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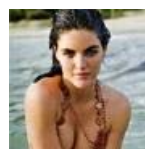
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PHOTOS: Model Hilary Rhoda is just one of this year's models.



Meet the Guy who's likely to replace Cowell on 'Idol'

Guy Oseary, manager to Madonna and A-Rod leads pack of contenders for Cowell's chair.



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From New York Driving?

Want to fill your walls with something exciting and odd? Start here: The Outsider Art Fair, one of New York's most well-attended art shows, opens today at 7 W. 34th St.

Long considered "folk art," outsider art comes from a French term translated as "rough art." It is self-taught art crudely but skillfully done by people often considered marginal. Art done by prisoners, mental patients, sailors or old women in Tahiti fits the bill. Materials can be anything the artist can find, including doll parts, bird feathers or metal.

New York's Fountain Gallery, a not-for-profit run by and for artists living with mental illness, will be showing at the fair for the second consecutive year. Dick Lubinsky's "Girl With the Red Hat" (right above) will be on display.

Considered the top outsider- art selling event in the world, the show runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$20 daily.

Call (212) 777-5218 or visit sanfordsmith.com for more information. The New York show has been running since 1993. Some proceeds from the fair will benefit Doctors Without Borders' efforts in Haiti.

If the properties on TriStateProperty Exchange.com ever get as beautiful as the site's twin founders, then it has a good chance of making waves in the real estate industry. Advertising itself as a site that connects people with properties, similar to a dating site for singles, TriStatePropertyExchange was created by Jodie and Diane Fanelli, attractive Maxim models with experience in the real estate business.

The beauties from New Jersey came up with a way both to list properties and exchange high-end residences. The idea is to provide someone looking to swap a suburban mansion with, say, a city pied-à-terre, a beach house with a ski house, a Staten Island waterfront condo with a Brooklyn home. Homebuyers and sellers will have similar options. Agents, buyers and sellers can list residential and commercial properties for a one-time \$25 fee. Property searchers surf free.

"The idea is to bring buyers and sellers together in a way that they haven't before," says Jodie. "People need innovative house-selling solutions right now."

The site needs properties. There now are about 80 listings from Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and New Jersey.

"We need brokers to start listing properties for this to catch on," says Diane, a licensed New York real estate agent.

She's right. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither were most real estate sites. Go to TriStatePropertyExchange.com for more info. Among the listings was a quaint two-family home in Dyker Heights for \$729,000.

CORE broker Kirk Rundhaug has a gem on his hands — new construction, full-floor residences a block below Houston at 32 Clinton St. (left). Luxury condos like this are tough to find in this emerging neighborhood near some of the city's top bars, restaurants and boutiques.

In the four months Rundhaug has been selling the two-bedroom, 2 1/2- bath homes with 24-foot-long corner living rooms, he's closed one of the four homes in the building after one was sold before he took over. Still on the market: a 1,486-square-foot, third-floor apartment for \$1.525 million and an 1,891-square-foot penthouse with outdoor space available for \$1.925 million. Young models have recently looked.

"We have a lot of West Villagers coming over here because this area is now what that was 15 years ago," says Rundhaug. "The West Village is too chic. This area is raw and



Peter Hurley

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What the cluck? Wild chickens swarm NYC neighborhood

Daly: The pack of 3 dozen birds have taken over since being abandoned 2 years ago.



'Late Show's' Biff Henderson in hospital after Letterman gag

David Letterman fired a ball to Henderson, knocking him off the stage.



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"Jersey Shore" star has found herself a man – and he's just her type.



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Models, like Marisa Miller (left) and other A-listers have a ball at the big game.

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