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Mombourquette spot on with column on cats

I have to say that Angela Mombourquette's column is one of the main articles that I read in the paper. I find it is always witty and well written.

I just had to tell you this, Angela, after reading your article on the SPCA overcrowding of cats. You seemed to have described every cat I have ever owned. I couldn't imagine life without the cuddly little creatures.

Thanks for encouraging adoption of strays rather than adoption through a pet store.

Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, Halifax

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No place for rodeos in Nova Scotia

Not often do I have the urge to write to a columnist but Angela Mombourquette's article titled Rodeo exercise in human dominance has precipitated this note. For ages I have had extremely strong feelings against this form of mindless cruelty to animals. I can understand the historic need for real cowboys to practise their trade 100 years or more ago. That was their world but it is not that way now.

I feel that the Calgary Stampede is a horror show designed to attract people for their money. The bringing of this form of entertainment here is ludicrous and it definitely has no place in 21st century Nova Scotia.

Genia Derrick, Halifax

Sid's not heroic — and he's overpaid

I am with Angela Mombourquette 100 per cent. Sidney Crosby seems to be a really nice young man but at 22, worth millions because he can play hockey?

We need to be able to amuse ourselves more without having to watch sports so much, driving sports salaries so high.

We have our priorities all wrong.

Don Smith, Halifax

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Mombourquette column like breath of fresh air

Weekly I look forward to Angela Mombourquette's Don't Get Me Started column! Her writing is so clever and charming (not a word I use often but at the risk of sounding like my mother I'll use it here).

The way she writes about what should be common sense or duh! issues, but sadly are not in today's society, is truly refreshing. Very reassuring! More please! Her use of the expression "blow the stink off" oneself in her July 6 column was a real flashback for me. I, too, thought my mother was the only person who ever used those words.

Eileen Kaiser, Halifax

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Bedford United welcomes gay community

I was pleased to read Angela Mombourquette's article entitled Pride Parade reflects city's 'open-minded' flavour in the July 20 Halifax-HRM West Community Herald.

I am a straight, married woman who attends Bedford United Church in Bedford. We are an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada. In order to receive that designation we completed the requirements of Affirm United's program.

Our congregation engaged in more than two years of reflection before deciding if we wished to make our welcome public to everyone, including GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) folks. The result of our vote was very positive.

My preteen daughter has some friends whose families have more conservative values than ours. Because of my work at Bedford United, my daughter doesn't understand why her friends say the negative things they say about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. I try to explain to my daughter where the root of her friends' beliefs come from and that all she needs to say to her friends is that she doesn't share that view. It's been a challenge for her.

I think what people need is education so they can be more accepting of others. If not... the divide becomes wider through misunderstanding.

Personally, I look to Jesus as an example of how to treat others. He accepted all people, not just straight folks.

Anne Hebb, co-chair, affirming ministry program, Affirm United

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Here's to Mombourquette on cable vs. TV debate

Bravo Angela; I could not agree more with your column about the struggle between TV broadcasters and cable operators.

I am tired of the argument, especially from CTV. If they were serious, they would stop broadcasting the signal, and 'sell' it to the cable companies; and that is not going to happen.

If they give it freely to the RF (radio frequency) spectrum, then they should just think of the cable company as another customer receiving this signal. And, by the way, the advertisements (which are a source of revenue to the TV companies) reach a far wider base of customers. That is added value for the TV companies.

Thanks for bringing this argument out so clearly. (I hope Steve Murphy reads it!)

Thomas Brown, Halifax

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Community Herald fan enjoys good news

Congratulations! A newspaper concentrating on good news.

After all the doom and gloom constantly assailing us from all other media, it is a real joy to spend a few minutes reading about the many people and organizations who are really doing thoughtful things for others.

That carries an important message. It makes me, at least, think about what I can do to make Halifax Regional Municipality a better place.

And I do love Angela Mombourquette. She certainly injects the right common sense into so much that is nonsense. I'm glad she "gets started."

She should run for council, maybe even mayor — but she should never stop writing her column.

Anne Long, Halifax