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It Happened One Weekend: Cassa Unaware of Recession, Nasty Rent-Stab Battle in Brooklyn Heights, More!

1) Our recent [check-in](#) at Midtown's new Enrique Norten-designed condo/hotel **Cassa NY** revealed the 48-story concrete tower's inspiration: an Egyptian obelisk. But now, the developer reveals Cassa's (yes, just Cassa now) *real* inspiration: rich foreigners. The random window pattern was meant to encourage the combination of units. Sounds like nonsense, but apparently it's working: **17 of 57 units have sold**, the developer claims, at prices around \$2,000 per square foot. One buyer bought four units, and two each bought three. [[Posting/'A Neighborhood's Three-Way Switch'](#)]



2) Rent stabilization gets folks riled up, and here's a case that both sides can take issue with. A Brooklyn Heights man took over his parents' townhouse apartment in the '70s, and now pays \$212 per month in rent. The president of [Vandenberg Real Estate](#) **bought the house for \$2 million, and wants the guy out**. Cue the court battles, the digging up of 20+ year old documents, the anger, the bitterness, and finally, a buy-out. [[Big Deal/'Rent-Control Rights Stripped Away'](#)]

3) Co-op boards are like nasty little high school cliques, and the poor economic times ratchet up the tension between the Mean Girls and the nerds. So **how to run a good board?** Treat it like a marriage! Communicate, be honest, and don't spend oodles of money without telling your partner. [[In Tough Times, Conflicts Rise on Co-op Boards'](#)]

4) Cute dogs alert! Single White Female renter (with Boston Terrier and boxer in tow) seeks apartment with outdoor space near the Tompkins Square Park dog run. She ends up on **Avenue D**. Lady, don't tell your parents. [[The Hunt/'A Home Gets Drools of Approval'](#)]