

A-Rod Buys \$6M Condo at the Upper West Side's Rushmore

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So much for [wanting to keep renting](#). Yankee third baseman and [perpetual apartment hunter](#) **Alex Rodriguez** is giving up his 15 Central Park West rental—it wasn't "private enough," the *Post* speculates, because of all the prospective buyers walking through—but not for any of the flashy pads he's been spotted visiting. Instead, A-Rod has a deal to buy the 35th floor of the **Rushmore**, the [lawsuit- and typo-plagued](#) building on the Upper West Side. (Better check that contract carefully, A-Rod!) The *Journal* reports that A-Rod will pay between \$5.5 million and \$6 million for the 4BR pad (with an optional fifth bedroom or library). The building's developer, Gary Barnett, left the negotiating process with these insights into A-Rod's psyche: he "loved the building, the park and the water views, but we think the clincher was the baseball field outside the front door." Hey, at least [somebody](#) will be using it.

The \$5.5 to \$6 million price range on this deal is low for a celebrity (especially considering the rest of A-Rod's real estate hunt), but not so low for the building, where [StreetEasy](#) shows 4BRs listed for anywhere from \$3.455 million to \$4.435 million, and a few in contract for more. And, Barnett tells the *Journal*, A-Rod could have gotten a lower price when he first visited the building a year ago, before sales improved. Tough luck!

In lieu of listing pics or a floorplan, neither of which is available online, we present an artist's rendering of A-Rod using one of the building's most celebrated amenities, the La Palestra fitness center:

