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Support for Gingrich soars

A few backers have succeeded in swaying undecided GOP lawmakers.

By Larry Margasak

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich's prospects in the speaker's race rose dramatically Friday as a

dozen wavering Republicans announced their support for the GOP leader. The lawmakers signed a letter to all Republican colleagues, not only backing the speaker but offering to speak with any other GOP member harboring doubts.

News organizations have published different lists of Republicans who were understood about the speaker's race Tuesday, and all 12 appeared on some of

them. The Associated Press list, 24 earlier in the day, dropped to 15 as a result of the letter. Several of the signers had already been removed from the AP's count.

The letter shows the heavy lobbying by the Republican leadership, personal calls by Gingrich, and a letter from ethics committee members Reps. Porter

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Lakeside residents lay claim to roads

Have-nots: Haves filching public land that leads to water

By Jonnel LiCarli



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Many of the narrow, intricate roads winding through Spring Harbor disappear into beautiful landscapes on the edge of Lake Mendota.

Residents of this West Side lakeshore neighborhood often tramp right down the streets, with no sidewalks, to enjoy the view.

Now four of those short street sections — Clifford, Epworth and Upham courts and Laurel Crest — are at the center of a bitter neighborhood battle.

Should the public maintain the right to use them? Or, by virtue of historical use, should they be the property of adjacent landowners?

The issue prompted seven lakeshore residents to sue the city of Madison claiming the land as their own. But more is at stake: the ownership of the lakeshore and public access to public waterways.

And it's a growing issue. From lakeshore projects as big as the Monona Terrace Convention Center to development near Cherokee Marsh and questions of public rights of way on Lake Monona, concerns are being raised about lake access.

"Lake access is very precious," City Attorney Eunice Gibson said. "Certainly lake ac-

cess is of vital, vital, vital public interest in this city."

And the city will not give away public land, particularly on the lake, Gibson said. Several city committees will discuss the issue before the City Council has to respond to the claim on March 5.

Many Spring Harbor residents who do not live on the lake are angry their lake access is being threatened.

"Do you think access to the arboretum should be limited simply because people are living beside it?" asked neighborhood resident Thomas Jeffries.

Jeffries, who lives one block from the lake, vigorously opposes attempts to privatize the land.

"The lake is not a privately held lake," said Jeffries. "Those street ends have never been private property, the owners who live adjacent to them have encroached on public space."

The street ends were never meant for public use, counters

against the city to take over the land. They argue the city does not maintain the property and they should have legal ownership of the land. Robinson's home is visible at right, along the edge of the public land.

Land dispute for public access to Lake Mendota

Seven lakeshore residents filed a claim to gain control of public land adjacent to their property. Many Spring Harbor residents opposed the action.



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AIDS Network puts emphasis on life, not death

By Anita Clark

It's a new year, a new name and a new mission for AIDS Network.

"The focus is very much more on living," said Mary Turquist, executive director.

Known since its founding in 1983 as Madison AIDS Support Network, the agency dropped "Madison" to reflect its 13-county service area. And it dropped "support," despite fears the move would suggest a cold businessness.

Eleven years ago, the disease was new. People with AIDS were terrified and alone. They needed to be housed, to be held, to be supported as they died.

Now, drugs are having a dramatic impact on some AIDS patients.

"Their lives are being transformed," said Patricia Dierwieser, director of client services.

So the network's 28 staff members are focusing on prevention and early intervention while helping people live.

"We are looking at this much more as a chronic condition than a terminal illness," Turquist said. There are 3,461 people with AIDS in Wisconsin, and 2,006 people have died, as of Nov. 30.

AIDS Network served about 325 people last year who have AIDS or are HIV-positive. Thousands more participated in prevention and education programs. Unlike the past, some clients come and go, obtaining services and help and then getting on with their lives.

Several efforts are planned.

Volunteers. People are needed to help with transportation, fund-raising, recycling, desk staffing and being one-to-one friends to people with AIDS. The network is recruiting some educators who "are not your everyday volunteers," Dierwieser said.

They may be geologists, visitors to gay bars, homeless people. They may use props and language you won't see in a family newspaper. But they can get a message across to their peers.

Computer support groups. Research under way with UW-Madison is using the CHES program for Comprehensive Health Enhancement Support Systems. Pioneered with breast cancer patients, it offers computer access to current medical information and on-line support from fellow patients. AIDS Network is staffing a pilot project in Seattle and hopes to begin a Wisconsin project this year.

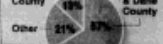
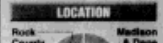
It may be an ideal way for rural people to get that kind of support," Turquist said.

Working with clinics. Assigning network case managers to 1310s, where AIDS patients see their doctors is "aimed at the reality that managed care is going to be part of our lives very soon," Dierwieser said.

Client demographics of AIDS Network

Formerly called Madison AIDS Support Network, AIDS Network has grown to serve clients outside of Dane County. Here's a snapshot of who received services in 1995.

TOTAL CLIENTS: 291



Some totals add up to 101% due to rounding

SOURCE: AIDS Network WISJ graphic

HELP: The AIDS Network serves people

in 13 counties: Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock and Sauk.

It has offices at 116 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, telephone (800) 363-8874, or 317 Dodge St., Janesville, telephone (800) 716-2550 and 600 Williamson St., Madison, telephone (608) 252-5540. All locations can be reached toll-free at (800) 480-6276.

100,000 flee Western floodwaters

Emergencies declared in 84 counties in five states

LINCOLN, Calif. (AP) — Helicopters plucked stranded farmers from rooftops and smoky pickup trucks Friday after five days of relentless rain that sent 100,000 people fleeing their homes across the West.

Helicopters were also sent to evacuate some of the 2,200 people trapped for three days in Yosemite National Park, where flooding offered a spectacular show of roaring waterfalls

but blocked the only roads in and out. The choppers waited outside the park while rescuers searched for dry landing spots.

In Reno, Nev., customs removed the sandbags and reopened after the city's worst flooding in 40 years. Flights resumed at the airport Friday afternoon, allowing stranded tourists to begin returning home. Nevada's largest legal brothel, the Mustang Ranch, was inundated with half a foot of water but expected to reopen over the weekend.

A mudslide blocked the main road to the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant on the California coast, prompting officials to declare an "unusual event" — the lowest level of alert.

Governors of five Western states have declared a state of emergency in 84 counties since being deluged with snow and rain in a series of monsoon storms that began on Dec. 26. At least 22 deaths have been blamed on the storms.

The storms blocked major highways and rail lines in California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Tens of thousands of acres were under a layer of muddy water, and the roofs of houses and farms were all that could be seen in many areas. More than 40 inches of rain has fallen since Sunday in the Sierra Nevada watershed.

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New TV station to broadcast from Janesville

By William R. Winko Wisconsin State Journal

A new television station in Janesville is scheduled to begin broadcasting in May or June.

WJTV will broadcast on Channel 57 and its signal will cover the Madison area to the north and Rockford to the south, General Manager Bill Le Moinds said Friday.

million watts of power. The tower and broadcast strength are similar to those of Madison stations, Le Moinds said.

The station will employ from 15 to 20 people initially and, after it begins news programming in about a year, will employ about 30, he said.

Le Moinds said programming plans are not complete. He confirmed that he is negotiating with the Milwaukee Brewers and the Milwaukee Bucks for rights to broadcast sporting events but has not completed negotiations.

Although the station will be in Janesville, it is part of the Madison Designated Market Area and will, presumably, be carried on local cable systems, Le Moinds said.

He said the station owner Harris Part, of Media Properties in Rockford, decided to place the station in Janesville because he already had a construction permit there.

"But we're going to be a community station in Janesville. We'll have local news and talk shows. We're hoping to build a station that is extremely close to the community; it won't just be a tower and a signal."