

Jefferson Community to Rebuild Field

Donations needed for artificial turf

A group of teachers, coaches and community members are working to raise awareness and funds to install an artificial turf field and resurface the track at Jefferson High School in north Portland.

The group includes several coaches from the Jefferson football program and joined forces with community organizations, including Our United Villages and PAL, the Police Athletic League.

The community at large is invited to attend and offer input on the Jefferson Community Field Project at the next meeting, Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. in the Jefferson cafeteria.

"We're working on getting our neighbors focused on a specific



The track at Jefferson High School stands a chance to be renewed through the Jefferson Community Field Project.

PHOTO BY NICOLE HOOPER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

project as a way to connect the school with the community," said Murray Todd, a 1972 graduate of Jefferson and project leader. "The field is an excellent way to accomplish that because of how many different groups would be using it."

Jefferson is among the schools involved in the 10 Great Fields movement being organized by the Portland Public Schools.

The field just off North Killingsworth Street would be the first phase of an overall project that would include resurfacing the track, redeveloping the area behind the football grandstands and even rebuilding the school's gymnasium over the next decade.

For more information on the field upgrade, call Cliff Pfenning at 503-307-2562, Murray Todd at 503-765-3464, Laval Short at 503-539-6895 or Anthony Stoudamire at 503-916-5180.

"My goal is to be a field surveyor."
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grown harder and more bureaucratic. Nelson recalled that as a single parent in the '70s and '80s she was eligible for food stamps.

"All I had to do was bring in my check stubs. They didn't put me through a million hoops. And not only could my kids have day care, but I could choose the center. We used to have programs that didn't penalize people," Nelson said.

Morrell added that with the money the U.S. has already spent on the Iraq War, "we could have built \$4.2 million housing units."

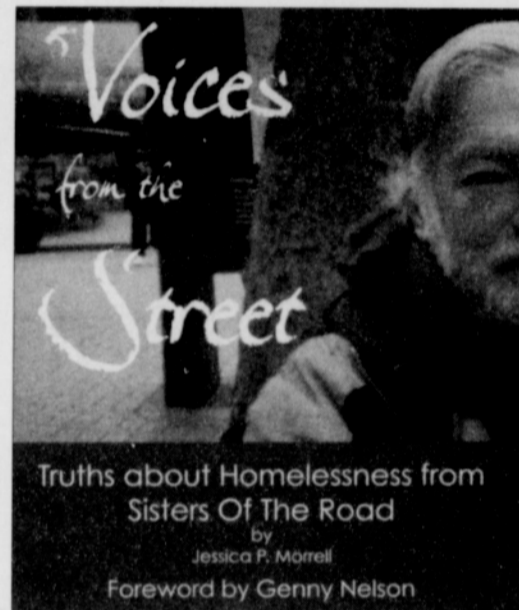
Another factor in homelessness is the large proportion of people from unstable childhoods.

"Some simply had more bad luck than the rest of us," Morrell said.

The book tells how the homeless include all walks of life, from veterans and the mentally ill to children, women, families and the frail.

Being homeless is in effect a

crime, the researchers found out, with homeless people subject to constant harassment from the police and others, and selective enforcement of the law. (The book contains one man's account of



Truths about Homelessness from Sisters Of The Road
by Jessica P. Morrell
Foreword by Genny Nelson

being cited for "interfering with the flight of a pigeon" when he kicked at a bothersome bird.)

Nelson firmly believes that homelessness can be eradicated, but there are prerequisites for do-

ing so. "We'll never end homelessness unless the homeless are honored for their knowledge and experience and given a seat at the table," she said. "People who are afraid of the homeless can't be exclusively the ones to address it."

For Morrell, the process of compiling the book "felt as if I'd stepped into a parallel universe," so different was the experience from anything she'd known before.

Now those involved want what they've found put to use by every mayor, every city and every candidate for public office.

"Several mayors have already ordered the book," Nelson said. Congressman Peter DeFazio has urged all public policy makers to read it. However, Nelson said, the general public needs to take up arms for the book's message. "Sisters alone can't make that happen," she says.

The book is available at Powell's, Barnes and Noble, and Borders.

Tri-Met Fare Increase Proposed

Tri-Met typically increases their fare each September and this year is no different from any other.

Tri-Met has proposed a 5-cent fare increase on most bus and MAX fares to help cover the cost of inflation.

If approved by the Tri-Met Board of Directors at their June 27 meeting, the increase would take effect Sept. 1.

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**Correction:
Opera Singer
Photos**

Photographs submitted for our story in last week's issue on Chandra Curtis, the Portland Community College student training to become a professional opera singer, were actually those of Cherisse Harris, a former PCC student. The Portland Observer sincerely regrets this error.



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