

Letter from Arlene Ustin to the PBC School Board, regarding Disparity Study and Equity Audit

Dear Members of the School Board,

As a member of the Palm Beach County National Organization for Women (PBC NOW) and the League of Women Voters (LWV), a former teacher and current college mentor, and private citizen and resident of PBC, I wish to offer some comments regarding item FMP6 on the agenda for the meeting this afternoon. I strongly urge you to support the continuation of the Disparity Study and the implementation of the Equity Audit. In this day of limited resources, please consider these efforts priorities; they can only contribute to a richer future for the following reasons.

It is clear that the quality of education in Palm Beach County is uneven and yet aspires to be the best it can be. I live in Delray Beach and admire how the leadership at Village Academy, for example, has found the courage to act on the recognition that serving our youth educationally is a comprehensive process that needs continuity and begins at birth and extends through college. Such a worthy goal, and various forms of such a model, requires that every person associated with every aspect of education has the personnel with the competencies and confidence to function at their best. Where discrepancies exist, the systems are compromised, parts are broken, the children are not served, and our future society is weakened. There are discrepancies in terms of gender bias, salaries, promotions, and race. They are in varying degrees, but nonetheless, every one of them needs to be attended so that the ideal can be reached.

In terms of the present and the future, the Disparity Study and Equity Audit are efforts that have and can further identify the strengths and the areas that need to be addressed in order to keep the advancement of public education on course and resolve the urgent issues that disrupt or derail the professional relationships among and between all components in PBC Schools. The investment of such plans today, promise tremendous returns for decades since specific mechanisms can be monitored with continuity.

Having only lived in PBC since 2005, I do not mean to be presumptuous. But I am not a stranger to education in various places and at three different levels: as a teacher at a junior high school in The Bronx, NYC during the Civil Rights Movement, at an

independent high school in Danville, CA, and currently as an mentor to students seeking the M.A. degree in education at Prescott College in Prescott, AZ. I always advocate for *all* persons to have the educational and vocational opportunities to pursue a meaningful life that suits their inclinations and talents.

Thank you for your attention to my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Arlene R Ustin

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**Arlene Ustin's report and speech at
MAMA's First Annual No More Names Walk
(Mothers Against Murderers Association)
October 26, 2013**

Yesterday was MAMA's first annual No More Names Walk in Dreher Park WPB organized by Angela Williams. Representing Committee Against Gun Violence I delivered a speech describing our effort as a cultural change and calling for support for the five parts to a law against gun violence in FL and the U.S. that we promote, for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Brit Angela Williams (not a misprint!) from Miami spoke about the disproportionate murders of people of color killed in this raging U.S. epidemic, and Pastor Jay R. Thicklin inspired us to action with a rousing prayer. Paige Brennan, with her beautiful voice and musical group from OFA performed. NOW member Elin Schusterman was present as were other members of CAGV, that partnered with MAMA for this event; Brit Courtney, Debbie Albeck, Betsy Pickup. Other activists attending were Barbara Eriv and Julia Fitzpatrick. All in all we think more than 50 adults and many children participated in this sponsored walk around the park to honor victims of gun violence and their families. I believe Channel 29 covered our event.

We also collected more than 30 environmental petitions, legalize marijuana petitions, offered voter registration and ACA information. T-shirts were available for purchase to raise money to support the families of gun violence. The morning was a lovely gathering and a tremendous success.

Forgive me it I forgot to mention anyone else. Below is my speech:

Script: MAMA's First Annual No More Names Please Walk-(10/26/2013)

Good morning and thank you for coming today. I'm Arlene Ustin and I represent the CAGV (Committee Against Gun Violence), and in partnership with MAMA, MAIG, and OFA we have held more than five events in PBC since Feb. Some of them you may have attended, read about in newspapers, or have seen on TV in news clips. Our emphasis is to promote sensible gun legislation in FL and in the U.S., to effectively eliminate gun violence on every street, in every school, shopping center, place of work, and in every home.

But today I want to also speak to the bigger issue, one that is as broad-based as the mosaic of our diverse communities that makes up our huge country and makes up Florida.

I am speaking about a **cultural change** that impacts the social, moral, legal, and spiritual aspects of our society- not unlike slavery did, or the right for women to vote, or for civil rights did, or the LBGTTQQ community is doing today for its rights. And we all know too well how these issues still need advocacy to this day. To eliminate gun violence is a fight for human rights, a cultural change, in many ways to guarantee the safety and well-being of our children, and adults, so that every person can experience "the right to life ... and the pursuit of happiness" as our Declaration of Independence proclaims.

A cultural change takes a long time. It requires patience, courage, and persistence. It does not happen in a vacuum. Gun violence raging in our country, in our state, has suffered unconscionable tragedies recently from Columbine H.S. in CO 14 years ago, to Sandy Hook Elementary in CT last year, to Trayvon Martin in Sanford, FL on Feb. 26, 2013 to Sparks Middle School, NV just five days ago when teacher Mike Landsberry, a former Marine who served tours in Afghanistan protecting our country, was killed in the U.S. shielding his students from a child shooting a semiautomatic gun he took from his parents. Over 10,000 have been killed since Dec. 2012; 33 per day; the Center for Disease Control calls gun violence a Public Health crisis. It's hard to believe that any one of these horrific disasters would not be the tipping point for unifying action to put an end to gun violence. Voices were raised but they weren't heard for long, but today we're raising our voices and we must keep doing so. We need to be persistent and continue to educate and empower citizens to step up and demand an end to these senseless murders and never stop speaking out for what is right no matter how many times our pleas seem to fall on deaf ears, no matter how tired we become.

You see, we cannot know which specific act will be the one to turn the tide towards correcting unacceptable behavior. For slavery it was Fredrick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, in the civil rights movement it was Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for women suffrage it was Susan B. Anthony. But these courageous persons did not act alone nor were they first. As MAMA asserts, "Together, one small meaningful action at a time ... can bring an end to the ever growing list of names- Names of children, fathers, mothers, aunts and uncles killed by guns- those names of the people we honor and remember today in our first annual No More Names Walk. Together we can make our dream of No More Names, [Please,] come true."

Being here today you are serving our country. MAMA's first annual No More Names Walk is an experience of people-to-people, human-to-human, heart-to-heart, persons from different communities coming together to support each other, to support friends we know, friends we'll never meet, and friends we might make today. As we walk, please seek out a new face and ask questions to learn about each other.

Also, come visit our tables. We have flyers and information for you to continue to express your concerns with our government representatives until we have safe neighborhoods in Florida and throughout the U.S. We need to 1. Strengthen and enforce background checks on any and all gun purchases; 2. Ban the sale of high capacity magazine clips (limiting to 10 rounds); 3. Ban all purchases of assault weapons; 4. Dedicate funds and create programs for mental health services; and 5. Rescind FL Stand Your Ground Law.

We have three other issues for you to act on today: consider signing our petitions to protect FL water and land, to legalize medical marijuana, and see me if you need to register to vote or receive your ballot at home (the best way to vote), and to take information about the ACA.

Please be patient (not passive), courageous (assertive, not aggressive), and persistent (don't let this issue fade into the background).

Thank you,
Arlene

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Letter to the Editor, Broward Sun Sentinel, Sept 23 2013

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/opinion/letters/fl-online-letter2-20130924.0.7095253.story>

Subject: Updated Alimony Laws

In 1976 I refused taking any alimony in my divorce settlement, wanting only child support for our young son to help me get by until I could earn a living. I was the one who wanted the divorce and felt I was a young, healthy woman with high hopes for an eventual good career to support us. I also hoped to find the right man to marry someday to last forever.

I was very lucky that all this eventually happened. What I didn't know for many years, however, was that women, no matter how hard they worked or how good a job they got, were not paid the same amount as men for the same work, and women did not have the same opportunities to land the highest-paying jobs.

If you are going to truly update alimony laws to be fair to all, you must either take action to make sure women start getting equal pay for equal work now (not happening), or you must figure into your equation that women will, at best, only be able to make 78 cents on the dollar compared to their ex-husbands-to-be. Don't pretend women have the same earning opportunities when working out a fair solution to all parties in changing our alimony laws. That is not fair.

Elin Shusterman

Deerfield Beach, FL

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Speech and Introductions Given by Arlene Ustin, NOW member, August 21, 2013

Agenda 8/21/13 Boca Raton Gun Violence Prevention Day of Action

5:35 pm Moderator – Arlene Ustin

Make opening remarks: Welcome. My name is Arlene Ustin and I'm an activist, a fellow/sister citizen passionate about social justice for every human being. Speaking for OFA (Organizing for Action) and MAIG (Mayors Against Illegal Guns), thank you for joining us tonight in our unrelenting effort against Gun Violence. Our voices need to be heard continually since we are seeking a cultural change in our huge country that impacts the social, moral, and spiritual aspects of our society. It will take a long time to reach our goal- not unlike slavery did, or women's rights did, or what the LBGTQQ community is striving for today. And the journey requires us to be actively vigilant, persistent, inclusive, and focused, taking baby steps or giant leaps for as long as it takes- never ceasing until all people can feel safe in their communities, on their streets, in their schools, homes, places of worship, and public venues in the U.S.

Our means is through legislation. For example, 9 out of 10 Americans support expanding background checks-which includes Dems, Reps, and even members of the NRA and the Mayors Against Illegal Guns (with a membership of more than 1,000 mayors from 46 states) have gathered over 1.5 million citizen signed petitions to promote effective and sensible gun legislation. The question for each of us to ask each and every member of Congress is, "What Will it Take for you to act on gun violence prevention?"

We have wonderful speakers who have joined us this evening to help us be heard on this issue.

5:40 pm Rabbi Barry Silver

Our first speaker, Rabbi Barry Silver, with whom many of you may be familiar, has been actively engaged in the community for years serving as a public interest attorney, member of the Florida House of Representatives for West Boca and Delray Beach, and currently as a spiritual leader. He is the founder of Palm Beach Environmental Coalition and the founder of the Interfaith Justice League, for which he comes to represent tonight. His passionate work is committed to issues of peace, justice, fairness and interfaith harmony. It is my pleasure to introduce to you **Rabbi Barry Silver**.

5:50pm Congressman Ted Deutch

Our next speaker is the [U.S. Representative](#) for Florida's 21st congressional district, Ted Deutch. It would take at least a month to describe all his actions, both internationally

and at home. I'll just mention a few domestic ones for which he advocates on behalf of all Americans, particularly those of us who may be marginalized, such as the 50 million in our country who are hungry, and how he is our seemingly tireless sentinel safeguarding our social institutions from education to environmental resources to keeping the health care and financial security for our seniors and veterans effective and fair. He has been a strong proponent for gun violence prevention and we're delighted he is here to speak on this issue. It's my pleasure to introduce **Congressman Ted Deutch**.

6pm Former Senator Ron Klein

Ron Klein served in the [United States House of Representatives](#) for [Florida's 22nd congressional district](#) from 2007 to 2011. For fourteen years he has also served in the [Florida House of Representatives](#) and the [Florida Senate](#). He is currently a practicing attorney and a strong advocate of Gun Violence Prevention. It's my pleasure to introduce **Former Senator Ron Klein**.

6:10pm It is my pleasure to introduce **Jackie de Carvalho**, Deputy State Coordinator of Organizing for Action FL. I have known and worked with Jackie since 2011. Her professional set of skills for organizing and facilitating efforts to better our state are exemplar.

*Jackie's script: Organizing for Action (OFA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing the policies that the American people voted for in 2012. In just six months, more than 3.1 million volunteers have taken action through Organizing for Action. As a grassroots funded social advocacy group, OFA is committed to tipping the scales of power back to the American people instead of special interests in Washington. OFA is working to advance policies like job creation, strengthening the middle class, gun violence prevention, comprehensive immigration reform and measures combating climate change that a majority of the American people support. More information at www.barackobama.com

Call to Action: Will ask folks to tweet and sign up for the ACT (Action Call Team) and talk about upcoming events. Sample tweet: **.@marcorubio #WhatWillItTake** to make Congress take action on gun violence? **#ActionAugust @OFA_FL**

6:20pm Angela Williams

Angela Williams is the founder of **Mothers Against Murder Association (MAMA)**. The members in this group have suffered the worst kind of loss due to gun violence. They go to crime scenes, attend funerals, speak at schools, churches and runs community outreach programs for victims of gun violence and their families. Over 165 (now more than 200) mothers are currently in MAMA serving approximately 1,500 family members, helping heal parents, children and grandchildren turn from being victims to becoming survivors and advocates. I'm pleased to introduce **Angela Williams**.

6:30pm Music by Paige Brennan, Gun Violence Prevention Issue lead, Organizing for Action

6:45pm Lighting of Candles & Sign Waving

7:00pm Closing (Arlene) – I wish to thank all of the speakers for their inspiration, information, and stories, And now we are asking you to take action by contacting your political representatives and ask each of them “What It Will Take” for him or her to act on gun violence prevention? Please make sure to contact Senator Rubio. Last May, with two other concerned citizens, I went to his office and was told Senator Rubio will not support any bill that threatens the Second Amendment. I'd like to know if he has done his research since then to learn that the Second Amendment has never been threatened in these efforts against gun violence and if his thinking has evolved.

Please remember that all that transpires in our Congress is subjected to reversals as well as advances-not necessarily a bad thing at all. So I've learned to think of our efforts such as gun violence prevention as “*parts of a process*”-always ongoing and always needing attention and maintenance; laws are not “*products*”-once a law is passed, it isn't in place forever, which also can be a good thing. But with gun violence prevention, please resist the fatigue that comes with social struggles- take breaks, exhale, commiserate with friends, but please, never desist, never give up. About 30 years ago I heard a fabulous professor of intercultural studies speak, and she reminded us, “When you're dancing with a bear and you get tired, *you do not stop!*”

Again, many thanks for coming.

About Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Since its creation in April 2006, Mayors Against Illegal Guns has grown from 15 members to more than 950 mayors from across the country. We have more than 1.5 million grassroots supporters, making us the largest gun violence prevention advocacy organization in the country. The bipartisan coalition, co-chaired by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, has united the nation's mayors around these common goals: protecting communities by holding gun offenders accountable; demanding access to crime gun trace data that is critical to law enforcement efforts to combat gun trafficking; and working with legislators to fix weaknesses and loopholes in the law that make it far too easy for criminals and other dangerous people to get guns. Learn more at www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org

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**Letter from Anne Gannon, Tax Collector and Past President, SPBC NOW,
Concerning Women's Equality Day**

Women's Equality Day | Monday, August 26th 2013

Celebrating 93 years of voting rights for women and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington

Ninety-three years ago, women did not have the right to vote. Today, women choose our nation's leaders at every level of government. As of today 293 women have served in the U.S. Congress, 36 women have served as governors in state houses across the country, and countless others have served as state and local legislators and county officials like myself. What an achievement! In every presidential election since 1964 the number of women voters has exceeded the number of male voters, and hopefully it won't be long before we have a woman in the White House too!

On August 26th we celebrate the legacy created by the fierce hope of American women nearly a century ago, who dreamed of an America where women would have a seat at the table. The 19th Amendment was the result of their efforts, and it gave women a voice and expanding opportunities for generations to come. Empowered to achieve greatness,

women have exceeded all expectations. We make up nearly half our country's workforce and the majority of students in our colleges and universities. We are running companies and providing convoy security in our military. We have more women doctors, lawyers, accountants, nurses, teachers – you name it – than at any time in our history.

The path paved by those women who marched on Washington 50 years ago has inspired millions to dream bigger, push open doors, and demand a commitment to equal pay, equal opportunity and equal rights.

The strides made have been enormous, but more can be done. To honor the legacy left by those women who wouldn't take no for an answer, let's rededicate ourselves to eliminating the inequalities that still exist and demand that leaders whom we played such a huge role in electing have our interests in mind when making policy decisions. We owe it to our mothers and grandmothers to continue to challenge the status quo and to inspire our daughters and granddaughters to dream without limits.

Very Best,

Anne M. Gannon

Tax Collector, Palm Beach County

About Anne M. Gannon

Anne serves as the Palm Beach County Constitutional Tax Collector. Elected in 2006, she saw an opportunity to revamp an antiquated bureaucracy into a top notch customer focused service agency. Anne is the first woman to hold this office.

Anne is responsible for the collection and disbursement of more than 3 billion dollars in tax revenues and the issuance of Real ID compliant driver licenses for Palm Beach County. She actively fights for legislative changes to the tax code to improve efficiencies, protect tax payer rights and achieve cost savings.

Anne is the Chair-elect of the JFK Medical Center Board of Directors for the term beginning January 2014 and is the Honorary Chair of the 2013 Brain Cancer 5K Run. Anne was elected to the Florida Legislature in 2000 and served through 2006. She quickly rose to the position of Deputy Leader which required consensus-building on key votes. She is most proud of her role in creating and funding domestic violence centers, the Center for Brain Tumor Research at the University of Florida and her bill making Human Trafficking a crime in Florida.

Anne also served on the powerful House Health Care Appropriations Committee where she secured funding for many women and children's health and safety programs. Her long-standing commitment to combating violence against women and children is evidenced in her fundraising and volunteer service to Aid Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, and both the Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking and the Palm Beach Human Trafficking Coalition. She recently worked with WXEL and produced a PSA about the need for advocacy to stop Human Trafficking.

Anne started her business career as a Systems Analyst for Dole, a fortune 100 company. Employment with Dole gave her a strong background in cost controls, fixed-asset and budget management and operating budget analysis. She was a partner in Applegarth Designs, Inc., a furniture and lamp manufacturing business. Her responsibilities at Applegarth were overseeing sales and marketing operations, accounting and finance departments. After selling the business, Anne decided to open her own public policy firm with offices in Delray Beach and Tallahassee. She successfully represented clients on a broad spectrum of issues, ranging from economic development, HIV/AIDS and women's reproductive health care, family law, business, environmental, transportation, disability, business regulation and insurance issues. Anne was a major player in negotiating the landmark Everglade Cleanup settlement.

Adele Guadalupe Spoke up at Meeting Concerning Overcharges for Copies of Medical Records

<http://blogs.palmbeachpost.com/palm-beach-health-beat/2013/08/02/doctors-could-charge-much-more-for-medical-records/>

Palm Beach Post, August 2, 2013 By Stacey Singer

Doctors could charge much more for medical records

The cost of getting your medical records could rise sharply under a proposal being considered by the Florida Board of Medicine.

Medical records are needed by a multitude of organizations, for a multitude of reasons.

Patients need them to coordinate their care, change doctors or seek a second opinion.

People seeking Social Security for disabilities need them to qualify for benefits.

Insurers need them to verify that charges are appropriate. Lawyers request them in malpractice actions.

At a public hearing in Deerfield Beach today, the lawyer for HealthPort, a Georgia-based medical records outsourcing company, asked Florida to increase what doctors can charge to fill medical records requests from any of those groups.

The allowable charge would rise to \$1 a page, with no cap — regardless of the format, digital or paper.

The current allowable charge is \$1 per page for the first 25 pages, 25 cents per page after that.

Lawyers from the Florida Medical Association and the Florida Health Information Management Association supported the increase.

But patients and their advocates warned it would burden sick consumers with new charges of hundreds or thousands of dollars.

They and malpractice lawyers called the proposal excessive and unreasonable, especially at a time when electronic records enable easy sharing, and when data shows that

duplicative care and medical mistakes contribute to hundreds of billions of wasted health care spending every year.

West Palm Beach retiree Donald Singer, speaking for Florida CHAIN and the Alliance for Retired Americans, said the fees would especially hurt low-income Medicaid patients who are having to switch doctors now because of Florida's conversion to privatized Medicaid managed care.

Documents filed with the board showed that HealthPort contracts have sent back to doctors 7 percent of the fees they collected to handle medical records requests. Patient advocates called that proof that profits are being made off the handling of medical records.

HealthPort lawyer Kyle Probst told the board that more than half the medical records requests the company handles are for care coordination, and those are processed at no cost to patients, he said.

Several patients said that hasn't been their experience in the real world.

Delray Beach retiree Adele Guadalupe told the board that when her daughters were fighting cancer, suffering side effects from chemotherapy and seeking second opinions, their doctors' proposed charges were so high that they were forced to go in and guess which individual records other physicians would need to review their condition, and then pay for them.

She experienced the same problem when her mother became seriously ill and she had to oversee her care.

"This proposal should not affect people who need their own records," said Guadalupe, who appeared on behalf of the National Organization for Women.

Tampa attorney David Caldevilla with de la Parte & Gilbert warned that board that it may face a fight if it approves the proposal as written.

He said the law requires new policy not be arbitrary and capricious. He added that existing state law requires that charges reflect actual costs. He said the proposal was not

based on any factual evidence of how much it really costs doctors to provide medical records.

“You will be generating millions in profits for HealthPort and other vendors from consumers who can ill afford these charges,” Caldevilla said.

HealthPort’s Probst said the charges aren’t simply reflecting the time required to scan, photocopy or transfer records electronically, but to ensure the records are handled in accordance with privacy laws.

Beginning Sept. 23, federal law says medical providers must give patients copies of their electronic medical records.

The law says patients can be charged administrative fees and the cost of portable media for those records, a spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said.

The board is likely to take up the measure when its rules committee next meets, board staff said.

**Speech to Legislative Delegation Concerning Medicaid Expansion, July 15,
2013**

By Joan Waitkevicz

Representative Pafford, Representative Rooney, and Members of the Delegation, thank you for having us. I’m Dr Joan Waitkevicz from the National Organization for Women. I’m here to ask you to keep fighting to give low income Floridians the healthcare they need.

Everyone here probably knows at least one woman who is caring for a sick or disabled relative. It’s a hard job, but an important one. The caregiver herself may have a chronic illness. That makes it harder. But if her family has no health coverage she wakes up to her task every day knowing that they are getting less than they should. That’s just plain wrong.

Our charity clinics and our Health District deserve our full support. They do a heroic job. But uninsured people still don’t get proper rehab after a stroke. They don’t get the

right medications after a heart attack. They see a public service announcement on TV about getting cancer screening, but they can't afford it. When they have cancer they can't get chemo.

Stroke, heart attack, and cancer don't wait until you are 65 years old. By the most conservative estimate....over 2,400 Floridians die each year from lack of health insurance. (1)

Ask your colleagues to do the right thing in 2014. Give us our Medicaid expansion, or an equivalent that uses all available funds from the Affordable Care Act to cover all eligible Floridians.

Now....I ask you to do something practical for these families right now....Florida CHAIN (2) explains that there are people who will be newly eligible for Medicaid as ACA rolls in. Can you make your district legislative offices be a resource to help people get healthcare, either privately through www.healthcare.gov which starts in October, or by helping them navigate the system to find out if they are newly eligible for Medicaid starting in January?

And can you please bring back to Tallahassee the message [that] the cost, per person covered, of Medicaid expansion under ACA will be less than the cost per person of those already enrolled in Medicaid. This is according to NHANES, the largest database on the health of Americans. (3) Many of the sickest people are on Medicaid already. Those who are eligible under the expansion may cost the first year, while they catch up on their health care, just like Medicare recipients do when they turn 65. But once they have proper screening and medications, keeping them well will save the system money in the years to come.

(1) "Ten States Dying for Health Coverage," www.247wallstreet.com

(2) "The ACA is Changing Medicaid Eligibility in Florida," www.floridachain.org

(3) "New Evidence Supports, Challenges, and Informs the Ambitions of Health Reform," editorial, Journal of the American Medical Association, 6/26/13, pp. 2600-2601, referring to original article on pp. 2579-2586.

H. Joan Waitkevicz MD, joanwaitmd@aol.com, to PBC Legislative Delegation 7/15/13

Letter to the Editor by Shirley Herman, July 17 2013

Does law apply only to survivor?

Does “stand your ground” apply only to the person with the gun? Does the unarmed person have a right to defend himself?

Trayvon Martin was walking home from a convenience store. George Zimmerman felt suspicious of this black teenager and followed him in his car. He called the police, who took note and asked Mr. Zimmerman to stand down and stop following him. Mr. Zimmerman continued to follow Mr. Martin. Then he stopped the car, got out and approached Mr. Martin.

Who is threatening whom? Wouldn't any of us feel threatened if someone followed us in a car, then stopped it, got out and approached us? Trayvon Martin could have tried to run. Perhaps he chose to stand his ground and respond to Mr. Zimmerman's threat with his bare hands. He cannot tell us his side of the story. Mr. Zimmerman lives to tell the tale.

“Self defense” or “stand your ground” is much easier if you have the gun and the other person is unarmed. Maybe “stand your ground” applies only to the survivor. Especially if he is armed.

SHIRLEY Y. HERMAN

West Palm Beach