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## Homeless must be helped

As Sen. Arlen Specter said, "You can't drive from Fairmount Avenue to my home in East Falls without seeing a lot of homeless. That is a big, big problem."

Sen. Rick Santorum also stated, "We have many who have substandard housing or don't have any housing."

We also have too many people in Philadelphia who are living under the poverty level. This includes the unemployed, mentally ill adults, those on welfare and people with substance-abuse problems. We should provide for those individuals in need and leave "no one behind."

Why was money considered for more sports stadiums when there was tremendous need among those just mentioned? Why are we inflating with money the pockets of professional athletes and franchise owners who already have inflated egos and incomes who contribute nothing to the community except entertainment? It is hard to imagine someone receiving millions of dollars based upon how well he throws an opponent to the ground.

The building of these new facilities is money misdirected and illogically prioritized. Another practical reason why building these stadiums was not justified is that most Phillies games have many empty seats, and there are about only eight Eagles home games.

Let us think of those who cannot afford to buy tickets to these games.

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