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Correction: The Hawthorne "Chronicle" is published every other month by Becky Tailor (352) 681-7730. It's 14 years old, 16 pages, available free throughout Alachua County, & by subscription. If you do, contact Jim Notestein (352) 372-2107 for reward.

Clovis Watson, Jr. is a Rep. for Alachua County (Fla Legis). His Gainesville office Manager is Natron Curtis (352) 264-4001. Providing "Constituent Services" is on page one of "Democracy Playbook". Invite good people to "Democracy Campfires".

Stacy Abrams got my attention recently on AM Joy / MSNBC:

"When you have the space to think – take it". "Being reserved is managing ambition". "Listen flexibly to accomplish the better agenda". "Build the largest coalition".

Alexandria Ocasio – Cortez got my attention recently on Chris Hayes / MSNBC:

"We need to have serious conversations". "We can demonstrate a moral society". "This is more than just about climate – This is the fight for our lives". "Social & racial justice; good, dignified jobs; run-away income inequality; these are all part of the same problem". "We need a New Consensus as we develop the Green New Deal; a massive investment & direct mobilization of our entire national economy; no more disposable people or places. Let's just start! Change takes courage!" (Amen)

Elizabeth Warren got my attention recently with Jake Tapper / CNN: "This is a war of Good Ideas vs. Bad Ideas. We need to talk about & defend good ideas". "New, affordable housing. Clean energy, water, & air. Remove red-lining for housing. A tax on wealth at the rates of the '70's could fund many good programs".

No Public School in Alachua County has a newspaper. There used to be many. Want to talk solutions? Call me. My first newspaper was in fifth grade. Reporting details of good behavior & the development of community well-being & civic etiquette are the foundations for "Precinct Democracy". The journey is young. Lean forward.

Did you attend recent programs "Civics for Seniors"? After many events, it was canceled. Who will help us restart this good idea? "Civics 4 Citizens of All Ages"?

Do you know someone to report & review the monthly programs of the Florida Free Speech Forum? It was created by "Buddy" Davis, Pulitzer ('71), Editor 4 Gvl. Sun.

Gainesville Commissioner Gail Johnson recently opened discussions about "Food Access" in our area. Will you share your perspective? Could feed ourselves & more.

Writing is a solitary practice, yet we do not write alone. The kinship of a writing community that inspires, supports, & listens deeply is such a gift. Thank you all. Each Precinct has many stories to share, goals to seek, paths to share, & alliances to grow. There is space for other "Precinct News". Yours could have a historic or natural place name banner. Talk to your Constituents (they're waiting for you to ask). It's more than a destination or a product. It's a journey. Shine a light. Find a way. Have courage.

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