

# Rent Control Law Signed by Governor

## Historic victory for housing advocates

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed the nation's first statewide mandatory rent control measure on Thursday, giving a victory to housing advocates who say spiraling rent costs in the economically booming state have fueled widespread homelessness and housing insecurity.

Brown, a Democrat, said the legislation will provide "some immediate relief to Oregonians struggling to keep up with rising rents and a tight rental market."

Landlords are now limited to increases once per year that cannot exceed 7 percent plus the change in the consumer price index, which is used to calculate inflation.

The law prohibits them serving no-cause evictions after a tenant's first year of occupancy, a provision designed to protect those who are living paycheck to paycheck and who affordable housing advocates say are often most vulnerable to sudden rent hikes and abrupt lease terminations. It takes effect immediately. Democrats

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# Solidarity for Women's Rights

Thousands of protestors march down Southeast 10th Avenue in the heart of Portland State University's urban campus Sunday in a display of solidarity and equal rights for women. The 2019 Womxn's March, a much smaller but significant sequel to the massive women's march that followed Donald Trump's election, put a new focus on indigenous, people of color, and LGBTQ women after new leadership took the reins to organize this year's march.

## Earthquake Building Warnings Delayed

The Portland City Council agreed last week to a nearly two year delay on requirements that owners of unreinforced brick and stone buildings post signs warning the buildings may be unsafe in an earthquake. Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty pushed for the change after the enforcement drew much ire among African American church leaders, those who own music venues, and other community members.

## Stroke Claims Actor at 52

Riverdale and Beverly Hills, 90210 star Luke Perry died Monday after suffering a massive stroke last week. He was 52. Tributes on social media, included stories about how much of a gentleman the former heart-throb was.



## Oregon Sues over Title X Gag Rule

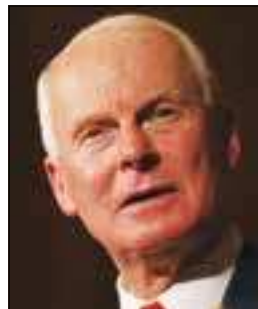
Oregon Gov. Brown and Attorney General Rosenblum filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging the constitutionality of the Trump Administration's new Title X "gag rule" to re-

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strict access to reproductive health services and information about abortion. The lawsuit was joined by 21 states' Attorneys General. The American Medical Association and Planned Parenthood also filed suit to block the rule.

## State Leader Dead at 69

Dennis Richardson, 69, died last week after a battle with brain cancer. The Oregon Republican Secretary of State was remembered for his integrity, warmth, kindness and perseverance. A state funeral was scheduled for Wednesday at the State Capitol.



## Norma Paulus Broke Political Barriers

Norma Paulus, a pioneering Oregon Republican who was the first woman elected to statewide office in Oregon, died Thursday at age 85. Paulus was a member of the Legislature, Oregon's secretary of state from 1977 to 1985, her party's nominee for governor in 1986 and the state's elected superintendent of schools for two terms in the 1990s.

## Washington's Inslee Running for President

Washington's Democratic Governor, Jay Inslee, emphasizing the "existential threat" of climate change to the safety of the United States, officially announced his candidacy for president Friday, joining a field of Democrats that's already swelled to more than a dozen candidates.

## Portland Teen Charged with Murder

A 15-year-old boy is facing murder charges after he shot and killed an 18-year-old at a Portland Motel 6 last December, police say. Jeremiah Hannon is also accused with another teen of beating up a man aboard a MAX train just five days after the shooting. That victim in that case told police he had asked the teens to turn down the music they were playing on the train before they attacked him.

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