

# Earthquake in Portland will be hell on earth

BY HOPEFUL FICTION WRITER  
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When an earthquake happens at 9:03 a.m. on a Tuesday morning in Portland, it's going to be really bad.

The bridges, gone. Roads, screwed. Water, not a chance. Hospitals, overwhelmed. Hospitals on the hill, forget about it. Cell phone service, none. Old Town, see ya! Northwest Portland, bye. SW Portland, maybe you'll be OK. Maybe not though.

Local fiction writer's are through to be really excited about all of the possibilities of an earthquake in Portland, while health officials say it will be "hell on earth."

Local scientists publicly say they hope the day will never come, but secretly hope that it happens sometime in their lifetime.

Most Portlanders don't have a clue what they'll do, and expect that at least Walgreen's will be open in case of a

disaster.

"My emergency plan consists of a couple of Snicker bars and some Crystal Light," said one readers interviewed for this story.

Poor people are expected to loot the hell out of the city in the case of an earthquake, most likely hitting the local Rent-A-Centers and R.E.I.

"Oh hell yeah, I'm going to hit the Rent-A-Center," says one Street Roots vendor. "When they turn the power back on I'm going to have one big-ass TV."

Officials in Portland insist they are ready for an earthquake, pointing to how well they have dealt with protests over the years.

"If people get out of control, we may not have enough bottled water, but we have pepper spray."

One seismology professor at Oregon State says that if an earthquake happens in Portland, "It's going to be one earth-rattling event. Let's hope that never happens (wink, wink)."

## Suburban kids from U.S. flood Portland, art follows

The Portland art scene has long been known for attracting some of the best artists from the Pacific Northwest and from urban environments all over the world.

That has all changed since "Portlandia" and "Grimm" have made Portland a new hot-spot for suburban kids hoping to find something other than their drab, cookie-cutter home life.

"I want to see something weird. I want to be a part of something weird," says one 22-year old who moved to Portland from Overland Park, Kan. "I've always dreamed of dating a girl with tattoos. I want to live on the edge. Maybe get my nipples pierced and hit the donut shop."

Another recent transplant from Mt. Veron, IL, says, "Portland represents everything it means to be an artist in the 21st Century. I love it here. I take my parents money from back home and throw it away on creating bad art for Portlanders to enjoy."

A new art gallery opening on Hawthorne, a neighborhood overrun with suburban kids, will be highlighting art that is so bad that Target wouldn't buy it.

"Luckily for us," says Jeana from outside of Omaha, Neb., "they're going to be opening a Target downtown. Can you believe it? I'm so excited. Think of how rad Target's art department is going to be? Bye bye, Art Media. Hello, Target."

Suburban transplants are thought to be one of Target's biggest draws after the store opens.

Cooperative housing in Portland is catering to the new suburban movement.

"We can't wait to show our parents," says Heidi from outside of Denver. "I want my parents to experience Portland the way I do. It's so, so, well, freeing. I absolutely love it."

Political experts say that while economic development benefits from the movement of suburban kids into the urban core that Portland itself may become more conservative over time due to voting trends from kids in the suburbs.

Suburban kids tend to be more conservative, and self-serving, says one insider.

A short-film titled "Portland, Through the Eyes of Overland Park," will be showing on Hawthorne all this month.

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## PORTLAND RESIDENTS CAN'T WATCH PORTLANDIA

A new survey has shown that Portland residents don't know what Portlandia is, since nobody in Portland has a TV and therefore can't watch the show. "I hadn't heard of it until my friends from out east kept asking if Portlandia was true to life," says Portland resident Traylor Earthen. "I honestly had no idea what they were talking about." Traylor was curious, so turned on his solar-powered internet connection one sunny afternoon to google the show. "I got to see a couple of clips before the rain started again and my connection died. If I didn't know any better, I'd have thought it was the local news."

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