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could not pay.

But Barkley said after meetings between county sheriff George T. Lasater and court officials, they had agreed to waive the bond, allowing his appeal to move ahead.

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180-acre project planned

ACME — Developers are proposing a 180-acre commercial and residential project along M-72 across from the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa that would rival the Grand Traverse area's largest retail centers.

Steven A. Smith, Jim Goss and Mike Spaniollo propose to buy the site and construct a "town center" that could include:

- A 500-room, five- or six-story hotel along with a fitness center, restaurants, lounges, meeting space and some stores.

- 360,000 square feet for small- to moderate-sized stores.

- 390,000 square feet of space for two or more big-box anchor stores.

- 240,000 square feet of space for office, small retail and upstairs lofts and condominium units.

- 324 residential units including 40 to 50 single-family homes, 34 rowhouses, 60 townhouses and 180 units of multi-family housing that could house 960 people.

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Property owner to meet

HORTON BAY— A potential armed standoff turned into a stand-down in the early morning hours on Camp Daggett Road in Bay Township.

Property owner Lyle Barkley met at dawn Thursday in the driveway of his fortified home and agreed with Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater to meet again next week in an effort to resolve an ongoing dispute over an order to remove three manufactured homes from his land.

SEPT. 22

Dreams of local ball die

TRAVERSE CITY — No minor league baseball team or stadium will be coming here, as the family that proposed bankrolling the venture is dropping their \$6 million plan.

Leslye Wuerfel said concern about possible stress-induced problems with her husband John Wuerfel's health caused the family to rethink their idea of bringing minor league baseball to northern Michigan.

The family had proposed building a 4,000-seat stadium on 45 acres west of the M-72 and Bugai Road intersection in Elmwood Township.

The Wuerfels announced Sunday they were withdraw-

ing the application to rezone the property from agricultural open space to resort commercial.

SEPT. 23

Yes, THAT Carnegie Hall

TRAVERSE CITY — Central High School chorale members called the music they will be singing this December at Carnegie Hall magnificent, powerful and even fearsome.

The chorale was selected recently to perform with another high school and a professional group on Dec. 7 in Carnegie Hall.

For the seniors in the group, who make up a large portion of the 74-voice chorale, the trip is a last hurrah of sorts and a way to show off what they've learned from teacher Jeff Cobb.

SEPT. 25

Building 50 gets grant

TRAVERSE CITY — A \$1 million brownfield grant stalled for more than a year because of the state's fiscal woes is finally on its way to help with cleanup costs around Building 50 at the Grand Traverse Commons.

The Grand Traverse county board approved an agreement on Wednesday for a \$1 million grant under the Clean Michigan Initiative for work that's part of ongoing renovations to Building 50, the massive former central administration building at

the old state hospital.

The grant will be used mostly for demolition costs on non-historic parts of the building and other remediation work.

The brownfield grant had been delayed for months after state officials last fall issued a moratorium on the program that is administered by the state Department of Environmental Quality, due to the state's general fund deficit.

The moratorium was issued just before the former DEQ director was ready to sign off on the funds for the work on Building 50.

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Gilbert out for 6 months

TRAVERSE CITY — District Judge Thomas Gilbert has been suspended for six months without pay, nearly a year after a witness spotted him smoking marijuana at a rock concert.

The Michigan Supreme Court released an order late Thursday that chronicled the court's fractious debate over what an appropriate punishment would be for the judge.

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Decision divided justices

TRAVERSE CITY — Months passed in silence as District Judge Thomas Gilbert presided over a courtroom, barred from hearing alcohol or marijuana cases after he admitted he smoked marijuana at a

rock concert.

But behind the scenes a dispute raged among justices of the Michigan Supreme Court over what punishment would befit the judge and whether orders from the court should have become public as early as April.

In an order released last week, Justice Elizabeth A. Weaver argued that the process of investigating and punishing judges should be more transparent.

Weaver called for Gilbert's removal from office for his admitted use of marijuana at a Rolling Stones concert in Detroit on Oct. 12, 2002 and his subsequent admission that he used marijuana about twice a year, even while he was in office.

The remaining justices disagreed. In a 6-1 decision released last week, Gilbert was suspended without pay for six months.

SEPT. 29

Museum eyeing riverfront

TRAVERSE CITY — A downtown parking lot along the Boardman River could become the new home for the Great Lakes Children's Museum — if city voters approve.

A 31,000-square-foot city-owned lot along West State Street adjacent to the post office is the preferred site for development of a permanent home for the non-profit museum.

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Pressure fine with Lewis

TRAVERSE CITY — Dave Lewis wasn't aware of a recent viewers poll on Fox Sports Net that suggested there is more pressure on the Detroit Red Wings coach to win than any other coach in Motown.

But he doesn't disagree. "Hey, that's fine. It just tells me we're on the same page," Lewis said. "There's certainly pressure there, but I like pres-

sure.

Lewis, in town for the annual NHL Prospects Camp, said he feels more comfortable entering his second season as head coach.

"I have a little bit more experience in the role," he said. "I guess you learn a little more each day, more about yourself and the players."

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Wings fans flood TC

TRAVERSE CITY — More

than 1,500 Red Wings lovers traveled from all across Michigan to welcome their favorite team back to the ice. Kids skipped school, families took long weekends and professional folks juggled schedules to make the yearly pilgrimage to Centre ICE arena. Wings forward Kirk Maltby said the team likes Traverse City just fine.

"It's a great experience; that's why we keep coming back," said Maltby, who golfs

and fishes for salmon while in northern Michigan.

"I think everybody you would ask in that locker room would tell you they enjoy coming up here."

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Baic wins Vasa Trail Run

ACME — Milan Baic posted another victory on a familiar course Saturday.

Instead of skis, however, he wore running shoes.

Baic, an elite cross country

skier who won the 2001 North American Vasa, ran to victory in the 25-kilometer portion of the 13th annual Vasa Trail Run.

The Williamsburg resident completed the 15.5-mile course in 1 hour, 48 minutes, 20 seconds.

A pair of Roscommon residents finished 1-2 in a close women's race.

Heather Williams placed first in 2:34:33, just two seconds ahead of Karrie Royce.