

Native New Yorkers Organize To Create City's Image

"There is this to be said for New York City: It is the one densely populated location - with the possible exception of Hell - that has absolutely not a trace of local pride." -Irvin S. Cobb.

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New York—The first European eyes to behold the greatest harbor in the world belonged to Giovanni da Verazzano, a Florentine navigator who sailed his little vessel into New York bay on April 17, 1524. What a sight!

The great rivers, begging for freighters. The noble forests, nagging to be cut to make way for skyscrapers. The rich land, inviting the subway diggers. The natives, friendly, naked, ripe for exploiting.

"What's-a you name?" called Verazzano, ship-to-shore. "Algonquin," said a young savage. "Okay, Al," said the navigator. "I'm coming ashore." The reception he got was nice enough. The rocks and hills, woods and templed hills, were great to gaze at. But as

the natives led him along a trail into the boondocks a traffic jam appeared in the personage of a 12-foot tiger going south on what the Indians had presumed was a one-way path heading north.

As the story goes, the tiger eschewed the home folks and set out to chew the stranger, who quickly left the island. European Rows Back
Espying their leader rowing back from land, the crew hailed him. "Ahoy, skip! How was it?"
"She's-a nice-a place-a ta visit," said the great explor-

er, drawing alongside, and his head shook slowly and positively, "but I wouldn't-a live dere fa anyting in da world..."
"Come on, boys, uppa da anch, and let's get on back home and see what fun the Mafia has been up to."

Thus, by a tiger's whim, was started a canard that has lasted 439 years, growing fouler by the year - that this lovely city is somehow contriving every minute to be mean to visitors and less than kind to those who live here. There is general agreement

that New York is the mightiest community in the history of man," says the New York City almanac. "There is no historical parallel to its development from colonial trading post to 'capital of the world' in the relatively brief span of 300 years."

But is it loved?
You bet your sweet bagels, it is, according to a new group being formed here "to combat the slings and arrows and instill civic pride in the metropolitan community—the crusaders are all born New

Yorkers who, for better or worse, still maintain a domicile here."
The words are those of Thomas F. Moore, one of a solid core of native New Yorkers who decided to form the native residents of New York City (NRNYC) as a society to help civic pride rear its head in "one of the most self-maligned cities in the land, if not on our planet."

"A bunch of us were sitting around talking about the potshots and stuff that are being taken at New York and nobody ever refutes them," said

Moore. "The native New Yorker has never had a forum."
Show Bad Places
Another of the founders, Max Eitenberg, said: "We were at a social gathering at my house and we got to talking about those remarks you sometimes see printed about New York as a great place to visit but you-know-what. And somebody mentioned the investigation that went on when spiclers on guided tours were found to be pointing out all the bad places."

"We decided we loved New York and ought to be proud to be New Yorkers. I think it's the most wonderful city in the world, and I've traveled all over Europe. I've been in countries where the streets were much worse than ours. That remark by Edna Ferber once when she came in on a ship and said we had the dirtiest streets! Such remarks burn me up."
"We thought that if there was enough interest and pride in the city, we could form an organization to let people know how we feel."

The idea was born in a group of about 10 natives - a paint dealer, a lawyer, a public relations man, a couple of small business men, people like that.
"We have a number of things we'd like to do. At the moment our aim is social and sentimental. But if we get any backing and status, we'd like to go beyond that - preserve historic sites, an annual dinner for the most honored native New Yorker, membership buttons, show there's an awful lot of local pride."
"Our prospectus says: 'To promote pride and participation in civic affairs among native residents of New York in a common bond.'"
"Nostalgia. We natives remember Babe Ruth's era. Things the whole world has talked about but the native feels are his own. Celebrity parades with ticker tape - they got to come here to have 'em. The Wall st. crash. Both the good and the bad had a worldwide effect - but the native New Yorker was here - didn't read about it in Waukegan. He was a part of it."
Want Periodical
"Brooklyn and Ebbs field, and that's gone. People have cried over it. We need a periodical where natives who still live here can raise their voices. In a small town everybody knows who was born there. Every small town has an indigenous group that represents opinion within the town."
"New York has a heartless reputation, but I've heard that visitors are amazed at our courtesy. We'd like to attract some influential to our ranks. Billy Rose, Walter Winchell, a couple of the Rockefeller boys..."
"Why, we'd get practically all the police force... and taxi drivers, almost in a body. The possibilities are immense and vague. It's like a sleeping giant. You don't know what's going to happen."
"We'll show these out-of-towners who come here to work and say they're New Yorkers and then go home for Christmas. Anybody who has his roots firmly planted here - in the concrete - may send his notions on this fine effort to Max Eitenberg, 15 Park ave. NRNYC wants to move ahead!"

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Beginning inventory figures in November indicated some 6.8 million tree seedlings ready for the planting season. Western Oregon tree planting is in full swing, while landowners east of the mountains are preparing for early spring planting.
Orders for trees must be received not later than April 1. Refrigeration facilities will hold the stock in dormant condition until the ground is ready.
Tree seedlings in greatest supply are the pines. About 550,000 seedlings are available in five different species. These include ponderosa pine and Austrian pine which are suitable for both east and westside planting, with shore pine and knobcone pine for westside planting and lodgepole pine in eastern Oregon.
About 540,000 medium elevation, westside Douglas fir still are available. Grand fir is the only true fir yet in stock, despite an excellent inventory at the beginning of the season. Other available conifer tree species include incense cedar, sierra redwood and Rocky Mountain juniper. Broad-leaved species in supply include caragana, black locust, green ash and Russian olive.
Information relative to ordering the trees and order blanks may be obtained from the local offices of the state forestry department, county extension agents and soil conservation districts. Forms may also be obtained by writing the state forester, postoffice box 2289, Salem.
Man Pays \$51.43 in Over Due Book Fine
Grants Pass—Richard K. H. Bryant, 33, of the Footh Creek area paid \$51.43 in over due book fines this week in Grants Pass justice court.
Bryant pleaded guilty to a charge of willful detention of library books. According to the complaint, Bryant checked out the first 10 books last September and failed to return them.
He was fined \$12 in court and \$39.43 at the Josephine County library. Part of the books were recovered, it was stated.