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This Year in Water: 2022

Sharpening the Shark's Teeth

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Colorado River Basin's Moment of Reckoning

In June, the U.S. government ordered the seven states that are a part of the Colorado River Basin to correct a misalignment of water supply and demand.



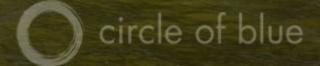
Severe Drought Challenges the American West

The Great Salt Lake dropped to a record low. New Mexico witnessed its largest wildfire. Wells in California's Central Valley produced dust, not water.



Toxic Algae Troubles Lake Erie

Harmful algal blooms now rank with climate change as an ecological threat and public policy challenge.





U.S. Water Access and Affordability

The rising cost of maintaining aging water systems and income inequality in the U.S. made water payments a burder f payments a burden for many households. een Cref otal Maren a Total Amount Due h

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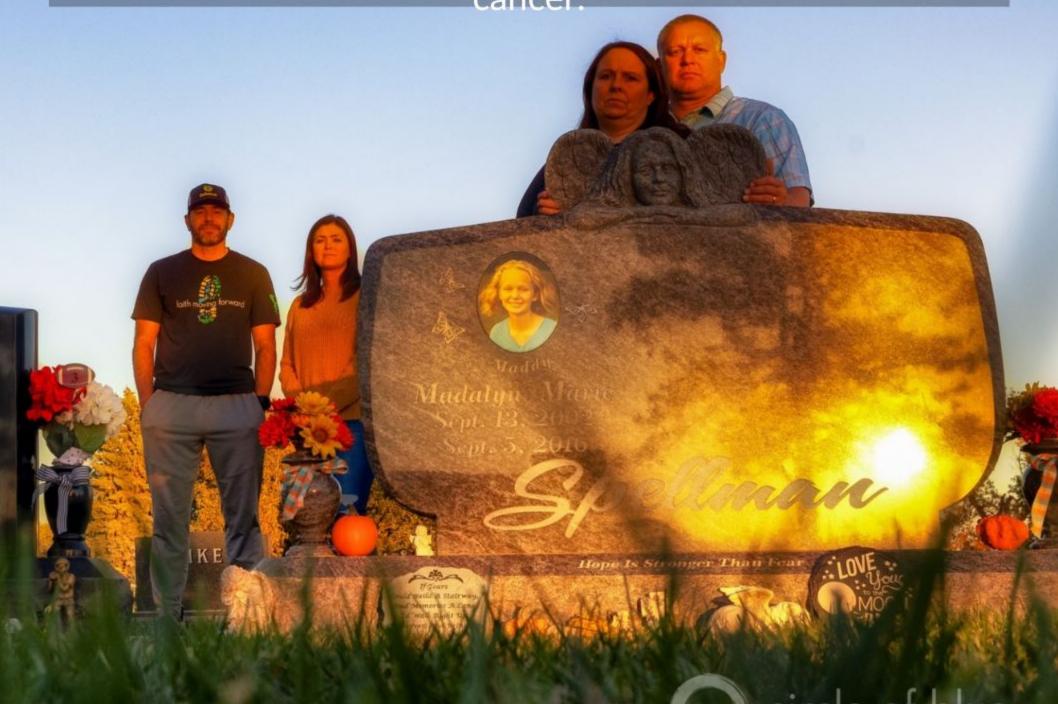
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Polluted Water Damages Health, Ecology, Economy

Contaminated water continues to damage ecosystems and was linked to cholera outbreaks and high rates of pediatric cancer.



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Conflicts Upend Water and Food Systems

Russia invaded Ukraine in February, rattling global markets. Soon after the invasion, they began targeting water and energy systems.





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