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A King's Speech to Congress

By Dr. Jim Haas

King Charles III addressed a joint session of Congress April 28. His apprenticeship during Queen Elizabeth's long reign made him a skilled statesman able to make his points with tact, humor, and an understanding of his listeners' concerns and priorities. His eloquent speech was a master class in how to conduct international relations.

The King's ostensible purpose was to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, but he also had an agenda that would help the U.S., the U.K., and, indeed, the world. He began with a bit of lighthearted humor, mentioned the value of diversity, then explored our shared historical roots:

"The Founding Fathers were bold and imaginative rebels with a cause. Two hundred and fifty years ago, or, as we say in the United Kingdom 'just the other day,' they declared independence. By balancing contending forces and drawing strength in diversity, they united 13 disparate colonies to forge a nation on the revolutionary idea of 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' They carried with them, and carried forward, the great inheritance of the British Enlightenment—as well as the ideals which had an even deeper history in English common law and Magna Carta [of 1215].

"These roots run deep, and they are still vital.... The U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society has calculated that Magna Carta is cited in at least 160 Supreme Court cases since 1789, not least as the foundation of the principle that executive power is subject to checks and balances." (This was one of several times when the King received hearty, and bipartisan, applause.)

"It is here in these very halls that this spirit of liberty and the promise of America's founders is present in every session and every vote cast. Not by the will of one, but

by the deliberation of many, representing the living mosaic of the United States. In both of our countries, it is the very fact of our vibrant, diverse and free societies that gives us our collective strength, including to support victims of some of the ills that, so tragically, exist in both our societies today."

Charles spoke of the value of alliances, especially NATO, most of whose nations fought with us for many years after 9/11: "In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, when NATO invoked Article Five for the first time, and the United Nations Security Council was united in the face of terror, we answered the call together—as our people have done for more than a century, shoulder to shoulder, through two World Wars, the Cold War, Afghanistan and moments that have defined our shared security.

"Today, Mr. Speaker, that same, unyielding resolve is needed for the defense of Ukraine and her most courageous people. It is needed in order to secure a truly just and lasting peace. From the depths of the Atlantic to the disastrously melting icecaps of the Arctic, the commitment and expertise of the United States Armed Forces and its allies lie at the heart of NATO."

The King spoke of other important ties then addressed the next 250 years: "Our ties in education, research, and cultural exchange empower citizens and future leaders of both countries. The Marshall Scholarship, named after the great General George Marshall, [is] emblematic of the connection between our two countries. Since its founding, more



King Charles III

than 2,300 scholarships have been awarded, opening doors for Americans from all walks of life to study at the United Kingdom's leading universities.

"So as we look toward the next 250 years, we must also reflect on our shared responsibility to safeguard nature, our most precious and irreplaceable asset.... We ignore at our peril the fact that these natural systems, in other words, nature's own economy, provide the foundation for our prosperity and our national security.... And so, to the United States of America, on your 250th birthday, let our two countries rededicate ourselves to each other in the selfless service of our peoples and of all the peoples of the world." Well said.



By Sharon Hoover

Last year, crop harvesting was delayed because of the rain in May. This year we have had an abundance of rain in April. Recently I was learned that May of this year will be the coolest May in 15 years. We may be looking at a longer Cole crop season and later vegetable vine and bush season.

Enright Gardens is now in the parking lot of the Turner Neighborhood Center, 667 S. 55th, next

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to Turner Community Garden. They have everything you need from Azaleas to Zinnias. Their hours are Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm and Saturday noon-4pm.

Join us at the Turner Community Garden on May 11 at 4:00pm-5:30pm for a Pressure Cooker Carnitas Tutorial presented by Turner Community Library. Normally a slow cooked pork shoulder, this class for adults will demonstrate a hasten preparation time for this delicious meat. Carnitas is a versatile filling for tacos, burritos, and nachos. It can also be served as a main dish with rice and beans. Registration is needed at kckpl.org.

The Turner Community Library's next Graphic Novel Theatre on May 16 at 11am-12pm features Dragonball Z, Volume 1-3. The Graphic Novel Club is a fun and welcoming space at the

library where children, teens and adults can read, laugh, and perform as a team and receive a free copy of the graphic.

Introduction: Five years have passed since Goku became Earth Ultimate Champion in the Tenka'ichi Budoka fighting tournament. Now married with a young son, Gohan, Goku's life is peaceful. One day, a mysterious visitor appears and reveals Goku is an alien. When the visitor threatens to destroy Goku's family and the human race, Goku finds an unlikely ally in Piccolo, his arch-enemy. Attend this session to find out what happens. Registration is needed at kckpl.org.

Humanities Kansas is presenting 'Listening to Place "Nature and Poetry Walk"' at F.L. Schlagle Library on May 15 from 1pm-2pm. Dive into the wonders of the natural world and unlock a treasure-trove of knowledge and

inspiration! Discover fresh strategies for living, find solace and healing after loss and shift your mindset toward kinship, community, and sustainability. Join for an exhilarating beginner-friendly nature and poetry walk, where you'll connect with the natural world through the vibrant lens of environmental humanities literature. Guided by the words of poets and writers, and by our own senses, this hike will take you through habitats of Kansas, inviting you to tune into the often unseen wisdom that surrounds us. For more information, contact Turner Community Library. Registration is needed at kckpl.org.

Due to construction take I-435 exit at Wolcott Drive to bypass it. Enter the park on 91st & Leavenworth Rd and turn right instead of left.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you.

Stock Market Insights

AI's Hidden Winners: How Memory and Storage Stocks Are Driving Market Gains

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I took my wife to the beach over the weekend, and she thought she had left our sunscreen at home. We were at a remote resort in Costa Rica with no stores nearby. I went to the little resort gift shop to buy sunscreen, only to find it cost \$50, which I was too cheap to buy. It was a sunscreen monopoly very similar to one happening right now to AI memory and storage products.

I don't think the technology sector, with its strong earnings outlook, is being fully appreciated in the markets due to skepticism surrounding artificial intelligence (AI). I know what you are thinking; technology is always getting attention. It's like saying the Yakees aren't getting enough attention.

Despite several years of outperformance in the technology sector,

AI's valuations are pretty good compared to the rest of the market, given its strong growth and profitability. Though it's still to be determined when AI will start making enough profits to justify all the huge investment. The massive amount of spending is not just continuing but increasing, pushing technology to a continued earnings boom.

Often, discussions about technology focus on AI chips, but memory and storage stocks have been key drivers of the market's recent record highs. For example, Seagate Technology (STX), Western Digital (WDC), and SanDisk (SNDK), which all reported earnings this week, posted shocking stock gains last year and have continued to rise so far in 2026.

Seagate Technology is a global manufacturer of data storage products. They specialize in hard disk drives, solid-state drives, and storage systems. Its shares are

up over 600% over the last year. On Tuesday evening, April 28th, Seagate reported a 44% increase in revenue over the same quarter last year, and its stock rose another 15% the following morning.

Western Digital manufactures data storage solutions, including hard disk drives for data centers, personal computers, and surveillance. Its stock is up over 880% over the last 12 months.

SanDisk, which you might recognize from your camera's SD card, spun off Western Digital last year and makes high-density Enterprise Solid-State Drives for data centers, cloud services, and other memory storage solutions for computers, gaming consoles, and phones. Its stock is up over 3,100% in the last year. (This is why your new laptop costs so much more than normal.)

The massive demand for AI

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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

With First Adjournment recently, the House and Senate are rushing to finish business deemed important by Republican leadership. More than 50 bills have been conferenced on between the two chambers.

• HB 2042 - "Requiring title agents to make their audit reports available for inspection instead of submitting such reports annually, requiring the amount of surety bonds filed with the commissioner of insurance to be \$100,000, eliminating the controlled business exemption in certain counties." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2042 in the Senate prevailed, 38-1. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's

desk.

• Sub HB 2114 - "Clarifying which structures shall be considered water obstructions and not a dam, increasing application fees for a permit to construct, modify or add to a dam, requiring preconstruction permit fees and requiring any licensed professional engineer who conducts inspections required by the act to be approved by the chief engineer or a certified intern engineer who is under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on Sub HB 2114 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

• HB 2116 - "Requiring that certain contractual provisions be incorporated in all contracts for certain cities and counties, including the provisions of form DA-146a, with certain exceptions." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2116 in the Senate

prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

• HB 2192 - "Limiting or prohibiting work release for people convicted of a second or third offense of domestic battery." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2192 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

• HB 2329 - "Increasing the cumulative detention limit for juvenile offenders and criminal penalties for juvenile offenders who use a firearm in the commission of an offense or who are repeat offenders, providing for increased placement of offenders in non-foster home beds in youth residential facilities, requiring the secretary of corrections to pay for the costs associated with such placements and authorizing the secretary to make expenditures from the evidence-based programs account of

the state general fund moneys to contract for such beds." This bill increases the detention time for juvenile offenders to 90 days, going against what we did through SB367 ten years ago. Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2329 in the Senate prevailed, 27-12. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

• Sub HB 2346 - "Establishing the Kansas sports tourism grant program administered by the secretary of commerce to provide matching grants to communities for developing and continuing sporting events, providing for funding of such grants from the state economic development initiatives fund or from the state general fund if funds are not available therefrom." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2329 in the Senate prevailed, 26-13. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report

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was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2365 - "Establishing the south central regional mental health hospital." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2365 in the Senate prevailed, 34-5. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- S Sub HB 2372 - "Establishing requirements for a county sheriff operating a jail for the enforcement of detainer requests issued by the United States immigration and customs enforcement, requiring municipal insurance pools to provide coverage for law enforcement that enforces federal laws, requiring the state to pay certain judgments in federal court actions, requiring the attorney general to provide representation in certain civil actions and exempting section 287(g) agreements from certain provisions of the interlocal cooperation act." As a House member said, we wouldn't be doing this if Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) went in to our communities. Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2365 in the Senate prevailed, 30-9. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2437 - "Authorizing the use of additional resources for verifying voter registration records, removing individuals disqualified for voting from such records and providing an open records request exemption for certain information related to such records." We need to be doing whatever we can to increase voter turnout, not discourage it. Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2437 in the Senate prevailed, 28-12. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2462 - "Requiring the secretary of health and environment to adopt rules and regulations that allow for the direct and indirect po-

table reuse of treated wastewater." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2462 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES.

- HB 2479 - "Authorizing electronic monitoring with victim notification as a condition of release prior to trial for certain offenders charged with a domestic violence offense, domestic battery, stalking or violation of a protective order." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2479 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- S Sub HB 2501 - "Providing for immunity from civil liability to federal firearms licensees for returning a firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of a firearm hold agreement, removing the criminal prohibition against firearm suppressors and shotgun barrel length qualification requirements and providing enhanced penalties for certain felonies committed while using a firearm suppressor or short-barrel shotgun." As a member of Grandparents for Gun Safety, I do not support any actions that expand gun ownership. Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on S Sub HB 2501 in the Senate prevailed, 35-4. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2507 - "Removing the requirement for migratory waterfowl stamps to be validated by a signature across the face of each such stamp and increasing the fees for such stamps." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2507 in the Senate prevailed, 29-11. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2509 - "Adding advanced practice registered nurse to the definition of healthcare provider for purposes of the healthcare provider insurance availability act and adding an advanced practice registered nurse position to the board of governors of the healthcare

stabilization fund." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2509 in the Senate prevailed, 37-2. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2513 - "Authorizing payment of certain claims against the state, making appropriations therefor and authorizing certain transfers." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2513 in the Senate prevailed, 23-16. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2528 - "Requiring all state board of nursing actions related to certain nonpractice violations be void, allowing for late license renewal for professional, practical and advanced practice registered nurses, setting fees for late license renewal, limiting unprofessional conduct to acts related to the practice of nursing, prohibiting the board from taking retaliatory action against a licensee based on certain lawful actions and creating a civil cause of action for violation thereof, requiring termination of current board members on January 1, 2027 and requiring the governor to appoint interim board members subject to senate confirmation and requiring the board to issue refunds for overpayment or duplicate payment." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2528 in the Senate prevailed, 32-8. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- "HB 2528 changes over 30 statutes and directs the Board of Nursing to void 20 years of some disciplinary records. This legislation is far reaching and hints of doing away with the Board of Nursing. The board of nursing licenses over 72,000 nursing professionals and its mission is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Kansas. This legislation threatens that charge and creates the ability for some to profit financially. Our Kansas nurses deserve better. I stand in strong opposition to HB

2528."

- HB 2569 - "Requiring actions challenging the constitutionality of an election statute to be brought in the district court of Shawnee county." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2569 in the Senate prevailed, 28-12. I voted NO. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2591 - "Authorizing financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of an adult account holder to a designated agency, notify any adult designated as a trusted contact by such account holder of suspected financial exploitation and place a temporary hold on certain transactions or disbursements." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2591 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2596 - "Permitting the secretary of corrections to enter into certain contracts for the production of manufactured or modular homes for a pilot program at the Hutchinson correctional facility under the prison-made goods act." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2596 in the Senate prevailed, 36-3. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

- HB 2601 - "Establishing a registry for child abuse and neglect to be maintained by the secretary for children and families, providing for registration and expungement processes that include administrative hearings and opportunities for subsequent appeals, requiring reports of abuse or neglect to include information regarding a custody dispute concerning the child who is the subject of the report and directing the secretary to submit a report to the legislature on such information." Motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 2601 in the Senate prevailed, 39-0. I voted YES. Conference Committee Report was adopted in the House and the bill heads to the Governor's desk.

Market Insights...

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data centers, which require large amounts of memory and storage, has created a severe supply shortage, driving up prices for memory components. This has led manufacturers to raise prices and data center developers, who seem flush with cash, to fight over the limited number of products. This boosted profits beyond expectations.

While this is a great story of stocks going crazy, can it continue? Investors need to watch for more than just another story of beating earnings and see whether these companies are still this valuable once the supply chain isn't so tight and they can't continue price gauging. They might be. Especially if the AI boom has transitioned from the chip faze to the memory faze.

This is just one small part of the technology sector. If the economy continues to expand as I expect, the technology sector may be well-positioned to maintain earnings growth and outperform.

We didn't buy sunscreen because we were too cheap, and we, of

course, got completely sunburnt. So that night, we hiked into town to pay \$40 for sunscreen and \$13 for aloe vera. Two frustrating things about that, first, it would have been cheaper to pay the high price for the sunscreen and not get sunburned and needed both sunscreen and aloe vera, and second, once we got back to the room to apply aloe vera, my wife found the sunscreen she had packed in her bag that was overflowing with too many clothes. It seems sunscreen and AI memory are both worth the money.

Have a blessed week.

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This article was written by humans for humans because AI doesn't have this quality of sarcasm.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a true treat, a homemade candy. It's amazingly simple to make, so please melt and cool a batch of:

WHITE CHOCOLATE FUDGE

Ingredients:

- 1 14 oz bar of White Chocolate
- 1 14 oz. can of Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1/4 t Salt
- 2 T Butter
- 1 t Vanilla or
- 1/2 t Rum extract
- 1 c Dried Cranberries
- 1/2 c chopped Pecans

Butter a loaf pan and line it with parchment paper. Chop the chocolate bar into 1" pieces. Also chop the pecans. Place them in a heavy sauce pan along with the salt and butter. Over medium heat, stir to melt the chocolate and continue until it becomes smooth. Remove from the stove, stir in the dried cranberries and the pecans. Add the Vanilla and stir in well. Pour the fudge into the pan then, place it in the refrigerator to set up for three hours. Cut the fudge into slices and serve at room temperature.

A variation of this fudge uses almond extract, dried cherries and sliced almonds. Nothing could be simpler to prepare. Covered, it is good for a week. And please remember a neighbor that lives alone or a friend. Good things are better when they are shared. Enjoy!

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