



Cindy Price takes a look inside the wheelhouse of the Tourist No. 2 ferry.

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Man behind 'mooing' sirens dies

Aya was a longtime fire district board member

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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CANNON BEACH — Alfred Aya Jr., the man behind the design and installation of Cannon Beach's famous "mooing" tsunami warning sirens, was remembered for his humor, curiosity and foresight.

Aya, who died on Friday at 94, lived in Cannon Beach since the mid-1980s. People close to Aya knew him as humorous and outgoing, with an unwavering commitment to promoting emergency preparedness through his role as a board member for the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District.

Born on Dec. 11, 1924, Aya was a descendant of the family which founded the Portland-based Honeyman Hardware Co. From a young age, Aya would spend his afternoons after school working at his parent's shop, doing building projects and disassembling equipment just to learn how to put it back together, Phil Hawley, a longtime friend, recalled.

"He was somebody that had an interest in everything. He had the uncanny ability to think of the most intricate ways of doing things," Hawley said. "He clearly had that bent of mind."

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Driver in church crash held on the North Coast

Phung allegedly damaged a church in Portland

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A 35-year-old man who is accused of intentionally crashing his SUV into a Vietnamese church early on Christmas Eve morning didn't show up to a Portland courtroom Wednesday as ordered.

Hieu John Phung was contacted by the Warrenton Police Department at Coffenburg Lake on Wednesday. He asked to be taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, where he was placed on a mental health evaluation hold, Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said.

Whatever the case, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office told Multnomah County sheriff's deputies not to expect Phung in court.

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City councilor reflects on her time as Astoria leader

Price finds it hard to walk away

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**
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As the clock ticked down to her final weeks on the Astoria City Council, Cindy Price thought, "What if I applied for the Planning Commission?"

Price, who earlier this year had planned to run for mayor but withdrew from the race, was finding it hard to walk away from city government — especially from the serious and meaty land use issues that have dominated the past year.

At her last City Council meeting in December, Price, along with City Councilor Zetty Nemlowill, whose term also ends this year, tried to vote down a four-story waterfront hotel project. They argued that the project was counter to the community's desires and the rules they had helped establish in the city's Riverfront Vision Plan to govern development along the Columbia River.

They knew they were in the minority — the developer's appeal would pass thanks to Mayor Arline LaMear, Councilor Tom Brownson and Councilor Bruce Jones — but their votes represented a philosophy that has governed their time at City Hall. Astoria, they believe, should remain a place where people are able to live and work year-round, and the community should decide how the city looks in the coming decades.

Though it remains an open question whether Price will apply for the



Cindy Price takes a look around the engine room of the Tourist No. 2.



Zetty Nemlowill takes a photo of some products at the Astoria Co-op Grocery, where she works as marketing director.

Planning Commission, she intends to maintain a role in Astoria's development one way or another.

She plans to be present for discussions on the Urban Core, the final

piece of the Riverfront Vision Plan. The City Council prioritized completing this downtown section and began the process this fall. Price will also continue to be involved in efforts to restore the historic ferry, Tourist No. 2.

Price, Nemlowill and LaMear will leave the City Council when their four-year terms expire at the end of the month. Together, they formed the first female majority on the council in city history. In January, a new council, led by Mayor-elect Jones, will take over. Planning Commissioner Joan Herman, a radio programmer, will take Price's downtown Ward 3 seat, while Roger Rocka, a former director of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, will replace Nemlowill in the west side's Ward 1.

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'We're dodging elk every night'

An elk cow climbs on a car in Warrenton

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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WARRENTON — Kristina Washington was catching a ride home from work this month on state Highway 104 when her Coast Shuttle driver stopped near Fourth Street for a herd of elk crossing the road.

Things turned scary when a wayward cow looked over and started toward the Toyota Prius.

"I instantly felt panic," Washington said. "I knew something bad was going to happen."

The cow mounted the hood, slipping and smashing into the windshield before climbing off and moving on to the side of the road. The incident left a damaged car, Washington and her driver rattled and the owner of the shuttle service wondering if it's even worth giving people rides at night in Warrenton.

"We're dodging elk every night, and it's starting to get a little scary," said David Nelson, the owner of Coast Shuttle.

The taxi service makes between three and 10 trips a day shuttling people between Warrenton and Hammond, Nelson said. Over the last 20 years he's had the company, drivers have collided with elk three times, including one instance when an animal went through a windshield, he said.

While he thinks the elk are beautiful, Nelson wonders why the herds aren't being thinned out or relocated, a concern among many residents upset with elk on private property and in roadways. Washington

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Warrenton Police Department

A Toyota Prius was damaged when an elk cow walked on top of the car while crossing state Highway 104 north of Warrenton.

