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## The Token-Pizza Connection

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To the Editor:

In January, Clyde Haberman wrote that I had formulated the historical linkage between the price of a pizza slice and the subway fare, something he dubbed the Fasel Corollary.

Now ("As Inevitable as Pepperoni: Higher Fares," NYC column, July 9), he says further research has revealed an earlier author, Eric M. Bram, and not a banker named George Fasel.

All honor to Mr. Bram, although I was as oblivious of his efforts when I wrote an Op-Ed article for your newspaper in 1985 as Columbus was of the Vikings who preceded him to these shores. Historical truth must be served, and I will relinquish my fantasies of the Fasel Corollary joining Moore's Law and the Laffer Curve.

But as long as we are setting the record straight, let it be noted: I am a writer; in 1985, I was a writer employed by a bank. I am not now nor have I ever been a banker.

Please, take away the corollary, but leave a man his dignity.

GEORGE FASEL

New York, July 9, 2002