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Talking Tasers, HST and one hapless Mayor

By ALEX G. TSAKUMIS

TASER TAG

Not so shocking news coming from the Braidwood Inquiry: Key e-mails are missing (read: deleted) between police officers, wherein it was discovered that their intent may have been to use a Taser on the Polish immigrant was shown to be a premeditated act.

Who manages their e-mail server, Gordon Campbell?

So, let's do the calculus: Through the inquiry, we heard that these cowboys used a Taser on a man in excited delirium, multiple times (and made the decision in less than half a minute). But now, it's allegedly revealed they had decided what to do before even arriving on the scene.

If there was ever a clear case that screams for an independent body to be reviewing the RCMP, and its glorious, advancing thuggery, this is it.

But remember, the Hells Angels are mean and nasty.

Unbelievable.

TASER THIS!

So, the Crown cannot recommend charges against a "Dad" who left his two children in a minivan, mid-summer, in sweltering heat, while he drank on the Abbotsford Agrifair grounds at a place called 'The Fat Pig Saloon'.

If you recall, the children were discovered drenched in sweat, in soiled pants and suffering from dehydration.

Let's not waste time here, my darlings. Taser him. Thrice.

THE ABC'S OF HST

Kudos to my colleague Bill Tieleman for leading the revolt against this dreadful tax foisted on us by the Premier of Monuments.

The HST will indeed affect the lives of those who have-not, at a time when our global economic rumpus is hardly over (never mind what you read from some "prominent" realtors, brokers and salesmen: It's their job to sell you a line before they even arrive at their product).

Equal kudos to my old boss Bill Vander Zalm, who makes comprehending the problems with the HST simple and understandable. Now, if only someone could explain to me why the NDP continue to tolerate woeful, sub-par performances from Carole James.

By the way, where was the Mayor of Vancouver at any of the anti-HST rallies? This is the same man who stood up for the Cambie Street Merchants, against the same provincial government, and then during the Susan Hayes trial testified with all the forcefulness of Jell-O. He has the spine of a gastropod.

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The Mayor of Vancouver would like all of you to know that he and his Vision(less) party are responsible for more social housing in the fair city.

Problem being, former NPA Coun. Kim Capri has never been a member of Vision Vancouver, and it was probably the only commitment she made as councillor that made sense, but getting the wheel moving on more social housing for the downtrodden was her baby and she deserves credit for it.

But it'll all work out, Vision now have their own propaganda website where you can go to read nonsense about how wonderful they are.

Just ask them.

A PENNY HERE, A PENNY THERE...

Vision Parks Chair Raj Hundal made a "major" announcement this week. He assures us of the Parks Board's independence and that (incredibly meddlesome) city manager Penny Ballem will not be deciding who the next Parks general manager will be.

OK Raj, very funny, old boy. Did you hear the one about the Rabbi, the Priest, the Bikini Model and Bill Clinton? Almost as funny a joke...

A RICH PLAN, POOR PLAN?

Minister of Common Sense Rich Coleman wants to be able to force people who sleep on the streets into shelters. This has upset the usual povertarians and grief pimps, who are cradling Trudeau's damn Charter of Rights like they would their next cannabis latte.

What about your rights not to have your tax dollars wasted anymore? What about finally getting these folks the help they deserve? Nope. That would interfere with an entire industry that feeds off them. And you.

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