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## THE DIARY

Journalists are just as susceptible to online clickbait as the next website consumer. When a story about "slittens" – a creature combining sloths and kittens – appeared on Stuff.co.nz on Friday



afternoon, horrified emails flew around the newsroom about the frankenkittens – until the article's writer pointed out slittens were the spawn of Photoshop.

Some welcome humour was injected into the usually dry debate over fluoride in public water supplies during a High Court case last week. An anti-fluoride group's lawyer, **Lisa Hansen**, halted her submissions to pour herself a drink of water with a flourish, informing the court: "I'm just going to keep drinking my fluoridated water." Her legal opponent, Crown lawyer **Jane Foster**, swiftly replied: "It's quite safe." But Hansen scored with her answer: "If only that was true." Later, Justice **David Collins** got the court chuckling with his confession he had gobbled a pile of fluoride tablets as a lad in a misguided bid to dodge the school dental nurse.

Is there a letter you have always wanted to write, but never did? Perhaps you penned it in your mind, but didn't put ink to paper. Or wrote it, but stopped short of mailing it. *The Dominion Post* is on the lookout for those "letters", whether poignant, amusing, heartfelt or confessional. Readers' submissions will be part of our *Summer Magazine*, to be published daily for two weeks from December 22. If you have a letter to dust off – or finally want to get something off your chest – email [bess.manson@fairfaxmedia.co.nz](mailto:bess.manson@fairfaxmedia.co.nz) with your submissions, and any queries you may have.