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Every day, people with limps, walkers, canes and wheelchairs come to an important realization - the pain is just too much. Choosing to have any elective surgery is no easy decision; even when you know the end result is saying goodbye to your pain and hello to your life. While total hip replacements have been one of the most successful surgeries since they began, deciding to have the procedure has always come with its costs, until now.

Orthopedic surgeons at the Joint Replacement Center at Broward Health North offer an innovative new approach to hip replacement surgery - anterior hip replacement using the specially designed hana[®] table. Patients who choose the anterior approach to hip replacement as opposed to the traditional posterior approach don't just say goodbye to the pain, they say goodbye to the restrictions as well.

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"Approximately 375,000 Americans undergo hip replacement surgery each year," says Dr. Bruce Janke, Medical Director of the Joint Replacement Center at Broward Health North. "With this number expected to almost double over the next 25 years due in part to the aging population, it is important that people know they have a choice in the type of procedure they undergo."

With the anterior approach, a small four inch incision is made just below and to the outside of the groin. Two muscles are then pushed aside, giving the surgeons access to the hip socket to perform the replacement. No muscles at

any time during the procedure are split or detached. For the patient, that results in a faster recovery, less pain, smaller incision, less blood loss and less scarring.

"The outcomes are incredible," says Dr. Steven Naide, Medical Director of Orthopedic Trauma at Broward Health North. "Within weeks our patients are getting back to golf, tennis, yoga, whatever it is they enjoy doing that became impossible due to pain."

The Joint Replacement Center is the recipient of the Florida Hospital Association 2011 Celebration of Achievement in Quality and Service award for Innovation of the Year in Patient Care. The Center is also first in Broward County to be Joint Commission Certified for Hip and Knee Replacement.

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Steven Naide, MD, Medical Director of Orthopedic Trauma & Bruce Janke, MD, Medical Director of the Joint Replacement Center.

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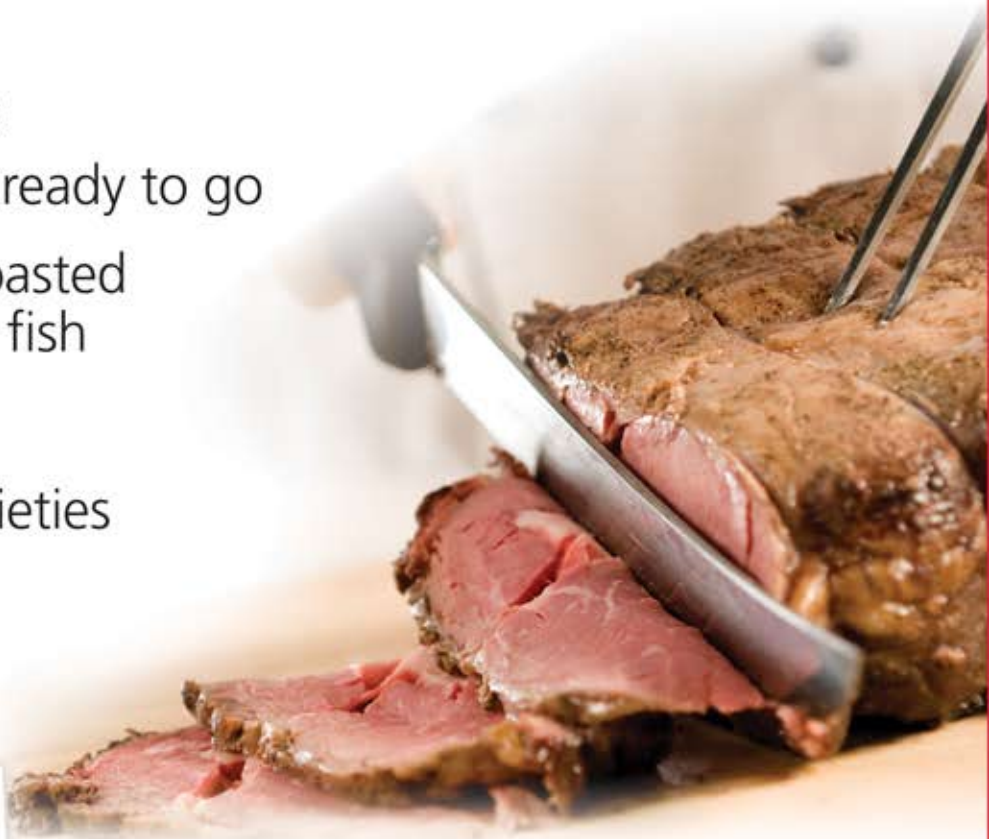


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PREDICTIVE POLICING: Nailing Bad Guys with Math

In a CBS crime drama television series entitled *Numbers* (stylized NUMB3RS) that ran from 2005 to 2010, FBI Special Agent Don Eppes relies on his mathematical genius younger brother Professor Charlie Eppes to solve Federal crimes with advanced arithmetic. Using the University's supercomputer and a blackboard in his garage, Eppes devises algorithms to nab terrorists, snags bank robbers with analytic geometry and downs identity thieves with game theory. In Steven Spielberg's screen version of Philip Dick's "Minority Report", Tom Cruise acts on information slipped him by three kids perpetually soaking in a futuristic hot-tub to arrest and freeze dry would-be perpetrators, thereby pre-empting crime in his high-tech society (along with the Constitutional presumption of innocence).

Although adulterated by artistic license to enhance box office bang or pump Nielsen ratings, the underlying science for both entertainment venues is very real. In his January 2014 Newsletter, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts outlines how the new Predictive Policing strategy being implemented by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) merges math with officer instincts.

By crunching data that marries historical consumer behavior with emerging trends, Walmart and Netflix adapt how they tailor their on-shelf product mix to specific events (i.e. what they stock before a hurricane, or after a holiday). Patrons of Amazon are familiar with the phrase "Customers who bought this item also bought...", a peek into the Company's analytics database used to prioritize and preferentially allocate resources. Long utilized in business, predictive analytics has now been adapted to fight crime. It is especially useful during a recession, since it enhances the effectiveness of currently available resources without incrementally burdening besieged law enforcement budgets.

The professional police techniques of the 1960s, in which faceless cops chased radio calls, gave way to the community-policing model of the 1990s, which shifted some decision-making responsibilities to line officers – who were called on to address the underlying conditions that enable and foster crime. The 9/11 terrorist attacks heralded the arrival of intelligence-led policing (ILP), in which criminal intelligence is used in support of collaborative, multijurisdictional approaches to crime prevention; and emphasizes the role of analysis in tactical and strategic planning. The building blocks of Homeland Security were applied to Hometown Security. In Fort Lauderdale, a \$106,114 Safir-Rosetti staffing study commissioned by the City in 2005 to frugally optimize police resources confirmed the importance of analytics as a tool to reverse a rising crime rate.

At dozens of GMCA Advisory Board meetings, former Police Chief Bruce Roberts described how FLPD used computer statistics at "Comp-

Stat" meetings to identify and focus on crime hot spots, enabling rapid response by patrols to counter or prevent criminal activity. Although police had access to bottomless volumes of public safety information, the concept's effectiveness was limited by how the police crunched the data, as overworked analysts manually reviewed report summaries in hopes of stumbling on actionable crime connections. Finding an expeditious and reliable methodology for extracting operationally relevant knowledge from oceans of available data would become the next evolutionary stage of professional law enforcement. In predictive policing, it appears that the technology may have finally caught up with the need.

Mark Cleverley, head of the IBM unit for predictive crime analytics, simplified the program's objectives "It's not saying a crime will occur at a particular time and place, but it can say you can expect a wave of vehicle thefts based on what we know." IBM has worked with dozens of law enforcement agencies worldwide, such as London's Metropolitan Police, the Polish National Police and a growing number of US and Canadian cities, including Fort Lauderdale.

In Memphis, police officials joined with IBM and the University of Memphis in 2006 to implement an early predictive analytics program dramatically tagged Blue CRUSH (Criminal Reduction Utilizing Statistical History), which enhanced police efficiency by targeting crime "hot spots". The program reduced serious crimes by 30 percent and violent crimes by 15 percent. Memphis P.D. crime analysis Manager John Williams credits the system with removing Memphis from the list of worst US cities for crime. Williams explained "If the data is indicating a hot spot, we are able to immediately deploy resources there. And in a lot of instances we are able to make quality arrests because we're in the right area at the right time." Williams said that police officials from as far away as Hong Kong, Rio de Janeiro and Estonia had come to learn how Memphis used predictive analytics to reclaim its streets.

In 2010, Dr. George Mohler (Santa Clara University, California) and Dr. P. Jeffrey Brantingham (University of California at Los Angeles) developed an algorithm used to forecast earthquake aftershocks into an improved mathematical model for predictive policing. Within months of being published, their research was tested by police officials in Los Angeles and Santa Cruz, California. Instead of relying solely on the traditional police techniques of tracking events that have already occurred and honing subsequent response times, the strategy exploits the mathematical correlation between the time and location of previous criminal activity and future offenses, enabling a fact-based prepositioning of assets; and proactive, intelligence-based tactics, strategy, and policy.

The Santa Cruz Police Department was one of the first in the United States to embed predictive policing into its regular day-to-day operations. In a recent research report commissioned by the IBM Center for the Business of Government, Dr. Jennifer Bachner of Johns Hopkins University describes the core of the Santa Cruz program as "the continuous identification of areas that are expected to experience increased levels of crime in a specified time-frame." To optimize accuracy, the system needs between 1,200 and 2,000 data points, including burglaries, batteries, assaults, or other crimes - all sourced from public data. The program divides a map of the city into 150-by-150-meter cells. Drawing upon a database of past criminal incidents, the computer algorithm assigns probabilities of crime occurring to each cell, giving greater weight to more recent crimes.

Santa Cruz P.D. generates 15 hot spot maps for each police shift. Distributed during roll calls, these maps indicate 500-square-foot locations. Prior to their shifts, Santa Cruz Police Officers are briefed on the locations of the 15 cells with the highest probabilities and encouraged to devote extra time to monitoring these areas. Officers pass through these areas when they aren't preoccupied with other calls. No one dispatches or requires them to inspect the sites; they do it as part of their routine patrols. In contrast, the Los Angeles Police Department designates special predictive policing units to run patrols, while police agencies in other jurisdictions use unmarked cars to cruise hotspots.

Throughout the experiment the Santa Cruz Police Department focused on burglaries (vehicular, residential, and commercial) and motor vehicle thefts. During the pilot phase, which began in mid-2011, burglaries dropped by 27 percent when compared to the previous year. Since then, the department has increased arrests by 56 percent and recovered 22 percent more stolen cars. Because the Santa Cruz police did not introduce any additional variables - no additional officers were hired, the shift lengths were unchanged, and patrol structure remained the same - the crime reduction was deemed wholly attributable to the model.

The system is also adaptable to gang violence, batteries, aggravated assaults, drug crimes, and bike thefts. It functions on all property crimes and violent crimes that have enough data points. By definition, crimes of passion - such as domestic violence - fall outside the scope of predictive analytics.

Faced with a larger population and more complex patrol scenarios than Santa Cruz, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) sought to scientifically measure the model's effectiveness by testing it under a controlled experiment. Establishing their experiment in the Foothill Division with a population of 300,000 people, researchers compared the predictive policing system with LAPD's best practices.

As in Santa Cruz, maps were distributed to officers at the beginning of roll call. On some days analysts produced the maps using traditional LAPD hot spot methods. On other days, they used the algorithm. The maps were graphically indistinguishable and Officers were never told how they were sourced. The algorithm provided twice the accuracy that LAPD's current practices produced. In contrast with a .4 percent increase in property crime throughout Los Angeles, Foothill's rate took a 12 percent tumble, the largest crime reduction of any LAPD division during the experiment. When the Department immediately expanded the program to other Divisions serving a combined population of 1.5 million residents, they too realized significant crime reduction.

Shortly after the municipal experiments revolutionized police procedures in both cities, a company called "PredPol" was formed to market the new model. Citing the technology as "very effective in predicting the time and location for crimes that have not yet taken place," former PredPol CEO Caleb Baskin remarked "We've had inquiries from a lot of places in the US and international locations. The science that underlies the tool will work anywhere. The question is: does the agency maintain a database that we can plug into?" CEO Baskin was replaced in February by Silicon Valley tech denizen Larry Samuels.

Police departments in California, Washington, South Carolina, Arizona, Tennessee, and Illinois have since implemented the program. Along with Los Angeles, the municipalities of Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia are using predictive analytics to stop crime before it happens. In November 2011 Time Magazine named predictive policing one of the 50 best inventions for 2011.

In January 2013, the City of Fort Lauderdale teamed with IBM to adapt its proprietary advanced analytics module to crime prevention under the company's "First of its Kind" program, wherein researchers and clients use real-world applications to shake out the wrinkles of cutting-edge technologies. Public safety manager Jim Lingerfelt of IBM's Global Smarter Cities initiative spent the past year collecting local sources of "Big Data", crunching expansive criminal justice databases and accruing current data about Part 1 crimes, building permits, code infractions, public transportation routes, 911 calls, arrest and release data, special events information and Social Media banter.

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2014 PRE-FILED ASSOCIATION BILLS

Kicking the Tires in Tallahassee

In 2014, the annual dog and pony show in Tallahassee began on March 4th. As always, lawmakers whose agendas are shaped by the demands of proactive constituents or score-keeping campaign contributors jump-start their legislative wish-list by filing before opening day. Last year, our District 93 Statehouse Representative George Moraitis teamed with State Senator Thad Altman (R - Melbourne) to pass House Bill 73 (HB 73), the session's Omnibus Association bill.

Broadly supported by association advocates, the legislation repaired a litany of statutory glitches, eliminated the deadline for a costly elevator retrofit, helped associations deter foreclosure-related delinquencies, facilitated records requests while protecting employee privacy rights, simplified approval for 2-year board terms, strengthened condominium financial reporting requirements, approved impact glass windows and doors for hurricane mitigation, clarified recall procedures and provided cooperatives with certain rights and protections previously monopolized by condominiums.

The following pre-filed bills all affect associations. Fitted with a brief description of the legislation and the sponsoring lawmakers, the bills' evolution will be tracked throughout the session and those that survive the rigorous scrutiny by vetting committees in both legislative houses will be revisited before the Sine Die closing ceremony. GMCA will focus on provisions in legislation that threaten your rights or your wallet, while there remains an opportunity to either correct or "cornfield" the bacterial bills.

Condo & Co-op Frontrunners

This year, Representative George Moraitis filed House Bill 807 (HB 807) on February 4, 2014. Two days later, Senator Jeremy Ring (D - Broward) filed companion Senate Bill 798 (SB 798) in the other chamber. The early skeleton of a 2014 Omnibus Association Bill, the legislation: clarifies how an amendment to the Declaration of Condominium (condo docs) that limits member rental options does not apply to unit owners who vote against the amendment; authorizes an association to inspect and repair abandoned condominium units; allows associations to request an appointed receiver for such units and lease them out to offset unpaid maintenance costs (otherwise subsidized by the membership); orders the Division to create a civil penalty for outgoing condominium or cooperative association board or committee members who fail to relinquish all official records and association property within 5 days after the election; expands telephone participation in Board and Committee meetings to other real-time communication modalities (i.e. videoconferencing, "Skyping", etc.); authorizes board members to communicate by email although prohibits the use of email to vote on association matters.

HB 807 also provides condominium and cooperative boards with the same protection against joint and several liability for past due assessments that was passed last year for Homeowner Associations (HOAs) in House Bill 7119 (HB 7119); extends the condominium acquisition deadline from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016 for persons to be classified as bulk assignees or bulk buyers; strengthens financial reporting requirements for Cooperatives (commensurate with those enacted last year for condominiums); establishes eligibility requirements (and replacement mechanisms) for Cooperative Board members (mirroring those in HB 73 applicable to condominiums). The bills conclude by providing Cooperatives and HOAs with emergency powers comparable to those that protect condominiums. On March 5, Moraitis' HB 807 whizzed through the House Civil Justice Subcommittee by a unanimous vote of 12 Yeas vs. 0 Nays. On March 6, Ring's SB 798 sailed through the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries by a vote of 10 Yeas vs. 0 Nays.

Moraitis' partner in last year's Omnibus Association bill, Senator Thad Altman filed Senate Bill 440 (SB 440) on November 25, 2013. Three weeks later, Representative José Javier Rodríguez (D - Miami-Dade) filed its Statehouse companion, House Bill 425 (HB 425). Recognizing that the operational underpinnings for commercial and residential condominiums differ dramatically, the bill exempts non-residential (commercial) condominium associations from many of the statutory requirements spelled out in The Condominium Act (Chapter 718, Florida Statutes) including a substantive response to member inquiries, a prohibition against proxy voting (similar to a Time-Share), the need to opt-out of a sprinkler retrofit or the need to enumerate hur-

ricane shutter specifications. It exempts board members in nonresidential condominiums from complying with term requirements or any mandated certification options.

The bills also allow co-owners of a commercial condominium unit to serve on the board simultaneously without restriction, exempt board candidates from the need to be eligible at the time of the deadline for submitting a notice of intent to run and eliminate the need for bylaws to include mandatory non-binding arbitration. The legislation limits applicability of certain requirements relating to phase condominiums for non-residential condominiums. As in Moraitis' HB 807, it extends the deadline for acquiring a condominium from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016 in order to claim status as a bulk assignee or bulk buyer.

Safe Harbor Bills

From 1992 to 2010, the statutory obligation for banks foreclosing on association units was only 6 months of the unit's past-due assessments or 1 percent of the original mortgage debt, whichever was less. These "Safe Harbor" limits enabled lenders to delay foreclosures with impunity, forcing an association's members to subsidize lender properties locked in foreclosure limbo. In 2010, then Representative Elyn Bogdanoff's successful Omnibus Association Bill (SB 1196) increased the 6 months of assessments due to 12 months. Since the juggernaut Banking Lobby religiously steps on bills that threaten to enforce full payment of their association assessments, Lawmakers have been trying to slowly raise the diminutive Safe Harbor limits.

On February 10, 2014, Representative Carlos Trujillo (R - Doral) filed House Bill 871 (HB 871), which increases the Safe Harbor amount that a first mortgagee must pay to the association after foreclosing on a mortgage. Companion legislation, Senate Bill 1462 (SB 1462) was filed by Senator Kelli Stargel (R - Lakeland) on February 28, 2014. The bills limit liability for the current condominium unit owner or HOA parcel owner for unpaid assessments owed before the association acquired title to the delinquent property through foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure). Stretching the archaic Safe Harbor limits, the time span during which unpaid common expenses, regular periodic assessments and other costs accrue to the association increases from 12 months to 24 months immediately preceding the acquisition of title by the first mortgage holder or the association, whichever occurs first. The alternative one percent of the original mortgage debt jumps to two percent. Additionally, liability for attorney fees under this subsection is limited to \$4,000, unless increased by an overmedicated judge.

Another bill that seeks to increase the obsolete "Safe Harbor" limits Senate Bill 1458 (SB 1458) filed by Senator Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington) on February 28, 2014 would increase the Safe Harbor for past due assessments from 12 to 24 months, or 3 percent (increased from 1 percent) of the original mortgage debt, whichever is less. Representative Kevin Raider (D-Delray Beach) filed identical House Bill 1405 (HB 1405) on the March 4th opening day of the session.

In the Shadows

Several other pre-filed association bills merge smaller agendas with paper-thin survival prospects. A one trick pony was pre-filed by Representative Sharon Pritchett (D - Miramar) on February 11, 2014. House Bill 881 (HB 881) provides that general proxies may be used for votes taken on any issue related to the financial matters of a Condominium Association. Who knows? Maybe she just wanted to practice filing a bill. Close your eyes and consider a snowball in Hell.

On February 21, 2014, Representative Carl F. "Z" Zimmermann (D - Palm Harbor) filed House Bill 1061 (HB 1061). It precludes charging a lower condominium assessment to a bulk owner, instead requiring the same assessments charged to other unit owners in the same condominium. After affirming that the legislative intent for Statutory termination is not to replace the individual property rights of unit owners against their will, HB 1061 provides that condominium unit owners facing optional termination who do not want to relinquish their property be compensated 110 percent of the original

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 MARCH 15: Bon Cancer 2014 Concert, Esplanade Park, 6:30 p.m., Info.: 954-260-9667
 MARCH 15: 4th Annual March for Cancer, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, 7 a.m.
 MARCH 20: 19th Annual Clueless On Las Olas, East Las Olas Blvd. & SE 9th Ave., 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Info.: 954-288-7201
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13 2014 Dania Beach Marine Flea Market (Through 3/16)
Mardi Gras Casino, Hallendale
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14 Jazz on the Square
El Mar Drive & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-776-5092

15 Music-By-The-Sea
ATA & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-771-2900

APRIL 13
6th Annual Jazz Picnic in the Park
Ilene Lieberman Botanical Gardens, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-730-3000

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Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition (Through 3/30)
Miami-Dade County Fairground
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Info.: 305-223-7060

Renaissance Festival (Through 3/16)
Quiet Waters Park, 10 a.m. to Sundown
Info.: 954-776-1642

APRIL 17
Friday Night Tunes - Nia Devine (Jazz and Neo Soul)
Joseph C. Carter Park, 7 to 10 p.m.
Info.: 954-828-5363

20 Palm Beach Int'l Boat Show (Through 3/23)
Evernia St & Flagler Dr./N. Clematis & Flagler Dr. in WPB
Info.: 954-764-7642

21 Miami Spring Home Design & Remodeling Show (Through 3/24)
Miami Beach Convention Center
Info.: 305-667-9299

22 Music-By-The-Sea
ATA & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-771-2900

APRIL 19 - 20
33rd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show
Flamingo Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Info.: 954-473-2955

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Jazz on the Square
Friday Night Tunes
Shawn Kelly (Neo Soul & Old School Covers)
EnVee (Soft Rock & Jazz)
Joseph C. Carter Park, 7 to 10 p.m.
Info.: 954-828-5363

14th Annual Riverwalk Run
Huizenga Plaza: Las Olas & Andrews Ave.
7 a.m.
Info.: 954-609-3892

APRIL 22 - 24
West Palm Beach Golf Expo
South Florida Fair Grounds, WPB
Info.: 954-445-4999

G.M.C.A. Advisory Board Meeting
Nick's Italian Restaurant, 11 a.m.

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29 Music-By-The-Sea
ATA & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-771-2900

APRIL 24
16th Annual Riverwalk Spring Get Downtown
YOLO Plaza (333 East Las Olas Blvd.), 5 to 8 p.m.
Info.: 954-468-1541, ext. 205



Dania Beach Arts & Seafood Celebration (Through 3/30)
Frost Park, 10 a.m. to 7 pm.
Info.: 954-924-6801

APRIL 25
6th Annual Spin-A-Thon
Esplanade Park
Reg: Noon; Spinning Event: 1 to 7 p.m.; Thank-You Party: 6 to 9 p.m.
Info.: 954-468-1541

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4 Jazz on the Square
El Mar Drive & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-776-5092

5 Music-By-The-Sea
ATA & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-771-2900

APRIL 25 - 27
52nd Annual Delray Affair
Intracoastal to NW 2nd Ave., Delray Beach
Info.: 561-279-0907

12th Annual Orchid Festival (Through 3/9)
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Info.: 305-667-1651

Ft. Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival
Huizenga Plaza & along the Riverwalk
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Parade: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Info.: 954-828-5985

APRIL 25 - 27
3rd Annual Deerfield Beach Wine & Food Festival
Quiet Waters Park
Info.: 561-338-7594

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Chess The Musical (Through 4/13)
Aventura Arts & Cultural Center
Info.: www.browardcenter.org

11 Jazz on the Square
El Mar Drive & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
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12 Music-By-The-Sea
ATA & Commercial Blvd
6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
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APRIL 25 - 27
30th Annual Pompano Beach Seafood Festival
Atlantic Blvd. & A1A, Pompano
Info.: 954-570-7785

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Browd Center for the Performing Arts
7:30 p.m.
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Pompano Community Park, 6 p.m.
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Once parsed by pattern recognition/discovery technology, factor/causality analysis and anomaly detection, the "cleaned" extracted data yields the statistical potential for a variety of criminal activities. For instance, since building permits commonly precede the theft of valuable construction materials, and most patterned burglaries are committed by recidivists who are between incarcerations, the integrated permit activity and prison release dates enable Police Officials to more effectively allocate finite FLPD manpower and resources.

Leery of a controversial perception that the technology will systematically pre-empt crime, Lingerfelt explains "You're identifying those areas with the highest probability of a certain type of crime occurring. It's very similar to the information they had before. But before it was very cumbersome, very labor intensive and nowhere near as complete as what they're getting now in a matter of seconds." Somewhat less reticent, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler said "Our work with IBM will better position us to evolve from a City that responds to crime, to one that has the skills and operational resources to prevent crime before it happens."

Echoing Seiler's sentiments, Police Chief Frank Adderley commented "Integrating advanced data analysis into our operational strategies will help us maximize resources and stay one step ahead of the criminals." Unlike Santa Cruz, where officers who are provided a daily analysis can decide whether or not to patrol predictive "hot spots", Fort Lauderdale is using a \$200,000 grant from the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund for overtime pay to a dedicated Task Force of officers, detectives and investigators who will utilize FLPD's predictive analytics. Since the project launched last year, some 30 FLPD staffers have been provided access to the new platform through specialized dashboards, including Chief Adderley.

In a media interview, Lingerfelt offered insight into a larger City agenda. Although initially cultivated to reduce crime, City officials plan to enhance other municipal services with the new tool. Ultimately, advanced analytics solutions will be fashioned for every City Department.

While predictive policing represents a paradigm shift in law enforcement, it's also raised dogmatic Constitutional and Judicial issues. Legal pundits express concerns about how these cases will play out in court. Police must have either "probable cause" to search or "reasonable suspicion" to seize a suspect. Given how the technology questionably assesses these Constitutional prerequisites, they will come under fire for having breached Fourth Amendment guarantees against unreasonable searches and seizures. Since the data is extracted by computer software that's pre-programmed with notions of what constitutes "suspicious behavior," constitutional watchdogs observe that without applying arm's-length legally defensible definitions for "normal" and "abnormal" behavior, these algorithms will instead clone the biases and prejudices of their programmers.

When police searches are based on inductive profiling performed by the algorithm, issues of transparency and accountability will inevitably arise in court. Andrew Guthrie Ferguson, a law professor at the University of the District of Columbia, argues "Because predictive policing does not provide personal knowledge about an ongoing crime, or particularized identification of the suspect involved, it cannot support the weight of reasonable suspicion." Ferguson also questions how data-driven hunches doctrinally differ from personal hunches traditionally deemed insufficient to justify reasonable suspicion.

Jurists fear that an inherent inability to demonstrate reasonable suspicion or justify probable cause may

provide a unilateral loophole for defendants; and new trials due to "reversible error" for those convicted. Ferguson pops the rhetorical question, "How do you cross-examine a computer?" In short, what good is catching all these bad guys if they can systematically bounce back to the street through a Constitutional rabbit hole in the courthouse?

IBM crime analytics honcho Mark Cleverley disagrees, explaining that the technology enhances accountability. Dismissing concerns about the program being inadvertently or surreptitiously corrupted with a behavioral bias, Cleverley responds "You can pinpoint the record of who has access to information; you have a solid history of what's going on, so if someone is using the system for ill, you have an audit trail." Unfortunately, not many local police departments maintain a battery of tech-savvy whiz kids able to forensically diagnose tell-tale snippets of computer code that may have been "manipulated." They would need a hired gun - with skills seldom featured on Angie's List.

Until Lawmakers can bridge the legal abyss between predictive policing and 4th Amendment protections, prosecutors and defense attorneys will need a battery of statisticians, program administrators and applied mathematicians on speed dial (think of Johnnie Cochran pulling genome attorneys Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld out of his hat to explain DNA evidence to the O.J. Jury). Depending on which side is purchasing their testimony, these qualified experts will explain to a Judge how algorithmic predictions translate into reliable actionable police intelligence or prejudicially criminalize residents for living and/or working in a neighborhood mathematically stigmatized as a hot spot.

Another fly in the ointment is the model's general acceptance by skeptical line officers, especially veterans who aren't conversant with the technology. In his report to the FBI, Santa Cruz crime analyst Zach Friend observes, "As with any new program, questions and concerns arise. People resist change. The Santa Cruz Police Department worked with officers to develop maps and solicit feedback before implementation of the program. The department emphasized that the program does not replace officer intuition but supplements it." Friend adds that by normalizing information among shifts, it eliminates concerns about adequate information sharing, commenting "Officers obtaining the daily hot spot maps receive any information they missed due to vacation, illness, or regular days off." As officers witness how the program repeatedly places them "in the right time and place to prevent crime," although they may not understand the math, they grow increasingly comfortable with embracing this new tool.

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LAWMAKERS BLAST FLORIDA BAR'S TURF PROTECTION

By Eric Berkowitz

Bills Help CAM Managers

In a shameful display of nest feathering, on March 28, 2012, former Chairman George Meyer of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar requested an advisory opinion of the Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL), determining whether or not each of 14 distinct activities performed by Community Association Managers exemplified the unlicensed practice of law (UPL) – a felony. Ranging from the obvious – such as statutory or case law analysis to reach a legal conclusion – to the ridiculous – like calculating the number of owners' votes needed to establish a quorum (which is often prominently displayed in an association's governing documents), the list drew blistering criticism from CAM Managers, association officials and most association attorneys.

Miffed by the committee's blatant conflict of interest, Community Associations Institute (CAI) CEO Thomas Skiba cynically inquired "What is the basis for these concerns and could it be perceived as simply related to billable hours and fees?" The notion that the number of days required for a statutory notice must be counted on an attorney's fingers was so transparently self-serving that the committee – and the legal community at large – was conflicted over submitting their recommendations to the high court for adoption – ordinarily a standard practice. Although the committee finally submitted their Advisory Opinion to the Supreme Court on May 13, 2013, the court hasn't taken any action on the UPL committee's skewed haniwork. Two years later, when the stench finally reached Tallahassee, lawmakers decided to reverse this thinly veiled attempt by mercenary jurists to make new law – which is the Legislature's Constitutional back yard.

On February 10, 2014, the House Civil Justice Subcommittee and committee member Representative Ross Spano (R - Dover) - co-filed House Bill 7037 (HB 7037), which revises the term "Community Association Management" by publishing a list of association-related activities legally performed by CAM Managers with "substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and managerial skill" who are employed by associations that "contain more than 10 units or have an annual budget or budgets in excess of \$100,000." By including many of the practices identified by the UPL Committee as "the unlicensed practice of law", the bill would remove the arbitrary legal stigma, and dispense with need to clear standard management protocols with the association attorney.

Indirectly related to the CAM issue, HB 7037 also seeks to replace the current statutory descriptions of a Claim of Lien and a Release of Lien with boilerplate forms containing specific text for each type of association, and authorizes their applicability to condominium units, cooperative units and HOA parcels. Since the standardized forms can be completed by simply filling in factual information (names, addresses, etc.), they need not be completed by an attorney (ostensibly circumventing the UPL committee's recommended prohibition against CAM Managers preparing statutory lien documents for association projects). On February 28, 2014, Senator Tom Lee (R - Brandon), the Deputy Majority leader who Chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, filed Senate Bill 1466 (SB 1466), a companion bill which should sail through the Senate. When several vetting House Committee members questioned whether some of the proposed activities-such as preparing lien documents-should require a law license, Spano responded that he was working with stakeholders, including the Florida Bar, to resolve those issues.

Association Boards vs. The Florida Bar

Since UPL is a criminal offense in the State of Florida – a felony of the third degree, which is punishable by up to five years in jail and a fine of up to five thousand dollars for each violation, Meyer's attempt to squeeze legal fees from the performance of rote activities that would barely challenge a trained ferret was also a veiled threat to corporate and/or association Board Members. As with a manager's contractual protections, the directors' and officers' insurance policy that fortifies the indemnification provisions in the association's governing documents or those of any Florida corporation may not protect directors found culpable of criminal activity. Having filed HB 7037 to protect CAM Managers, lawmakers remained leery about how the UPL Committee's conclusions might adversely impact businesses and associations.

While Spano was filing his bill on behalf of the House Civil Justice Subcommittee, on Febru-

ary 10, 2014, the Subcommittee teamed with another of its members, Representative Walter Bryan "Mike" Hill (R - Pensacola), to co-file House Bill 7039 (HB 7093). The bill offers a list of activities that can be legally performed by persons unlicensed to practice law. In sections relevant to an association's board or committee volunteers, exceptions to UPL are given to persons: (c) Providing services under the supervision of an attorney in compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct; (e) Acting within the lawful scope of practice of a business or profession regulated by the state and; (f) Giving legal notice in the form and manner required by law.

The bill eliminates the threat to association board and/or committee volunteers for performing their duties as enumerated in the Condominium Act or the Cooperative Act (without running up unnecessary legal bills) such as calculating a quorum, posting a meeting notice or implementing actions suggested by the association attorney. On February 28, 2014, Senator Greg Evers (R - Pensacola), who Chairs the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, filed Senate Bill 1496 (SB 1496), the legislation's sister bill.

The legislation doesn't imply that every Manager or Board member is equipped to perform these activities, it simply stipulates that they do not constitute the practice of law. Although accredited CAM Managers may share qualifications to legally perform various functions, depending on their training and experience, their skill sets vary tremendously. The extent to which a manager is vested with responsibilities for financial, governance, construction, and other association matters should be tailored to his or her individual strengths and weaknesses. The bills inveigh that the "tailoring" should be done by an association board, not a bureaucratic panel of lawyers staking out new income streams. •



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purchase price or 110 percent of "fair market value", defined in the bill as "the amount a seller is willing to accept and a buyer is willing to pay on the open market in an arms-length transaction based on similar units sold in other condominiums," inclusive of units sold in bulk purchases but excluding units sold at wholesale or distressed prices. HB 1061 also authorizes a bulk owner or successor developer – if current on all assessments – to vote for terminating a condominium as long as the vote doesn't reduce the annual budget below the amount necessary to properly maintain the condominium and its statutory reserves.

A week later, Senator Jack Latvala (R - Clearwater) filed a potential companion, Senate Bill 1546 (SB 1546) on February 28, 2014. Since it lacks Zimmerman's prohibition against "low-balling" assessments to bulk owners, in the unlikely event that either bill gets past the first committee stop, either Latvala will have to expand his bill or Zimmermann will hack away at his – until they offer the same bag of tricks.

Adios to Parking Deck Junkers

Sign-challenged Galt Mile associations will be interested in House Bill 617 (HB 617) filed by Representative John Wood (R - Winter Haven) on January 15, 2014. Identical Senate Bill 974 (SB 974) was filed by Senator Joseph Abruzzo (D - Wellington) three weeks later on February 10, 2014. The bills "authorize an owner or lessee of real property to have a vehicle or vessel removed from the property without certain signage if the vehicle or vessel has remained on the property for a specified period." Specifically, the legislation states that when a vehicle or vessel "has been parked or stored on private property for a period exceeding 10 days, the owner or, lessee, or agent of the owner or lessee, of the real property may have the vehicle or vessel removed by a towing company upon signing an order that the vehicle or vessel be removed with-

out a posted tow-away zone sign." Where's my pen?

Cooking HOA Regulations

Indirectly relevant to Galt Mile unit owners is Senate Bill 1348 (SB 1348), filed by Senator Alan Hays (R - Lake) on February 26, 2014. According to Hays, the bill seeks to vest the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) with comprehensive regulatory oversight of Homeowner Associations – ostensibly mirroring the rights enjoyed by unit owners in condominiums and cooperatives via the Department's Division of Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes. HOA members have long sought a bill that protected their homeowner rights without sacrificing their right to self-determination and "Home Rule". If drafted properly, most association advocates will support extending similar protections to HOA parcel owners.

SB 1348 seeks to add the term "Homeowner Associations" to the Division's name, creating the Division of Condominiums, Homeowner Associations, Timeshares and Mobile Homes. The bill's regulatory framework is contained in SB 1348's first 36 pages. The remaining 86 pages are devoted to amending any Florida Statute that refers to the Division by salting in the addition term "Homeowner Associations." As with Condominium and Cooperative associations, the regulatory costs will be funded by a \$4 annual contribution from each parcel owner (despite that these funds are annually looted to balance the State budget).

Hays' 122-page missive recycles his failed 2013 Senate Bill 596 (SB 596) for a second bite at the apple. Before embarking on last year's futile effort, Hays admitted to becoming enraged after hearing anecdotal abuses by HOA constituents. Instead of shaping a long-needed balanced Statute, Hays overreacted with a punitive bill that tossed the baby with the bathwater. Not surprisingly, SB 596 never made it past its first committee stop and failed to attract a companion bill. Support for the new bill is split. Like its snakebit predecessor, SB 1348 is rife with provisions suggestive of knee-jerk reactions to legitimate problems.

Opponents contend that Hays' bill is filled with counterproductive attempts to micromanage HOAs. On March 2, 2014, President Patti Lynn of the Broward Coalition (which represents 100,000 families living in Broward condos and HOAs) sent a March 2nd Urgent Notice alerting members to some bill pitfalls uncovered following a preliminary review. She laments that SB1348 eliminates an HOA's right to lien member properties when unpaid fines break a \$1,000 threshold. Since Florida law prohibits collecting outstanding fines from the owner when a property is sold, the adverse budgetary impact is passed to the rule-breaking deadbeat's neighbors. Instead of addressing potential lien abuses by enforcing statutory accountability, Hays' ham handed "solution" punishes every parcel owner. The bill arbitrarily adds an expensive layer of notice requirements not applicable to condos or co-ops.

SB 1348 neglects many of the most egregious and widespread problems afflicting HOA parcel owners, such as unauthorized actions unilaterally taken by individual rogue board members and the selective enforcement of rules and regulations. If the legislative committee process tailors the bill to better address those concerns and mirrors the current statutory protections for condo and co-op owners, without compromising the right of self-determination and "Home Rule" for HOA members, it might become landmark legislation. If not, it will repeat as a DOA on the calendar. •

Ordinary citizens who benefit from a reduced crime rate face a different type of dilemma. In a European analysis of predictive policing entitled "Policing, surveillance and law in a pre-crime society: Understanding the Consequences of technology based strategies", University of Brussels law professor Paul De Hert and legal researcher Rosamunde Van Brakel fear that the logical extension of predictive policing – a comprehensive database containing the predisposition to criminality of every citizen – when combined with modern surveillance technology "undermines the presumption of innocence." While testifying before the U.K.'s House of Lords Selected Committee on the Constitution, acclaimed criminology professor Clive Norris admonished "If we are gathering data on people all the time on the basis that they may do something wrong, this is promoting a view that as citizens we cannot be trusted."

As the technology evolves, and police departments are tempted to skirt the fuzzy line that separates pro-active deterrence from pre-emption, citizens will have to decide the extent to which they are willing to sacrifice Constitutional and basic human rights protections to realize the benefits of short-circuiting crime. Absent a legal basis for pre-emption, the first Constitutional casualty must be the presumption of innocence. As the behavioral database expands, and biometric advances sharpen our surveillance shadows, other protections could follow.

To find an acceptable balance between the substantial benefits of predictive policing and its potential pitfalls, Ferguson, DeHert and other rights watchdogs suggest an open public debate with the objective of standardizing transparency and accountability oversight. Seeking to address Constitutional issues and unauthorized information-sharing with corporations or other agencies, the National Institute of Justice insists that a regulatory policy must also "distinguish intelligence from information, which determines what is and is not protected under privacy laws."

Although supported by the tech industry, lawmakers and the law enforcement community, not everyone favors a public forum for vetting regulatory solutions. Certain government agencies wouldn't have a problem with dropping a new codicil into the Patriot Act – perhaps on September 17th—to celebrate Constitution Day. •

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