

"EARTHQUAKES IN NEW YORK CITY"

BY PAT/SALTY

YES, FOLKS, ITS TRUE; NEW YORK CITY - MANHATTAN, IN PARTICULAR - THAT WHOLE AREA DOES HAVE EARTHQUAKES. MAJOR EARTHQUAKES.

NEVER HEARD ABOUT THEM?

NO WONDER; THE LAST MAJOR ONE STRUCK WHEN THE DUTCH RULED AND OWNED MANHATTAN PRIOR TO ~~1680~~ 1680.

AND IT WAS A MAJOR ~~QUAKE~~ QUAKE, TOO. ONLY THING IS, AT THE TIME, MANHATTAN CONSISTED ONLY OF FARMS AND WOODEN FORTS AND SHEDS AND SHACKS.

UNLIKE TODAY. (REPEAT: UNLIKE TODAY)

AND IN THOSE DAYS - OF COURSE - THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE EARTHQUAKE MEASURING SCALES THEY HAVE TODAY WHICH TELL SCIENTISTS WHETHER A QUAKE WAS AN 8.6 OR A 9.1, OR WHATEVER.

BUT EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE TIME, AND WHAT TODAY'S SCIENTISTS ARE ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT FROM THE GEOLOGICAL RECORD, SHOW THAT IT WAS INDEED (WHAT TODAY WOULD BE) A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE!

AND - I HATE TO BE THE BEARER OF SUCH NEWS - IT WILL STRIKE MANHATTAN AGAIN SOME DAY (OR SOME NIGHT) ITS NOT EVEN A MATTER OF IF BUT OF WHEN.

THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A MOMENT; ITS ONLY A MATTER OF WHEN ANOTHER HITS. ARE THOSE BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK CITY

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BUILT TO WITHSTAND EARTHQUAKES?
ARE YOU KIDDING?

NO.

NONE OF THEM EVER WERE.

NONE OF THEM ARE TODAY.

OF COURSE, PEOPLE TAKE SOME KIND
OF MENTAL COMFORT IN THE FACT
THAT A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HASN'T
HIT NEW YORK CITY IN 400 YEARS.

~~THE~~ EAST COAST IS, AFTER ALL, NOT
QUAKE PRONE, AS IS THE WEST COAST.

BUT - THIS MUCH I KNOW AND CAN

WRITE WITH ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE,

A) A MAJOR QUAKE EVENTUALLY WILL COME,

B) NEW YORK CITY (AND ITS BUILDINGS AND
BRIDGES + TUNNELS + ITS GOVERNMENT
+ AUTHORITIES AND ITS PEOPLE) ARE
100% TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR IT
IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEASURABLE WAY,

C) SO THAT, IF ANOTHER MAJOR QUAKE
WERE TO STRIKE ANYTIME IN THE NEXT
20 TO 30 YEARS, THE DESTRUCTIVE AND
~~DEADLY~~ DEADLY EFFECTS OF THIS
DISASTER WOULD BE ON THE ORDER OF
AT LEAST 100 TIMES WORSE IN DEATHS
AND DESTRUCTION THEN IF THE EXACT
SAME SIZED QUAKE WERE TO HIT
SAN FRANCISCO OR CALIFORNIA TODAY.

(REPEAT; AT LEAST 100 TIMES WORSE)

JUST A WORD TO THE WISE; MOTHER
NATURE DOES NOT OPERATE ON MANKINDS
FOOLISH + SHORTTERM MEMORY CALENDER ——— XXX