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# Stonor

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their due diligence.”

Clark has said the parties involved include representatives of insurance companies and contractors, since the home was being renovated when the fire broke out.

“We are all working on a game plan and an approach to a big joint investigation,” Clark said earlier this week. “All these people — whether they are involved with products or equipment — have an interest in this investigation.”

The current owner of the property, Mortimer “Tim” Berkowitz III, president of HealthpointCapital, LLC, in New York City, did not return a call earlier this week asking for comment on his plans for the property. His company is a leading private equity investment firm focused on medical technology. He joined the board of the Preservation Society of Newport County in 2012. He is also a member of the Leadership Council of the Harvard School of Public Health.

He is married to Amelia Manice Berkowitz, who is related to the Goelet family that played a prominent role in Newport’s history.

The Berkowitzes purchased the home through Whale-tail, LLC, from the Noreen Stonor Drexel Trust on Nov. 20, 2013, for almost \$3.29 million. Stonor Drexel died in November 2012.

They hired Kirby-Perkins Construction Co. to complete the restoration of Stonor Lodge and sections of the large home were down to the studs, with the installation of insulation planned in about a week, when the fire broke out, Jerry Kirby, owner of the company, has said.

Connerton has said the open studs, combined with the high winds that night, caused the fire to spread quickly and the building was totally engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived.

Mildred Sherman Stonor had three children: Sherman Stonor, 6th Baron Camoys, Nadine Stonor Pepys and Noreen Stonor Drexel. Stonor House and Stonor Park have been the home of the family in Oxfordshire, England, for eight centuries.

Julia Stonor, who is mourning the loss of Stonor Lodge here, is the daughter of Sherman Stonor and her brother is the current lord of Stonor House and 7th Baron Camoys.

Her grandfather, Ralph Stonor, 5th Baron Camoys, went to the U.S. with the intent of marrying a wealthy American woman who could restore the family’s historic home in England, which at that time was “run-down and decrepit,” Julia Stonor said.

He married Mildred Sherman in New York on Nov. 25, 1911, Julia Stonor said, referring to a wedding announcement in The New York Times.

“My grandfather was a feckless cad and a bounder,” Julia Stonor said. “He married my grandmother for her money. She restored the old crumbling joint in Oxfordshire and made it beautiful.”

She said it was common at the time for English

nobility that no longer had a family fortune to marry wealthy American women.

“My grandmother’s parents were thrilled their daughter was marrying a lord,” Julia Stonor said.

“My grandmother was a first cousin to John Nicholas Brown,” she said. Brown lived at Harbour Court in Newport, was a commodore of the Newport Yacht Club, and was a descendant of the founder of Brown University.

Noreen Stonor Drexel provided a history of the home to the Phelps family, and Paul Miller, curator of the Preservation Society, also provided a narrative. Property records and deeds in City Hall fill in some of the names and dates.

At the core of Stonor Lodge, previously Mayfield, was a rural farmhouse built around 1793 and thought to have been built for the Coggshall family of Newport. The farmhouse formed the northern portion of the structure, according to the historical record.

After the Civil War, the house was purchased by summer colonist Henry Tiffany, who commissioned alterations from a local builder named N. Barker around 1865, according to Miller. Major renovations and additions by Newport resident architect George Champlin Mason followed in 1866, he wrote.

“The Tiffany cottage itself passed quickly from the Tiffanys to the C. Morgans, then to the C.B. Parkinsons and finally to Walter L. Kane,” Stonor Drexel wrote.

Deeds in City Hall show Kane purchased the property from Charles B. Parkinson on Sept. 22, 1876. Kane had further purchases in that area in 1881 and 1882, according to the deeds.

“The Kanes commissioned new improvements from another fondly remembered Newport architect, and former student of Mason’s, Dudley Newton (1845-1910),” Stonor Drexel wrote. Newton “added the exterior’s Stick Style trim, the Entrance Hall and parlors’ Queen Anne detailing, altering the original roofline.”

These changes were significant. The listing of historic properties by the state Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission says the home was constructed between 1870 and 1880, referring to its reconstruction in that period.

The Kanes are the great-grandparents of Tim Phelps, quoted above.

When Kane died, his wife, Mary R. Hunter, married an Englishman named William E. Glyn and they christened the home “Mayfield,” according to Stonor Drexel.

Mary Hunter Kane Glyn left the home to her daughter, Caroline Kane Phelps, who was married to Edgar Morris Phelps, the grandparents of Tim Phelps, on May 15, 1936. Caroline Phelps then sold the property to J. Gordon Douglas on Aug. 31, 1943, and it was Mai W. Douglas who sold the property to Mildred Sherman Douglas in 1946, according to property records in City Hall.

“Once settled, my mother rechristened the estate ‘Stonor Lodge’ in memory of the Stonor family ancestral seat in Oxfordshire, England,” Stonor Drexel wrote. “In 1946 my mother began many happy seasons in Newport at this address.”

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Donald Trump, second from left, gestures as his Republican opponents, from left, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Ohio Gov. John Kasich watch him during Thursday night’s debate in Detroit.

## ELECTION 2016: PRESIDENT

# GOP candidates debate, attack

DETROIT (AP) — Picking up right where they left off, Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio barked out fresh insults at each other in a Republican presidential debate Thursday night that also featured a crude sexual reference from Trump — and an healthy dose of policy, too.

Cruz and Rubio, who earlier had devoted considerable debate time to throwing sharp elbows at one another, were relentless in training their fire on Trump.

Rubio justified his attacks on Trump by saying the billionaire businessman had “basically mocked everybody” over the past year. Trump countered with a feint, saying he’d called Rubio a “lightweight” in the past but “he’s really not that much of a lightweight.”

Trump then noted that Rubio had mocked his hands as small, widely viewed as an insult about Trump’s sexual prowess. Holding his hands up to the audience, Trump declared, “I guarantee you, there’s no problem” in that area.

It was a jaw-dropping moment in a campaign that’s been full of surprises from the beginning.

For all of the criticism and ill will, Cruz, Rubio and Ohio Gov. John Kasich all said they would support Trump if he is the Republican nominee. He, too, said he would support whoever wins.

There was plenty of policy, too, as Rubio and Cruz pressed Trump aggressively on his conservative credentials, his business practices and shifting policy positions.

Trump, in short order, acknowledged his willingness to deal and be flexible when it suits his needs.

He said it was fine that Rubio had

negotiated with other lawmakers on immigration policy.

He said he had changed his own mind to support admitting more highly skilled workers from overseas, saying matter-of-factly, “I’m changing. I’m changing. We need highly skilled people in this country.”

And he also was matter of fact about providing campaign contributions to leading Democrats, including 10 checks to Hillary Clinton, reviled by many conservatives.

Trump said it was simply business.

“I’ve supported Democrats and I’ve supported Republicans, and as a businessman I owed that to my company, to my family, to my workers, to everybody to get along,” he said.

When moderator Megyn Kelly told Trump his shifts caused some people to question his core, Trump insisted: “I have a very strong core. I have a very strong core. But I’ve never seen a successful person who wasn’t flexible, who didn’t have a certain degree of flexibility.”

Kasich sought to turn Trump’s statement on the value of “flexibility” into a character question. When the Ohio governor meets with voters, he said, “you know what they really want to know? If somebody tells them something, can they believe it?”

The bad blood among the candidates flowed freely.

Cruz, poking fun at Trump for interrupting, told the businessman, “Breathe, breathe, breathe.”

Rubio chimed in, “When they’re done with the yoga, can I answer a question?”

# Casino

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vote on Wednesday.

Its passage in both chambers sent the bill late Thursday to Gov. Gina Raimondo, who said in a statement she supports the measure as a way of keeping the state competitive and creating jobs. She has a week to sign it.

If voters in Tiverton and statewide approve the casino in November, the state would get 15.5 percent

of proceeds from table games and 61 percent from video machines. The town of Tiverton, which has fewer than 16,000 people, would also keep a portion and be guaranteed at least \$3 million a year, with the state paying for any shortfall.

Casino operator Twin River Management Group proposed the Tiverton project after the voters of Newport rejected a proposed expansion of the Newport Grand in 2012. It has projected the new Tiverton casino will generate far more money for the state, especially if Massachusetts developers back off proposed casinos

approved for Taunton and Brockton.

Sen. Louis P. DiPalma, D-Middletown, said he supports the idea of moving the casino license from Newport to the state line but said more money from gambling isn’t worth the long-term social costs.

“I do not support the expansion of gambling,” said DiPalma, one of two senators who voted against the bill Thursday. “We absolutely do need the money but we have to figure out how to get the money in other ways. This is not a way to sustain our state economy.”

# Murder

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had been dead for some time.”

It is unclear what prompted the hotel manager to check the room that afternoon, Ryan said. He could not confirm whether someone who rented the room had called the front desk, telling the staff they would be staying in the room again Tuesday night and not to bother cleaning it, as sources told The Daily News.

Initially, police said there was nothing that led them to believe a homicide had taken place or foul play was involved, as previously reported in The Daily News.

However, Ryan said, police and other emergency personnel treated the room and surrounding area as a crime scene, primarily because of the unusual state in which the room had been left.

“Something about it just seemed off,” Ryan said. “I credit the officers and firefighters who responded for noticing it and handling it exactly like they should.”

During an autopsy Wednesday, the state medical examiner’s office found something that indicated Lussier’s death was not an accident or from natural causes, but a homicide, Ryan said.

He declined to elaborate, citing the ongoing investigation. A spokesman for the medical examiner’s office said a cause of death was not available late Thursday.

Ryan said police didn’t go public with their suspicions Wednesday afternoon because nothing about the case indicated it was random act of violence or that anyone else was at risk.

“We were still gathering all the information and considering the suspects and what happened,” Ryan said. “The case was still unfolding and we were still working to figure out what we had.”

Police targeted Price and Sullo because they had shared the room with Lussier, paid for part of the cost and were seen on video leaving the hotel area.

Middletown police contacted other law enforcement agencies, including Providence police, the U.S. Marshals Service and Connecticut State

Police, seeking assistance in finding Price and Sullo, Ryan said.

A short time later, Price and Sullo were located together in New York City, Ryan said. Their whereabouts were monitored while police put together additional information about the case, he said.

On Thursday morning, Price and Sullo were located by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Unit heading north on I-95 near the Troop F barracks in the area of Exit 60 in Madison, Conn., Ryan said.

According to Connecticut State Police, Sullo was driving Lussier’s Acura RSX with South Carolina plates when the U.S. Marshals and State Police tried to stop them just before 10 a.m. Sullo refused to pull over for police and raced north at speeds of up to 90 mph before crashing just off the Exit 73 ramp, where Price and Sullo were arrested without incident, State Police said. The car chase lasted about two minutes over the course of about two miles, State Police said.

In addition to being charged as a fugitive from justice, Sullo also was arrested on charges of reckless driving, third-degree larceny of a motor vehicle, interfering with an officer without involving an assault, failing to drive in his proper lane and disobeying the order of an officer, according to Connecticut State Police.

Sullo and Price are being held at the Troop F barracks, Ryan said, and it is unclear when they will return to Rhode Island to face the Middletown charges.

Price and Sullo are scheduled to appear in New London Superior Court today, according to Connecticut State Police. They each are being held on a \$1 million bond. Connecticut State Police said Price listed an address in Pawtucket, with Sullo showing he was from Stuart, Fla.

Amy Kempe, spokeswoman for Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin, said that office was well aware of the unfolding case and had been in regular contact with Middletown police. She referred all questions to Middletown police.

A woman at the front desk of the Quality Inn also said she and the rest of the hotel staff were told to refer questions to

the Middletown police.

Ryan said the hotel was very helpful during the investigation, including providing video of hallways and common areas.

“We checked everything and the video showed nothing (violent) happening in the hallways or hotel lobby,” Ryan said. “Whatever it was, it happened in the room.”

As word spread Thursday afternoon about the alleged murder and arrests, Price’s neighbors said it came as a complete surprise.

One of her neighbors, Pamela Neal, said it was hard to believe Price was connected to the incidents police were describing.

“She’s always friendly,” Neal said. “I don’t know her that well, but she always seemed happy when she was here.”

No one answered the door at Price’s apartment when a reporter visited.

Another neighbor, Stephanie Casey, said she had just learned about the arrests and was stunned.

“I don’t know her, but nothing like that ever happens in Middletown,” Casey said. “The whole thing, how it’s being described, is so sad.”

Ryan stressed that Middletown remains a safe community.

“We have nothing at this time to indicate this was a random act,” Ryan said. “There’s no question these people knew each other, we just don’t know to what extent.”

“A lot of good work went into breaking this case,” Ryan added. “We had some good information from the start and old-fashioned police work got the job done. We’d also like to thank everyone who helped make this case, mainly the U.S. Marshals, Providence police and Connecticut State Police.”

The last murder in Middletown was in August, when police allege Melissa Sue Anne Castle, 33, of Pascoag strangled 34-year-old Rachael S. Kilroy during a dispute in Kilroy’s Jean Street apartment in the back of the Oxbow Farms complex off West Main Road. Castle remains held without bail in the Adult Correctional Institutions in Cranston while that case makes its way through the court system.

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# WEATHER

## COASTAL RHODE ISLAND

Today, cloudy, windy with a chance of snow. Accumulation of less than an inch possible. High near 35. Tonight, cloudy, windy with a chance of snow before 11 p.m., then gradual clearing. Low around 26.

## EXTENDED

Saturday, increasing clouds, windy. High near 37. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Low around 30.

Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, then a slight chance of rain. High near 39. Sunday night, mostly clear. Low around 32.

Monday, mostly sunny. High near 45.

## MARINE

Today, northeast wind 5-10 knots, increasing to 10-15 knots with gusts up to 30 knots in the afternoon. Waves 2-3 feet. Tonight, north wind 15-20 knots with gusts up to 35 knots. Waves around 3 feet.

## TIDES, ETC.

Today’s high tides: 3:16 a.m., 3:45 p.m. Low tides: 9:41 a.m., 9:32 p.m.

Today’s sunrise 6:14, sunset 5:40.

Thursday’s temperatures: high 33, low 22.

# LOTTERIES

## Thursday’s numbers

**RHODE ISLAND Numbers Evening:** 3-6-6-0  
**Wild Money:** 2-10-11-28-34  
**Extra 7**

**Lucky For Life** 3-4-10-18-21  
**Lucky Ball 2**

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Courtyard Marriott, Middletown  
9 Commerce Drive  
Middletown, RI  
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**

You can meet fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and you can help plan studies and restorations of cleanup sites.

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