

Birdman Faces the Board

Time is ticking for ousted National Arts Club president **Aldon James**. The embattled, finch-loving longtime leader was accused of making sweetheart deals on 20 apartments in the famed Gramercy Park club, as well as hoarding belongings, mismanaging club finances and harassing members. Now he's suffered a big loss in Manhattan Supreme Court, which recently rejected his motion to disqualify the entire NAC board from voting on his fate because he claimed they were prejudiced against him. Instead, the judge disqualified two pro-Aldon board members, **Pat Hackett** and **Stacy Engman**, as well as its acting president, **Dianne Bernhard**. The court order ensures that the hearings will be a board investigation despite Aldon's plea to have a third party investigate. It also reduces the majority of votes needed to boot Aldon, who has pledged to take back the club, from 11 to 9. Aldon's lawyer, **Adam Gilbert**, told Page Six that the hearing would start Jan. 23 and, "Many things can and will happen between now and then."

