Poison in the well

Crestwood officials cut corners and supplied residents with tainted water for 2 decades

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In every town across the nation, south of Crestwood, Illinois, residents drink water that could be contaminated with toxic chemicals linked to cancer and other health problems.

The problem has been there for decades, the 11,000 or so residents of this working class community know about the contaminated well water, but they’ve never had anyone - from state health officials to Crestwood’s own officials - tell them what to do.

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Eugene A. Cernan, the commander of the Apollo 17 lunar landing mission in 1972 and the last human to walk on the moon, died on Monday in Houston. He was 82.

Cernan was the last of six Americans to set foot on the moon in six Apollo landings. Two other missions were lunar orbital tests, and Apollo 13 was an aborted landing after a malfunction. While Apollo 17 returned the famed footage of the first man on the moon, it also yielded top-secret information on the moon’s surface.

Cernan was a Marine Corps pilot and an astronaut who flew the space shuttle Endeavour in 1990 and 1994. He was also a decorated war hero who served in Vietnam, where he flew 73 missions as a fighter pilot.

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