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WELCOME to PUZZLED Portland

Art by Jade Gordon and Natalie Metzger (Portland)



The Many and Mysterious Plots of Portlandia

After five seasons of *Portlandia*, it almost seems like the world knows more about our fair city through that TV show than due to reality. So now when I'm telling visitors about famous Portland sites, I find myself tying everything back to my favorite episodes and the ridiculous plotlines. How could I describe the sum of all the amazement I have for how those plots connect? It would almost be like trying to describe that nebulous, intangible thing that *Portlandia* is really all about.

- The Ace Hotel recreated one of Portland's famous protests, featuring a plethora of *sour* stomachs filled with red, white, and blue mashed potatoes and plenty of lpecac.
- City Hall janitor Leonard Brownstein is the leading co-signer on all the strangest bills written when the Mayor got a great idea during a late night at the *Square Tavern*.
- The Feminist Bookstore is forced to deal with their new neighbor and her raucous new band "Feminem" during the evening rush at *First Thursday*.
- The Home Plate Café serves food based on the rules of breakfast baseball. A dish thrown *fair* can't fall off the table and the customer must shout "safe!" or tip extra.
- Land Gallery is known for "putting a bird on it," with no concern for what "it" is. A bird stamp on unidentified *dried* jerky led to questions from the World Wildlife Federation.
- The Paxton Gate is named after actor Bill Paxton, who played the first Portlandian ever portrayed on TV. Stereotypically, he rode a unicycle and only spoke in *rhyme*.
- Powell's Books employee Ashley once decided to *cut* from the shelves every book written in 1974, the birth year of her ex-boyfriend Stupid Jerkface Stan.
- The Vera Katz Esplanade is the city's *foremost* location for the Philosophy Club's *Reason Rap Battles*: freestyle solutions to life's most confusing problems.
- Voodoo Doughnuts has become the real *soul* of Portland's tourist scene, though most are unaware of the "how many donuts can you hang on your [beep]" contest.
- Voodoo Two tried to create a signature donut to compete with the "cock and balls." But a *heart-shaped* donut with oozing red jelly was too much, even for Portlandians.
- The White Stag Sign famously gains a *sweet* little red nose during the holidays, which is stolen in a tense heist scene by Portland's only Reindeer Liberation activist.
- Zupan's Market celebrates holidays in style, with a manager who loves to dress up like President John Quincy Adams and *sound* a hunting horn in the produce section.

Puzzle by Richard M. (Portland)