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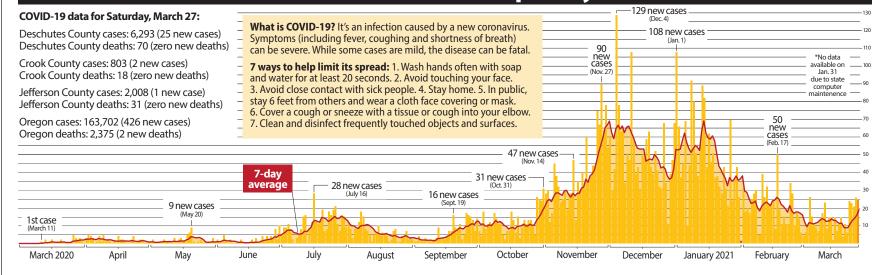
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'Last Cruise' tells story of Oregon couple stranded on ship after COVID-19 outbreak



When the Diamond Princess cruise ship set sail from the port of Yokohama, Japan, on Jan. 20, 2020, the World Health Organization had just started reporting on coronavirus cases in China. By the time the last crew members were allowed to disembark, on March 1, 2020, more than 700 people on board had been infected, and 14 passengers had died.

"The Last Cruise," a new HBO documentary, takes viewers aboard the Diamond Princess, as we watch footage shot on cellphones by passengers and crew members. Only 40 minutes long, the film is a concise, harrowing exploration of the early days of the COVID-19 crisis, captured in real time by those on board the ship that became the site of the first major outbreak of the virus outside of China.



Among the 2,666 passengers and 1,045 crew members were Kent and Rebecca Frasure, of Forest Grove. In early February 2020, The Oregonian reported on the couple, and how they were part of the group stranded aboard the Diamond Princess, as a coronavirus outbreak grew.

"The Last Cruise" begins with passengers enjoying themselves aboard the huge ship. The Diamond Princess Oregon couple **Rebecca and Kent Frasure** were among the passengers and crew stranded aboard the Diamond Princess in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. HBO

sails on, with exercise classes, entertainment, elaborate buffets and more.

As the film continues, the passengers and crew learn that a Hong Kong resident who traveled on the ship from Yokohama to Hong Kong has tested positive for the coronavirus. "The situation is under control," the captain says via loudspeaker. Nothing to worry about.

But the Diamond Princess

winds up heading back to Japan and docks outside of Tokyo. Japanese officials begin testing people aboard. The captain announces that 10 people have tested positive, so everyone must remain in quarantine on board, for at least 14 days.

As testing continues, Rebecca Frasure is among those who tests positive. She's transferred to a hospital, while Kent Frasure, who tests negative, remains on the ship.

As Kent Frasure told The Oregonian in February 2020, he wished that those in charge had communicated more clearly and instituted more preventative measures after making the initial announcement about the passenger who had been infected.

"There were no additional precautions really taken," Kent Frasure said then. "It was just like status quo, normal day to day activities."

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"The Last Cruise," produced and directed by Hannah Olson, features footage filmed by those who were on the ship, along with follow-up interviews.

The film shows how frustrated some passengers stuck on board were, and the sense of powerlessness felt by crew members, as they recall the long hours, pressure to keep working, and fear of speaking up, even if they had coronavirus symptoms.

"The Last Cruise" makes a case that the Diamond Princess was a metaphor of sorts, an example of how little was understood about the coronavirus in its early days — and of the tragic consequences of that.

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Redmond Police seek 3 Bend Police search in robbery, stabbing for robbery suspect

Redmond Police are look-Bend Police are searching for ing for three people who a person suspected of an armed robbery Friday in the area of NE 5th Street and NE Webster Avenue.

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robbed and stabbed an em ployee early Saturday morning at Chevron Circle K on U.S. Highway 97.

Officers responded at 3:30 a.m. and determined the three people were wearing masks when they came into the business and confronted the employee, according to a written statement from Sgt. Tyler Kirk, a Redmond Police spokesperson. They attempted to reach the cash register and one of them stabbed the employee multiple times, Kirk said.

All three left the area in a single vehicle.

The employee, a 27-year-old Redmond woman, was transported to St. Charles Redmond with serious injuries.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Redmond Police at 541-693-6911.

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EASTER

Officers responded to the reported robbery at 8:35 p.m. and discovered a person with a weapon took cash from the victim and fled, according to a press release from Lt Clint Burleigh.

The victim was unfamiliar with the area and stopped in her car to find her way back to a residence where she was staying in Bend, Burleigh said. The armed person opened the victim's passenger car door and threatened her with the weapon. Police are not sharing the type of weapon or other specifics about the incident due to the ongoing investigation.

Officers and a police dog searched the area for more than an hour Friday night, but were unable to find the suspected robber.

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The Bulletin and Scalehouse, a collaborative for the arts, have joined together to raise donations to help Central Oregon's creative artists musicians, visual artists, performers and creative workers — by offering grants and a platform to bring attention to local amazing talent. This is a crowdfunding effort with a first-round fundraising goal of \$40,000. To make a tax-deductible donation or apply for a grant, go to bendbulletin.com/talent.



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