

There are some things I simply just don't understand

I could write a book on the things I don't understand. Or at least a column.

The impetus for such profound thinking at this particular time owes its thanks to the wonderful sport of soccer.

First, a couple things in other areas I don't understand, for no other reason than they've crossed my mind recently. Why, for example, do callers to radio talk shows always say, "Thanks for taking my call." If they didn't call there would be no show. The radio host should thank them. Drives me crazy every time.

By the way, thanks for reading my column.

Another thing I don't understand? Appetizers. I don't know of any food that increases my appetite. All that appetizers accomplish is to start the process of sating whatever hunger I have. In no way do they make me hungrier.

Moving closer to home, I feel for all the people writing letters to the *Champion* complaining about receiving tickets on James Snow Parkway the day before the speed



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On the loose

limit changed. If the police made a mistake they deserve a pass. If they didn't make a mistake I'd also give them a pass. Mind you, I wouldn't be so generous with the passes if I had received a ticket. And also if I hadn't made it one of my golden rules to never criticize the police. Ever.

Maybe the people should look at it the way my mother did when I was a kid. If I happened to get a smack and was proven innocent, my mom would say that was for the ones I got away with.

Okay, now to soccer, since we're not doing anything else.

I think it's great we have a pro soccer team and even though I'm not a soccer fan I'm a fan of any

Milton team and hope they do well. The thing I don't understand is the team name — Milltown FC.

I don't have a problem with the FC part — Football Club — although I think it's pretentious, considering teams with the FC behind their name are usually from England and have been around 100 years, while our team has yet to play a game.

And we call it soccer not football in this part of the world. Okay,

so it's a retro name, like Toronto FC, and they seem to be doing well. Fair enough.

No, the part I don't understand is where, what or why is Milltown? What's wrong with Milton? While it's true that Milton was once known as Mill Town sometime in the 1800s, the town was actually named after the poet, John Milton.

How are the kids the team is hoping to attract going to relate to a place that doesn't exist? What

about people looking at the league standings and then checking their maps for Milltown? I've lived here close to 30 years and I've never heard someone refer to Milton as Milltown. Not once. So it's not like there's some tradition behind it.

It doesn't make one bit of sense to me, but so be it, and if you're going to the game please be mindful of Milltown speed limits so that Milltown police don't give you a Milltown ticket.



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