

A Few minutes with the Boss

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T'was a short time before Christmas

And I was going to start this piece ... “and through the House and the Senate, not a legislator was stirring.”

But as I began writing, I heard on the news that 20 elementary school children and six teachers, along with the gunman’s mother, were killed in Connecticut.

It is enough to make a grown man cry.

No peace among politicians, none in the world, and Hell came to that elementary school in Connecticut. There are no answers. Evil is everywhere and it is ever so busy.

Earlier this month (December 2012) an Appellate Court ruled that banning guns or concealed carry is unconstitutional in Illinois and the state has six months to allow it with rules and regulations. As a pro-gun person, I think it is a good thing, too.

Too many crazies out there and I want my children to have a chance in the coming years to defend themselves if they are ever confronted by the devil and his minions.

Yes, my children know how to shoot. They also understand the safety that must be involved when entrusted with the raw power a firearm can bring. But as these tragedies unfold in theaters, malls, schools, and places of worship, there will be cries to ban guns. We know that won’t stop the deranged or criminal types to commit crimes with guns.

We all know with our 300 million firearms just here in the good ole’ USA, that the bad people will always get one. Maybe the only way out of this mess is to arm oneself after extensive training. Cops get it; military, too. No reasons citizens can’t, either.

Again, I have no answer, but maybe teachers, at least a couple in every school, need to be trained in the use of firearms—voluntarily of course. I have no desire to push my opinions on teachers or pilots or mall managers or fast food workers as to whether they should do this.

In this case, many brave teachers lost their lives trying to protect our little people before the evil that showed up at their door. Maybe one person with a firearm shooting back at this coward could have stopped this, delayed it early enough for the police to arrive and prevented some injuries or deaths.

Yes, that person could die, too, but six did with nothing to defend themselves but their bravery. And brave they were.

It’s a harsh world and it isn’t appearing to get better. I do not want a Wild West atmosphere either as opponents to firearms always say, but those are just talking points.

Somewhere, somehow, sometime we've got to be sick of watching the best of us perish at the hands of maniacs. I only think one way will work. Let face the reality that one has a right to defend oneself and others. And what is more precious than kindergarten kids?

One last thought. It's always cops, firefighters, and teachers too who are confronted with these scenarios. **They always step up.**

Try to have a Merry Christmas.

Vita é bella