

The Delray Democrat

June's Mailbox¹

Our June Neal has already notched two letters in local media this month:

Re: Frank Cerabino's "Tuning out Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' campaign? Sing and make yourself heard": Although Republican legislators claim this bill is intended to protect very young children from a non-age-appropriate subject, it introduces some insidious byproducts. The worst is a clear message to LGBTQ students that they are unwanted and unacceptable. "We don't want to talk about you."

Forcing school personnel to report students' sexual orientation to parents is dangerous and goes against all psychological best practices. Many students fear disclosing to their parents and seek guidance from teachers, counselors or coaches. Such communications have been lifesaving. Allowing lawsuits will put a chilling effect on educators who simply try to respect students' concerns. Parents should provide input for their schools' curricula as they are being developed by professional educators, not with fractional laws driven by hate and fear.

June Neal, March 14, 2022, *Palm Beach Post*

Your superb editorial should be read to the United Nations and NATO. We don't need a Budapest Memorandum or any agreement to acknowledge our sacred duty to help this young democracy fight for its life.

I received a call from a dear friend whose family I had the privilege of helping to settle in Connecticut after they and hundreds more Russian Jews fled their country's antisemitism in the 1980s. My friend cried as she watched an evil megalomaniac destroy places she knew in Kyiv as a child. She cried for the people of Ukraine.

Evil has no self-limiting boundaries. Isolationism kept the U.S. from entering World War II until the attack on Pearl Harbor, when Europe was already awash in untold misery. We must help stop Putin and crush the enemy within.

June Neal, March 6, *Sun-Sentinel*

¹ *The Delray Democrat*, March 2022, page 12.