

My Two Cent's Worth

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Don't be hatin'!

Whew! The world is a ghetto. Pick up the papers and the earth seems to be on fire. Countries all over are in dire straits as the amount of murder and mayhem seems endless.

Here in our good ole' USA are a myriad of problems. Chicago leads the stories with the ever-expanding list of murders and attempted murders that the press ironically calls "shootings."

So as a result of the wild west in the mid-west of Chicago, President Trump is sending 20 ATF agents to fix the murder rate. Good luck with that.

On other issues:

The mayhem that is the Illinois General Assembly, the Democrats and Republicans are still fighting, spewing hatred among their members towards the others.

No budget — at this writing. Going into the third year. But it looks like we will get one, with a huge TAX increase! If not, all kinds of social services will suffer. Bills won't get paid. And worst of all, a couple lottery games will be halted. OMG!

But once the budget passes, you will either get pension changes that will not be good, or you will have a 30 percent income tax increase **retroactive** to last January. Estimates are that this will cost you personally another \$1k a year. Like we needed that.

I can only quote Henry Kissinger when he said years ago during the Iran/Iraqi war "It's a pity that both sides can't lose."

And that Preckwinkle lady in Cook County with her disingenuous "soda tax" abomination is so full of it I can barely swallow my Big Gulp soda. She needs the money to shore up services but she also wants to play Dr. Oz by saving us from getting obese if we drink sugar or sugar free sweetened drinks. A Cook County judge, however, saw through the baloney and stayed the tax until further hearings.

And most of all, the hating of President Trump towards Mika and Joe of MSNBC and vice versa, has TV pundits shaking with anxiety, shock, and venom. Whatever can one do to stem the tide of loathing and hostility?

Well, I'll worry about it later. The new season of *Preacher* is on with its fake violence. Now that's refreshing.

Vita é bella.