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The Closer

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Talk about real estate? Thanks to developer [Aby Rosen's RFR Holding Inc.](#), this year's [Kips Bay Decorator Show House](#) has a very serious home. Held in one of Rosen's investment properties, the show house will squeeze into a castle-like 45-foot-wide \$75 million mansion located at 22 E. 71st St.

Built in 1922, the 21,000-square-foot Italian Renaissance superhome showcases the work of more than 20 top designers, including rooms by [Jamie Drake](#), [Charlotte Moss](#) and [Charles Pavarini](#) (left). The designers each get to dress up a room any way they want. This is Show House No. 37 for the [Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club](#), with all proceeds going to keeping the group active and healthy. Founded 94 years ago, the group helps 6- to 18-year-old city children lead more enriched lives.



Braganti for News Charles Pavarini III's room in the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's Annual 37th Decorator Show House, at 22 East 71st Street.

The show opens to the public today and runs through Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$30. House hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday evenings till 8, and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. No children under 6 or pets (even little dogs, allegedly) allowed. For those interested in the house, Rosen's sister-in-law [Serena Boardman](#) has the listing for [Sotheby's International Realty](#). For large group discounts, call 718-893-8600, x245.

Taking a look at the current housing lotteries available at [New York City's Department of Housing and Preservation](#), there are six rental lotteries spread across three boroughs. In [Mott Haven](#), families or singles making below \$64,000 can grab a two-bedroom for \$804. There's a swank two-bedroom available in a mixed-income building called [Beacon Mews](#) at 34 W. 139th St. Monthly rent will come to \$2,039 inside the brand-new building. You can sign up for these lotteries at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/apartment/lotteries.shtml> or check out the open house at [Beacon Mews](#) on weekends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We hear [New York Mets reliever Francisco Rodriguez](#) is house-hunting and he's not looking near [Manhattan](#). The all-star fireballer, otherwise known as K-Rod, sneaked a peek at a mansion in [Whitestone Woods, Queens](#), with water and bridge views. The five-bedroom home, complete with a theater and indoor hot tub, is on the market for around \$5 million. In case you're wondering, it's a 10-minute ride to [Citi Field](#) from the house, which resides on a street, driveway and front path warmed by radiant heat, meaning there's no chance the relief pitcher can get injured shoveling snow.

If you're one of those who think [Washington, D.C.](#), is the place to be now that [President Obama](#) rules the roost, then you might be interested in the price of the top condominiums selling around the national capital. Standing over the [Potomac River](#) in [Arlington, Va.](#), with views of the [White House](#), National Cathedral and the Lincoln and Washington Memorials, [Turnberry Tower](#) has an indoor pool and gym, touch-technology systems allowing owners to contact valet parking and make restaurant reservations, and easy accessibility to the Great Lawn and Washington, D.C. The 25-story building counts 50% of units sold, with one-bedroom homes starting in the \$700,000s. Go to <http://www.turnberrytowerarlington.com/>.

The [Chelsea Modern](#) keeps marching along. The [Madison Equities](#) building on W. 18th St., designed by [Audrey Matlock](#), closed a big deal recently. Sales agent [Corcoran Sunshine Marketing Group](#) inked a \$7.2 million sale for a 3,950-square-foot duplex penthouse, with 1,370 square feet of outdoor space. The buyer is in finance, suggesting there may be a glimmer of banking money making its way back to real estate. [Madison Equities](#) keeps building: Another [Matlock](#)-designed condo is going up on [Irving Place](#) and planned are a small hotel and two townhouses on [Washington St.](#) in the far West Village.

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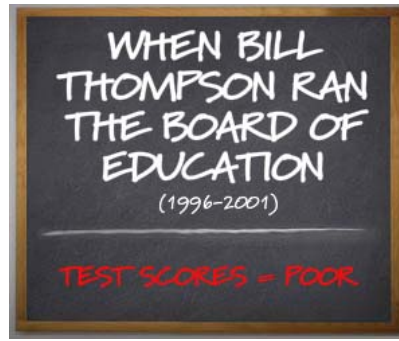
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