

# Oregon aims to preserve original constitution, warts and all

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SALEM — Inside the white-marble state archives building, way in the back of a cavernous room, lies Oregon's original constitution. It's in poor shape, and among its fading pages is a clause from an ugly chapter in the state's history that completely conflicts with its progressive image.

Now, the state is trying to raise funds from schoolchildren and others to restore the leather-bound document, and to buy a special case to preserve and display it, warts and all. They've raised one-tenth of the amount needed so far.

On a recent morning, State Archivist Mary Beth Herkert walked past rows of laden shelves that mechanically shift at the touch of a button. She got to a door, spun a wheel like one on a submarine hatch, and walked inside a vault. There, sitting in a box on a shelf, was Oregon's founding document. Herkert carefully opened the constitution with gloved hands. Some pages were starting to fall out. The vegetable ink on linen paper is fading after 159 years.

It could be even worse, considering how the document was kept for decades. For many of those years, there isn't even any record of where the constitution was stored, Herkert said. She could not confirm one account that the constitution was saved from a fire that destroyed the Oregon State Capitol in 1935.

"That it is not in awful condition, I think, is pretty remarkable," Herkert said. "Until 1990-1991, when we moved into this building, it never was in an environmentally controlled space."

These days, the constitution is kept with 250 million other pieces of paper, all at a chilly 65 degrees with 45 percent humidity in the archives building.

### The clause

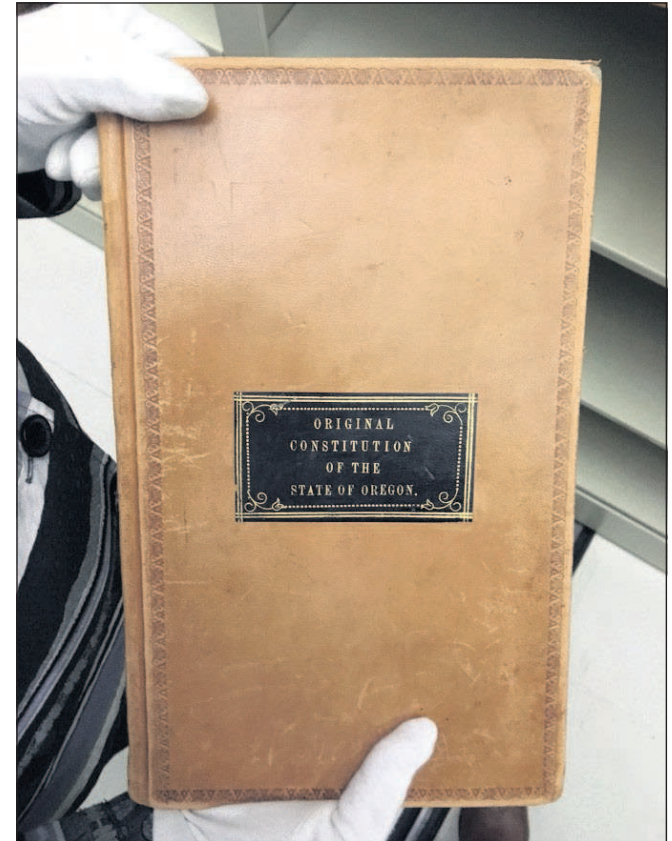
Written by white men in 1857 after a constitutional convention, it contained a clause prohibiting black people from residing in Oregon. That clause was approved in a popular vote, along with a ban on slavery. That made Oregon the only state admitted to the Union with an exclusionary clause in its constitution.

"It is a shameful part of our history, but if you take it in context of what the times were, we were right before the Civil War," Herkert said, adding



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Oregon State Archivist Mary Beth Herkert holds Oregon's original constitution in Salem. Signed in 1857, it is becoming tattered and torn. Herkert is trying to raise money to restore it, buy a case to display it and preserve it. The constitution contains a clause prohibiting blacks from residing in the state, which Herkert calls shameful but says shouldn't be hidden.



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The leather cover of Oregon's original constitution, is shown in Salem. The cover and binding were added years after the constitution was written in 1857.

that Oregon had to strike a balance to achieve statehood, with America becoming sharply divided over slavery. Two years after Oregon became a state in 1859, the Civil War broke out.

The exclusionary clause remained until it was repealed in 1927. That history reverberates even now. Oregon's population is only 2.1 percent black, compared with 13.3 percent for all of America, according to the 2015 U.S. census.

### 'Racialized policies'

In the county that encompasses Portland, African-Americans "continue to live with the effects of racialized policies, practices and decision-making," a 2014 report said. The report by the Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University cited discrimination in housing, school dis-

cipline and the justice system, and racial profiling by police.

On a recent Friday, several dozen demonstrators in Portland affiliated with Black Lives Matter accused the police of racism, and complained of excessively rough treatment at a demonstration two days earlier. Demonstrator Nita Kelly described witnessing racial profiling, saying that during the earlier demonstration at City Hall, police assaulted an African-American woman waiting for a light-rail train "simply because she looked like someone who participated" in the demonstration.

In 1984, Oregon students raised over \$37,000 to re-gild the golden pioneer statue on top of the State Capitol. In the current fundraising drive, \$6,000 has been contributed so far, Herkert said. A total of


\$60,000 is needed. Officials are also asking adults to donate on behalf of schools. Schools that donate more than \$250 will have their names on a plaque next to the display.

"The Constitution helps remind us of our past — both good and bad — just as it

serves as the foundational document upon which Oregon's progress has been built since 1857 and continues to be built today," Secretary of State Jeanne P. Atkins said. "It should be restored, publicly displayed, and preserved for future Oregonians to learn about."

Herkert doesn't know if the racist exclusionary clause will be highlighted once the constitution goes on display, but she said it won't be hidden either.

"We have to remember it's our history, and we have to learn from our mistakes," she said.



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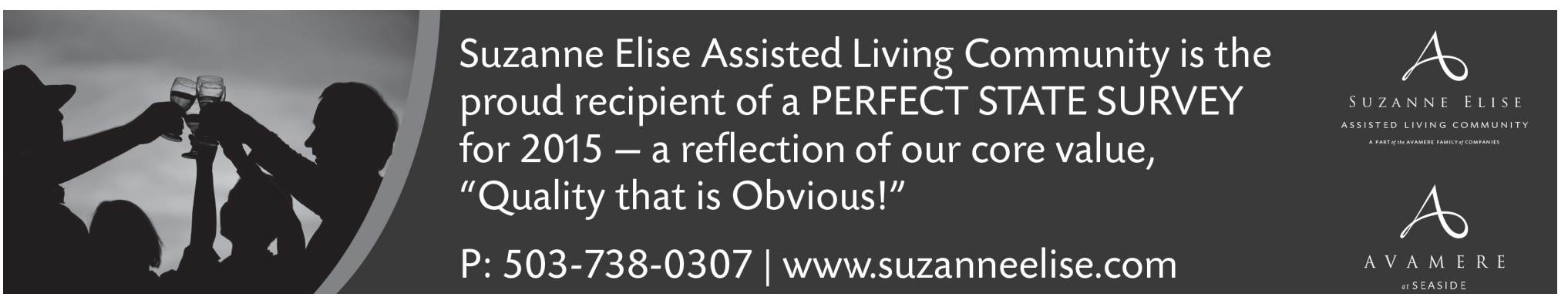
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TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 25	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Lockup" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Lockup" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 2" (N)	This Is Us "The Game Plan" (N)	Bull	NCIS: New O. "Course Correction" (N)	KIRO 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Shell Game" (N)	Bull	NCIS: New O. "Course Correction" (N)	KIRO 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Shell Game" (N)	Bull	NCIS: New O. "Course Correction" (N)	KIRO 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News	Trail Blazers Home	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)	Inside Edition	Chicago Fire "Scorched Earth" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "The New Rogues"	No Tomorrow "No Holds Barred" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour	The Contenders: 16 for '16 (N)	American Masters "Norman Lear" (N)	On Story	Art in the 21st Cen.	"Vancouver"				
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series (L)	World Series (L)	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Family Feud	Family Feud	10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls				
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show			
14	KCPO	(14) (5:00) MLB Baseball World Series (L)	World Series (L)	Q13 News	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons				
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)			
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) 30 for 30 "Phil Slama Jama"	E:60 (N)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
30	ESPN2	(30) 30 for 30 "Rand University"	E:60 (N)	NFL Live	NFL Live	Baseball Tonight	Drone Racing	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	Fantasy FB (N)	E:60 (N)			
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Rank the Prank (N)	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Eaton's MegaLife	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) (5:25) Halloweentown Debbie Reynolds.	★★ Halloweentown 2: Kalabar's Revenge	Ben & Lauren "Chad to the Bone" (N)	The Letter "Hollywood It-Crowd" (N)	Ben & Lauren "Chad to the Bone" (N)	The 700 Club	Babysit/ Vampire					
34	FAM	(34) ★★ Addams Family Values (93) Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd, Anjelica Huston.	Ben & Lauren "Chad to the Bone" (N)	The Letter "Hollywood It-Crowd" (N)	Ben & Lauren "Chad to the Bone" (N)	The 700 Club	Babysit/ Vampire						
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Rise of the Planet of the Apes	(10) ★★ Total Recall (2012, Action) Bokeem Woodbine, Bryan Cranston, Colin Farrell.	★★ 47 Ronin (2013, Action) Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano, Keanu Reeves.	(50) FXM Presents								
36	LIFE	(36) Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat	Dance Moms "ALDC For Sale?" (N)	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms					
38	ROOT	(38) (4:30) UEFA Soccer	Motocross X-Fighters	NPGL Fitness Phoenix Rise vs. Miami Surge	Poker Heartland Tour	Poker Night (N)	Poker						
39	FS1	(39) WPT Poker Alpha8	Speak for Yourself	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.						
43	SPiKE	(43) Ink Master "Sticky Situation"	Ink Master "New School, Old Scars"	Ink Master "Bent Out of Shape"	Ink Master "Head Games"	Ink Master	Ink Master						
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)	Drunk History (N)	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)					
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Bad Mother Shucker"	American Pickers "The More You No"	American Pickers "Reverse the Curse"	Amer. Pickers "Picked a Peck of Pepper"	American Pickers "Mountain Mayhem"	(05) Pickers "The Elephant in the Room"						
46	A&E	(46) The First 48	Married at First Sight "In-Laws"	Married1stSight (045) Married at First Sight "Till Death Do Us Part" The couples must make their decisions. (SF) (N)	(05) Married at First Sight "In-Laws"	(05) Married at First Sight "Winter's Wake"							
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Counting On (N)	Counting On "The After Show" (N)	Sweet 15: Quinceañera (N)	OutDaught. "Chaos With Quints" (N)	(05) Counting On "The After Show"				
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Cursed Bay"	Deadliest Catch "Another Lost Soul"	Dungeon Cove "Final Crossing" (N)	Deadliest Catch "Winter's Wake" (N)	(05) Edge/ Alaska "Fight for McCarthy"	(05) Deadliest Catch "Winter's Wake"						
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "Lost in the Wild"	Life Below Zero "Tools of the Trade"	Life Below Zero "The Confrontation"	Life Below Zero "Blindsided" (N)	The Boonies "Below the Grid" (N)	Life Below Zero "Blindsided"						
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball New York vs Cleveland (L)	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	NBA Basketball New York vs Cleveland							
51	AMC	(51) ★★ Tremors (1990, Horror) Fred Ward, Michael Gross, Kevin Bacon.	★★ Tremors 3: Back to Perfection	(15) ★★ Tremors 3: Back to Perfection	(01) Shawn Christian, Michael Gross.								
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Identity"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Quarry"	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries. (N)	Chrysler Knows (N) Chrysler Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family						
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Stacking Up"	Chopped "Just for the Halibut"	Chopped Junior "Snapper Snafus" (N)	Chopped "On the Quack Burner"	Chopped "Midnight Snack Attack" (N)	Star Plates (N)	Chopped After					
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer "Three Generations, One Fixer"	Fixer Upper	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Welcome Back (N)	Welcome Back (N)				
56	FX	(56) (5:00) Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters	★★ The Wolverine (2013, Action) Will Yun Lee, Tao Okamoto, Hugh Jackman.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Atlanta (N)	Atlanta	Atlanta	Movie		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Hannity	On the Record						
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	The Profit "Bowery Kitchen Supplies"	Paid Program	Paid Program					
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck (N)	WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives					
63	BAM	(63) B.Deck "The Freak Comes Out at Night"	Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives					
64	TRM	(64) (5:00) Wait Until Dark Audrey Hepburn.	★★★ Giant (1956, Romance) Elizabeth Taylor, James Dean, Rock Hudson.	★★★ Please Don't Eat the Daisies ('60) Doris Day.									
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Blade: Trinity ('04) Wesley Snipes.	★★ The Strangers (2008, Horror) Scott Speedman, Glenn Howerton, Liv Ullmann.	Channel Zero: Candle Cove (N)	Aftermath (N)	Wrong Turn 4: Bloody Beginnings							
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Downunder Horseman.	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Product Showcase			



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