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Oregon residents sue Sunwest over facilities

Oregon residents of assisted-living centers run by Sunwest Management Inc. have filed a class-action lawsuit alleging that the Salem-based company understaffed its homes and failed to provide services paid for by residents.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Multnomah County Circuit Court, names 50 Sunwest facilities in Oregon, including Sellwood Landing Assisted Living, Oswego Springs Assisted Living and Park Place Assisted Living in Portland.

The complaint also alleges that Sunwest violated state laws for operating residential facilities.

"We would disagree with that," said Sunwest Management general counsel Wally Gutzler, who said the company hadn't been served with the legal complaint and so couldn't comment further.

California residents filed a similar action in January claiming that 16 assisted-living facilities run by Sunwest charged for services not provided.

Sunwest operates about 180 assisted-living facilities across the U.S., according to the company Web site.

— Joe Rojas-Burke

Tuxedo chain sale gets OK, Federated says

Federated Department Stores Inc., the second-largest U.S. department-store chain and parent to Macy's department stores, said U.S. regulators cleared the \$100 million sale of its 507-store tuxedo chain to Men's Wearhouse Inc.

The sale of After Hours Formalwear should be completed by April 9, Cincinnati-based Federated said Friday. After Hours is the largest U.S. chain of tuxedo shops.

The Federal Trade Commission's clearance brings Federated a step closer to selling all of its wedding-related stores, which it acquired in the 2005 purchase of May Department Stores Co. Federated agreed in November to sell David's Bridal, a wedding-gown shop, to Leonard Green & Partners LP for about \$750 million.

— Bloomberg News