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About the Cover:

The traditional funeral practice of embalming is an environmental hazard. Embalming causes approximately seven million gallons of formaldehyde, a known human carcinogen, to be placed into the ground each year in the U.S. In this month's cover feature, "Drinking Grandma: The Problem of Embalming," the authors argue that the reasons given for embalming do not justify the environmental and public health consequences of the practice. "Green burials," in which embalming is prohibited and the effects of the body on the environment are minimized, are becoming more common due to increased awareness of this problem.

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