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Basses' New York apartment equals several mansions in DFW

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Just how much more expensive is Manhattan than Fort Worth?

Fort Worth billionaire Robert M. Bass and his wife, Anne, recently paid \$42 million for a co-op apartment in Manhattan that takes up half the 12th floor of a pre-World War II, Upper East Side building, according to New York media reports that cited deed records.

According to the *New York Observer*, the property was originally listed at \$34 million including furnishings, and at \$42 million would have been the fourth-most-expensive residence sold in New York City last year.

It would be hard to spend that much on a home in North Texas.

The Basses' Westover Hills residence, even at 16,500 square feet, is valued at \$8.35 million by the Tarrant Appraisal District. And Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban's North Dallas mansion checks in at a mere \$17.6 million, according to the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

The Basses' new neighbors at the 834 Fifth Ave. property include News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch and Charles Schwab, the founder of his namesake investment company, according to Bloomberg News, which said Bass declined to comment.

Fort Worth builder

wins national award

Ferrier Builders in Fort Worth has been honored by the NAHB Research Center and the U.S. Energy Department as the 2012 Energy Value Housing Award Remodeler of the Year.

Ferrier was selected from this year's gold award winners in the existing-homes category of the national industry competition.

The award, in its 17th year, recognizes builders and remodeler's best energy-efficient practices. The Research Center is a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders.

Energy Value Housing Award winners consider the effect of every material and product on a home's overall efficiency -- including framing methods, type and location of insulation, appliances, air sealing, ductwork placement and ventilation sizing.

Michael Luzier, president of the research center, said Ferrier is a pioneer in energy efficiency.

"Clearly, the home-building industry's efforts to make energy-efficient and green home options more available to homeowners at all market levels have taken hold and will continue to make a positive difference for future generations," Luzier said.

Ferrier submitted a gut-rehab of an old Fort Worth home for the competition.

High-tech cardiac lab

opens in Weatherford

Weatherford Regional Medical Center recently opened what it bills as Parker County's first cardiac catheterization lab. Physicians at the new Heart and Vascular Center performed the first procedures Feb. 1.

Cardiac catheterization involves the imaging of blood vessels, primarily in the heart, to diagnose blockages and other problems.

Donna Boone, chief nursing officer, said, "Many patients coming to Weatherford Regional Medical Center have both coronary and vascular conditions, which we can now more accurately and efficiently diagnose -- and in some cases even treat -- during a single procedure."

Weatherford Regional is a 99-bed hospital and network of clinics in Parker County.



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