

Editorial

Parrish the thought

It's no surprise Prime Minister Paul Martin gave Mississauga-Erindale MP Carolyn Parrish the boot from the Liberal caucus last week after her loopy anti-party outburst, which came on the heels of her loopy anti-George W. Bush skit on the CBC, which followed years of loopy comments.

When you tell your boss he can "go to hell" and you have "no loyalty" to him, a pink slip is sure to find its way to your desk in a hurry.

To be sure, Parrish is a loud, opinionated, unrepentant boor who loves the sound of her own voice, revels in the glare of the media spotlight and apparently has the maturity of a two-year-old with a dirty diaper. However, Mississauga voters love this rebel without a clue so much they've repeatedly sent her to Ottawa, so go figure.

While her recent stomping on a George W. Bush doll may be looked at as juvenile fun, her penchant for calling Americans "idiots" and "bastards" and proclaiming her hatred for them were grounds for dismissal—in 2003.

As badly as Parrish looks, Martin looks equally foolish.

He repeatedly tolerated her calling our closest neighbour names (What, we wonder, would he have done if Parrish had proclaimed a hatred for Jews or blacks, instead of Americans, last year?), but only chose to take action against her when she targeted him.

In expelling Parrish, Martin said he could not "tolerate behaviour that demeans and disrespects others."

Who, we ask, was he referring to? If it was our American friends, then why did he wait so long? If it was himself, perhaps he should develop a thicker skin.



Letters to the editor...

New Barber Mill will be a valued addition to town

Dear editor,

I am writing in support of the Barber Mill development project. As a resident in the near vicinity of the

mill, I have had my many concerns satisfied by competent planning department staff. On a recent visit to the town hall to review the plans, it became quite evident that in-depth studies are being undertaken to ensure the development will only proceed with the best interests of the local residents in mind.

I support the Barber Mill development as I recognize the positive impact it will have, not only for Georgetown, but for those of us who live close by. I believe that living in the desirable proximity of such a trendy and inviting district will serve to increase our property value. I am pleased that this section of waterfront, now unsafe and unapproachable, will become a welcoming place to walk and meet friends. I see the condominiums as an exciting alternative to other dwellings in Georgetown when considering future retirement.

I am optimistic that the Barber Mill development will prove to be a valued addition to our neighbour-

hood. I look forward to continuing to live in this great part of town—about to become even greater with approval and completion of the Barber Mill project.

Catherine Parr,
Georgetown

Walk netted \$13,000

Dear editor,

North Halton Parkinson's support group held its second annual Superwalk for Parkinson's Research on Sept. 18, raising more than \$13,000.

Local businesses who donated prizes and food were: North Halton Golf & Country Club; Granite Ridge Golf Club; J.V. Clothing; Downtown Spa; Sheridan Nurseries; Vanwissen Nurseries, The Shoe Company; Tim Hortons; Sobeys; Air Combat Zone; A&P; Loblaws; Vanderburgh Flowers; Shoppers Drug Mart; and Young's Pharmacy.

Marion Faulkner,
Parkinson Support Group

HOPE says thanks

Dear editor,

On behalf of the members of HOPE (Healthy Options for People & the Environment) I want to thank *The Independent* for their coverage on the Town of Halton Hills Adopt a Boulevard Program (Nov. 3).

It's terrific to see the Town support this program and inspiring to see how many residents are already using their imagination to create beautiful little boulevard gardens in front of their own homes.

Just last week, we received a beautiful design for the HOPE portion of the boulevard garden (located on Sargent Rd. at Mountainview Rd.), kindly donated by Belinda Gallagher of Triffids Plants. This design will now go to the Town for approval before we can proceed with planting next spring. In springtime 2005, we plan to canvas the Sargent Rd. neighbourhood looking for volunteers who would like to get involved in our gardening project. Interested people can e-mail us at: healthy_options@hotmail.com or call Christine at 905-877-4414.

HOPE encourages other community groups and businesses to take part in the Adopt a Boulevard Program. For information on how to Adopt a Boulevard, contact Paul Sargent at 905-873-2601 ext. 2604. Special thanks also goes to TEAC (Town Environmental Advisory Committee) and the Town of Halton Hills for their support in this project.

Christine Upton, HOPE

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