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C O U R T

# Parasailing case lands in court

*Business owners dispute contract in felony extortion case*

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TRAVERSE CITY — Saburi Boyer said it was fear, not business, that prompted him to

agree to pay a Traverse City resort owner approximately \$35,000 in a contract officials from the Michigan Attorney General's office contend is illegal.

"I believed that he was going to hurt me," said Boyer, owner of Traverse Bay Parasail.

Officials from Michigan's Attorney General's of-

rice filed a felony extortion charge against Bryan Punturo, 58 of Williamsburg, in May in 86th District Court. The charge carries up to 20 years in prison or up to a \$10,000 fine.

Punturo and Boyer appeared Friday for a preliminary examination, where Punturo's attorney Jonathan Moothart and Michigan Assistant Attor-

ney General Matt Payok argued evidentiary issues before Judge Thomas Phillips.

The preliminary exam was adjourned Friday and will continue June 30 at 2 p.m.

Punturo owns ParkShore Resort in Grand Traverse County. He is accused of threatening to run Boyer's parasailing business aground if Boyer didn't

pay him \$19,000 per year for three years based on a 2014 non-compete agreement between the men.

Boyer operates his Parasailing businesses from Sugar Beach Resort. He said he once leased space from Punturo at ParkShore Resort.

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C H A R T E R

## City may ask voters to drop requirement

*Removal of affidavits may be part of city charter amendment*

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TRAVERSE CITY — City commissioners will weigh whether to ask voters to amend city charter requirements for petitioners.

City Manager Marty Colburn said he and city Attorney Lauren Tribble-Laucht are recommending the city ask voters to amend the city charter to drop a requirement that petitions for an ordinance referendum or initiative be accompanied by an affidavit stating the number of signatures a petitioner gathered. Commissioners will consider the recommendation at a special meeting Monday.

City commissioners would need to approve a resolution placing the proposed amendment on a ballot before it would go to a public vote, Colburn said.

If city voters approve the change, petitioners would

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## Wine on wheels



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Wes Roberge, right, moves a wine barrel while David Lebin, left, heads back into the truck to unload more equipment as they set up for the Traverse City Wine and Art Festival at the Village at Grand Traverse Commons.

E L E C T I O N

## Police called to settle debate at candidate forum

*Bostow, organizers disagree on her participation*

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TRAVERSE CITY — A candidate's attempt to stomp was dumped after police were called to keep her from taking the stage during an election forum.

Police responded to a report of a disorderly person at a candidate forum at 8 p.m. Thursday hosted by the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition at Milliken Auditorium in Traverse City, said Traverse City police Capt. Kevin Dunklow.

That's where event organizers and Diane Bostow, a Libertarian candidate running for U.S. House of Representatives in Michigan's First District, argued about

**"I stood in the hallway with the cops for a while deciding if I wanted to be Martin Luther King or not."**

Diane Bostow, candidate

whether she should be allowed to participate.

"I stood in the hallway with the cops for a while deciding if I wanted to be Martin Luther King or not," Bostow said. "(I) decided no, because a Libertarian in handcuffs was just not going to do anybody any good, especially me."

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A N T R I M

## Crash witness: 'I basically said goodbye to the world'

*Still no charges in one-vehicle wreck; alcohol believed to be involved*

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TRAVERSE CITY — A downstate motorist "said goodbye to the world," thanked God for keeping her in it, and watched

a vehicle pass hers and crash after losing control on an Antrim County road.

Martha Catalano, of Rochester, was driving home along U.S. 31 in her Chevrolet Trailblazer at about 4:30 p.m. on June 18 after visiting family in Elk Rapids. She had just stopped at a gas station and drove south when she looked in her rearview mirror to see a

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Classic 47 jackpot: \$1 million  
Keno: 06-08-10-21-30-36-39-40-42-51-58-59-60-63-68-70-71-74-75-78-79-80  
Mega Millions: 11-14-54-57-63,  
Mega Ball: 11  
Mega Millions jackpot:  
\$363 million  
Powerball jackpot: \$2.03 million

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