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Livin' Legend



John Legend

Musician **John Legend** has hit another high note with downtown real estate. Legend, who's in contract to sell his condo on the Bowery, has landed a sweet one-bedroom, 2 1/2-bathroom condo loft at Nolita's Brewster Carriage House conversion at 374 Broome St.

The 1,969-square-foot unit, carved out of a 19th-century building, was listed for \$2.55 million. We hear that the purchase price was close to the asking price but under \$2.5 million. The stylish, bright unit, with three exposures, includes a big living room with a fireplace, a chef's kitchen and spa-like bathrooms with soaking tubs and rainfall showers.

Legend's longtime broker **Jason Walker**, of Prudential Douglas Elliman, declined to comment, but our spies spotted Legend at the building several times before the closing.

Meanwhile Legend's two-bedroom, two-bathroom Bowery condo at 52 E. Fourth St. is in contract with a mystery buyer. Its last asking price was \$2.795 million, down from its original \$2.95 million. That building includes a landscaped roof deck, a swimming pool and interiors by **Andres Escobar**."

Buying and Spelling

Talk about downsizing! In 2009, **Candy Spelling**, mom to reality-TV star Tori, put her LA estate, Spelling Manor, on the market for a whopping \$150 million before selling the 56,500-square-foot mansion on 4.7 acres for \$85 million to **Petra Ecclestone**, heir to Formula One billionaire dad **Bernie**.

Now Spelling has been spotted checking out far more modest Manhattan digs, including a \$4.995 million, three-bedroom, 2,300-square-foot co-op at the Chatham building on East 65th Street. That unit has sold to another buyer, but Spelling has other options in the neighborhood. She also checked out a unit in the \$5 million range at the Manhattan House condo conversion on East 66th Street.

Maybe Spelling got tired of all her space in LA, where Spelling Manor had a room that was just for gift-wrapping.



Candy Spelling

Just Drew it

Drew Barrymore and **Will Kopelman** wed in June at Barrymore's home in Montecito, Calif. But the couple are still apartment hunting in New York, where Kopelman, an art dealer and son of former Chanel CEO **Arie Kopelman**, grew up on the Upper East Side.

One place they looked at was a \$4.475 million, three-bedroom, two-bathroom, high-floor duplex at the Gainsborough co-op building on Central Park South. The unit, which has double-height ceilings and a 30-foot-long living room with a fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows with Central Park views, is no doubt dramatic, but Barrymore and Kopelman aren't going to be moving in. Another buyer has snagged the apartment.

Ski Town and Country

It's not a "Million Dollar Listing" in New York, but reality-TV broker Ryan Serhant hopes his name will help sell his parents' Colorado ranch property. The Steamboat Springs house is a five-bedroom, 4 1/2-bathroom log home that's listed for \$2.45 million. It's 5,832 square feet and perched on a sprawling 11.46 acres that also includes a new barn with four stables.

"It's the best skiing out west," Serhant, of Nest Seekers International, says of the area. And the home, known as Creek Ranch, also includes easy access to hunting and fishing.

Serhant's parents moved in when the broker went to college. And Serhant spent summers there. "I worked on the ranch, building fences and moving the bucking horses, as there's a big rodeo in Steamboat," he says.

Take it or Levitt

Dede Sheoris-Levitt, ex-wife of hedge-funder **Michael Levitt**, has put the massive home she once shared with her husband on the market for \$18.5 million.

The Alpine, NJ, home is located at 4 Stone Tower Drive. In addition to the 23,000-square-foot mansion, there's a 2,000-square-foot staff home and a pool house. No expense was spared on the seven-bedroom estate, which has six main reception rooms and eight "recreational" rooms including a gym, theater, two-lane bowling alley and arcade.

There's also a nine-car garage, an elevator, a pool, a spa, a putting green and a tennis court. A source close to Sheoris-Levitt, who owns the mansion on her own, says she is selling because she spends more time in Manhattan and her oceanfront home in the Hamptons.

Dennis McCormack, of Prominent Properties Sotheby's International Realty, has the listing.

Whoa, 'Daddy'

Tahj Mowry, star of ABC Family's new "Baby Daddy" sitcom, was spotted downtown on the hunt for a posh pad. Fans caught up with him outside Trump SoHo, where he had been checking out units with Sabrina Kleier-Morgenstern of HGTV's "Selling New York" and fellow Gumley Haft Kleier broker Isabel Solmonson. Our spies tell us that a two-bedroom penthouse particularly piqued his curiosity. Mowry graciously posed for pictures with fans before hopping into a tinted Escalade.