

# Wappel's off my Christmas card list

In the great poison-pen letter competition, the Liberals win hands down.

When the story broke that Scarborough Southwest MP Tom Wappel wrote an insulting letter to a near-blind, near-deaf war veteran, I wasn't surprised. Nor were many other Liberals.

Wappel drinks from the same well as former Markham MP Jag Bhaduria. If you see Tom or Jag on the street, you cross at the first opportunity to avoid a face-to-face encounter. While everybody's wondering if the real Stockwell Day will ever stand up, nobody in the Canadian Alliance can hold a candle to our Jag or Tom.

Wappel is an embarrassment to the Liberal party, to Scarborough Southwest and to Canada.

The only real shock in the whole messy incident came from Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Instead of booting Wappel out of caucus and the party, Chretien took a rah-rah-for-democracy stand, insisting Liberal backbenchers are allowed to speak their minds.

Now Jean, you can't kid a kidder. As a life-long Liberal, I know this free-speaking stuff is a crock. We Grits have always kept our MPs on short leashes. This accounts for much of our success.

Let's test Chretien's freedom-of-speech theory in the real world. Excuse me while I draft a letter to the head of this newspaper's editorial department, telling her she's a whining suck for insisting I produce story after story and column after column.

Then, while I'm pounding the pavement in search of a new job, I'll think about democracy, the lies Liberals tell and how I got in the soup.

Wappel's back is against the wall and his face is all over the newspapers. So much so



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that he's apologized to war vet Jim Baxter for blowing him off when Baxter asked for help with a pension matter.

Wappel found out through a voter data bank that Baxter voted Canadian Alliance. Wappel was apparently insulted when Baxter asked for help.

Baxter was under the belief that in Canada, you can vote any which way and still be served by the government. This is your right as a Canadian. Baxter thought the need to preserve such rights was why he put his life on the line in the Second World War.

Too bad Wappel wasn't around when that war knocked on Canada's door. Baxter and thousands of others could have said, "Sorry, I didn't vote for McKenzie King so I can't go to any war."

Not only is Wappel mean to old soldiers, he doesn't know his job. Of course, Wappel is supposed to serve every constituent. It's no one's business how anyone votes.

If a government is only as good as its weakest link, then Wappel is proof that Canada is far from okay.

Instead of endorsing mean and pointless actions by MPs, Chretien should grab Wappel by the scruff of the neck and throw him out the Liberal door.

If Wappel had a shred of decency, he'd resign. Chretien better keep a close eye on things. Wappel's not a wild card. The man's a marked deck.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENIN' ON THE SIDEWALK?

In fact, where did the sidewalk go? We've got so many plants and flowers. What we've got this week are ...

• **DIPLODENA** in hanging baskets and in individual pots. These are very sun hardy and fairly draught resistant. It's a good flower if you're away on weekends.

• **SUNFLOWER** pots. These were a hit last week and as promised we have more.

• **IVY TOPIARIES**. We have them in three different sizes. They are great indoors where there is sufficient light or outdoors in shadier areas. Great price on the big ones if you buy two or more.

• **HIBISCUS!** We have peach, apricot and red in either standards, bushes or plants — amazing show all summer long in full sun. A good choice for urns, or stationary planters.

• **PATIO POTS**. Pots of colour for sun or shade as far as the eye can see.

• **GERANIUMS**. Good news and bad news. The good news is that we've got great geranium hangers at \$12.95 ea., a good supply of medium size mothers — but the big mothers are sold out.

• **CAPE DAISIES**. These are full sun hardy with a great show. We have them in decorative pots at \$5.95 or in 4" size at \$2.49 ea. Nice for area planters or baskets.

• **MANDEVILLA**. These have now arrived and they're in two sizes in either white or pink. These flowers are climbers, extra-ordinaire and love the sun.

• **PASSION FLOWERS**. We have more of these in stock now. If you haven't seen one in flower you've missed a big thrill.

• **SPIDER GERANIUMS!** These are in fibre window boxes or fibre hangers. Full sun with a great splash of colour.

• **SMALL STUFF** — You can mix or match to construct your own basket or window box. Our planting shed is now complete (except for the bar fridge) and we'd be happy to plant any special arrangement for you in your containers or ours. There is a \$7.50 fee for smaller and a \$10.00 fee for larger creations. We've found that portable container potting provides a nice decorative touch ... and don't forget that for every pot you buy at our store you'll get a **KATE'S BUCK** that you can spend in her store on great garden accents!

*P.S. we have great (and very fresh) cut flowers as well!*

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