

Housing solution needs local reps, county leaders say

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An agency that manages care for Oregon Health Plan members should have at least one board member who is a local elected official, Clatsop County commissioners said Wednesday during an annual review.



Thompson

"This is so astonishing to me that you would not include the governing body of Clatsop County (on a board that makes decisions) that benefit the people for whom we are legally responsible," County Commissioner

Lianne Thompson told representatives of Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization.

The CCO serves the 32,000 Oregon Health Plan members in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties and works with nine primary care clinic systems, three hospitals, three mental health programs, four dental

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Celebrating 100 years in the news business

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The year was 1922.
Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered.

The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) was created.

The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated.

The Ottoman Empire was abolished after 600 years.

Insulin was used for the first time to treat diabetes.

Actress Betty White was born.

And The Columbia Press got its

start.

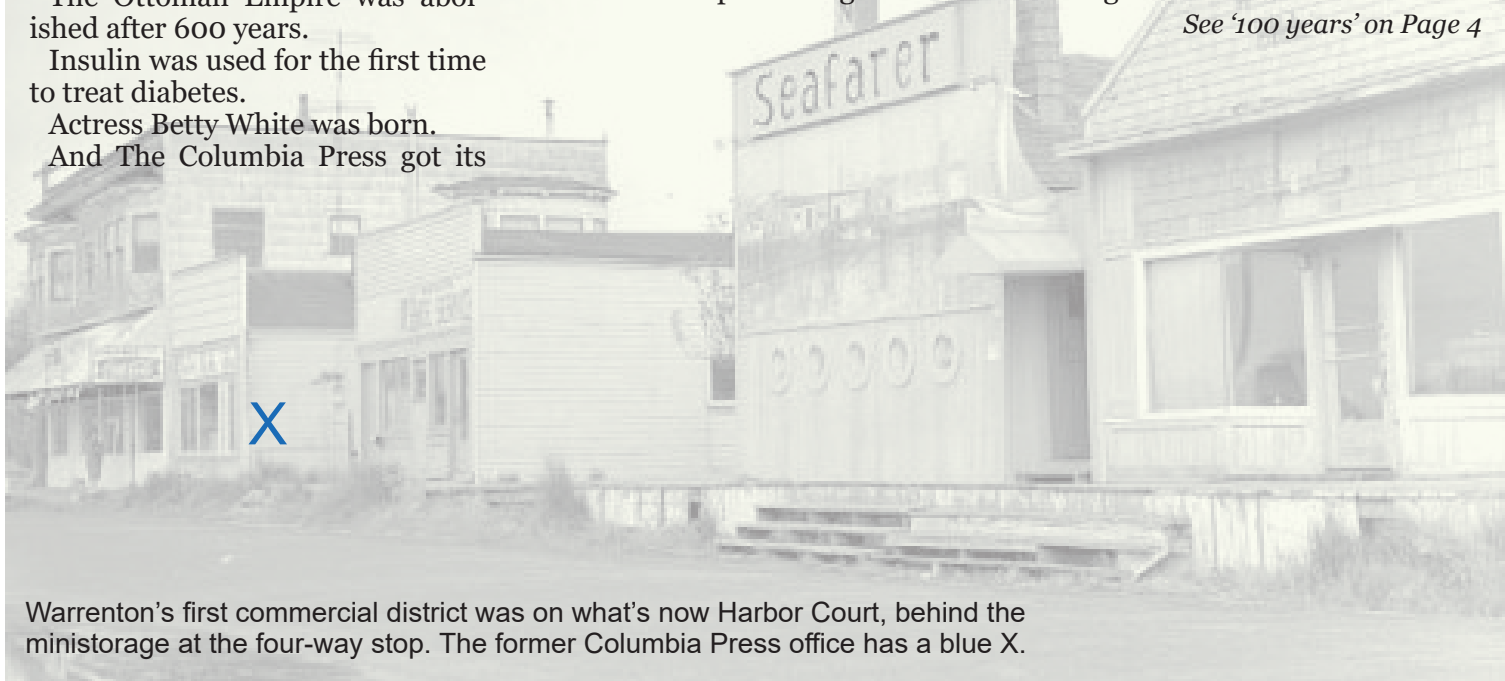
The first issue was published 100 years ago, although it was then a Finnish language newspaper called *Lännen Suometar*, or "The Western Finn."

Its mission was to keep the area's abundant Finnish immigrants connected to the church. *Lännen Suometar* was a new publishing venture of

the Finnish Lutheran Church, a synod or division of Lutheranism based in Michigan.

Unfortunately, the newspaper's birth on April 21, 1922, was ill fated. Downtown Astoria's great fire of Dec. 8, 1922, redesigned the city and wiped out the new publishing venture. The synod lost \$15,000 through its mission to reach the

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Warrenton's first commercial district was on what's now Harbor Court, behind the ministorage at the four-way stop. The former Columbia Press office has a blue X.

Scientists have named the gray whales that swim along Oregon Coast

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Scarlett is known for the large scar on her back. Equal bears the mark of a boat propeller injury. Roller Skate's fluke was damaged due to entanglement with fishing gear. Solé has a favorite foraging ground she returns to each year.

Each of these gray whales was nicknamed by researchers in the Geospatial Ecology of Marine Megafauna Laboratory at Oregon State University's Marine Mammal Institute.

Over years of study, the researchers have noted the identifying marks, behaviors and health

conditions of whales that frequent the Oregon Coast. They want the public to get to know some of these whales, too.

The scientists developed a website, individual-whale.com, where visitors can meet some of these iconic whales, learn about their major life events, see their identifying marks, and find out more about the research that seeks to better understand the animals.

"We wanted to share with Oregonians, and the public in general, the stories of these whales because they are residents of Oregon like us, and they have personalities and stories to tell," said

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Zorro, a gray whale, breaches off the coast of Newport.