered weaponry and explosives.

In the end, Frein surrendered meekly around 6 p.m. Thursday to a team of U.S. marshals who stumbled across him near an abandoned airplane hangar some 30 miles from the rural barracks where he allegedly opened fire Sept. 12, killing a trooper and seriously injuring another.

Authorities placed him in the handcuffs of slain Cpl. Bryan Dickson and put him in Dickson's squad car for the ride back to the Blooming Grove barracks.

"He has been stripped of his guns, his bombs, and now his freedom," Sam Rabadi, chief of the Philadelphia office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said at a late-night news conference.

Mexican police questioned in killing of 3 Americans

MATAMOROS, Mexico — Authorities are investigating a possible police connection to the killing of three U.S. citizens visiting their father in Mexico who were found shot to death along with a Mexican friend more than two weeks after going missing.

Parents of the three siblings, whose bodies were identified Thursday, have said witnesses reported they were seized by men dressed in police gear calling themselves "Hercules," a tactical security unit in the violent border city of Matamoros heavily racked by cartel infighting. Nine of the unit's 40 officers are being questioned, Tamaulipas state Attorney General Ismael Quintanilla Acosta said.

From The Associated Press

this town of 4,300 people.

She has rebelled against the restrictions, saying that her rights are being violated and that she is no threat to others because she has no symptoms. She tested negative last weekend for Ebola, though it can take days for the virus to reach detectable levels.

State officials said that they were seeking a court order to require a quarantine through Nov. 10, the end of the 21-day incubation period for the Ebola virus.

But it was unclear Thursday whether the state had gone to court or whether there had been any progress in negotia-

at their home, reporters have been camped out for two days.

Wilbur said he and Hickox spent the day Thursday vacuuming, cleaning, doing laundry and watching a movie, "The Avengers." He said he also spent four hours attending class via phone. He has agreed to stay away from the University of Maine at Fort Kent for the time being.

During their hour-long bike ride, they were followed by an unmarked state police cruiser. Later, they took delivery of a pizza.

States have broad authority under long-established law to quarantine people to prevent the spread of disease. In Maine,

officials told thousands of doctors planning to attend a tropical-diseases meeting this weekend in New Orleans to stay away if they have been to certain African countries or have had contact with an Ebola patient in the last 21 days.

Liberia is making some progress in containing the outbreak, while Sierra Leone is "in a crisis situation which is going to get worse," the top anti-Ebola officials in the two countries said.

The World Bank announced it will give an additional \$100 million to help bring in more foreign health workers.

BILLY BADEAUX FOR MAYOR VOTE #82 November 4th



Patterson City Under Mayor Billy Badeaux

As Mayor of the City of Patterson, I vow to make sure that the concerns of EVERY family are addressed; not just during election year, but every single day. As a husband & father of two I understand family values and the importance of our children's future. As a business owner of three successful businesses, I have the experience to move our city forward and back on the right path. Today, I would like to present a few issues that I want you to hold me accountable to when elected Mayor. We Can Do Better!

Patterson is too small for us not to have our roads up to par. Although some are being addressed due to it being election year, under my leadership, our roads, all of them, will be permanently fixed instead of temporary patch ups.

We have too many outstanding projects due to poor leadership and management. Projects in Patterson will be completed in a timely manner. I personally will be part of the working crew for projects in Patterson. You deserve a working mayor.

I will work with my council members to review and revise the charter so that the council shares power with the mayor. It's time for democracy, not dictatorship.

Our police department and fire department will be able to work closely with our office and be provided with additional and necessary resources to effectively perform their duties.

On day one, I will make it very clear that this city belongs to the citizens of Patterson, not the Mayor. A mayor is a voice of the people and an employee of the people, not the employer. You will be my boss and I am ready to serve you.

I will move forward with getting city employees trainings and certifications needed to do their job and receive competitive pay.

Our office will work with local schools and groups to provide internships for our future leaders. We will be sure to have MAYOR OF THE DAY programs for our kids to have a great government and community learning experience.

There are too many inaccuracies surrounding the water plant that should have been built 8 years ago. I will do so in a fiscally responsible manner, and be sure that the water is safe for our families, avoiding deadly amoeba concerns that St. John Parish have experienced with the same water plant our current officials are trying to implement.

Tax payer money will be invested in businesses that will work; businesses that will employ families; businesses that produce revenue for our city. You can't build a few snowball stands and say "I brought businesses to Patterson".

I promise I will not use taxpayer dollars for excessive travel. Patterson has already been audited and in trouble for our current excessive travel expenditures. This will not happen on my watch. A lack of business experience and financial management leads to such immoral activity.

PAID FOR BY BILLY BADEAUX FOR MAYOR

FACTS



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

Myth vs. Fact: DHH Dispels Rumors about Naegleria Fowleri Ameba, Drinking Water in Louisiana

Baton Rouge, La.—The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) wants to dispel myths and rumors associated with a recent confirmation of an ameba in the water system in St. John Water District 1. DHH has published a "Myth vs. Fact" rundown of common misconceptions about Naegleria fowleri and drinking water in Louisiana.

Additionally, DHH has created a page on its website where the public can get basic information about Naegleria fowleri and DHH's response to the ameba. Updated information will be posted on dhh.louisiana.gov/WaterFacts.

State Epidemiologist Raoult Ratard said, "It is vital that members of the public understand the risks associated with Naegleria fowleri, which is why we have worked with federal and local officials to share information about the situation. But we also want people to understand that our water is safe to drink and that, in areas where the ameba has not been found, there is little risk of contracting it from the drinking water supply."

Assistant Secretary for Public Health J.T. Lane said, "It's critical that everyone act on the best possible science, data and information available, which is why we want to dispel any myths surrounding the situation in St. John Parish. Many top local, state and national scientists, experts and officials are working diligently and quickly to ensure our people are kept safe and healthy. Public health is the frontline of defense against new challenges nature and the built environment can throw at us."

Common myths and rumors that have been circulating, which DHH seeks to dispel, include:

MYTH: The water from St. John Parish is not safe to drink.

FACT: This is false. The water supply from St. John Water District 1 remains safe to drink. The Naegleria fowleri ameba does not cause an infection if it is in water that a person drinks because the ameba is killed by normal levels of stomach acid. However, the ameba can cause an infection if it goes into a person's nose. Residents from St. John Water District 1 should take precautions to avoid getting water in their noses.

MYTH: Water systems all across the state are affected by Naegleria fowleri, making the water unsafe.

FACT: This is false. The only systems where testing has confirmed the presence of the ameba are St. Bernard Parish Water System, DeSoto Parish Waterworks District 1 and St. John Parish Water District 1. The Naegleria fowleri ameba is a naturally occurring parasite that is found in freshwater and could grow in a water system if the water is untreated. Proper chlorination and the use of disinfectants by water systems are known to kill the ameba. St. John Water District 1 officials have initiated a chlorine burn aimed at eliminating the ameba from the water system. The chlorine burn will take at least 60 days to complete.

MYTH: If I am a St. John Parish Water District 1 customer, I should completely avoid using the tap water.

FACT: It is safe to use the tap water from St. John Water District 1, as long as you are taking proper precautions and avoid getting the water in your nose. According to the CDC, personal actions to reduce the risk of *Naegleria fowleri* infection should focus on limiting the amount of water going up a person's nose and lowering the chances that *Naegleria fowleri* may be in the water. For information on preventative measures, please visit the CDC Website here: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/naegleria/prevention.html>. Safety tips can also be found at dhh.louisiana.gov/WaterFacts.

MYTH: The only way to be sure that the water is safe for all uses is to test it for *Naegleria fowleri*.

FACT: This is untrue. The best way to ensure that the water is safe is for it to be tested and monitored for residual chlorine levels. Currently, the state is under an emergency order that requires public drinking water systems to maintain a free chlorine or chloramine residual of 0.5 mg/L or higher. This will control *Naegleria fowleri*, provided the disinfectant residual persists throughout the water supply system at all times.

MYTH: The *Naegleria fowleri* amoeba is a new problem that was only recently brought into the United States.

FACT: False. *Naegleria fowleri* is an amoeba that occurs naturally in freshwater. Testing for this amoeba is relatively new and still evolving, but it has been present in freshwater bodies of water for many years. A handful of deaths in the United States have been traced back to the amoeba. In general, *Naegleria fowleri* infections are very rare. In the 10 years from 2003 to 2012, 31 infections were reported in the U.S. Of those cases, 28 people were infected by contaminated recreational water, and 3 people were infected after performing nasal irrigation using contaminated tap water.

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