

Weather forecast grid for TODAY through WEDNESDAY. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and moon, along with high/low temperatures and descriptive text like 'Cooler with sunshine and some clouds'.

ALMANAC

Almanac section containing temperature records for Bend Municipal Airport, precipitation data for the last 24 hours, and sunrise/sunset times for today and Friday.

UV INDEX TODAY section with a scale from 1 to 6 and a description of the current UV level as 'Moderate'.

ROAD CONDITIONS section listing various routes like I-84 at Cabbage Hill and US-26 at Santiam Pass with their current status.

SKI REPORT section showing snow conditions at various ski resorts like Anthony Lakes Mtn and Hoodoo Ski Area.

SKY REPORT section detailing cloud cover and visibility conditions for various locations.

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OREGON WEATHER

Map of Oregon showing current weather conditions, temperatures, and forecast for various cities like Astoria, Portland, Eugene, and Medford.

Table of Oregon weather forecasts for various cities, listing yesterday's and today's high/low temperatures.

NATIONAL WEATHER

National weather map showing weather systems, fronts, and precipitation across the United States.

Table of national weather forecasts for various cities, listing yesterday's and today's high/low temperatures.

TRAVEL WEATHER

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Cruises

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American Queen is back in business with two boats—the American Countess and the smaller, 166-passenger American Duchess—both operating since mid-March with reduced capacity to allow for social distancing and comply with the 250-person limit.

goner hopes to add the opulent American Queen, the world's largest paddleboat — which can carry more than 420 passengers — by the end of May.

Waggoner said the numbers at American Queen Steamboat are running ahead of 2019 levels. The company saw significant upticks in January, on the heels of the U.S. vaccine rollout, and again in February, when it announced a requirement that guests, crew, and even bus driv-



ers be vaccinated for sailings, starting in July, he said. "We're excited with our sales momentum." For trips before July, guests are required to take a PCR test during a one-night pre-cruise hotel stay that's included in the price of eight-night sailings that start at \$2,000 per person.

A midday passage through The Dalles Dam has SS Legacy passengers on deck to watch as their vessel is elevated by a navigation lock to continue up the Columbia River in 2016.

Barb Gonzalez/For The Bulletin, file

Waggoner said he expects most passengers, a demographic that tends to be age 65 and up, will have already been vaccinated. Shots were a big factor in the company's decision to get back on the river. "We're like a family business," Waggoner said. "I had to ask myself: When am I comfortable? When would my wife be comfortable? Our family is rushing to get the vaccine and start cruising again."

Nike

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Two of them are enormous — a 1-million-square-foot office building named after tennis star Serena Williams and a 450,000-square-foot merchandising center. A large parking structure and a new fitness center rounded out the project. Nike declined to address whether the claims by its contractors are valid. "A project of this size and scope involves complexity," the company said in a statement. "We are committed to seeing through the successful completion of our expansion. But as we have

done throughout this project, we will refrain from sharing details related to costs and contracts."

"We're excited to create an environment that fosters creativity and collaboration among our teammates and an expanded campus footprint that celebrates the magic of sport," the company added.

The buildings have sat mostly empty since their completion due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Like most companies, Nike sent its workers home and tried to adjust to a virtual workplace last spring when the virus first hit Oregon.

Nike has never divulged the full

price tag. But in its lien filed on Feb. 23 with the Washington County Recorder's Office, Hoffman revealed its original contract was for \$433 million. Nike has already paid \$410 million to Hoffman, the documents indicate. But the contractor insists it is owed another \$48 million.

The new structures were not your standard concrete tilt-up suburban office buildings. They are full of wild angles, vibrant color and unusual shapes. Architecture critics may love the daring look, but they proved challenging to build.

Construction liens are not unusual. As a project proceeds, clients often

decide to make changes or various problems can arise that lead to delay and unexpected cost. In such cases, the parties have to negotiate whether subcontractors should be paid more or to the initial contract.

If the two sides can't come to an agreement, contractors can file a construction lien against their client's property. A construction lien can pressure the property owner because it creates uncertainty that makes selling or refinancing a property difficult to impossible.

But to have claims this large from this array of contractors is definitely uncommon.

Hoffman was the general contractor on this job, meaning it managed all the other subcontractors.

The Portland firm's long partnership with Nike has helped it become the largest construction company based in the Northwest.

Hoffman officials said they couldn't talk about the matter at this time.

Other companies to file construction liens on Nike since the first of the year include: Culver Glass, \$7.7 million; Performance Contracting, \$13.4 million; Siemens, \$4.2 million; Western States Fire Protection Co., \$1.78 million; and Dynalectric, \$13.2 million.

Prescriptions

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Maryland was the first — and so far only — state to pass a comparable version of the pricing board law, although it only covered public employers and the board must get permission from legislative leaders on any payment limit, according to the health news organization Stat. The board's price control authority takes effect in 2022.

In Maryland, the push to control drug prices got a boost from a billionaire Texas couple, John and Laura Arnold, through their funding of

health reform advocacy, Stat reported. The Arnolds are also lending financial support to the Oregon proposal, according to registered lobbyist and former state House speaker Dave Hunt. Hunt represents a coalition of public employee unions, health insurance and health care companies, AARP Oregon and OSPiRG.

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isn't warranted," Prusak said. "If (drug makers) can present their case that it's warranted, I can't imagine there's a problem."

Drug price data collected thus far by the state illustrates some of the limits of how much that approach has affected costs.

In 2018, the Legislature passed with strong bipartisan support a law that requires

drug companies to report to the state any net annual price increase of 10% for prescription drugs that cost more than \$100 a month. There is also a reporting requirement for new drugs that cost more than \$670 a month. And under a second drug price reporting law the Legislature passed in 2019, companies must notify the state 60 days in advance if they expect annual price increases

of at least 10% or \$10,000 for brand name drugs and at least 25% or \$300 for generic pharmaceuticals.

Proponents of the 2018 law described it as a first step to understand what drives increases in prescription drug prices. State regulators summed up the first two years of drug pricing data in annual reports which contain some interesting findings. The pharmaceutical industry has sued in federal court to overturn the laws, but in the meantime they remain in effect.

In 2020, "drug manufacturers submitted 70% fewer price increase reports to the state"

than in 2019, according to the Department of Consumer and Business Services. "The reasons for this trend are unclear ... One explanation suggested by the data is that manufacturers are spreading price increases more widely across their portfolio of drugs to avoid triggering transparency requirements."

Pharmaceutical makers increased prices in 2020 on drugs that had been profitable in 2019, the state found. There was an average 2019 profit margin of 19% for drugs with 2020 price increases high enough to trigger reporting requirements, according to the state.