

Klug, Neumann remain undecided on Gingrich

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 At least two of Wisconsin's four GOP congressmen remained undecided Friday on the question of whether House Speaker Newt Gingrich should remain as the top Republican in the House.
 Reps. Scott King of Madison and Mark Neumann of Janesville probably won't be making up their minds until Monday. That's the day before the scheduled vote for speaker.

"We're working very hard to make sure we have all the facts before we make a final decision," said Neumann, who represents Wisconsin's 1st District. "I probably won't make a decision before I've had a chance to talk to people face to face on Monday."
 Neumann said he had spoken with Gingrich by telephone. "I'm not comfortable I still need some answers," he said.
 King, Neumann's GOP chief of staff, said the 2nd District representative still is studying the Gingrich's ethics situation and "probably will have something more definitive on Monday." Earlier this week, King told the Wisconsin State Journal that he was "not necessarily committed one way or another."
 Neumann, a top state Democrat urged Klug and Neumann to vote against Gingrich, recalling that the two prevailed on independence from the unpopular Gingrich

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Gingrich

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Goss, R-Fa, and Steve Schiff, R-N.M. are having an effect.
 Goss and Schiff pledged their support for Gingrich's re-election as speaker and said they would not vote for a measure — a punishment that would have cost the speaker his job under GOP caucus rules.
 "We're writing to you today to let you know that we will be voting to re-elect Newt Gingrich on Jan. 7," the letter said.
 "After reviewing all the available facts, we agree with Purser Goss and Steve Schiff, the two members with the most intimate and detailed knowledge of the situation. We know of no reason why Newt Gingrich would be ineligible to be speaker," it said.

Signing the letter were Reps. Mac Collins, R-Ga.; Doug Revactor, R-Neb.; Paul Gillmor, R-Ohio; Robert Ehrlich Jr., R-Md.; Rodney Read, R-N.C.; Bill Barrett, R-Neb.; Chris Smith, R-N.J.; Ray LaHood, R-Ill.; Sue Kelly, R.N.Y.; and Stephen Horn, R-Calif., and Rep-elect John Shimkus, R-Ill., and John Thune, R-S.D.

On Friday, GOP leaders offered to make Gingrich's favors available through a hot line at the House. Republicans campaign organization, Lantmakin, can also get in touch with Gingrich through the hot line. In addition, the speaker has been making calls to members on his own — even while he has virtually disappeared from view.
 A Republican lawmaker and a



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 Here is a state-by-state look at flooding across the West.
California — As many as 95,000 people were evacuated from Yuba and Sutter counties on the flooded Feather River, up to 12,000 evacuated from Sacramento County on the Cosumnes River. Authorities planned to remove by helicopter 2,200 tourists and employees stranded at Yosemite National Park. Thirty-seven counties in Northern California were declared disaster areas. Several roads were closed because of flooding and mudslides, including Highway 99 and Highway 101. Four deaths were reported in Woodland, where 240 evacuees stayed at the Yolo County Fairgrounds after people watched the TV news hoping to catch a glimpse of their homes or those of friends and neighbors.
Idaho — Hundreds were forced to evacuate because of flooding. Highway 86, Idaho's only north-south highway, was blocked by mudslides and floods. Drivers were forced to detour through Oregon and Washington. State of emergency was declared in 13 counties covering most of western and northern Idaho. Damage was put at \$10 million.

Ald. Holtzman has familiar place in fray

He says controversy sure to follow when you 'give people access to city government'

By Jonnel LJCari
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 The fight in Spring Harbor has found freshman Ald. Steve Holtzman in a familiar place: in the trenches getting blamed for instigating already tense situations.
 Neil Robinson, one of seven residents who are claiming public lakeshore as their own, blames the whole dispute on Holtzman.
 "He's connected with all the bad things," he said, "other people are pushing the issue but I can't dissociate them from Holtzman."
 In turn, Holtzman blames the seven residents for escalating the issue by filing a claim, rather than working with neighbors to solve the problem.
 Last year, Holtzman got in the middle of a debate over sidewalks on Brady Drive. Residents split on the issue and the City Council ultimately required the sidewalk network be completed. Opponents launched a recall of Holtzman, which soon fizzled out.
 He's had other scrapes with constituents and already has two opponents for the spring election.
 The Spring Harbor resident Thomas Jeffries calls Holtzman "outrageous" for taking up the issue. He said previous representatives of the 19th District wouldn't ruffle the feathers of the rich.
 "Even if you win you've irritated the more wealthy than average," said Jeffries, who said he doesn't like fighting with neighbors but will defend lake access.
 Holtzman said he raised the access issue in response to concerns of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. He said he has received more letters on this issue than any other in his two-year term — most supporting public access. He said he has also received diatribe-filled calls because of it.
 Robinson, on behalf of the residents who filed the claim, sent a letter to all his neighbors defending their actions.
 "I deeply resent the fact that we have been forced to take legal action against our own city in order to protect our security, property value and sense of well-being from an ill-conceived, and hastily and covertly formulated plan," Robinson wrote. He said Holtzman was playing the role of Robin Hood and trying to make him and his neighbors look like "greedy lands-grabbers."
 But Holtzman — who accuses Robinson and company of having "paranoid delusions of conspiracy" — said he is just doing his job.
 "One of the stars that I had to steer off when I took this job was giving people access to city government," he said.
 "These people have a voice with me," he said. "I suppose if I ignored people, there would be no controversy."

Lake

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Neil Robinson, who has lived on the lake off Laurel Crest for six years. He fears for his security and the liability of having strangers near his property.
 The 20-foot-wide rights of way — which are ploshed by the city and end about 30 feet from the water's edge — were five lanes for firefighters to get water from the lake in the days before hydrants, he said.
 "I agreed in part to a fire lane," said Tracy Cunningham, Robinson's wife. "Not a public park."

The other residents who filed claims in November along with Robinson are Charles and Mary Belle Bentley, Howard and Charlotte Ford, Clyde and Lois Selix, Alex and Phyllis Reeder, Einar and Vera Evensen and Kenneth Klatt.
 "I'm not surprised people who have a lot of money want to keep the rest of us folks away," said Fred Juergens, a neighborhood resident.
 "But the lakes and rivers were granted to the people of the state in perpetuity. We do have rights to access the lakes and I hate to see any of that taken away."
 The city has no set policy on how to treat these small pieces of public land, Lantmakin said.
 The Parks Commission has already voted in favor of public access and the Plan Commission is scheduled to take up the issue Monday.
 In a memo responding to the claims, City Planner Michael Juergens said the city's master plan promotes maintaining public control of the lakeshore.
 But access can mean different things in different neighborhoods.
 All across the city are little street ends with access to — or at least views of — Lakes Mendota and Monona. Many of these streets are on the bluffs, where beaches line the shore and the public enjoys the views alongside residents.
 In Spring Harbor, an unimproved area that was annexed from the town of Madison in the 1950s, the street ends are not readily identifiable as public. Although they are marked with street signs and have street lights and other postings, they often look like private driveways.
 In the case of Robinson's and Cunningham's land, the property line is inches from their three-story house. Their front walk, the hedges on the side of their house, the tree out front — even the nesting swans built after the last snow — are inches from public property. To the uninitiated, it is their yard.
 Jeffries, who frequently walks on Brady and Clifford court, won't go down Laurel Crest, the

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