

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader offers up some Super Bowl trivia

As the Super Bowl approaches there may be a few facts you could use to prove you are smarter than the average viewer.

At one time, there was a variety of spelling of U.S. cities ending in "burg." Many had added the "h" at the end because their founders came from lower Saxony by the Tuscan village near the river Burgh (OK, I made that up). But it is true that some U.S. city names ended in burg and others in burgh. It was the U.S. Postal Service that told, for the sake of simplicity, the burgh cities they had to change to burg. All complied except the largest. The Pennsylvanians told the USPS they (the city) would not. The postal service relented.

So that is why Pittsburgh is spelled as it is, and it is the only one in the country.

Now to the helmets. Most of the NFL teams put on emblems. One could not. The Cleveland Browns were named for their successful coach: Paul Brown. What could they do? A picture of him? His signature? Nothing made sense so they remain the only team with no emblem.

Back to the Steelers. On one side, and only one side, they have the logo of the steel industry. The

team owners assumed that the United Steel Workers union would insist their logo be placed on the other side. They, unbelievably, did not.

They still haven't. So the one side remains naked.

Use this knowledge on Sunday to your advantage — and pretend you knew it all along.

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