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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

The Horrors behind Crestwood's poisonous drinking water

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

By Michael Hawthorne
STAFF REPORTER

Like every town across the nation, south suburban Crestwood tucks a notice into utility bills each summer reassuring residents their drinking water is safe. Village leaders also trumpet the claim in their monthly newsletter, while boasting they offer the cheapest water rates in Cook County.

But those pronouncements hide a troubling reality: For more than two decades, the 11,000 or so residents in this working class community unknowingly drank tap water contaminated with toxic chemicals linked to cancer and other health problems, a Newspaper investigation found.

As village officials were building a national reputation for pinching pennies, and sending out fliers proclaiming Crestwood water was "Good to taste but not to waste!," state and village records obtained by the newspaper show they secretly were drawing water from a contaminated well, apparently to save money.

Officials kept using the well even though state environmental officials told them at least 22 years ago that dangerous chemicals related to a dry-cleaning solvent had oozed into the water, records show.

The village avoided scrutiny by telling state regulators in 1986



Gocelin Lopez, 5, swings in the shadow of a Crestwood water tower. For years, the village boasted that it had the cheapest water rates in Cook County.

that they would get all of their tap water from Lake Michigan, and would use the well only in an emergency. But records show Crestwood kept drawing well wa-

ter on a routine basis—relying on it for up to 20 percent of the village's water supply some months.

The well wasn't shut off for good until December 2007, after the Il-

linois Environmental Protection Agency tested the water for the first time in more than 20 years.

The agency found not only that the well was still contaminated but

that Crestwood had been piping the water, untreated, to residents.

Since then, the EPA has cited Crestwood twice for violating environmental laws, yet has failed to

TARIFFS

Trump puts stiff tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China

Increasingly sweeping levies raise fears of higher consumer costs in American citizens

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Saturday signed an order to impose stiff tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada and China, drawing swift retaliation and an undeniable sense of betrayal from the country's North American neighbors as a trade war erupted among the longtime allies.

The Republican president posted on social media that the tariffs were necessary "to protect Americans," pressing the three nations to

do more to curb the manufacture and export of illicit fentanyl and for Canada and Mexico to reduce illegal immigration into the U.S.

The tariffs, if sustained, could cause inflation to significantly worsen, threatening the trust that many voters placed in Trump to lower the prices of groceries, gasoline, housing, autos and other goods as he promised. They also risked throwing the global economy and Trump's political mandate into turmoil just two weeks into his second term.

Trump declared an economic emergency in order to place duties of 10% on all imports from China and 25% on imports from



President Donald Trump

Mexico and Canada. Energy imported from Canada, including oil, natural gas and electricity, would be taxed at a 10% rate. Trump's order includes a mechanism to escalate the rates charged by the U.S. against retaliation by the other countries, raising the specter of an even more severe economic disruption.

"The actions taken today by the White House split us apart instead of bringing us together," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a somber tone

CLIMATE

Emergency crews deployed to Greek resort island, Santorini

Recent spike in seismic activity raises fears of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions

By Derek Gatopoulos
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTORINI, Greece (AP) — Schools were closed and emergency crews deployed on the volcanic Greek island of Santorini on Monday after a spike in seismic activity raised concerns about a potentially powerful earthquake.

Precautions were also ordered on several nearby Aegean Sea islands — all popular summer vacation destinations — after more than 200 undersea earthquakes were recorded in the area over the past three days.

"We have a very intense geological phenomenon to handle," Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said from Brussels, where he was attending a European meeting. "I want to ask our islanders first and foremost to



The volcanic island of Nea Kameni, left, is seen from town. Greek authorities are taking emergency measures in response to intense seismic activity. (Petros

Mobile phones on the island blared with alert warnings about the potential for rockslides, while several earthquakes caused loud rumbles. Authorities banned access to some seaside areas, including the island's old port, that

MARIANNE FAITHFULL 1946-2025

Popstar turned survivor dies at 78

Singer, songwriter and actress, Marianne Faithfull, was one of the most prominent female voices of the 1960s

By Jim Farber
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Marianne Faithfull, who went from being a fresh-faced, feather-voiced pop star, as well as muse



Marianne Faithfull in 1965. (Getty Images)

and girlfriend of Mick Jagger, to a homeless heroin addict, only to re-emerge radically altered in her early 30s as a critically acclaimed cabaret performer singing songs of dark honesty, died on Thursday in London. She was 78.

Her death was confirmed by a spokesperson, who did not cite a cause. The roiling dramas in Faith-

full's life, along with the starry circles she moved in during the Swinging Sixties and the unvarnished power of her later music, turned her into a nearly mythic figure — a symbol of survival and transformation. It's a role she at first rued but later came to relish.

"What I've been trying to do, and I think I've done it rather well, is bring the persona — or what was a false persona in the beginning — and me together,"

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