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Gimme Shelter

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Strongheart Manor.

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SILVER fox Buddhist/activist **Richard Gere** (right) has finally found a buyer for Strongheart Manor — his massive gated compound in the Hamptons community of North Haven — following a hefty price drop and broker swap to Corcoran's **Susan Breitenbach**. Gimme Shelter has learned. The estate originally asked \$65 million when it first came to market in 2013. We hear it's currently in contract to a



high-profile mystery buyer for close to its most recent asking price of \$36.5 million. The property includes a 12-bedroom, 12-bathroom main house that was built in 1902 and has since been restored in an energy-efficient way. There's also a Peconic Bay-fronting pool, a basketball court, lush landscaping, a pair of guest houses, beach and, as the listing says, an "island inspired tea house." Breitenbach declined to comment.



74 Bank St.

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'THIS \$26.5 million five-bedroom landmarked townhouse at 74 Bank St. was once home to artist George Condo (inset). Now the 6,000-square-foot home, which has two fireplaces, is being marketed as a single-family mansion. Built in 1842, the residence has been redone by top architects Leroy Street Studio (LSS) and Christina Markatos Design. The home comes with 13-foot ceilings, a large formal dining room, living room and landscaped garden. The listing broker is Jim St. Andre of Core.



Hess is more

ART broker/dealer **Judith Hess** (below), a rumored former gal pal of **Prince Andrew**, has put her new condo at 5 Franklin Place on the market for \$4.49 million. The three-bedroom unit has white-oak floors and a chef's kitchen. The seventh-floor unit currently showcases artworks by **Richard Prince** and **Jeff Koons**, among others. It is also on the market as a \$14,000-a-month rental. The listing broker is **Michael Bolla**, of Luxury Lofts & Homes International.



5 Franklin Place

Play house

'THIS townhouse sure was something to write home about! Built in 1860 by President Martin Van Buren for his daughter, it is where "The Glass Menagerie" playwright Tennessee Williams (right) lived in the 1940s. A postcard he sent his dad reads: "Settled in lovely new apt., 151 E. 37 St. 3 big rooms and other a roof with skyline & view of river for \$18.50 (3 of us) each (per month)." The brokers are Corcoran's Paul Gavriani and Vincent Falcone.



151 E. 37th St.

The Corcoran Group



'THAT Stephanie March, the actress and ex-wife of celeb chef Bobby Flay, has been house-hunting with her new hedge-funder beau, Dan Benton, CEO of Andor Capital Management. They scouted out the penthouses of both 11 N. Moore St. (asking \$29.99 million) and 35 N. Moore St. (asking \$29.95 million).