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A baseball day, and year, for the ages: Cardinals slugger finishes 9 up on old record

By R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire's record-breaking season ended as mightily as it began.

The St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman hit his 69th and 70th homers Sunday on the baseball regular season's last day, a fitting finale for a record-smashing year he began with a grand slam on opening day.

"This is a season I will never, ever forget, and I hope everybody in base-

ball never forgets it," McGwire told the cheering crowd after the game. McGwire, who hit five homers on the final weekend, connected Sunday against the Montreal Expos' Mike Thurman in the third inning and Carl Pavano in the seventh.

McGwire moved four ahead of the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa and nine in front of the previous record set by Roger Maris in 1961.

McGwire lofted a 1-1 fastball 377 feet into the left-field seats for No. 69.

Kerry Woodson, a 22-year-old body shop worker from Maryland Heights, Mo., got the ball. "It's a dream come true. I hope he doesn't hit any more today," he said.

He didn't get his wish.

With two out in the seventh and the score 3-3, McGwire lined a first-pitch fastball over the left-field wall.

This time, even a curtain call from McGwire didn't quiet the 46,110 fans, who remained on their feet, cheering through the rest of the inning. The Cards won the game 6-3.

The second home run ball landed in a party box and was snared by Phil Ozerski of Olivette, Mo., who was there with a group of Washington University research scientists. He said he didn't know what he'd do with the ball, which has a standing \$1 million offer from collectors.

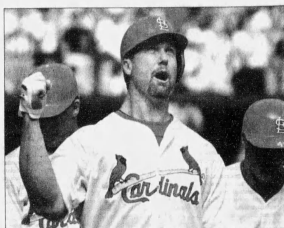
McGwire opened the year with a grand slam March 31 against the Los Angeles Dodgers, then led the

home run race all season except when Sosa twice passed him briefly — for only 103 minutes total.

Their friendly competition captivated fans, peaking the night McGwire broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old record, with Sosa on the field.

Many believe their record-breaking feats — and sportsmanship — rejuvenated a game that lost its luster four years ago when a strike wiped out the World Series.

Although Sunday was the Cards' final game, the race isn't quite over. Sosa will get an extra game today when the Cubs face San Francisco in a one-game playoff for the wild-card spot — with the stats counting for the regular season.



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Mark McGwire celebrates his 70th and final home run.

Georges taunts New Orleans

Big Easy waits as storm slaps Gulf Coast

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Georges pummeled the Gulf Coast on Sunday, bringing high wind and heavy rain to Mississippi and Alabama as New Orleans held its breath — hoping it had dodged a catastrophe.

Waves from the Gulf of Mexico leapt onto beachfront roads along U.S. 90 in Mississippi, and thousands crowded into almost 250 shelters along the state's coast. Georges' 25-foot waves clipped off fishing piers along Alabama's coast, where there were reports of waves smashing over concrete walls to demolish a fishing pier.

No new deaths or injuries were reported from the storm, which earlier had killed more than 300 in the Caribbean.

The Big Easy was decidedly uneasy. Authorities feared Georges would sit overhead for days, driving sprawling Lake Pontchartrain over its levees and submerging New Orleans.

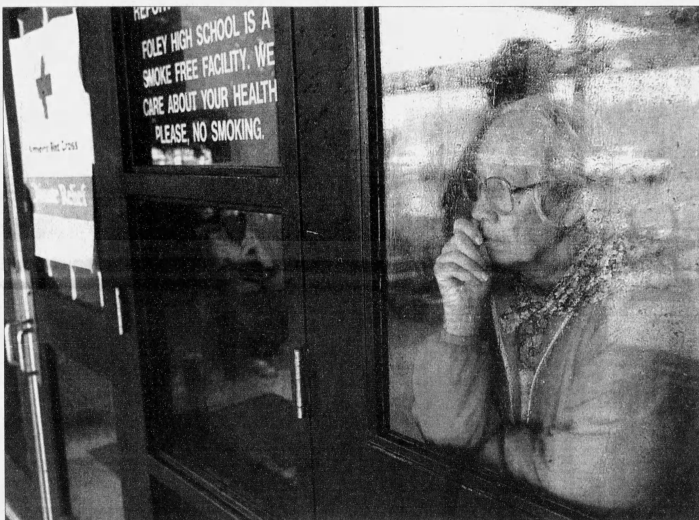
But its course wobbled a bit, giving hope that a slight deviation to the east could spare New Orleans the worst of the devastation. Forecasters said late Sunday that the hurricane's center was expected to reach the Gulf Coast today.

"On our current track, the core should arrive near the Mississippi coast Monday afternoon, but... it could still easily hit southeast Louisiana or southwest Alabama," said Max Mayfield, deputy director of the National Hurricane Center. "The hurricane will affect the same area for another three days."

Thousands fled New Orleans, turning interstates 10 and 55 into bumper-to-bumper processions. More than 1.5 million people were ordered or urged to vacate New Orleans and coastal areas, leaving the streets quiet and mostly empty.

"I'm certain that this ranks as probably the largest evacuation we have ever achieved," said Lt. Col. Ronnie Jones of the Louisiana State Police.

While New Orleans prepared for the



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Henrietta Smith watches the weather get worse from the window of the Red Cross shelter Sunday at the Foley, Ala., high school.

worst, its neighbors to the east were getting pounded.

In Alabama, sheets of rain were driven by 65 mph gusts in Mobile and Baldwin counties, where several roads were closed because of flooding, downed trees and toppled utility poles. Thousands lost power, and shelters filled up as the storm intensified.

"It's heavy, heavy downpours of rain," said Leigh Anne Ryals, spokeswoman for the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. "I can't even explain the amount of rain that is falling with these rain bands that are coming onshore."

In Mississippi, widespread power outages were reported as the storm advanced with wind gusts up to 55 mph. A possible tornado damaged a business

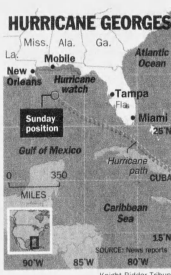
complex that housed the Jackson County studios of television station WLOX.

"Our winds have been blowing hard for quite a while," said Lynette Carbin, director of civil defense in Hancock County, Miss., which borders Louisiana. "We're getting some roads covered with water, and our lights are blinking off and on now and then."

Thousands of residents fled along the Gulf Coast in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Many schools were canceled at least through Tuesday, Mississippi's 11 coastal casinos were boarded up, and harbors were closed to shipping.

By midnight EDT, the hurricane's center was about 70 miles south-southeast of Biloxi, Miss., and about 105 miles east-southeast of New Orleans. Winds

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A man-made system of levees stands between New Orleans and disaster. A9

Deputies fill creel trolling for johns

Prostitution sting in SeaTac nets males who were looking for love in all the wrong places

By CHERYL REID
THE NEWS TRIBUNE

Armed with a smile, a tight pair of jeans and a come-hither look hot enough to melt the goods in the ice cream guy's truck, deputy Chris Masters got her man.

Or, as it turned out, her boy. The ice cream truck's broadly grinning driver was just 16 and the only juvenile arrested last week during a decoy sting operation aimed at prostitution customers in SeaTac.

"I almost feel bad about it," Masters said as the boy stood handcuffed with tears welling in his eyes.

The boy's dad picked him up at the precinct. The 16-year-old faces charges, including resisting arrest, but didn't have to make the \$500 bail to get out of jail that night.

During the sting, King County sheriff's deputies arrested six men and the boy on suspicion of soliciting a prostitute. The crime is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

In addition to sending male deputies out to pick up hookers, deputies set up "john patrols" in SeaTac several times a year. They damage the prostitution business by making potential customers wary that they might be making a deal with a cop.

The patrols also help detectives establish a list of known prostitution customers. When a hooker is killed, assaulted or robbed, detectives look to that list for suspects.

The decoys dress too provocatively to conceal a radio wire or a protective vest. They know that when they lean down to talk with a "customer," they could be chatting with the Green River Killer or the Spokane serial killer working both sides of the state.

In a previous patrol, deputy Liz Lawee was picked up by a man with a loaded gun.

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Germany's voters turn left, end Kohl's 16-year tenure



Gerhard Schröder, a Social Democrat, is the latest center-left leader elected in Europe.

Social Democrat Schroeder swept in as new chancellor

By ROGER COHEN
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BONN, Germany — Gerhard Schröder, a Social Democrat, defeated Helmut Kohl on Sunday in the race to become chancellor.

It ended an era in Germany and opened a new one in Europe, where center-left governments now dominate the continent's politics.

After a hard-fought campaign, the victory was decisive, a clear expression of the weariness of Germans

with Kohl's 16-year rule. Schroeder swept aside the Christian Democratic chancellor, who oversaw the peaceful unification of Germany in 1990 and personified the Cold War's end in Europe.

With the defeat of Kohl, 68, all of the European leaders in office when the Berlin wall came down in 1989 are now out of office, reflecting the new priorities that confront a continent grappling with the competitive pressures of a global economy, overburdened welfare systems and high unemployment.

"The voters have chosen a change of generation," Schroeder, 54, declared.

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Link to previous cases found in child's E. coli

Girl's condition worsens; probe looks at possible ties to fair, 17 other cases

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Health department officials confirmed Sunday that a third child who contracted E. coli after visiting the Puyallup Fair is suffering from the same strain of the bacteria as two previous cases.

"That's further evidence they all got it at the fair," said Matt Ashworth, spokesman for the state health department.

And Sunday, the condition of that third child, 20-month-old Rebecca DePalma of University Place, worsened. Her status was changed from serious to critical condition at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center.

She was put on dialysis, her father, Vince DePalma, said. "Her kidneys had shut down, and it was threatening her life," he said.

Seventeen additional cases of possible E. coli are being investigated, Ashworth said. Those people all visited the fair on or around Sept. 13, the day Rebecca was at the fair.

Ashworth said tests are being done both to confirm that those people are

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suffering from E. coli and, if so, to find out if it is the same strain.

It is unknown how many of the 17 possible E. coli victims — a mix of children, teens and adults — were hospitalized, Ashworth said.

Rebecca and the other two children confirmed to be stricken with a virulent strain of E. coli and hospitalized after attending the fair. The other two, a 7-year-old Federal Way boy and a 20-month-old Yelm girl, were released from the hospital last week.

Ashworth said it is highly likely that Rebecca and the other children contracted the bacteria either at the petting zoo or by eating hamburgers.

He said other sources, such as water from the water rides, have been ruled out. Officials should know before Friday the exact source of the bacteria.

After looking as if she were getting better Friday and being listed in satisfactory condition, Rebecca began having kidney problems Saturday and was downgraded to serious condition. She was transferred to the intensive care unit about 10 a.m. Sunday and her condition was again downgraded.

'The doctor said though this is a serious setback, he's still very optimistic she can recover.'

— Todd Kelley
hospital spokesman

She is suffering with hemolytic-uremic syndrome as a result of contracting E. coli, said hospital spokesman Todd Kelley.

Until her condition improves, one machine will be breathing for her and another one cleaning her blood of impurities that are building up because of the failure of her kidneys.

Doctors also went from giving her medication through an IV in her arm to what they call a "central line" that goes through her neck. Through that line she will be fed and medicated, Kelley said.

Her father said the girl was given a sedative before the new medical procedures began.

She screamed "No!" and then went limp, he said.

But before the sedative injection, he said he kissed her and told her how

much he loved her. The sedative has an amnesia effect, and she's unlikely to remember the procedures, he said.

Kelley said Rebecca's kidney specialist is optimistic.

"The doctor said though this is a serious setback, he's still very optimistic she can recover," Kelley said.

Among the 17 possible E. coli cases that have yet to be confirmed, some people reported they ate hamburgers but did not go to the petting zoo. Others said they went to the petting zoo but didn't eat hamburgers, Ashworth said.

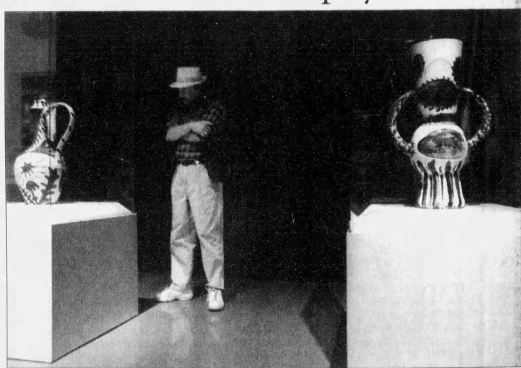
The health department gets about 150 E. coli cases a year. The fair never has been linked to a case before, said Karen LaFlamme, the fair's spokeswoman.

LaFlamme added that the fair is actively helping the health department search for the source of the problem as well as dealing with its aftermath — medical bills for the families.

"We have been in contact with the families and are working with them," she said. "They won't be left high and dry, by any means."

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Picasso ceramics on display



JUL DI PASQUALE/THE NEWS TRIBUNE

Luis Stand of San Diego views the exclusive Picasso ceramics exhibit during its opening day Sunday at the Tacoma Art Museum. The 61 pieces, which were inherited by the artist's granddaughter, Marina Picasso, will be shown in Tacoma through January. This will be their only U.S. appearance.

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and no money. Deputies don't know what he had in mind, but he wasn't prepared to pay her once he got her alone.

Despite the danger of the operation for the deputies, the stings provide the deputies and their colleagues plenty of laughs. They were at the expense of men who wound up in handcuffs on a cheap motel bed, but definitely not the way they had imagined.

"It kind of makes you hate men for like a week afterward," Lawee said.

Wednesday, Masters and Lawee took turns "strolling" International Boulevard for the john patrol. Lawee had done it half a dozen times before. It was Masters' second tour.

It's fun, Lawee said, but it takes a certain personality. One deputy decoy had a tough time. "She kept getting offended" when men would offer her only \$20 for sex.

The set-up

In addition to the two decoys, a dozen well-hidden deputies surrounded the area and kept an eye out for trouble.

The decoys wore small electronic devices they activated once they had an "offer and acceptance" for sex. The devices sounded tones that alerted the other officers to be ready to take the man into custody.

The decoys also had trouble signals worked out. At the signal, officers would rush to their aid. If forced into a car, the decoys are instructed to hold on tight. A ramm car would stop the john's vehicle from getting too far.

The decoys wore clothes bought at a local thrift shop. They slathered on makeup. Lawee had her hair in little-girl pigtails.

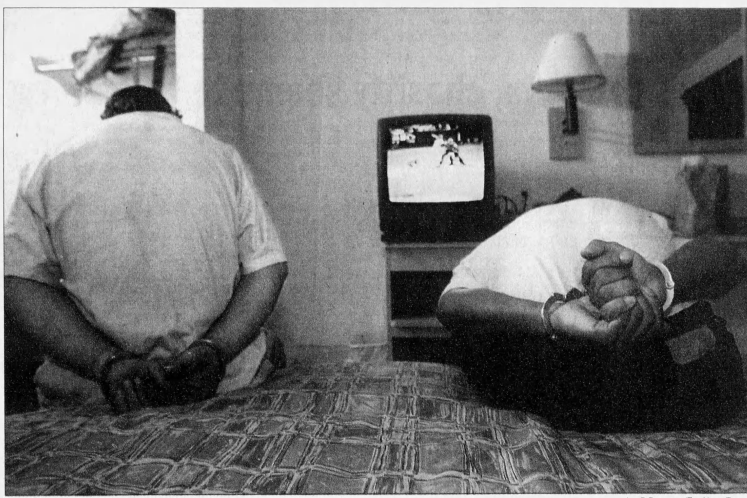
"Just dress the way my mom told me never to," Masters said. "Cheesy is the key word," Lawee explained.

Clueless

As the scene was set up, the area was swarming with deputies, all but the decoys clearly identifiable. There was no way anyone who drove by before the decoys were "tucked in" would fall for it.

Then again, a guy looking for love doesn't always have to be observant.

Masters strolled for mere minutes when a car from the parking lot pulled up. Inside, a man with a straggly beard started to chat with Masters.



JUL DI PASQUALE/THE NEWS TRIBUNE

Two men arrested for soliciting sex wait on a motel bed last week as television shows Mark McGwire at bat in quest of another home run. The two were arrested during a King County police sting operation.

Observing deputies began laughing from their hiding places. The guy had been in the parking lot as they set up. Didn't he see what was going on?

Nope. Masters set off the toner and headed toward a motel room with her prey. Deputies moved in and found three rocks of crack cocaine on the 27-year-old South King County resident.

"I wasn't paying attention," he said when asked whether he'd noticed the deputies in the parking lot earlier. "I was just dropping a buddy off."

Wrong exit

This time, it was Lawee's turn. Within minutes, a rental car pulled over. After some coy words about a date and some negotiations over price and services, Lawee set off the toner.

This john was a 28-year-old engineer from Los Angeles. He'd just arrived at Sea-Tac Airport and was on his way to Monroe for business. He'd tried to go to Interstate 5 but missed his exit and found himself driving down International Boulevard.

Then he found himself watching a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game

as he sat in handcuffs on a bed with the other johns.

He complained about having his hands cuffed behind him and begged the deputies to hurry up and arrest a van full so he could get to jail.

"Next time you've got to be the last one arrested," detective John Pavlovich advised.

"This won't ever be happening again," the engineer promised.

The ice cream man

The truck, decorated with pictures of ice cream treats and a "Watch for Children" sign, pulled just past Masters.

She walked up but couldn't seem to get the driver to be clear about what he wanted. He muttered an offer of "200 ice creams" as he looks her up and down appreciatively. She told him she had to get to work and walked back to her "stroll."

He backed up on the shoulder of the busy road, still grinning. Finally, he left, only to return a few minutes later in a car.

He caught Masters, who had just arrested another man, by surprise. She didn't even have a chance to make "a back out to the street. Ice

cream boy was driving around the parking lot, looking for her.

This time, he had money, not just ice cream and he was clear about what he wanted. When the burly deputies stepped out to arrest him, he started to resist.

A half dozen deputies appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, and subdued the boy.

Out for a walk

Lawee tempted the next man, a 49-year-old from South King County, as he walked by.

A sick smile on his face soon faded as he sat on the bed to watch the baseball game with the rest of the captives.

Mr. Lucky

He looked like a typical suburban dad, this 38-year-old from Bothell.

After a few minutes in handcuffs, he looked at Lawee and told her what she was missing.

"You could have gotten lucky tonight," he told her.

"With you?" Lawee asked, her eyebrows raised.

"Yeah."

"Oh, let's unarrest him, guys," she laughed. "I coulda gotten lucky."

Changed his mind

The fifth man made an offer to Masters but got spooked and tried to drive off. Other deputies caught up with the 50-year-old from South King County.

After the man's arrest, the deputies had to decide whether to quit for the night or go for one more.

They normally fill a van after six arrests, but because one was a juvenile, he wouldn't be going to the Regional Justice Center in Kent.

They decided to go for one more, to the chagrin of the men already captured. The men just want to get on with it.

"Don't worry guys," Lawee said confidently. "It's me. It won't take long."

Missed flight

Within minutes, the jail van was full.

This time, it was a 36-year-old married man from Detroit. He was on his way to the airport to catch a flight home two hours later.

"He's not going to make it," said detective Mike Klokow.

Germany

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clared to a cheering crowd outside Social Democratic headquarters in Bonn. He had embodied youth during the campaign, and a Germany less burdened by its past.

Born into poverty, Schroeder came into politics on the leftist wave of the 1960s. But his outlook evolved toward pragmatism, and he fought this campaign on an often vague platform of modernization and renewal under the slogan "the New Middle" — and the clear inspiration of Bill Clinton and Tony Blair of Britain.

While Kohl touted his vision of the rise from the ruins of Nazism and his view of Germany's place in Europe, Schroeder talked about jobs. The strategy worked because a new generation of Germans is tired of history lessons and more concerned that their society is fraying than worried about their geo-strategic status.

But Schroeder and his followers said many things at once, reassuring businessmen with talk of lower taxes and the need to reform the welfare system while reassuring workers with promises of better benefits and pensions.

"I think politics is more psychological than rational, and this result for us Germans is an injection of energy," said Henning Frase, 20, a student. "It's ridiculous, but in a democracy to have a leader for as long as we had Mr. Kohl."

Like other center-left leaders in Europe, including Blair and Lionel Jospin in France, Schroeder now will face a central issue: how to adjust Germany's expensive welfare system to global competition without dismantling it, and at the same time create jobs.

It was the first time in the post-war republic that Germans voted a chancellor out of office, and they did so with gusto, dismissing Kohl's warnings of instability to usher in the first Social Democratic chancellor of Europe's most powerful state since Helmut Schmidt in 1982. When Schmidt left office, the main issue in Germany was the deployment of medium-range U.S. missiles on German soil aimed at the Soviet Union — a measure of the colossal distance traveled under Kohl, the longest-serving chancellor since Otto von Bismarck.

Gaining an estimated 41.2 percent of the vote, up from 36.4 percent in the last election in 1994, the Social Democrats inflicted their most decisive victory ever on the Christian Democrats, whose vote plunged more than 6 percentage points to 35 percent.

It was not immediately clear what kind of government Schroeder would form. Computer predictions suggested he would have a narrow majority in the 656-member Bundestag, or parliament, in a coalition with the environmentalist Greens, the party with which he has said he wants to govern.

Such a "Red Green" coalition never has been tried and would be a radical departure for a conservative country with an aversion to risk.

The Greens have in the past called for a review of Germany's NATO membership, causing concern in Washington.

Schroeder, however, vowed continuity in foreign policy. He also promised to foster reconciliation in a country still divided between the west and its formerly communist east, and said his most important goal would be the fight "the plague of unemployment." More than 4 million people, or 10.6 percent of the population, are out of work.

Clinton, who had a close relationship with Kohl, said in a statement that he looked forward to working closely with Schroeder.

"Germany is one of America's closest allies," he said. "As always, our two governments will be fully engaged in a comprehensive policy agenda."

\$7 billion a year to fight terrorism, but who's counting?

It's magic word to get some funding — but critics say the effort is uncoordinated

By John Diamond
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — America's war on terrorism consumes at least \$7 billion a year, and the figure is rising fast. Yet government agencies say they can't track much of the money or determine how effective it is.

Last month's deadly embassy bombings in Africa gave new urgency to the anti-terrorism push that has been building throughout President Clinton's second term. In his speech last week to the United Nations, Clinton called on all nations to "put the fight against terrorism at the top of our agenda."

It's a popular position in the United States, which endured the bombings of the World Trade Center in

1993, the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995 and Khobar Towers Air Force housing complex in Saudi Arabia in 1996.

Some government auditors and law enforcement officials complain, however, that the anti-terrorism fight is disorganized, with little coordination among agencies.

"More money is being spent to combat terrorism without any assurance of whether it is focused in the right programs or in the right amounts," said Richard Davis, an auditor with the General Accounting Office, the investigative and auditing arm of Congress.

White House and congressional auditors disagree about just what should fall under the heading of counterterrorism spending. But both estimate it's currently just under \$7 billion a year, not counting potentially hundreds of millions more dollars in classified programs.

Billions of dollars are being spent by numerous agencies with roles or potential roles in combating ter-

rorism, but because no federal entity has been tasked to collect such information across the government, the specific amount is unknown," the GAO said in its most recent report on terrorism. "Further, no government-wide spending priorities for the various aspects of combating terrorism have been set."

After that report was published, the administration established a new national coordinator for domestic security and counterterrorism within the National Security Council. But FBI officials saw that as cutting into the bureau's turf.

Still, the price keeps rising. A congressional budget expert who has studied the issue closely says terrorism has become something of a sacred cow — if a project carries the label "terrorism," it probably will be funded.

To the bomb sniffers, concrete barriers and economic sanctions employed against terrorists, being added the tools of the Cold War — spy satellites, cruise missiles and

warships. The retaliatory strikes on suspected terrorist targets in Somalia and Afghanistan last month cost at least \$80 million in cruise missiles alone.

Among the spending increases Congress is considering: • \$1.8 billion for security improvements at 290 U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide.

• An increase, sought by FBI Director Louis Freeh from 32 to 52 in the number of legal attaches overseas and more dedicated aircraft for moving investigative teams around the world.

• \$402 million to enable 10 states to select and train National Guard units to respond to chemical, biological or nuclear attacks. Ultimately, the Pentagon wants units in all 50 states.

• \$294 million for equipment and training to help states prepare for chemical or biological attacks, including antidoping antidotes. Despite fears of a large-scale attack on a U.S. city, the bulk of se-

curity spending — \$2.9 billion — is concentrated on protecting government employees and buildings, according to an Office of Management and Budget study.

In most years after 1980, the number of Americans killed by terrorism has been fewer than 10, according to the State Department. But occasionally and with jarring suddenness, the toll of terrorism spikes upward.

In 1983, 271 Americans were killed by terrorist attacks and 116 wounded, most of them in the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon. In 1988, the jet Pan Am Flight 103 was downed over Lockerbie, Scotland, 193 Americans died and 39 were wounded. In 1993, seven were killed and 1,004 wounded. Almost all of the injuries were at the World Trade Center.

And U.S. terrorism specialists say there would be more deaths if the government didn't spend so much to protect embassies and other public buildings.