ADVERTISEMENT

SECTIONS

12 WEEKS FOR 99¢

LOG IN

Man stabs brother and father, then kills girlfriend in Bronx apartment building, cops say



'I knew. I saw his face. And he was running towards me,' Bronx machete victim says ...



Pete Buttigieg mulls endorsement of Joe Biden after talking with Obama as...



Whv Leor

Gia....

As Workforce Housing Advisors buys up distressed apartments, tenants must wait for repairs until foreclosure cases are resolved

By KERRY WILLS

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS | MAR 22, 2013

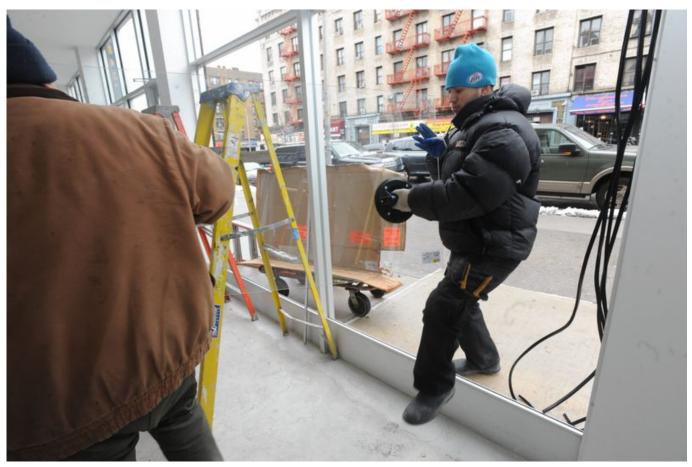






SPECIAL OFFER

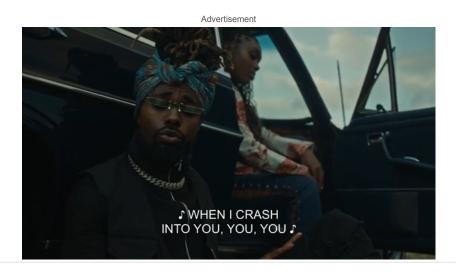
12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time



Workers installing windows in ground floor storefront at 935 Kelly St. (Andrew Savulich/New York Daily News)

A sunny yellow hallway, gleaming hardwood floors, new kitchens and bathrooms will greet residents of 935 Kelly St. when they return to their once decrepit apartments.

This Longwood tenement and four more on the block were among the Bronx's worst slums until Workforce Housing Advisors (WFHA) bought the mortgages, foreclosed on the properties, and renovated them.



SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time

ADVERTISEMENT

"There was garbage and rats," said WFHA partner John Crotty. "Now it's got a green roof and a fenced-in garden."

At a ribbon-cutting Thursday, Carolyn Waring, 62, said her stepfather Frank Potts owned the buildings until 1998.

PAID POST What Is This?



4 Signs Your Heart Is Quietly Failing You <

How To Avoid A Heart Attack (Do This For 7 Seconds Twice A Day)

SEE MORE

 $\textbf{Sponsored Content by} \quad physiotru$

"Once he sold the buildings, they went completely down," said Waring, who has lived at 924 Kelly since the late 1960's.

"You took me from the slums and you put me in -- I got a beautiful apartment, y'all!"

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time



Renovated lobby intrance at 935 Kelly St. (Andrew Savulich/New York Daily News)

The buildings, at 916, 920, 924, 928 and 935 Kelly St., are a shining example of WFHA's mission, to rehabilitate distressed multi-family housing and keep it affordable for tenants. Kelly Street is the first of six projects the for-profit developer has begun in the Bronx. They've bought 12 neglected buildings and the mortgages for two more.

Crotty, 44, former executive vice president of the city Housing Development Corp., admits getting to the proud finished product is a challenge.



SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time

"We started this business to change conditions, to make it better," Crotty said. "Telling people to wait a while, that's a difficult thing to do."

That's what Crotty must do at 1380 University Ave. in Highbridge, where WFHA bought the \$17.5 million mortgage and began foreclosure proceedings against the owner in June 2012.



Alex Boyko installing door in ground floor storefront at 935 Kelly St. (Andrew Savulich/New York Daily News)

The 144-unit building has 101 violations with the city department of Housing Development and Preservation. Residents have spot and a substitution of the building has 101 violations with the city department of Housing Development and Preservation. Residents

Offenders

Tenant as , but

things go

"I believe s, I

feel like t

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time



John Crotty of Workforce Housing Advisors on Kelly St. where his company restored several buildings. (Andrew Savulich/New York Daily News)

Williamson alleges Carlin committed sabotage.

"We have no reason to believe any such thing happened," said Carlin's attorney, Stephen Jones.

MOST READ

Man stabs brother and father, then kills girlfriend in Bronx apartment building, cops say

Pete Buttigieg mulls endorsement of Joe Biden after talking with Obama as Super Tuesday looms

'I knew. I saw his face. And he was running towards me,' Bronx machete victim says of a brutal assault

Thus far, WFHA has support from the building's tenant organizer, Susanna Blankley of Community Action for Safe Apartments.

ADVERTISEMENT

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time

Kerri White, of Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, said the situation is common. At 539-541 E. 147th St. in Mott Haven, where WFHA will soon start another gut-and-rebuild project, tenants languished for 1 1/2 years in units with collapsing ceilings, mold, and fire damage until a foreclosure deal was sealed.

"Workforce Housing is a responsible developer," White said. "Buildings like E. 147th might have been lost without them being willing to do risky and innovative things. We see them trying to do their best, but that can't happen until they own the property and can put in more money."

kwills@nydailynews.com

Sponsored

Here's Why Guys Are Obsessed With These Sweats...

MACK WELDON | SPONSORED

This Doctor Fixes Guts — And He Begs You to Eat One Thing

GUNDRY MD TOTAL RESTORE SUPPLEMENTS | SPONSORED

How To Empty Your Bowels Every Morning - Top Surgeon Explains How

GUNDRY MD BIO COMPLETE 3 SUPPLEMENT | SPONSORED

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time



'60 Minutes' producer Katherine Textor, longtime Morley Safer collaborator, dead at 45



Congregants turn their backs on Mike Bloomberg inside Selma, Ala., church

By SPIRRYT MIKE SHR NOEIAN



Pictures: Up Up and Away Hot Air Balloon Festival

Man Notices A Strange Hole In This Lake, So He Gets A Drone, Flies It Inside And Captures This

ICEPOP | SPONSORED

8 Cheap Luxury Cars On Sale Below MSRP

CARS | SEARCH ADS | SPONSORED



White supremacist who fatally stabbed California man three months after prison release sentenced to 56 years to life



Jennifer Lopez explains why she and Alex Rodriguez aren't in a rush to get married

BY KATERFEBDENADORIO



These threatened species are crucial to ecosystems - and human life

You May Like Sponsored Links by Taboola

Prince Harry Explains Why His Sister Was Always A Secret WorldLifestyle

Warning: 14 Products To Never Buy At Costco!

BetterBe

Triple H's Wife Is Hands Down The Most Beautiful Woman In The World
TheFashionBall

New York Senior Drivers Should Do This In February

New York Senior Drivers Should Do This In February
US Auto Insurance Now

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time

2. 'I knew. I saw his face. And he was running towards me,' Bronx machete victim says of a brutal assault

ADVERTISEMENT

Sign up for our newsletters Subscribe for unlimited access

About Us Contact Us
Careers Frequently Asked
Site Map Questions

Manage Subscription Web Notifications
Contests Place an Ad
Special Sections Media Kit
The Daily Meal BestReviews
The Active Times Privacy Policy

TAG disclosure Terms of Service
FAQ Do Not Sell My Info

Copyright © 2020, New York Daily News

SPECIAL OFFER

12 WEEKS FOR ONLY 99¢
Get real news in real time