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Martina Navratilova defended her U.S. Open title by beating Chris Evert Lloyd Saturday in New York. — Details in Sports.

Trooper shot; suspect killed

By Marvin Balousek and Peter Annin
Of The State Journal

BLACK RIVER FALLS — An Indiana man was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by police after authorities said he shot and wounded a state trooper hours earlier during a routine traffic stop on Interstate 94, a mile south of Black River Falls.

Gerald R. Poindexter, 26, of Indianapolis died about 5:30 p.m. at La Crosse Lutheran Hospital, according to Jackson County Coroner Barbara Haldeman.

He was shot about three hours earlier on Highway 12, a mile north of town. The shooting ended a four-hour manhunt for Poindexter by at least 30 law enforcement officers from several counties.

The trooper, Brian Meek, 36, of Black River Falls was in critical condition late Saturday at La Crosse Lutheran Hospital, where he was transferred from Black River Memorial Hospital.

A hospital official said Meek still was in surgery Saturday night. He was shot three times in the back and side.

Jackson County Sheriff Craig Amidon said a rose-colored, late-model Cadillac Fleetwood was stopped about 10:15 a.m. Saturday for a routine traffic violation by Meek in the westbound lanes of Interstate 94, Amidon said.

Amidon said the car was stolen during a robbery about 2 a.m. Saturday in Indianapolis.

Witnesses told investigators they saw three puffs of smoke, indicating that three shots were fired at Meek. Jackson County sheriff's detective James Haldeman told the La Crosse Tribune.

Meek apparently spotted the gun before the shooting and tried to take cover, Haldeman said.

After he was injured, Meek fired six shots at the fleeing car, hitting the gas tank and rear window. One bullet narrowly missed Poindexter as it went through the car and hit the windshield, Haldeman said.

Search planes from Monroe and Clark counties aided in the search.

The abandoned Cadillac was located in a wooded area five miles east of Black River Falls off Highway 54 about a half hour after Meek's shooting.

A citizen reported at 2:20 p.m. that a man matching the description of the suspect was walking on Highway 12 near county highway E, a mile north of Black River Falls.

Poindexter was spotted by a Black River Falls police officer, a DNR warden and a Jackson County deputy. Poindexter was shot while trying to flee, authorities said.

Poindexter did not fire any shots at the three officers before they shot him, deputies said, but a gun was recovered at the scene.

In June 1983, Poindexter led Indiana troopers on a chase after he was implicated in a stolen car ring, and they tried to arrest him. The chase ended after Poindexter ran into a pole in a stolen 1978 Cadillac Seville. He faced charges as a habitual offender for auto theft and also was arrested on drug warrants, according to the Indianapolis Star.

The stolen car ring was selling to customers in Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee, authorities said.

Record decline in crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reported serious crime in the United States fell 7 percent in 1983, the biggest drop ever and the first time in 24 years of record-keeping that crime declined two years in a row, the FBI said Saturday.

There were 12.07 million crimes last year, compared with the 12.9 million reported in 1982, the FBI said in its annual report, "Crime in the United States." The 1982 figure was 3 percent lower than the one reported for 1981.

"This is a double victory — the largest one-year decline in the history of the index and the first time the index has dropped two years in a row," Attorney General William French Smith said. "The numbers tell us we are turning back crime, not just holding our own against it."

All major crimes except rape dropped last year, the FBI said. These included murder, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, car theft and arson.

It was the first time since 1960 that

the FBI had recorded two straight years of decreasing crime rates. The only previous decreases were in 1972 and 1977.

The FBI noted that the decreases came in all areas of the nation and in cities, suburbs and rural areas alike.

There were 19,308 murders, 8 percent fewer than the previous year. Handguns were the most frequently used weapons, involved in 44 percent of the slayings. Detroit replaced Gary, Ind., as the city with the largest per capita homicide rate.

Robberies fell 8 percent to 500,221. About 60 percent of those were armed robberies and the most commonly used weapon in those instances was a gun, followed by a knife.

There were 78,918 reported rapes, about the same number as the previous year. An estimated 66 of every 100,000 women reported they were rape victims, the FBI said.

The report said 51 percent of those charged with crimes were under age 25 and 83 percent were men.

Oscar Mayer workers vote today on pay cut

By Chuck Martin
Economics reporter

Union workers at the Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. plant in Madison will vote today on a proposal that would cut pay for production workers by 15 percent.

Union bargaining representatives said last week they would present the proposal to union members without recommending whether it be accepted or rejected. But they also said they believe it is the best proposal they could get for union members.

If accepted, the pay cut, and accompanying cuts in benefits, would take effect immediately. If union members reject the pay cut, executives would have the power to declare an impasse in bargaining and institute their final offer. The union could accept the action or strike.

Today's vote is to come after a meeting at which union officials will explain the proposal to members. The meeting is to begin at 10 a.m. at Monona Grove High School, Monona.

The vote is the most recent development in attempts by Oscar Mayer executives to gain a pay and benefit cut from union workers. Oscar Mayer is the nation's eighth-largest meat company and the largest producer of lunch meat, bacon and wieners.

The company is Dane County's largest private employer with 1,800 union workers and 1,000 non-union workers at its Madison plant and headquarters.

The meat industry has been dominated by pay and benefit cuts during the past two years. Ten major meat companies have cut their base wage for production workers to between \$6 and \$8.73 per hour. The industry standard was \$10.69 per hour.

Oscar Mayer executives said they

need a pay cut from union workers to remain competitive with other meat companies. If Oscar Mayer must continue to pay its workers higher wages, they said, other companies will be able to underprice and outsell Oscar Mayer.

On Aug. 31, bargainers for the company and the union agreed on a

proposal for a pay cut. The agreement came after three months of on-and-off negotiation. It modifies an existing contract that expires Sept. 1, 1985.

The proposal calls for production workers' base wage to be cut to \$9 per

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Challenge excites nation's educators

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NEW YORK — As the new school year begins, educators around the country are turning to the task of carrying out one of the most widespread attempts to improve American public education in its history.

But the excitement over such a prospect is tempered to a degree by resistance to the imposition of new policies and standards from above and by recognition of the sheer magnitude of the job ahead.

The Education Commission of the States, which monitors education legislation, calculates that at least 40 states have increased the number of academic courses required for a high school diploma, while 32 have changed curriculum standards or adopted new procedures for choosing textbooks.

Two dozen states have lengthened the school day or year or taken other steps to increase the amount of time students spend learning. Forty-two have moved to improve the training or raise the certification standards of new teachers, and most others are working on similar plans.

"It's an exciting and hopeful time," said Diane Ravitch, an education historian at Teachers College, part of Co-

lumbia University. "It is one of those rare periods of heightened public interest when the political process is focusing on academic expectations."

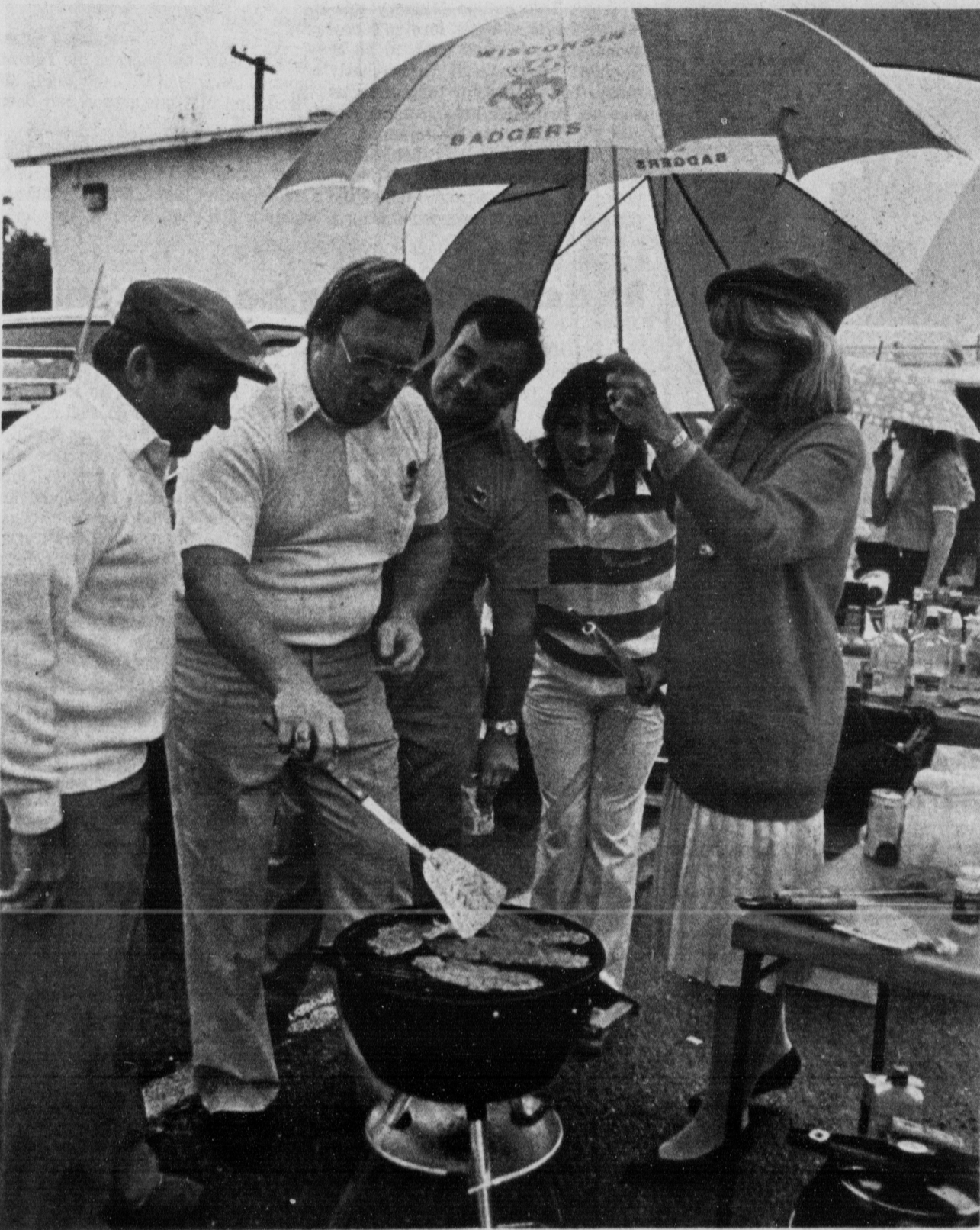
But educational leaders recognize problems as well, beginning with the administrative complexity involved in enforcing the thousands of new laws and policies aimed at promoting excellence in education.

"We have so many reforms on the platter that we may have indigestion," Secretary of Education T.H. Bell said in an interview last week. "We face the biggest test of educational leadership, administrative competence and school diplomacy in our history."

Educational policy makers are also beginning to confront what Chester E. Finn Jr., a professor of education and public policy at Vanderbilt University, has termed the "excellence backlash."

Members of local school boards have begun to complain that many of the curriculum requirements and other new standards have been enacted "from the top down." The extent of the new regulations, coupled with increased state financing of teacher salaries, they say, has seri-

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Light showers Saturday couldn't keep Dave Spengler, Bob Aubrey, Jim Curran, Margaret Curran and Karen Aubrey from enjoying a pre-game tailgate party.

—State Journal photo by Carolyn Pflasterer

Fans open season in style

By Desiree Thalley
Of The State Journal

Exuberant Badger fans were treated to a humdinger of a winning football game Saturday.

Even the weather cooperated. The Wisconsin Badgers didn't waste any time giving 65,228 fans something to cheer about.

The Badgers were about a half-minute into their 1984-85 season at Camp Randall Stadium when they scored their first touchdown against Northern Illinois.

UW students, typically, were noticeably rowdier than the rest of the crowd, but the high spirits never got out of hand.

"That's not rowdy," one security guard said. "Wait till somebody gets 60 points ahead, then you'll see rowdy." Security personnel reported three arrests, two for throwing ice and one for throwing a shoe over the side of the stadium.

UW students Beth Nurnberger, Stephanie Andersen and Gordon Curtis, all season-ticket holders, said they never thought about missing the game despite light showers earlier in the day.

"No way!" Ms. Nurnberger said.

By 1 p.m., the rain had stopped, and by the time the game was over, the 63-degree weather had warmed up to near 70.

The usual antics abounded in the student sections of the stadium. Students came up with a new twist on the ritual of body passing — toilet-paper passing.

Streams of toilet paper, stretching across entire sections, snaked up to the top of the stadium like flimsy white sidewinders.

That may have had something to do with the fact that toilet paper in the stadium restrooms was in short supply.

Curtis, a junior in his first semester at the UW, said Saturday's game was the first Badger game he has attended. His family moved to Wisconsin from Delaware earlier this year.

"Oh, man, I wish I was in the band," Curtis said during the band's half-time performance. He said he can play the French horn, the trombone, and cymbals, but he has no time to spare from his studies to devote to the band.

You don't have to be a UW student to be a die-hard Badger fan. Two former Madison residents who now live in Chicago, Terry and Mary Sue Hass, made the trip to Madison this weekend to be here for the opening game.

The Hasses said they still root for the Badgers, even when it means rooting against Northern Illinois.

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Today's chuckle

Just when you think you've got the world by a string, you find out it's your leash.