

**T-STORMS CAUSE 5TH DELAY FOR SPACE SHUTTLE**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thunderstorms once again forced NASA to call off the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on Monday, the fifth delay for the space station construction mission. NASA said it would try again early Wednesday evening, after taking a one-day break. In a scene nearly identical to Sunday, launch managers halted the countdown just minutes before Endeavour and seven astronauts were supposed to blast off in the early evening.

**CAMERAS CAPTURED BREAK-IN AT FLA. HOME**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Byrd and Melanie Billings had a growing brood of adopted children with autism, Down syndrome and other disabilities, and took care to make their nine-bedroom house a safe place for them, wiring it with surveillance cameras in every room. It was those cameras that captured images of the masked men who shot the wealthy couple to death in a break-in executed with chilling precision. Authorities made three arrests over the weekend, plus another arrest announced Monday evening, but the mystery around town only deepened, when Sheriff David Morgan said that as many as eight people in all may have been involved and that the crime appeared to have "numerous motives," though robbery was the only one he would mention. The video from last Thursday showed three armed, masked men arriving in a red van, entering through the front of the house and then returning to the vehicle.

### DEATHS

*Hibbing*  
Matthew D. Cholich

*Formerly of Hibbing*  
Melvin Russell Hendrickson

*Pengilly*  
Michael Richard Orlovich

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## Hunting for a haunt

Local paranormal study group investigates Greyhound Bus Museum

by Matt Nelson  
HDT Intern

HIBBING — The Minnesota Paranormal Study Group (MPSG), as well as the Northern Lights Paranormal Society (NPLS) of Grand Rapids, gathered in the parking lot of the Greyhound Bus Museum Satur-

day night.

Their mission — to observe and document any sound or sight inside the museum that could not be explained through conventional methods

MPSG, based in Hibbing, was founded by Adam Nori. Nori started the group to help people or businesses who may

have problems with hauntings. MPSG conducts investigations for free, and the owner of the property has the option of keeping the results confidential.

Don Larsen, MPSG's tech manager, explained that the social stigma of ghosts is a factor for people seeking help.

"Most (people that we work with) just want physical evidence that they aren't crazy," Larsen said. "I bet at least 80 percent just want to know that they're not nuts."

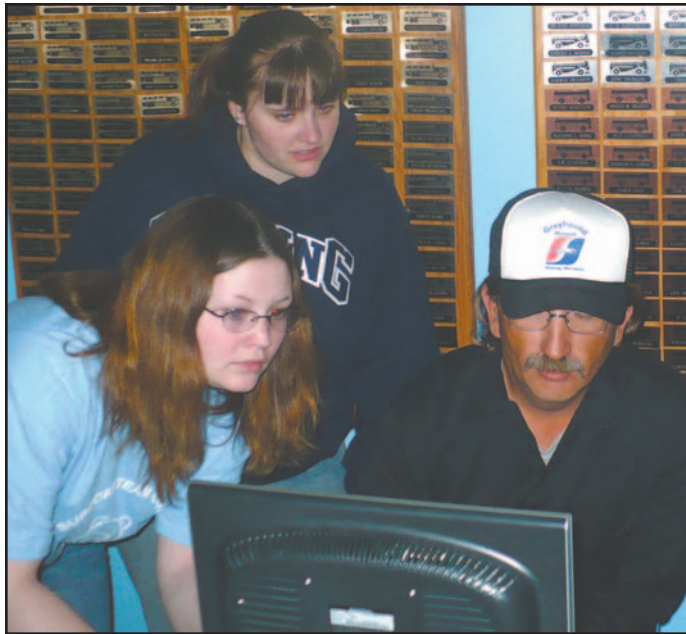
Larsen and other MPSG are committed to what they do.

"We take this very seriously," said Larsen. "You don't goof around, because you're going to somebody's house or business."

Nori said that an important part is building a relationship with the owner seeking the team's help and making them feel comfortable.

The group uses a variety of tricks and tools in their investigations, including infrared illuminators, simple voice recorders and both stationary and hand-held cameras.

This investigation was the



Matt Nelson

Becky Ballard and Kristin Rice watch while Glen Katzenberger points at a spot on the monitor where unexplainable activity may be taking place.

third and final time the group would work in the Greyhound Bus Museum. Glen Katzenberger, assistant director of the museum, first brought the museum to the attention of MPSG.

Katzenberger became a believer in ghosts two years ago when he noticed objects moving around the museum and bus windows being opened without any explanation. When he saw MPSG at the "Field of Screams" in Chisholm, he approached them and asked if they would be interested.

Nori, who said he enters

every supposedly haunted locale with skepticism, paid a visit to the museum. Katzenberger gave him a tour, during which Nori saw that the windows on all the buses were closed. When they went back through a few moments later, the windows had been opened, even though they were the only people in the building.

Although nobody on the team or Katzenberger can say for certain who or what is causing the phenomena, they

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Johnny Wilson, of the Northern Lights Paranormal Society (NPLS) based in Grand Rapids, checks connections and cameras prior to the investigation. NPLS and the Minnesota Paranormal Study Group spent two hours setting up their equipment.

## Neighbors set conditions on RealLife development

Planning Commission approves rezoning, development plan

by Kelly Grinsteinner  
Assistant Editor

HIBBING — In order for a senior housing cooperative to be welcomed into the Aspenwoods neighborhood, its owners and developers will have to meet a long list of demands.

The residents of Meadow Drive persuaded six of the seven members of the Planning Commission to set a half a dozen conditions on the preliminary development plan of RealLife Cooperative Hibbing South during a public hearing held Monday.

But it will ultimately be up to the city council to decide if the project is even a go.

RealLife Cooperative Hibbing South — a twin to the senior complex located in downtown Hibbing — is a three-story, 28-unit cooperative apartment facility being proposed for property found along and east of Newberg Road (also known as Ninth Avenue West), north of Meadow Drive.

The Planning Commission passed the preliminary development plan in a 4 to 2 vote,

with commissioners John Peterson and Gordon Smith opposing. Commissioner Tony Kuznik was absent.

Attached to the development plan was a list of six conditions as was determined by a lengthy discussion — and some arguing — between the commission and a half dozen neighbors of Meadow Drive.

Those conditions include:

- A 20-foot buffer of natural vegetation must be maintained on the southern and eastern borders of the property.
- Developers/owners will be required to plant 15-foot evergreen trees on the complex side of the buffer, with 20-foot tree on center.
- Satisfy any drainage issues to the satisfaction of the city engineering department.
- The complex must be an earth tone.
- An existing but never developed street (known as North Drive) be vacated and not replaced with an easement.

Following the vote on the preliminary development plan, the commission unanimously approved the rezoning of the

property from single family residential to a Planned Development District.

Dave Hanson of RealLife carried the requests. Hanson told the commission he was representing property owners Jeffrey Hammerlind of Globe, Ariz., and Sandra Hammerlind of St. Paul.

Hanson was agreeable to meet the conditions as best as possible, as well as to work with the neighbors.

In his initial staff report to commissioners, Zoning Official Joe Lopac recommended that the 66-foot roadway easement known as North Drive be vacated and that a smaller byway (24 feet wide) be created between the new development and Meadow Drive.

Lopac contended that having the city create and maintain a permanent, over-the-road access would act as a second entrance for emergency purposes only to Meadow Drive.

He also said he was advised by the city attorney to address

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## HPU slates followup meeting

Commissioners address dust, noise concerns

HDT Staff Report

HIBBING — Hibbing Public Utilities (HPU) will hold a public meeting tonight to address concerns about dust and noise.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today at the HPU office, 1902 Sixth Ave. E.

The meeting is a followup to two previous meetings — one held in December, and another on June 8 — during which residents living near the facility complained about noise and dust coming from the plant.

At the last meeting, some neighbors brought rags covered in grime they say coats their houses, yards and cars.

HPU General Manager Jason Fisher said they had the rags analyzed and compared the composition of the residue on the rags to coal and wood ash and dust produced by the plant.

The results of the study will be shared at the meeting.

The study revealed that HPU must do further study, said Fisher.

It's hard to draw solid conclusions from the rag samples because it's unclear how long the dust accumulated, he said.

At the meeting HPU officials will explain what the utility has done since the June meeting and will let neighboring residents know what it is planning to do in the future.

Commissioner Jim Fena told the neighbors at the June meeting HPU would develop a plan of attack to combat the dust and noise coming from the plant.

Prior to the public hearing, commissioners will hold their regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include: an audit presentation by Sterle & Co., job postings, the Family Medical Leave Act policy, the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association summer meeting and a grievance.

## Sex offender violates conditions of release

Ostby to serve a year

by Kelly Grinsteinner  
Assistant Editor

HIBBING — A level III sex offender who moved to Hibbing in May will now spend the next year behind bars.

Clifford David Ostby, 33, was released March 10 from Bethel Work Release in Duluth after serving his sentence and moved to the 1600 block of Seventh Avenue East in Hibbing in May.

In early June, Ostby was taken into custody for an alleged

violation of the conditions of his release by the Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) Probation Office in Hibbing, according to David Holmbeck, supervisor of the Hibbing probation office.

During a recent hearing on the alleged violation at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Lino Lakes, Ostby was found to have violated the conditions of his release by having contact with a juvenile female.

Under the conditions of his release, Ostby cannot have contact with a minor without

the permission of his agent.

Holmbeck said he believes the contact with the female was mutual, noting "she was someone who he knew from a previous relationship."

Ostby was ordered to serve a year with the Commissioner of Corrections. He will not receive a shortened sentence or be given credit for good behavior, said Holmbeck.

Ostby has a history of sexual contact with juvenile females ages 12-14. The contact included fondling and penetration. He provided alcohol to one vic-

tim. The relationship between Ostby and his victims is unclear.

He was convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree in 1999 in Roseau County and of criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree in 2000 in Koochiching County. He has also been convicted of other offenses including check forgery, damage to property, drug sales and theft.

Ostby is required to register as a sex offender until 2019, which includes having to notify law enforcement of any

change of address.

Once his time is served, Holmbeck said Ostby will have to devise a release plan.

"And if that includes coming back to Hibbing, the whole process (including community notification) would start all over again," he said.

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# Hunting: Ghosthunting has become a family affair

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suspect it has something to do with the close proximity of the museum to the North Hibbing cemetery.

"I just know that things happen," said Katzenberger.

For Nori, ghost hunting has become a family affair. His fiancée, Kristin Rice, is also a member of MPSPG, along with her uncle, Mickey Rice.

"History is what we're dealing with," said Mickey. "It's the unknown (I like) — you never know what you're going to come across."

Kristin had a less-than-positive experience on her first visit to Greyhound. She and Nori were on one of the buses, performing an electronic voice phenomenon (EVP) session.

During an EVP session, a member of the team asks questions or makes requests of ghosts to see if they can record responses that aren't always audible to the ear.

Kristin said she became nauseous during their session on the bus, and she and Nori eventually left. She spent the rest of the night in the lobby, watching the main camera monitor. When the footage of them on the bus was viewed later, the phrase "get out" was heard.

Kristin said a rule of the team is to never jump to conclusions.

"We've learned to debunk things," she said. "If we can recreate it, we throw it out."

This investigation marked the first time MPSPG had worked with another team, NLPS.

"It's nice to see what equipment (MPSPG is using)," said Lisa Karnes, of NLPS. "An investigation is always a learning experience."

The teams set up four stationary cameras and equipped most people with night-vision camcorders and voice recorders. They broke into three teams and investigated the bus garage attached to the museum, as well as the buses outside.

Members reported unusual sounds and rapid temperature changes in some spots.

Nori said of the investigation, "It went well, but the equipment is going to tell the story."

Nori and his team will spend the next few days going through the hours of video footage and voice recordings. If they find evidence of something that cannot be explained, they will post it on their Web site, www.minnesotaghosts.com.

Larsen said that the team is composed of people who understand that ghost hunting is not glamorous.

"A lot of people think, 'oh, I can be in a group and go to all these cool places.' It's not like that," he said.

The teams spent two hours alone setting up their equipment.

"The biggest word I think to describe our group and what I want out of it is integrity," said Nori. "It's the biggest thing you can have in the field. You can

## What's in a ghosthunter's toolbox?

- Electromagnetic frequency (EMF) sensors
- infrared illuminators
- small flashlights
- hundreds of feet of audio/video cable
- handheld recorders
- camcorders with night vision
- plenty of video tapes

have billions of dollars of equipment, but if you don't have integrity, you don't have anything."

Larsen added, "To me, it's a rush. You don't need to do drugs — just go into a really dark basement. That's the rush. Most people are scared of the dark. I'm not."

# Neighbors: 'Spend the money elsewhere'

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the street vacation as part of the RealLife's request, while adding the move would bring the streets in that area into compliance with current city codes. Meadow Drive exceeds the 500 foot limit for dead-end streets, and requires a second access.

Neighbors Ron Martinson and Cliff Rasch were vehemently against any second egress, as the easement went between their properties.

Rasch expressed concerns about the loss of trees, and questioned what kind of emergency would necessitate the byway that couldn't already be accessed. He also called it a waste of money.

"Spend that money elsewhere," said Rasch. "...In this case, the circumstances do not warrant complying with a law that doesn't make sense nor fit the desire of the people living on this road."

Neighbor Al Radika said the issue of vacation wouldn't be on the table if it weren't for RealLife's request. Neighbor Carol Hanson concurred, urging the commission to recognize the two as separate issues.

Neighbor Ed Monacelli called the complex "an eyesore" that will obstruct the residents' view to the west. He said those that reside there pay quite a bit in taxes, adding they never expect-

ed to have to stare at a three-story building.

Playing mediator and negotiator, neighbor Jeff Young, a former city councilor, rationalized that the neighbors hostility to the project was prompted by the change in expectation from the property — from single family residential to a complex.

He argued that the greater burden should be placed on the property owners and developers than on the neighbors who have lived there for years and enhanced their investment.

"This is a good project for Hibbing," said Young. "But we need to be careful that it does not have an adverse affect on the neighborhood."

Young opined that the concerns expressed did not indicate a not-in-my-backyard attitude, but rather one of protection. He then went on to list all of the conditions the neighbors wanted for the commission.

The matter will now be forwarded to the city council for consideration. The council has the right to approve, deny or alter the requests and recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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## hdt Area obituaries

### Michael Richard Orlovich

Sept. 27, 1917-July 12, 2009

Michael Richard Orlovich, 91, of Pengilly, died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids.

He was born in Bennett Location to Nicholas and Kata Orlovich on Sept. 27, 1917. Mike attended Nashwauk High School, Itasca Community College, and North Dakota State University.

In high school Mike loved sports, participating in football, hockey and baseball. He remained active as coach and trainer in all sports in ages from 5 to 50 and organized sports including youth groups, high school, college and amateur teams.

He had been employed with Hanna Mining Co. as a maintenance mechanic retiring in 1982. Mike was an Army veteran of World War II serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater taking part in the liberation of the Philippines.

He was a member of the Nashwauk, Taconite and Lawrence Lake American Legions, VFW Post 8831 of Pengilly, and the Disabled American Veterans in Grand Rapids. Mike was the past service officer of Itasca County and conducted military funerals for more than 60 years. He was a member of the Bovey Moose and St. Basil Serbian Orthodox Church.



He is survived by two sisters, Martha Badavinac, Pengilly, Dossa Sargent, LaPrairie; nieces, Ann Miskovich, Grand Rapids, and Kathy Shelton, in Georgia; nephews, George Orlovich Jr., Robert, George and Peter Badavinac, all of Pengilly, and Roland, Badavinac, in Washington; and many great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mildred Miskovich and Maria Duma; brother, George Orlovich Sr.; an infant brother; and nephew Mylan Miskovich.

**Funeral:** Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Peterson Funeral Chapel in Coleraine with the Very Rev. Bogdan Zjalic officiating.

**Visitation:** Will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 6 p.m. prayer service.

**Burial:** Will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Coleraine.

Arrangements are by Dougherty Funeral Home, Hibbing.

### Matthew D. Cholich

April 16, 1928-July 12, 2009

Matthew D. Cholich, 81, of Hibbing, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 12, 2009, at the Fairview University Medical Center in Hibbing.

Matthew was born in Carson Lake to Caroline and Matthew Cholich on April 16, 1928.

He attended schools in Hibbing. He married Colleen Harwood on Aug. 6, 1949. He worked for U.S. Steel for several years and also worked as an electrician for I.B.E.W.-294, Hibbing.

Matt was proud of his Croatian heritage. In 1973 he traveled to Croatia and Bosnia where he met several relatives. Matt enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved telling them funny stories about the "olden" days, giving them rides to school and activities and taking them for bike rides. He had many friends and was loved by everyone who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of

60 years, Colleen; two daughters, Julie Franzinelli of Hibbing, and Donna Harmon of Hibbing; four grandchildren, Vickie Franzinelli of St. Paul, Toni Franzinelli of Hibbing, Mollie Franzinelli of Hibbing, Maia Harmon of Hibbing; sister, Goldie Regis of Sebastian, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Matt was preceded in death by his mother, Caroline (Pintar) Fredson; his father, Matthew Cholich; two step-fathers, Anthony Mihelich and Fred Fredson; a son, Steve Cholich; a brother, George Mihelich; and two sisters, Mary Silvestrini and Carol Burjstrom.

**Funeral:** A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at Range Funeral Home in Hibbing.

**Visitation:** Will be one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Rod Tuomi will officiate.

Arrangements are being handled by Range Funeral Home in Hibbing.

### Irene Helen Wick

June 8, 1922 — July 7, 2009

Irene Helen Wick, 87, of Hibbing formerly of Toivola, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at Hillcrest-Alice in Hibbing.

Irene was born on June 8, 1922, to Oscar and Aksia (Koivisto) Maki. She graduated from Toivola High School in 1939. Irene married Wilbert Wick on January 3, 1946, in Hibbing. They then took over the family farm raising cattle and turkeys.

She was a homemaker, loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved to garden and bake for family and friends. Irene was an active member of the Hope Lutheran Church and Ladies Guild. She was also an active member of the senior citizens group before moving to Hibbing.

Irene was preceded in death

by her parents, Oscar and Aksia; husband, Wilbert; sister, Irma; and daughter-in-law, Bobbi.

Survivors included two sons, Michael Wick of Meadowlands, and Lawrence (Barb) Wick of Ramsey, Minn.; four grandchildren Jesse, Jason, Jeff and Richard; six great-grandchildren; sister, Irmie Mannila of Duluth; sister-in-law Ellen Pelto of Elmer, Minn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Funeral:** Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Hope Lutheran Community Church in Toivola.

**Visitation:** Private family visitation will be at 11 a.m. and public visitation will begin at noon at the church. Lyle Northey will officiate.

**Burial:** Will be in the Toivola Cemetery.

### Melvin Russell Hendrickson

Melvin Russell Hendrickson, 73, of North Pole, Alaska, formerly of Hibbing, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. A

complete obituary will be in Wednesday's edition. Arrangements are pending with Rupp Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Chisholm.

### Catherine Joyce Cody

Catherine Joyce Cody, 85 of Buhl, and formerly of Hibbing, died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at Cornerstone Villa in Buhl.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Anderson-

Daniels, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Hibbing.

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### Susan 'Sue' L. Grcevich

Susan "Sue" L. Grcevich, 59, of Apple Valley, died on July 12 with her loving family around her.

Sue was born in 1950 in Hibbing. She was an elementary school teacher for many years and worked with her husband, Greg, in his insurance business. Sue was a loving wife and mother.

A paragraph in a newspaper can't express how deeply she loved everyone around her and how deeply she was loved in return. We are all fortunate to have had the blessing of knowing such a selfless and kind person. Those who knew her will remember her as somebody who made the lives of her family and those around her easier by living each day with joy, grace and quiet determination. The pain of her absence can only be filled with the happy memories and the legacy of love that she leaves to us.

She is survived by her husband, Greg Grcevich; children, Geoff (Sarah) and Jana (Nick Dahl); sisters, Sandi (Jim) Pellicciotti and Shelly (Dean) Johnson; brother, Pat (Kathy) Boerbon; sister-in-law, Susan (Tim) Holt; aunt Audrey (George) Hammar; great-aunt Lillian Pescor; eight nephews and nieces; six great-nephews and nieces; and many close

cousins that she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Irene Boerbon.

Donations can be made in Sue's name at the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota at: Minnesota Medical Foundation for Support of Breast Cancer Research, P.O. Box 64001, St. Paul, MN 55164.

**Funeral:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at St. John Neumann Church, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, Minn.

**Visitation:** A gathering of friends will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by White Funeral Home, Apple Valley.

## hdt Correction

A correction is necessary relative to the article about the citywide drop off cleanup in Chisholm that ran last week. Chisholm residents can drop off unwanted items at the City Garage between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. We apologize for the error.

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