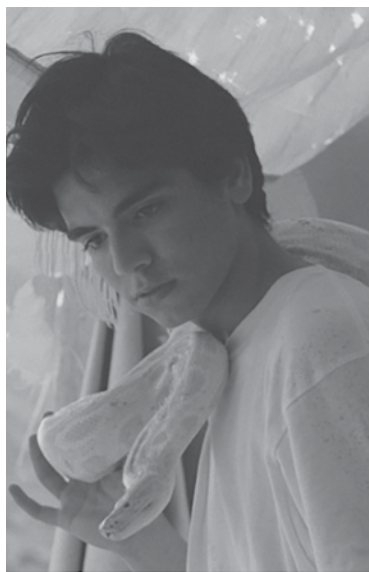


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LOCAL NEWS



In anticipation of final approval of COVID-19 vaccines for 5 to 11 year olds, Portland Public Schools will host multiple pediatric vaccination clinics.

More School Vaccine Clinics District plans for wide distribution

As part of its ongoing work to provide students, their families, and the broader community with more health protections against COVID-19, Portland Public Schools has announced that it will host pediatric vaccination clinics at eight local elementary schools in the coming weeks.

“Schools have long served as trusted community hubs. They are ideal locations to help administer vaccines rapidly and efficiently. We’re proud to partner with Kaiser Permanente and Medical Teams Inter-

national in providing yet another layer of COVID-19 mitigation to PPS families,” said PPS Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero.

“Many of us grew up with our parents recounting their experience of what it was like to receive the polio vaccine at their local school. The relief, the enthusiasm that they felt to finally gain protection against a virus that had deeply impacted their communities...this time is no different,” Guerrero said.

Working in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Medical Teams International,

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Homeless Crisis Response to Grow Leaders pledge new \$38 million investment

(AP) — Government leaders for Portland and Multnomah County on Monday pledged a new \$38 million investment to address the ongoing homeless crisis, monies made possible by unforeseen higher business tax revenues.

The plan is to create 400 more shelter beds, increase the number of outreach workers, expand behavioral health services, and fund community cleanup programs.

“We didn’t get here overnight. The homeless crisis has been chipping away at the city’s soul for over a decade,” Portland City Commissioner Dan Ryan said at a news conference. “There’s zero denial about the impact of this crisis on our street and (that) it’s having on our city.”

Portland, like other major cities, is in the



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amidst of a homeless crisis that has been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Residents, advocates, businesses and organizations have urged the city to do more to address the issue — in the form of additional housing, mental health resources, cleanups and increased public safety.