# World/Nation EPA estimates set high cost to improve drinking water

WASHINGTON (AP) — New regulants for drinking water and waste treatcould cost homeowners an average 100 or more in additional municipal by 1996, a study by the Environtal Protection Agency estimates. JRB0 An in-house agency committee also d farms and some small businesses

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uld face significant costs from 85 maregulations promulgated in the past or two or expected in the next few ne cost estimates for the regulations

cting municipalities dealt only with standards for drinking water, waste r treatment and solid waste.

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Isamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian group olding two U.S. hostages, said

Monday it was not linked to the Leb-

ese woman arrested in Italy with notographs of captive Americans.

line Ibrahim Rizkallah, 36, had ties

Islamic Jihad challenged Italian auorities to publish a photograph of

American hostage Terry Anderson

that was found in the woman's lug-

gage at Milan airport last Thursday.
"What has been said about the

FRANKFURT, West Germany-

AP) — West European bankers are

fering the Soviets huge amounts of

redit to use in modernizing their

ons with Moscow are cool and its

onsumer economy, but Japan's rela-

State Department sources in Wash-

ngton emphasize that the deals do

not involve direct loans, but lines of

redit, which become loans only as

They said the credit lines appear

esigned to finance specific trade ar-

angements and cannot be classed as

'untied loans'' — money to be spent owever the borrower chooses.

The Unites States does not oppose

NEW YORK (AP) — Three for-

ner Marines extended a peace offer-

ing to Vietnam on Monday in advance of a mercy mission to that country in which they will look for land mines that might still be in place

20 years after the Marines planted

The Americans presented a plaque

at the Vietnamese mission to the

United Nations saying: "In the hopes

While the nine-day trip to be made

ngineer Battalion. 3rd Marine Divi-

sion, is a private and, in some ways.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The USS

ncennes ended a tragedy-marred

eployment Monday, returning to its

omeport more than three months af-

er it mistakenly shot down an Iranian

Sailors dressed in Navy whites

ned the deck of the Aegis cruiser.

which sported a red, white and blue

aper wreath at its bow and carried a

ign declaring the crew's love for San

Hundreds of relatives, awaiting a

eunion with sailors absent for six

nonths, released a cloud of red.

white and blue balloons as the ship

docked. A Navy band played "Cali-

ornia Here We Come" and the

rliner in the Persian Gulf.

ego and America

Vincennes March.

six former Marines from the 11th

11th Engineers January 1989.

ietnam once again, this time to help bargo. he the preservation of human life.

ankers are holding back.

ne available credit is used.

Israel's secret service.

group claimed the woman.

World Briefs

Group: Woman not tied to U.S. hostages

European bankers offer Soviet credit

Former Marines offer peace to Vietnam

of preserving the peace, we come to now banned by a U.S. trade em-

Vincennes returns from Persian Gulf

businessmen.

Costs for other regulations, such as asbestos controls in schools, could not be derived, so the committee said it considered its estimates floors that could be ex-

Based on an analysis of the finances of 207 municipalitie, the committee estimated that 21 percent to 30 percent of the smallest —places with fewer than 2,500 people — could have trouble raising loans or floating bond issues for the capital expenditures the regulations will re-

Only 3 percent to 7 percent of towns larger than that are expected to have difficulty raising money.

Anderson is sheer fabrication and is

absolutely devoid of truth," Islamic

Jihad said in a typewritten Arabiclanguage statement delivered to a

The 15-line communique was de-

The kidnappers apparently did not

livered with a photograph of Ander-

know that authorities in Milan had al-

ready released a copy of the photo-

graph of Anderson that was discov ered in the woman's luggage.

lending at market rates for non-strate-

gic purposes but is against govern-

ment subsidies of loans, the sources

expert with West Germany's Com-

merzbank, told the Associated Press:

"Credit not only from West Germany

but from all of Western Europe will

be increasing and expanding in com-

ing years."
"This has to do with the Soviet

Union's goal of opening up politi-

cally and economically, which also

includes an increase in trade activ-

ities." Pietsch, whose institution is

the third-largest private bank in the

sentimental journey, funded by an

anonymous businessman, it has the

blessing of both the U.S. and Viet-

The Jan. 9 trip is the latest in a se-

Vietnam, one of the poorest countries in the world, is seeking diplo-

ries of moves between the two coun-

matic relations with the United

States. American aid and investment

A member of Vietnam's National

Assembly and a key economic ad-

viser, Nguyen Xuan Oanh, made a

rare visit to the United States earlier

this month to confer with American

"New fathers are going to be seeing new kids for the first time," Senior Chief Petty Officer Steve Hiney

said. "The wives and girlfriends. mothers and fathers are going to be

The Vincennes, equipped with the

Navy's modern Aegis combat control

system, accidently downed the Ira-

nian civilian aircraft over the Persian

Gulf on July 3. killing all 290 people

The official Pentagon report con-

cluded the crew mistook the airliner

for an Iranian F-14 fighter jet and said

crew members misintrepreted com-

puter and radar data because of stress

in their first combat situation.

namese governments.

tries to improve relations.

Peter Pietsch, a finance and trade

said on condition of anonymity.

Western news agency in Beirut.

son to authenticate it.

The panel said the states and federal officials may have to devise new ways of helping the smaller communities In some cases, it said, smaller towns

may need to merge their services. The panel said the increase in fees, taxes and other charges for the three environmental services would be highest in the least and most populous cities \$170 in the smallest towns and \$160 in cities of more than 250,000.

In 20 percent of the smallest places. current charges could more than double. but nationwide only 2 percent of the households would see an increase that

Data for farms as a whole proved harder to come by, so the committee examined some speciality crops as well as farms of three common types - an Illinois corn and soybean operation. of which there are about 31,000: a Mississippi farm growing cotton and soybeans, of which there are about 1,800; and a Kansas farm producing wheat and cattle, of which there are about 20,000.

Assuming that the agency tried to promulgate regulations with minimum costs

quirement, income before depreciation would fall by 3 percent for the Mississippi and Kansas farms and by 0.7 percent for the Illinois farm.

In the worst case of high-cost regulations that all farmers would have to meet, the Illinois farm would lose 26 percent of its income, the Mississippi

farm would lose 24 percent and the Kansas farm would lose 84 percent.

Seventy percent of the nation's 3.5 million small businesses — those with fewer than 50 employees — are in non-colluting fields such as wholesele and repolluting fields such as wholesale and retail trade, finance or other services.

The committee said it was able to identify several industries where costs to comply with future regulations had a good chance of eating up either 30 percent of annual profits or requiring capital expenditures of more than 30 percent of the owners' investment.

Most prominent are dry cleaners, who may be faced with expensive controls on solvents, and service stations faced with cleaning up any leaking underground

## Idaho turns away radioactive boxcar from storage plant

car of low-level radioactive waste returned to the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant Monday after being rejected by Idaho, leaving in its tracks troubling questions about how the nation handles its atomic leftovers.

The boxcar, ordered out of Idaho by Gov. Cecil Andrus on Saturday, was moved to the Rocky Flats plant 16 miles northwest of Denver on Monday morning while officials debated what to do.

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer on Sunday turned down a Department of Energy request to expand storage facilities for lowlevel radioactive waste at Rocky Flats and asked that the Department of Energy not unload the rail car, which contains 140 drums of waste at 55 gallons per

The state now allows storage of up to 1.600 cubic yards of radioactive waste at Rocky Flats, and the plant legally could

DENVER (AP) — A steel-lined box- accommodate the boxcar's cargo without exceeding the limit, officials said.

'We'll cooperate with the DOE to find an alternative site until (a proposed disposal facility in) New Mexico is open," Romer said Monday. "But I've said, 'Look, no expansion of Rocky

Romer said he would press for a meeting of Western governors to discuss a long-term solution to the problem and planned to talk to DOE officials in the meantime.

It was the second time recently that Rocky Flats' operations have come under the spotlight. Earlier this month, the plant's plutonium reprocessing facility was closed by the DOE after three workers were exposed to radioactive material inside. Building 771 remains closed, but production of plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons continues at the plant, of-

## **Underdog Dukakis** claims Bush resorts to using 'outright lies'

Michael Dukakis, an underdog running short of time, accused George Bush on Monday of resorting to "outright to avoid important campaign issues. Bush replied that Democrats are desperate and said Dukakis is soft on crime and defense "and that's the inescapable truth.

There was no letup in a White House campaign never noted for civility.

Democratic Rep. Richard Gephardt, campaining for Dukakis, said of the Republicans, "Hitler would have loved

With 15 days until Election Day, Bush

national public opinion polls. in a series of five-minute network television commercials as he and ticketmate

Lloyd Bentsen looked for a way to catch-

Dukakis stuck to his late-campaign Populist theme and said Bush would per-

sonally receive a \$22,000-a-year tax break from his proposal to cut the capital

'George Bush wants to give people like George Bush a tax break that's more than the average California worker makes in a year." Dukakis said in Los Angeles. "Look in the mirror and ask yourself: Is George Bush on your

The vice president defended his tax proposal as good for creating new jobs. He said Dukakis is likely to raise taxes if he gets the chance and the nation could and running mate Dan Quayle were doing their best to protect a lead in the take over the White House. face an "economic disaster if the liberals

Campaigning through New England, Dukakis purchased time for the second Bush made an unusual departure from his prepared speech to reject Dukakis' charges of campaign distortions and deceptions. He said he could document every one of the allegations made in television advertisements criticizing a Massachusetts prison furlough program and his rival's record on defense.

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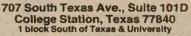
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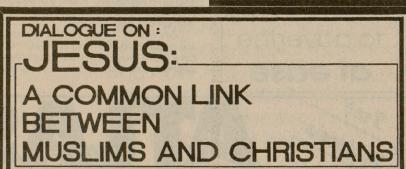
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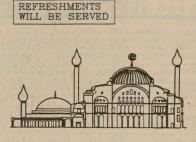
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