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Land use board upholds Oregon LNG denial

County Commission had rejected permit for pipeline in 2013

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The state Land Use Board of Appeals Wednesday upheld Clatsop

County's decision to deny a permit for Oregon LNG's proposed pipeline, a potentially critical setback for the \$6 billion project.

The county Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in 2013 to reject a natural gas pipeline. The 87-mile pipeline would run from Washington state through portions of Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties to connect to an export ter-

minal along the Skipanon Peninsula in Warrenton.

Roughly 41 miles of the pipeline would cut through Clatsop County, making the county one of several local, state and federal authorities responsible for vetting the project.

"Today's decision marks a significant turning point for LNG on the Columbia River," Brett VandenHeuvel, the executive director of Colum-

bia Riverkeeper, a Hood River-based environmental group that opposes the project, said in a statement. "The people of Clatsop County want clean water, safe communities and strong salmon runs. LNG development would take us in the wrong direction."

Opponents of Oregon LNG believe the Land Use Board of Appeals ruling is significant because local

land use permits for the project are necessary for state approval. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is also reviewing the project.

An attorney for Oregon LNG could not be reached for comment. The firm, a subsidiary of Leucadia National Corp., a New York-based holding company, could choose to

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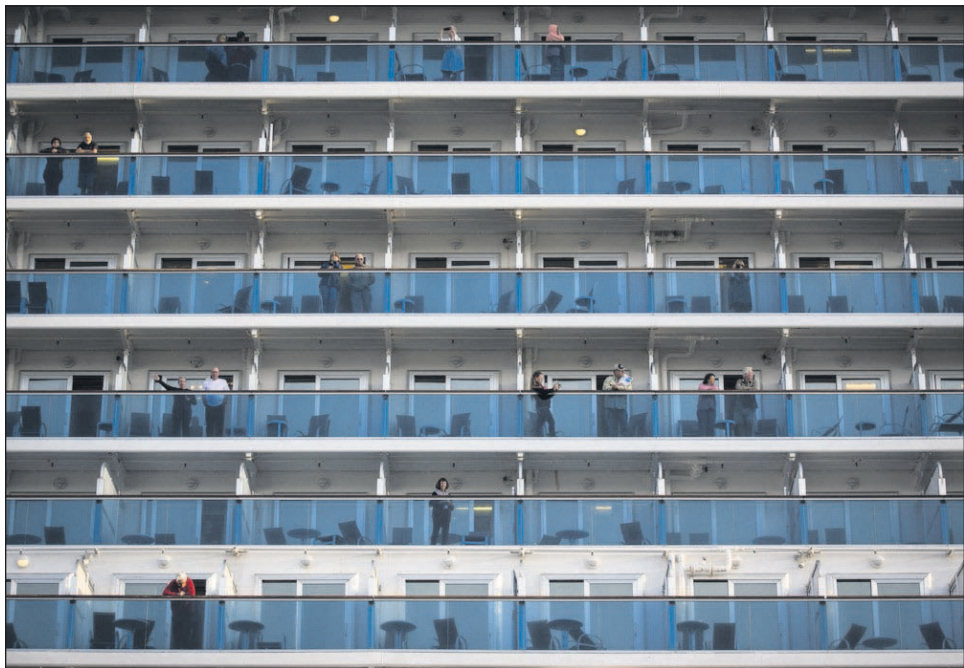
CRUISE AH-OY!



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The Crown Princess cruise ship cuts through the fog as it approaches the Port of Astoria this morning.

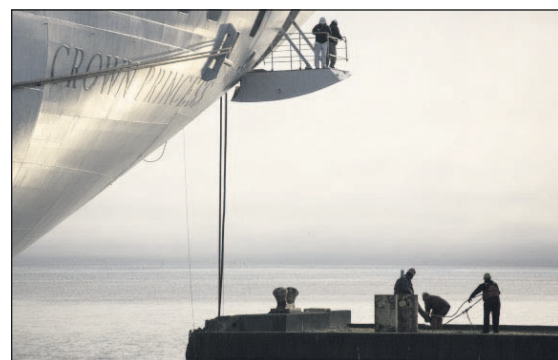
Astoria bids welcome to the first of 18 ships expected in 2015



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Passengers gather at the balconies to take photos, see the sunrise and watch crews dock the ship at the Port.

The Crown Princess cruised into town around 7 this morning carrying 3,004 passengers to the shores of Astoria.

The 952-foot-long vessel will be moored along Pier 1 until about 4 p.m. today. The Crown Princess is the first of 18 cruise ships expected to arrive this year.



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Longshoremen and crews from the Crown Princess work to secure the ship to the pier this morning.

Manhunt ends for assault robbery suspect

Police arrest Anthony Victor Lane in Seaside

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The man accused of assault and robbery in a residence on the 300 block of Alameda Avenue in Astoria

April 3 made an initial appearance in Clatsop County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon.

Anthony Victor Lane, 30, St. Helens, is facing charges of first-degree robbery, two counts of second-degree assault and first-degree burglary. Additional charges may be added after a grand jury meets today.

Law enforcement searched for Lane since April 3. Oregon State Police found Lane on the 1800 block of South Roosevelt Drive in Seaside and booked him for a warrant arrest at 7:52 p.m. Tuesday. He is being held in jail on \$500,000 bail.

Three people were injured in the assault. Astoria Police initially responded to a report of someone shot at the apartment. When officers arrived no one was shot, but two men had been assaulted with significant head and body injuries.

A third person suffered injuries from a chemical spray that was discharged in the house at the time of the assaults.

According to court documents, Lane and another unidentified suspect entered the residence wearing masks and demanded money and cellphones. They struck the two men with firearms and batons and took items from the home, according to police.

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Long Beach aims to ban dogs from ballparks

City expects to implement leash law in May

By NATALIE ST. JOHN
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Until just a couple of weeks ago, one Long Beach man spent nearly every sunny morning playing with his dogs on the soccer field at Culbertson Park. While an older lab loped around, the man chipped around to his dachshund, who would enthusiastically chase them down.

Now, there's a new "NO PETS: FOR THE HEALTH

AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN" sign posted outside the ballpark, and the man and his dogs are gone.

After fielding complaints about accumulating dog waste, the city in early April decided to banish dogs from Culbertson Park, the surrounding athletic fields and Stanley Baseball Field. To make that ban enforceable, the city is developing an ordinance and revising the city code. The new policy will define where dogs are and aren't allowed, require dogs to be on-leash in public, and require owners to clean up after them. Once the ordinance is in place, leaving dog waste will be an infraction that is punishable with a fine.



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New rules require dog owners to keep their pets off playing fields at Long Beach's Culbertson Park.

Pooch Poop Problems
City staff and council members say volunteers from the nearby South Pacific

County Humane Society animal shelter faithfully clean up when walking dogs, but some dog-owners who regularly

use the field have not been so courteous.

At an April 20 city workshop, Long Beach City Administrator David Glasson said kids sometimes pick up poop on their shoes, and then transfer it to the playground equipment. Athletes step in the piles while playing soccer or baseball, and city workers have messy encounters when mowing the field.

"Dogs on the baseball field is really the issue," Glasson said. "We have a feces problem." According to city Councilman Steven Linhart, irresponsible dog-owners to pick up poop have not been successful.

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