

Editorial

# Use common Census

If you haven't already, you will, in the next few days, receive a 2001 Canadian Census form at your door.

Fill it out. For the few minutes it takes to complete the form, the Census allows Statistics Canada workers to "paint a picture of Canada".

As Richard Chartash, communications officer for Statistics Canada says, "It (the Census) provides vital information on who we are and how we live."

The Census will arrive in one of two forms: 80 per cent of households will receive a seven-question form while the other 20 per cent will get a 59-question form.

The Census can provide us with a fascinating snapshot of our community and be used to plan important community services such as health care, education, and transportation. Business, industry, and various other associations depend on the Census data as a valuable decision-making tool.

For those worried about "Big Brother" various steps have been taken to ensure privacy including the fact personal information is stripped off the forms before the data is captured.

The more we know about ourselves now, the easier it will be to determine our needs in the future. The Census is an easy way to gather that information.



## Letters to the editor....

### Woman's layoff notice a non-event

Dear editor,

Re: Woman puzzled by layoff notice (April 6).

The danger of airing of one's dirty laundry in public is that it can reveal holes.

The obvious story is that someone no longer has a job and is bitter. The disappointment expressed is to be expected. This is hardly news.

The more disturbing subtext of this article is its subtle racist tone. Is it news that the, "jobs are being held for Mexicans" as the article heading claims?

Would it be acceptable if the jobs were being held for Canadians? Neither scenario would require the re-instatement of the position in question.

The jobs being held symbolically for the Mascorros and the position being phased out due to the loss of, "a major account" are completely different and have no bearing on

each other. Your attempt to link them is incendiary and hardly journalism.

Why would you print this article when the job issue is something between employer and employee? Is this a new feature during these harder times—local layoff notices?

I think you owe Fraser Direct an apology for the innuendo of the article.

There is no real story here.

Frank and Ruth Loreto,  
Georgetown

### Thanks for helping with 'Penny's plight'

Dear editor,

I'd like to thank everyone who attended The Upper Credit Humane Society's silent auction April 7.

Your support was greatly appreciated by the volunteers and the animals. Please remember there are still three of Penny's puppies left to adopt. They will be ready for homes around

the end of April.

A big thank you to all who supported us with "Penny's plight". Penny is up to normal weight and will be going to her new home soon.

Mary Anne Thomas,  
president  
Upper Credit Humane Society

### Cancer Society thanks Acton community

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society I would like to thank the community of Acton for supporting our recent daffodil sale. Proceeds from the sale of daffodils helps to support research projects, services for patients and health promotion.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who visited the local businesses to take orders for daffodils, packed orders and sold daffodils to the public. Without their dedication we could not possibly have a successful sale.

Thanks also to the Royal Canadian Legion who allow us the use of their facility to store our daffodils and pack our orders, the Acton IGA, LCBO, Halton Credit Union and Caffé Francesco for letting us sell daffodils at their business.

Thanks Acton for making our daffodil sale a success.

Cathy Gerrow,  
daffodil convener,  
Acton Branch  
Canadian Cancer Society

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