

The cards we're dealt

Elementary teachers and personnel are extremely nurturing people, Schools Supt. Paul Puletti observed last week. "All teachers nurture, but the older the child is, the less that becomes evident. So, I would expect at the elementary level that you will have fewer personnel who will say, 'yes, I'll do it,' than at the secondary level."

The deterrent that comes from Sheriff Steve Whidden's protective steps (detailed on page 1) is the chief benefit. Just knowing that inside are adult, unmarked guards trained to return fire is discouraging to a shooter.

Actually, the *best* deterrent would be for all teachers to conspicuously wear arms in plain sight so no one could tell which are the trained ones.

Always unknown would be whether spontaneous exchange of gunfire would be postponed at the discretion of the concealed-weapon carrier in the school who might recognize the child gone mad and resolve to talk it over without gunplay. If that distraction were to transpire, the interruption to the shooter might buy time at the risk of the teacher's life.

The cause: our unconscionable society and the media saturated in it

Where's conscience? No debate, no new laws are needed, when so many shirked responsibility for Cruz unconscionably, and could find in the myriad web of laws and regulations discouragement against doing the right thing.

What we refuse to see and hear coming from Hollywood and newsmedia driving kids crazy with unfounded stressfulness is viewing matter that is truly unfit for public consumption.

What weapon the kid reaches for is irrelevant. To those who're above it all, insulated from the cause, refusing to hear or see, it becomes the centerpiece of polite conversation.

Like NPR, picking among the errata clucking contented calls to conscience to extend sincerity globally, on the one hand, but then duplicity and collusion when it comes to getting by day to day, such as local deputies whose unconscionable inaction really matters, corrupting the institutions whose professionals we rely upon until values themselves disappear in the compromises of economic equations.

Equal pay for equal results

At any rate, I'll trade you four untrained useless Broward deputies for one NRA instructor with an AR-15 ready for action.

Can't compete for Olympic gold unless you can focus

Blame media, education and The Swamp for underachievers, after contaminating American resolve with senseless trauma and stress resulting in a crippling, pervasive and universal epidemic of virtual attention deficit disorder.

Brooding over the imitator

LBJ is revered by intellectuals who subordinate ideas to social acceptance, cultural givens, plastic transitory values, who compile recorded facts unable to see the big picture, except viscerally, as he did.

LBJ neither threatened nor understood the wide world of values, rather treated them like sports. Hence RFK's enmity, also misunderstood, and the

unexamined unsophisticated, innocent American public following wherever television and Rogers & Hammerstein led.

LBJ was an intelligent, conniving dossier-keeping virgo bumpkin out of his league among professionals who deferred to his crude manhandling, a whirlwind unable to control ideas, insight or understanding clinging to vestiges of JFK's intellectual property, and fond fatherhood memories of the New Deal in the Pedernales.

LBJ was a creature of FDR and misunderstood the temporary safety valve applications of New Deal socialism. LBJ misunderstood every aspect of Vietnam. Finally, LBJ tumbled into the middle of a battlefield thinking details win the war and hiding the fact that he was a terribly uninspiring war leader. The brilliant Gen. Giap ate him up.

The hand of Providence

Theodore Roosevelt's singular challenge was asthma as a child. The greatest public awareness of what he would do for his people was taking a bullet in the chest midpoint through his '12 drive and continuing speaking an hour. The specter of that inner strength was carried over to FDR when the public discovered how agonizing was FDR's polio as he remarkably smiled always but in face and eyes revealed agony in his Christlike empathy for any suffering. FDR's inspiration was TR's pace in distancing himself from "black care." Made FDR's communication skills evermore unequallable, and the events of his accension, and of Eleanor's borrowing on her closer ties to TR, together, the hand of Providence revealed.

You always have to play the hand you're dealt

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Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas participated in a rare onstage interview at the Library of Congress on Thursday, where he

talked about being "worn down" from the victimhood culture in today's society.

The moderator said that Thomas, the second African-American Supreme Court Justice, grew up without water or electricity and that his house burned down when he was seven years old, forcing him and his younger brother to go live with their maternal grandparents in Savannah, Ga.

"At some point, we're going to be fatigued with everybody being the victim," Thomas said before talking about his grandfather.

Thomas called his grandfather the "single greatest human being" and role model that he has ever met.

"With nine months of education, but he never saw himself as a victim. He used to say that he was a motherless child. He never knew his father. His mother died when he was seven or eight years old," Thomas said. "Of course they didn't have birth certificates then, so he never knew quite how old he was."

He went on to talk about how his grandfather never complained about his hardships growing up and that he would always have a saying for his grandkids when they tried to complain.

"You always have to play the hand you're dealt. If you're dealt a bad hand, you still have to play it," Thomas said. "When we would whine about things, if you look at the bust in my office that my wonderful wife had made for me when I went on the court. His favorite quote was 'Old man can't is dead. I helped bury him.'"

Thomas was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush.

They had the right, as far as they knew

Corporations think they have the right to hijack the apparatus indispensable for dissemination of information, without which no Freedom of Speech remains (except for them!).

Expect less from these immigrants, and blame ourselves

Past immigration produced accomplished people whose distinctive assets blended into the American national culture.

Those experiences were based, really based, on the considerable order, stability, grace and good will those immigrants encountered in schools, neighborhoods, employment opportunities. And it was considerable, as it once existed, to allow talent and persistence to rise, like cream, to the top.

TODAY'S circumstances could not be more unaccommodating. We present wildly deceiving commercial appeals that drive the Third world mad with envy, Hollywood-mesmerized media rampant with addictive promiscuity, sex misidentification, hideously cynical humor, absurdly untrustworthy news, huge unassimilable concentrations of alien cultures and religions devoid of the fundamental Protestant Christian values such as individualism, self-reliance, Lutheran free speech, and the brotherhood of man, our Constitution assumed as givens, a twisted educational curriculum distorting enough to raise the specter of gory suicide-by-police among confused, stressed children in possession of military hardware, and a vociferous race with peculiar unconstitutional ideas about the rights they think their race has.

NO SUCH remarkable assets can be expected to be contributed by immigrants, nor were any expected by the corrupt politicians who designed all this, to be generated by the current avalanche of immigrants, to strengthen the American national culture, to compare with history's parallels.

In fact, politicians from Arkansas, the streets of Chicago or Kenya it wherever, toying with my country, openly call for a kind of raw democratic rule by mobs unimpeded by law enforcement, where values are reduced to ineffectual economic equations, which are no values at all.



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