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THE SISTER-IN-LAW of billionaire George Soros forced her butler to sleep on the floor and repeatedly tormented him with homophobic comments – telling him she had "money and I can treat people however I want," a new lawsuit alleges.

Zahied Mohammed, who is black and gay, started working for Daisy Soros – who was married to the late Paul Soros – in October 2013 as her weekend butler.

The Trinidad-born Mohammed soon found that Daisy Soros — a philanthropist who runs a fellowship program for immigrants to the U.S. and their children — would bully him "in a manner she never treated any white or heterosexual employees," according to a lawsuit filed Thursday in Manhattan Federal Court.

When Mohammed, 43, began working for Soros at her Fifth Ave. home, she told him to sleep in a guest room "but refused to let him sleep in an actual bed" during his first year.

"Instead, she actually forced Mr. Mohammed to sleep on the floor at the foot of the guest beds" — whereas white, heterosexual employees were allowed to sleep in a bed, the suit, filed by lawyer David Gottlieb, alleges.

"It made me feel like a slave," Mohammed told the Daily News. "I couldn't believe it was happening."

Meanwhile, Daisy Soros' dog, a poodle named Tango, was allowed to sleep anywhere.

"It was really painful because the dog was allowed to sleep on the bed – but not a black human being, a black immigrant," he said

Soros was married to the late Paul Soros, an older brother of George who died in 2013.

George Soros, an investor ranked among the richest people in the world, is a well-known supporter of liberal causes and political candidates.

Mohammed said he put up with the sleeping arrangement at Daisy Soros' home for about a year – and spent his nights on a \$75 foam pad.

When Mohammed got fed up with sleeping on the floor, he threatened to quit – but Soros asked him to stay, saying, "If you stay here, then maybe I'll live a couple more years," he recalled.

Mohammed, who also kept an eye on Daisy Soros' health as part of his job, agreed.

Daisy Soros, 87, allowed him to use a bed at that point – but still required that he sleep on the foam pad on top of the mattress, not directly on the guest bed, he said.

Daisy Soros, who knew Mohammed is gay, also belittled him because of his sexual orientation – repeatedly telling him that "it's better to be married to your husband than to go out there and get



Soros kin made butler 'sleep on floor'

AIDS."

When Mohammed told her it's an offensive stereotype that all gay persons are promiscuous and sick with AIDS, "Ms. Soros dismissively responded, 'That's what you all

say," "the suit claims.
"I was disgusted,"
said Mohammed.
"Not every gay person sleeps around."

Soros also allegedly told Mohammed: "Don't be a sissy. Stop complaining and be a man" af-

ter he spoke out against similar legedly yelled. "You are nobody comments, the suit says. legedly yelled. "You are nobody and I will fire you the next time

"I have money and I can treat people however I want and who gives a f---! Don't you know who we are?" Daisy Soros allegedly said at other times.

Mohammed's suffering reached a breaking point in September, when he complained about not being paid for several days.

"My last name is Soros and I know some very powerful people," she al-

legedly yelled. "You are nobody and I will fire you the next time you talk to me about anything that is not your f---ing business."

Mohammed felt forced to quit and left.

"That really frightened me," Mohammed said.

Soros' lawyer, Dov Kesselman, pointed to her philanthropic help to immigrants.

"Mrs. Soros and her family deny these baseless allegations and believe her life's work to support immigrants to the U.S. says a lot more about who she is than a former part-time employee seeking a quick payday," he said.

Teen held in killing of B'klyn boy

POLICE ARRESTED a teenage gunman in the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old boy in Brooklyn.

Zidon Clarke, 17, was busted for shooting Rohan Levy in the back of the head near his home in East Flatbush around 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20, police said.

Levy and his friends were standing on E. 55th St. near Lenox Road when Clarke jumped out of a gold Honda Accord and opened fire with a .380-caliber handgun, according to officials.

Clarke fired at least four shots, hitting Levy as he and his friends ran for cover. Levy was rushed to Kings County Hospital, where he died three days later. A second victim, an 18-year-old friend of Levy's, was hit in the leg and survived.

Cops said they believe the shooting was gang-related, though they said the shooting victims were not affiliated with any gangs. Clarke lived near Rohan in East Flatbush, but police said they did not know each other.

Clarke has six prior arrests, including three this year, according to officials.

He is charged with murder, assault and weapons possession in this case.

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Bust in rape of shelter girl, 14

A TEENAGE boy raped a 14-year-old girl inside a Brooklyn shelter, police said.

Malik Belk, 16, grabbed the victim from behind, pulled her pants down and sexually assaulted her inside the Flatlands Family Residence on Avenue D near Linden Blvd. about 3 p.m. Wednesday, cops said.

Belk was arrested that night for rape and sexual misconduct. He has four prior arrests, including one for stealing a car and one for snatching a woman's cell phone in the subway, sources said.

In January, the NYPD announced that it will oversee the security force responsible for safety in the city's troubled shelter system

The more than 700 peace officers assigned to the Department of Homeless Services have been trained by the NYPD to do a better job keeping weapons out of shelters, defusing tense encounters, dealing with the mentally ill and preventing domestic violence.

Isaac McGinn, a Homeless Services spokesman, said the incident is being investigated but the agency couldn't discuss it.

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