

Canadian rogue starts a new life and identity

The curious case of a Canadian rogue who made a new life for himself in this country before his girlfriend turned him in to the government demonstrates how much has changed in our nation and how many layers of "identity" law our government has spun.

The threat may seem esoteric, like most of the so-called Patriot Act, but it illustrates another way our government chips slowly away at our liberties.

The man, Wayne Bradley Camick, left behind a checkered past when he secured a copy of his younger brother Leslie's birth certificate and fled to the U.S. in 2006: past-due child support, back taxes, a 20-year suspension of his driver's license for drunk driving, and "other legal issues." At the border, he assumed the identity of Leslie, who died at age 3 1/2 months, the government alleges.

Since then, he apparently had kept his nose clean until recently, working as a telecommunications engineer, being granted at least three patents, and running a business with the girlfriend.

In a civil suit, he charges that the woman, and others, hoped to acquire his assets, including the company the couple founded together, and patents he claims to have developed alone.

He describes himself as "an industry innovator in fiber optics," working with Google, AT&T, and Comcast. Another claim is that a patent for a locking manhole cover developed with AT&T could be worth \$5 billion.

You'd think the government would be happy just to deport the guy for lying on his immigration paperwork, and leave him to the tender mercies of the Canadians. However, the U.S. attorney has filed a laundry list of "identity theft" felony charges ranging from mail fraud to mak-

ing false statements to a bank, immigration officials, and the patent office.

He's accused not only of violating the Orwellian Patriot Act, but of "undermining its very purpose," to ensure the true identities of foreign nationals to prevent terrorist acts.

We're certainly not going to stick up for Mr. Camick, but he's no terrorist. His case illustrates how far down the road to "true identity" thinking we've traveled.

And that runs counter to the Anglo-American legal tradition which holds that a man is who he says he is, and may go by whatever name he chooses - his "real" name, a stage or business name, a nickname, whatever one desires - so long as his purpose isn't to defraud someone, especially the government.

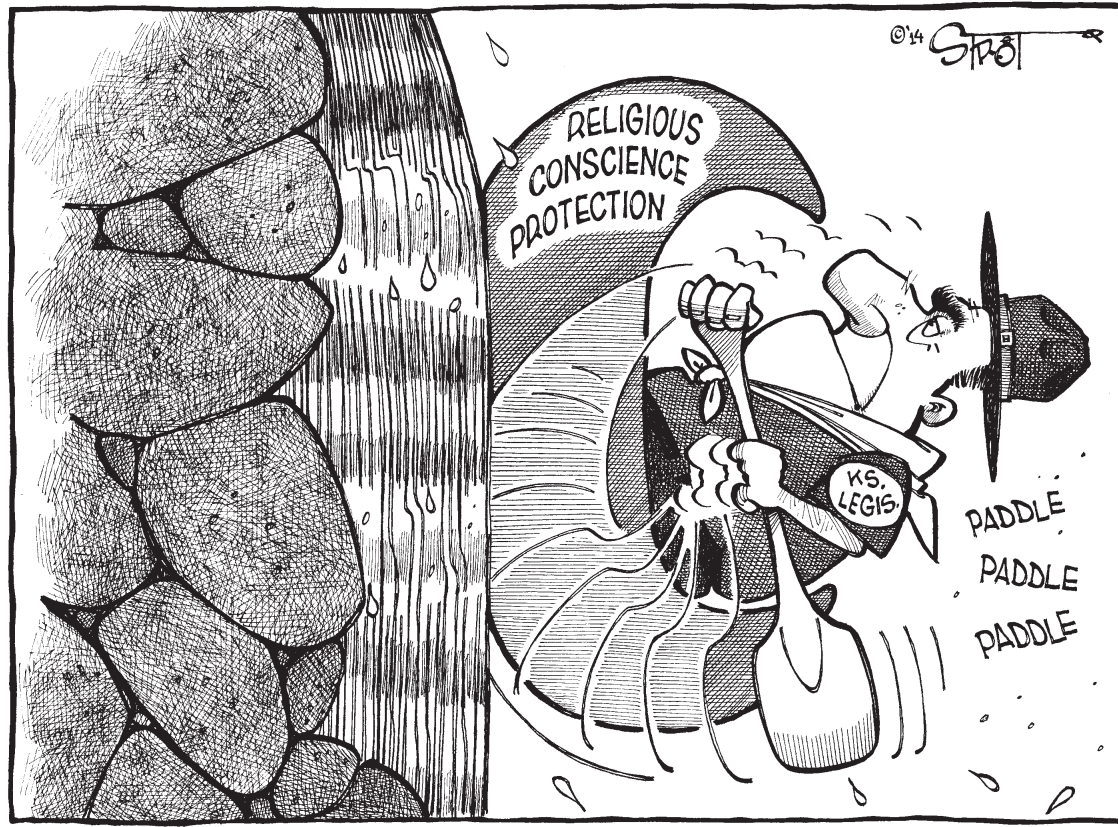
In fact, it's been said, in the old days, the only person who couldn't change his name at will was one who's gone to court and had a judge change it.

His lawyers claim Mr. Camick "gained no advantage from any person based upon his use of the first name Wayne," though admitting that Canada might be sore.

We suppose you still can adopt a new name, if you don't want to get a driver's license or a patent or fly on a commercial airline. Centuries of legal practice, it seems, have been scrapped in the name of security.

It's such a small thing. Perhaps it's a fair trade. Or perhaps we'll all wake up one day and realize that we've given away far more than we thought. Our phone calls are logged, our lives are on tape, our phones track our every movement. What next?

Ah, well, it's all for our own good. - Steve Haynes



Antelopes bring in noxious weeds

To Whom it May Concern:

Farmers are having problems with noxious weeds south of Goodland due to the abundant supply of antelope in the area. These animals are spreading Canadian thistle, bind weed, etc., in large amounts when they tend to lie down and graze in large numbers. It is not uncommon to see 10 to 40 antelope in a group grazing in an area repeatedly, time after time.

I have land that came out of CRP a few years ago and they still frequently remain there and on the neighboring lands. The Canadian thistle is thick over this entire area. I have spent \$32 per acre for chemicals to eliminate it so far this year and still have thistle all over the land. I had a biologist look over it and was issued five depredation permits for deer but none for antelope. The antelope frequent the area. However, I have seldom seen deer in the area.

Mr. Sowards was very cooperative but will not give any permits for the antelope. I also spoke with Game Warden Hopper and feel he was completely arrogant when speaking to him. Game Warden Hopper claims the antelope do not

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cause any more harm than mice, rats, birds, etc. Due to the reputation Mr. Hopper has with farmers in the area because of his lack of cooperation and consideration on the matter, some farmers in the area feel he should be brought up for review.

What are our rights as land owners concerning the deer and antelope? Are we to just simply tolerate this issue with noxious weeds forever? Deer depredation permit guidelines require deer to be taken on specific acreage only. Therefore, if they are on neighboring land next to yours, the animal cannot be harvested. This regulation makes it nearly impossible to utilize the permits. With so many obligations as a farmer, we do not have time to waste waiting on deer to cross the line to specific land so they can be taken legally.

Are farmers to continue to suffer damage from noxious weeds and damaged fence from deer and antelope forever or will the Wildlife and Parks reimburse for the

noxious weed spraying and fence damages? Will the Wildlife and Parks allow property owners to harvest deer and antelope on their land without all of the hassle of obtaining permission from biased game wardens who make the lives of farmers in the area as miserable as possible due to the damage received, yet at no cost to the wildlife official or the department itself? Or is it the attitude of game officials to ensure that a nuisance problem remain forever, whatever the cost the land owner or operator. I and several of the surrounding land owners want an answer to what can be done to solve these problems.

Please contact me with any further questions and to let me know what steps can be taken to resolve this issue.

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The Gardener

Catalogues and seed racks

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In this season of light snow, heavy socks, and soup, I take great joy in thumbing through the new seed catalogs, particularly the sections that feature new offerings of flowers and vegetables. As I view these "never before seen" varieties of plant life, I find myself wondering if I'll come across anything that could possibly equal the superior quality of the cultivars I am now planting that have given me great production and quality for the last 20 years.

I need not worry my old gray head for very long about that. Of course there are many talented plant breeders out there who will assign the proper genes to a new cantaloupe project that promises to offer more taste and better shipping quality than my beloved Ambrosia melon. It's only a matter of time before someone discovers an onion that is even sweeter and larger than the magnificent Candy variety. And of course, some award winning geneticist will present us with a pumpkin that will outweigh the 2013 record setting Dill's Atlantic Giant behemoth that tipped the scales at slightly over a ton!

That's just the way it is. My gardening career takes me back to the late 30's when we had no hybrids, but we had Marglobe and Rutgers tomatoes and were none the wiser about what was soon to occur in the seed world. There was no such thing as sweet corn,

but the field of corn out west of the house provided roasting ears that were awfully good.

The catalogues and seed racks are filled this year with flower and vegetable seed that we have never seen before as the natural progression of new varieties continues to be a fact of life. We absolutely should make it a project this year to plant one or two of these new models just to see if they are tastier or more beautiful than the ones we have been planting for years and years.

I found many interesting possibilities this winter. One of them is a new All America winning mini-plum tomato called "Fantastico." They are about twice the size of a grape tomato and are described to be "the sweetest tasting tomato you'll ever find." You'll have to grow your own of course because the seed won't be at the store for a year or two. I'm going to start a few plants.

And I think I'll also try the new All-America winning green bean

called Marcotte. It is supposed to present me with lots and lots of pencil-thin beans from smaller vines than most beans. It is the first All America winning green bean since Derby was introduced in 1990. If they are as good as Derby, they have to be good. I'll plant a few beside my usual Derby planting.

Among the many, many new annual flowers offered this year is a new marigold named "Alumina Vanilla Cream" and it really caught my eye. I love marigolds and this one is described as one that has 2 1/2 inch lemon yellow blossoms and grow to a height of 10 to 12 inches. I had better have a packet or two.

If I were younger and more energetic and had endless space, I would try nearly all the new ones. We should all give the new offerings a try EVERY year. There may be better things out there!

GOD SAYS
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?
It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
Psalm 118:6, 8

Casey's Comments

Girl Scout Cookie Season

By Casey McCormick



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Got my Girl Scout cookies! If you're like most, you look forward to grabbing a box of Thin Mints or Peanut Butter Patties from the young ladies in green. For me it's the Short Breads that float my boat.

The problem is that I always confuse the seller (this year it was my lovely niece Sawyer Ross in Wichita) by asking for "Lorna Doones." Although Nabisco began making their line of cookies with that name in 1921, pretty much all short bread cookies fall

under that category with me.

Chances are Nabisco took the name from an English novel.

R.D. Blackmore wrote "Lorna Doone", and had it published in 1869. It's been in print ever since.

Set in the Exmoor region of western England in the late 1600s, the story follows the romance of Lorna Doone and a local farmer, John Ridd.

Although it is a fictional tale, the characters move through actual places and events of the time. The book even includes the revo-

lution that took place after the death of King Charles II.

At one point, Lorna is shot by the jealous Carver Doone outside a small country church, during her marriage to John. Fortunately, she lived, and so does the little church in the village of Oare.

And as long as the Girl Scouts continue to supply me with short-bread cookies, so will memories of Lorna Doone continue.

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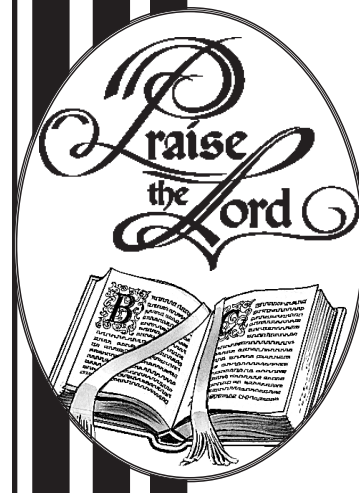
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