

# The Chat

## Extreme Winds Destroy Roof Deck *by Judy Judd*

"I've never seen anything like it before" was the nearly universal comment from anyone who witnessed the storm. The line of thunderstorms on the evening of June 10<sup>th</sup> brought winds that ravaged huge trees on the Drive and in the Park – ripping limbs off of some and pulling others completely out of the ground. Sadly, those tornado-like winds also destroyed our roof deck.

structure, which caused the main deck to be cracked, some areas of the main deck were torn up, and many of the panels are warped out of position. No portion of the deck is safe to occupy. (See pictures of the damage on our web site.)

We also lost one of the fabric-backed chairs to the wind. It was found on 94<sup>th</sup> Street, along with pieces of the deck.



injured by the incident. If you see them in the hall, ask them about it. They have quite a harrowing tale to tell!

At this time the Board doesn't know when we will have our roof deck back. We need to consult our insurers, and other professionals to line up our ducks. Rest assured that we will work diligently to restore the deck. After all, we want it back, too.

A large chunk of the pathway leading to the main deck was torn away, and many of its components were shattered. The winds shifted the whole

We are grateful that the residents of apartment 710 and their friends, who were enjoying dinner on the deck when the winds raged through, were not badly

## Board, Not Bored

There's always a lot to do here at 214 Riverside, and we, your new Board, are happily at work making things happen. First of all, thanks must be paid to last year's Board for all of their hard work, from finding us our new super, to beginning the long process of renovating apartment 104 (oy! the paperwork!) their efforts on our building's behalf are greatly appreciated. Second of all, the new Board would like to assure you that there are

many positive changes still to come!

The past few weeks have brought some very physical signs of some of these changes: work has begun on the super's apartment (no, you don't have a noisy new neighbor, that's actual construction going on), unsightly graffiti has been removed from our building's exterior, the roof deck and the trash chutes have been cleaned, and a new exterminating service has been

employed.

The inside of the building will also get a facelift when the carpets are cleaned, the hallways painted, and better lighting is installed in the stairwells. A future renovation is still under discussion, but the Board has unanimously agreed to table further decisions until after Local Law 11 has been dealt with. (Yep, after years of discussion, the scaffolding will soon be arriving...)

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*"I've never seen anything like it before." A common comment about the wind storm on June 10.*

See Pictures at [214Riversidedrive.com](http://214Riversidedrive.com)



**Board, Not Bored, cont'd from pg 1**

Once this project is completed, we'll have a more accurate assessment of the building's finances and can open renovation discussions once more.

Speaking of unanimous agreement, the delivery rule has been changed. Now food and groceries can be buzzed in and brought directly to your door – but only while the guard is on duty, 6pm - 6am. We hope this makes lives easier (ah! to order

pizza and remain in one's robe and slippers!) and look forward to your feedback during this three month trial period.

Finally, if you check out 214Riverside.com, you'll notice the new look of the website (thanks Judy!). Links are currently available from this webpage to email the super, our managing agent, and the Board. (Note: the Board's email address has changed to

theboard@214riverside drive.com). In the coming months, we hope to make this site even more functional.

The Chattillion is a unique building filled with unique people and pets, and we, the new Board, are working towards celebrating that uniqueness and fostering a more community feel among us all.

*By Teresa Cicala*

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**Living The American Dream** *by Lori Green*

We all know him as the guy who keeps our building spotless, the one who is always there to lend a hand, and to help those in need. He "needs no title, no prestige, and no praise" because he "works from the heart providing a service to others." With never a day off, you can see Lawrence (Ifeanyi) Anyasi Saturday, Sunday, Christmas, Thanksgiving .. every day that he's assigned to work. The very soul of 214 Riverside, Lawrence has been keeping the building in order for 25 years and counting. "I'm very proud of this building. I've been here a long time and we all worked together," Lawrence says.

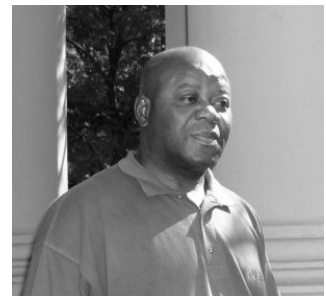
But, who is this dedicated, quiet man? Lawrence was born in rural Igbodo, Nigeria – a village with no running water, no school, and no essentials. The closest water source was a two-hour walk each way and

food was either from the ground or on the other side of a bow and arrow. He hunted for the likes of antelope and deer, helped farm his family's land, and did his share of water-carrying. "I know the place that I came from and where I started," he says ... and it shows. Elementary school, middle school, and high school were all outside the grasp of a child with little means growing up in an African village of 300. In the middle of his life, he spotted someone who was reading and it intrigued him. He began to wonder what it would be like to be able to absorb books and to get an education. He moved to the city (Ibadan), took whatever jobs he could, and saved up enough money to learn and earn his high-school equivalency. Once he got a degree, he was hired full-time and worked his way through college where he graduated. Soon after, a friend of his

invited him to the US and he came to New York to live the American Dream.

These days, education is just as important to Lawrence as it was all those years ago struggling in Nigeria, only now his objective is to educate his children and "change their track in life to give them the best." It's a goal he and his wife Brigitte have already accomplished for Joshua (aged 15), 12-year-old Elizabeth, and Daniel (aged 8). "I've done exactly what I wanted to give my children what they needed and to complete the circle."

What's the secret to Lawrence's success? "If you prepare for life you will succeed. Life is the way you present it and if you go with the right path you'll always succeed. Don't look for shortcuts, they won't work – it's not magic. Success is yours if you do the right thing."




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## New Faces In The Building

**Tracy Burzycki** took one look at the Park and the façade of 214 Riverside Drive, and fell in love. It's quite a change from her old apartment on 71<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. Also, she's a first-time apartment owner, and delighted that she bought into such a great location.

When Tracy isn't working hard at her job as a Sales Rep for a health care company, or studying for her MBA, she loves the outdoors. She's an avid biker, hiker and camper. Also, she's a runner, who ran in the New York City Marathon for the first time last year. She'll have a lot of her new neighbors cheering her on when she runs the Marathon again in November.



*Tracy Burzycki  
Apartment 113*

**Charlie Flickinger** and **Linda Cantillano** traded Prospect Park for Riverside Park (and Central Park) when they moved from Park Slope to their new home at 214 Riverside Drive.

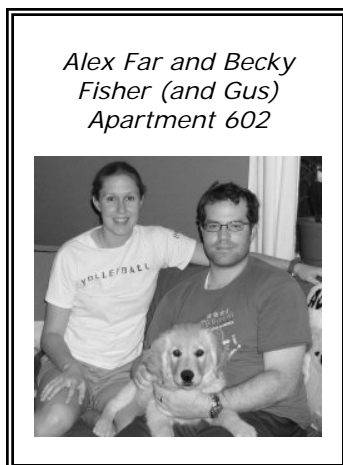


*Charlie Flickinger  
and Linda Cantillano  
Apartment 213*

Charlie is the owner of a Glass Bending plant in Brooklyn (Flickinger Glassworks, [www.flickingerglassworks.com](http://www.flickingerglassworks.com)) and Linda is a school psychologist in the Westchester Country School District.

Charlie and Linda are fans of the outdoors. They love backpacking and camping. Charlie is an avid fly-fisherman and Linda loves hiking. They both enjoy riding their bikes.

Charlie and Linda share their home with 2 beautiful cats, Leo (20 year old, long-haired orange tabby) and Trouble (18 year old long-haired black and white).

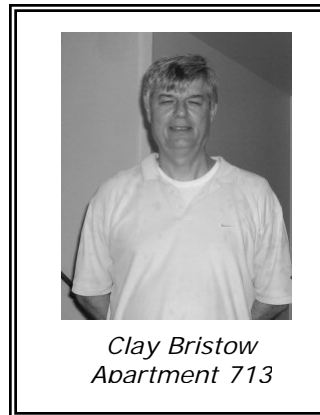


*Alex Far and Becky  
Fisher (and Gus)  
Apartment 602*

Before they sublet Apartment 602, **Alex Far** and **Becky Fisher** were East Siders, living in Stuyvesant Town.

When Becky and Alex aren't playing with, and training, their adorable golden retriever puppy, Gus, they work hard to afford dog food and toys. Alex is a bond salesman and Becky is a Special Ed. Teacher in Manhattan.

Alex and Becky met while enjoying their favorite pastime – competitive sports. Becky is a volleyball player and Alex plays soccer. Of course, Gus takes up much of their sports time these days.



*Clay Bristow  
Apartment 713*

**Clay Bristow** commutes between his home in Atlanta, Georgia and his work as a lawyer for a financial institution here in New York. His wife, **Marylon McGiniss**, still works in Atlanta and visits New York on weekends.

When Clay isn't working, he enjoys hunting for antiques, sightseeing in the City (especially the architectural marvels), traveling and attending sporting events. He also loves to play tennis, and is hoping to have an opportunity to play soon. Clay also enjoys rummaging through book stores and can often be found in the racks at the Strand.

## Block Association Won a Battle, But the War Rages On



*The future is still uncertain for 319 West 94<sup>th</sup> street*

In March, the Block Association had its day in court and won a little victory. The court ruled that the Board of Standards and Appeals had to revisit the Lantern Group's request to build 3 additional stories on the top of 319 West 94th Street (the St. Louis).

In addition to the court ruling, the Board of Standards and Appeals has heard arguments on both sides and has instructed both sides to present more documents supporting their respective positions.

Several of our neighbors from the area attended the court hearing and the hearing at the Board of Standards and Appeals, to lend support to the Block Association's efforts. Also, several written objections to the project were delivered to the Board of Standards and Appeals from individuals, buildings and businesses in the area (including 214 Riverside Drive).

If you are unfamiliar with the issue, or want to learn more, please visit the Block Association's

web site  
<http://www.n90s.org>.

The fight is just in its beginning stages, and the Block Association has entered into an uphill battle.

If you are concerned about the plans for the St. Louis, you can join the fight by joining the Block Association. Just click the "Join Us" button in the menu on the web site.

## Getting to Know Our Neighborhood

Did you know that....

**-The Cathedral of St. John the Divine** is the world's largest Gothic cathedral, tall enough to dwarf the Statute of Liberty

**-Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Eddie Murphy and Adam Sandler** all got their start at Stand Up New York on West 78<sup>th</sup> street

**-Columbia University** occupies the site of the Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum and that Morningside Heights was formally known as "Asylum Hill". (Those of us who went to NYU are particularly struck by this fact!)

**-An upper west side woman**, Gertrude

Ederle, who swam the English Channel, was the first woman to be honored with a ticker-tape parade

**-The first American cancer hospital** (New York Cancer Hospital, which later became Sloan-Kettering) was on Central Park West; the oldest Baptist congregation in the U.S. is the First Baptist Church at 79<sup>th</sup> and Broadway; the oldest Jewish congregation in New York (Congregation Shearith Israel) is on CPW and 70<sup>th</sup> street and the oldest school in the U.S., Collegiate School, is on 77<sup>th</sup> and West End

**-The following people/products were "born" on the upper west side:**  
Lauren Bacall, Humphrey Bogart, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Dorothy Parker, J.D. Salinger, Norman Rockwell, Jonas Salk, Carly Simon, Pilsener beer, Hellmann's mayonnaise, and the Reuben sandwich



*Jerry Seinfeld, Gertrude Ederle, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Bloomingdale Lunatic Asylum, Hellman's Mayonnaise, and Lauren Bacall*

### Featured Pet: PRINCESS

*“Sure, I can foster a dog for a few weeks.”  
– Judy Judd  
15 years ago*



At 16 years old, Princess (aka “Prinnie”) is the oldest dog in the building. She’s lived here for 15 years, ever since the fateful day Judy uttered those treacherous words “Sure, I can foster a dog for a few weeks.”

When Prinnie first moved in, she decided that she should do some redecorating. She prefers the “torn paper, chewed furniture, destroyed everything” look to the more conventional “everything intact” look. For about a year, she tried to convince Judy that her decorative vision for the apartment was appropriate, by doing some “decorating” each and every day. Eventually, Judy won out (with a lot of effort and dog-proofing) and Prinnie

had to settle for the less controversial “dog toys everywhere” motif.

Prinnie was, in her youth, an extremely vocal dog. She barked when she was happy, and she was very happy when she was headed to the park. Much to Judy’s chagrin, Prinnie insisted on barking her way through the lobby, out the door, and all the way to the park – scaring everyone in her path. There was a method to her madness, though. Judy found out that, just as Prinnie passed near her friends’ homes, her friends insisted on going to the park. Apparently, her barking was a call to come out and play.

Prinnie was also known in the neighborhood, and among the dog people,

as an accomplished trick performer. She danced, rolled over, sang, did “Teddy Bear,” waved her paw and fell over wounded (not quite dead) when one aimed a menacing finger at her and said “Bang.” She still does a geriatric version of “Teddy Bear,” but her dancing days are behind her.

To be truthful, Prinnie would prefer not to live here at 214 Riverside Drive. She wants to live directly in Riverside Park. All she needs is a tent, plenty of food and treats, a cushy spot to sleep, and she’ll be fine. She’s sure that Judy could adjust too, if she just made the effort.

### Calling All Green Thumbs!



Volunteers are still needed for a gardening committee.

If you are interested in digging through some

dirt, or are just the kind of person who makes everything come up roses, we need you!

Please contact Rich at 212-666-5612, ASAP so we can pretty up our corner of the world.

# BRAG BOARD

HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT HERE!



Can you find the names of all of these Chatillion Canines?

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P R Y Z N E N F O K I M M J D E Y Q D K	MIKO
N O C P S N D S M V B V G I L Z A P W U	PRINCESS
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## 214 RSD Sudoku

The objective is to fill the 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains the characters from "214RSDNYC" only *one* time each.

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GOT SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT?

PLEASE SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO [THEBOARD@214RIVERSIDE DRIVE](mailto:THEBOARD@214RIVERSIDE DRIVE).

OR SLIP A NOTE UNDER 212 OR 708

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