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**Holtzman under fire** Cunningham and Robinson say that use of the lake courts is just the latest in a series of neighborhood issues in which Holtzman has pushed the interests of a minority on the majority with a style that has set neighbor against neighbor.

Holtzman's leadership on a number of issues, including city-ordered installation of sidewalks on Brody Drive this past fall, the current planned improvement of Old Middleton Road, and a round of building code citations on Harbor Court last summer have earned him the animosity of many constituents.

Those who find themselves on the wrong side of a Holtzman project say that once he sets his sights on something, he bulldozes it through with little regard for such subtleties as opposing opinion.

kept open to the public," said Rosenblum.

The association board plans to meet next week, he said. The session was called in response to charges by Robinson that the board was meeting as "a secret cabal."

Robinson criticizes Holtzman for relying on the neighborhood association as a test of public opinion. Only about 15 percent of homeowners belong to the association, whose charter, he said, is to plan the Fourth of July party.

"Holtzman treats it like it's an official representative body. It's not," Robinson said.

But Rosenblum says the association has come to the forefront on several contentious issues in the neighborhood. "We'd love to keep everybody in the neighborhood as happy as possible and talking to each other," he said.

Holtzman said messy issues have long been taken on by neighborhood associations in Madison.

He pointed to the Spring Harbor group's success in working with the city, state and federal governments to bring about the dredging of Spring Harbor last year.

On the city's north side, a coalition of associations has been instrumental in getting official support for a curfew curser. In the Edgewood area, officials are negotiating with operators of the city and the Catholic school to shape the flow of traffic in their neighborhood.

Holtzman said it was unfortunate that the integrity of the Spring Harbor group has been attacked by paranoid delusion that undermines their credibility.

That erodes the sense of community that people say they want in their neighborhoods, he said.

Robinson said people in the area never used to be at each other's throats. "I believe Holtzman is stirring people up and putting them against each other for some perception of political gain."

# Indians to discuss united front

**The Capital Times**

Representatives of some 32 Great Lakes Indian tribes will hold talks in Wisconsin during the coming week to discuss uniting politically as a single regional entity.

The unprecedented two-day gathering starts Monday in Koshong, about 50 miles northwest of Green Bay, according to the state Menominee tribe. It will

bring together American Indian leaders from Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Guarding revenues have enriched the region's Indians, moving the once-dominant minority from below the poverty line to riches in less than two decades.

The stakes are high: Politicians have been clamoring to raise taxes on their casinos or limit their operations, and it is in the interest of

the Indians to retain their rights to non-tax status at both the state and federal levels.

The time has come for American Indians in the region to come together, Menominee Tribal Chairman John Velder said in a statement. "Tribes in different regions of the United States have united and created strong organizations geared toward promoting their interests at the federal level."

# 'Feeling the power' feels embarrassing

**APPLETON** — Mel Knoke feels the power. And frankly, he says, it feels a little silly.

Knoke is the bellicose octogenarian who appears in one of those "Feel the Power" television spots for the National Football League. He's the "American

Gothic" caddy come to life, seething with intensity as he bellows out his name and the slogan: "I feel the power!"

The commercial has elevated Knoke, a retired barber company executive, to minor cult status: a William S. Burroughs with a chainsaw wedge instead of a pork pie hat. It's a position that Knoke, a

longtime Green Bay Packers season ticket holder, finds a tad irritating and absolutely baffling.

"At church, everywhere I go — the Rotary, everywhere — they all dance me as the 'Feel the Power Guy.' Almost everywhere I go, instead of saying 'Hello, Mel,' people say 'I feel the power!' It's kind of ridiculous."

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