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Choosing Our Future

By Dr. Jim Haas

Advanee and mail voting for mid-term elections begins October 17, so it's time to consider the candidates and plan to vote for those we want to help shape our future. The last election was two years ago, so we can ask at least three questions: (1) Am I better off now than I was two years ago? (2) Is the United States as respected now as it was then? (3) Is the world safer and our global environment healthier than it was two years ago?

A premier race in Kansas is for U. S. Senator. The incumbent is first-term Senator Roger Marshall, an experienced obstetrician/gynecologist from Great Bend; the challenger is Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, the nation's largest United Methodist church.

In the Senate, Marshall has voted for Mr. Trump's policies 98 percent of the time and was one of only seven Senators who refused to certify the votes of two key states in the 2020 presidential election. The *McPherson Sentinel* editorial board wrote that he "should be ashamed" of trying to overturn the election by believing false claims of voter fraud. Weeks earlier, he had called for an electoral commission "to investigate the integrity of the ballot;" four months later, he voted against a commission to investigate the January 6 Capitol attack.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Marshall promoted conspiracy theories about an exaggerated number of deaths, leading Facebook to remove his posts for violating its rule against "harmful misinformation." Marshall has long campaigned to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and opposes expanding Medicaid in Kansas,



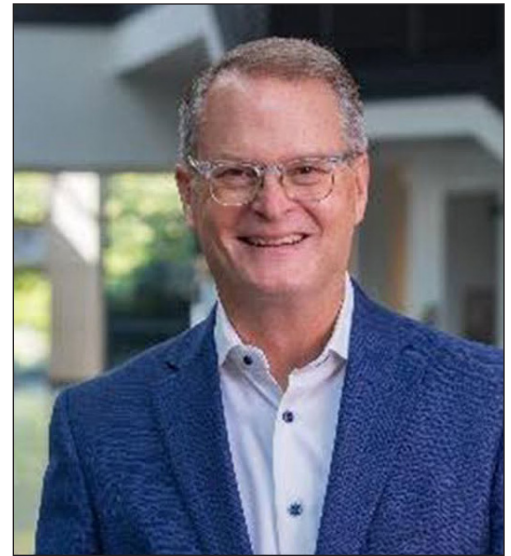
Senator, Roger Marshall

once saying that some people "just don't want health care." He voted for \$4 billion in Medicaid cuts in Kansas over the next decade.

He also denies scientific findings about climate change, saying, "I'm not sure that there is even climate change." He supported Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord. Marshall also supports Trump's tariffs and voted against a resolution to stop the Iran war unless Congress authorizes it.

In March 2025, Marshall was widely criticized for a town hall he held out west in Oakley. To a standing-room-only crowd, he asked for written questions from which he would choose those to answer. That didn't go over well, so voters began questioning him aloud. He called them rude, and when a local man asked why he treated veterans badly, Marshall left, earning the nickname "Roger the Dodger." His campaign site is kansansformarshall.com.

Adam Hamilton has written 30 books, been named a Distinguished Evangelist



Pastor, Adam Hamilton

and United Methodist Person of the Year, and preached during the 2013 Presidential Inauguration celebrations. Obama appointed him to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

His campaign emphasizes an "Affordability Agenda" with eight categories: protect families from rising energy bills, protect the security seniors have earned, make housing affordable, lower health care costs, support agriculture for producers and consumers, end the chaos and corruption in Washington, strengthen consumer protections and support small businesses, and stand with Kansas workers.

To accomplish these goals, Hamilton wants "to end self-destructive tariffs and unnecessary foreign wars," "require data centers to pay their fair share of electricity costs," require competitive bidding for government projects, "expand Medicare

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Stock Market Insights

Why Is the U.S. Economy So Strong Despite Inflation and Debt?

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A recent viral video showed someone putting weight on top of a single-filled plastic Coke bottle. It was amazing to watch them keep adding steel plate after steel plate, yet the Coke bottle kept holding up without collapsing, even up to 1,220 pounds. As the video continues, I wondered, "How long can this thing hold up?" Many are asking the same question about the market right now.

One of my clients was shocked at how much her account had grown this year and said, "How can it keep growing like this?" Investors around the country have been asking a similar question. How can the U.S. economy be this strong with continued inflation issues, the government hitting yet another debt milestone because of its out-of-control deficits, and geopolitical risks that never

seem to go away? Yet somehow, despite all these speed bumps, the economy and stock markets are not only stable but thriving.

I see two reasons supporting the economy. First, the U.S. economy's financial stress looks better than the rest of the world's problems, and second, inflation continues to trend lower.

First, the U.S.'s problems look good compared to the rest of the world

My wife and I have a joke that if we ever feel bad about our life, we need to go mix it up with the Wal-Mart crowd for a while until we remember how good we have it. That is about how it is with the U.S. economy. The U.S. economy has the least financial stress compared to all developed and emerging markets. The Chicago Federal Reserve has a report called the National Financial Conditions Index (NFCI), which measures America's stocks, bank loans, money markets, and overall banking system. The report shows the U.S. economy at a negative number, indicating it is not currently experiencing financial stress. Although rates may feel high and loans hard to get, the report shows that interest rates and financial market conditions are favorable for businesses, families, and investors.

Second, Inflation Conditions Improved Since May

Although inflation is still above the Fed's two percent target, it is

trending down. Inflation looked on track in February until the Iran war shook up oil prices. Prices started inching up in March, April, and May but have since come down. Since May, every category (Import Prices, Producer Prices, Services Price Index, Manufacturing Price Index, Global Supply Chain Pressure Index, Gasoline Prices: U.S. Average, Consumer Prices (CPI), CPI Excluding Housing, Rent Prices (CPI), and PCE Deflator) has fallen steadily month by month. If this continues, overall inflation could hit the Fed's target in the first half of 2027.

For investors, these supports, along with continued strong demand for U.S. Treasuries, suggest underlying market conditions remain strong. Conditions are still favorable for economic activity and profit. That's not to say there won't be volatility, because there always is during the last half of a bull run. But all in all, it looks like there is still room for the bull to run. I have my accounts slightly more conservative than normal before midterm elections in case I see opportunities, but I see no reason to be in a defensive posture.

The plastic Coke bottle finally collapsed at 1,280 pounds, spraying Coca-Cola™ all over the floor. It was incredibly impressive, and no one watching believed it would withstand nearly that much weight, much like our current economy. The next time I am changing my tire I might use a case of Coke instead

of a jack stand. The problem at my house is my wife is so addicted to Coca-Cola™, so it may be difficult finding full bottles.

Have a blessed week.
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Really Amazing Facts To Consider

By Tom Valverde

President Trump made an announcement on trade policies he put in place, aggressive, broad-based reciprocal tariffs that targeted multiple trading partners. His tariffs caused investors to panic and sell off assets.

Economist Jeffrey Sachs explained Trump's understanding of the trade deficit this way: "If you take your credit card and you go shopping and you

run up a large credit card debt, you're running a trade deficit with all those shops." It would be pretty strange if you then blamed all the shop owners for having sold you all those things. "You're ripping me off! I'm running a trade deficit." Sachs said that is the level of understanding of the President of the United States.

The trade deficit does not mean that everybody is cheating us. The United States

runs a current account deficit because it spends more than it produces. Why does the country do that? We have a big credit card in the US. It's called the national government. The US government continues to spend far more each year than it takes in in revenue. As Sachs put it about Trump, "I would fail him if he were my student. He's my president."

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

Something good from your home that's quick to assemble for breakfast,

a tea, or something to go with coffee, for dessert is this week's tasty treat. They're best served warm but can be put into the microwave for a quick warmup. Please give these a try:

WHITE CHOCOLATE CHERRY SCONES

Ingredients:

3 c Flour
3/4 c Sugar
2 t Baking powder
1 t Baking soda
1 t Salt
1 Egg, lightly beaten
1 1/2 c Milk
1 1/4 c Dried Cherries
1 t Vanilla or 1/4 t Almond extract
3/4 c Butter
8 oz. White Chocolate, chopped into chunks, Or 1/2 c White Chocolate chips

Glaze:

2 c Powdered Sugar
3 T Milk

If you don't want to glaze the scones, just 'brush the tops with an egg and sprinkle with a little sugar before they are baked. Place the milk in a bowl together with the chopped cherries, the Vanilla or almond extract and the beaten egg.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and the white chocolate. Mix together gently with a whisk. Cut the butter in with a pastry cutter until small chunks form. Make a well in the mixture and pour in the milk and cherries. Stir to blend stirring just until combined.

On a lightly floured counter, place half of the dough. Form into a disk, 9" around, 3/4" thick. Cut into 8 wedges. If using egg, brush the tops and sprinkle with sugar. Leave plain, if using a glaze. Bake for 10 - 12" minutes.

Prepare the glaze, put the ingredients in a bowl and stir until smooth. Be sure to sift the powdered sugar to remove any lumps. Using a spoon, drizzle glaze over the scones, going back and forth as desired.

These scones are the perfect thing to make whenever an unexpected guest comes to visit. They will be sure to love these yummy scones, so have an extra copy of the recipe to give to your guest. You will give them so much pleasure, so get ready to receive compliments.

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Amazing Facts...

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When Trump announced his tariffs in April 2025, world markets lost roughly \$10 Trillion dollars in market capitalization in a matter of days. Where did it go? Did it get transferred from here to there? No, it got destroyed. Trade is mutually beneficial. If you disrupt trade, it's not necessarily that one side wins and the other side loses. Everybody can lose, and that's what investors feared was going to happen.

There was also the question of whether Trump had the authority to impose these tariffs under emergency powers. We now know the answer. In February 2026, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the emergency law Trump used did NOT give him the sweeping tariff authority he claimed. Congress does have the constitutional authority over tariffs and has given presidents some

tariff authority through other laws, but not the authority Trump claimed under this particular emergency law.

So, consequently, we are in a dangerous state of chaos, with a president who, in my opinion, is clearly not up to doing the job of being president in the year 2026. It's a dangerous time as well. We're at war with Iran and I don't believe the American people are getting enough truthful information about the war, what it is costing us or where it is going.

We've used an enormous number of missiles in this "Exercise" in the Middle East to help Israel. Reports indicate that the United States has used virtually all of the inventory of CERTAIN TYPES of long-range precision missiles, and other missile supplies have been seriously depleted. That doesn't mean we've "run out of missiles," but it certainly should concern everyone. We've also kept ships and sailors at sea for extraordinary periods of time.

The USS Abraham Lincoln has now been at sea for more than 250 consecutive days, with reports of supply problems, difficult conditions and serious concerns about morale.

Then there is our oil reserve. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve recently fell to about 290 million barrels, the lowest level since 1982. That does NOT mean the United States only has about 33 days of oil because we also have commercial oil inventories and produce oil every day. But this is supposed to be our EMERGENCY reserve, and we're drawing it down while fighting a war in the Middle East. Does that make you feel safer?

Gasoline prices remain high. The national average is now over \$4.00 a gallon, and I've seen it around \$3.90 at Quik-Trip. Grocery prices continue going up too. I've seen coffee priced at \$10.75 and government figures show coffee prices have risen substantially from a year ago. I'm not suggesting

people panic and empty the grocery stores, but having some extra nonperishables around the house might not be a bad idea in these uncertain times.

And finally there is Iran. Iran has relationships with China and Russia, both nuclear powers, which makes the situation even more dangerous. There is NO evidence that China or Russia is planning to sell Iran a nuclear weapon, so I'm not going to claim that as fact. But Iran's nuclear ambitions haven't magically disappeared, either.

Are we safer now? I really doubt it! That's my opinion, and everyone is entitled to their own. But with a war continuing in the Middle East, weapons supplies being depleted, oil reserves at their lowest level in more than 40 years, high gasoline prices and continuing economic uncertainty, I think we have plenty of reasons to be concerned.

Dangerous times indeed.

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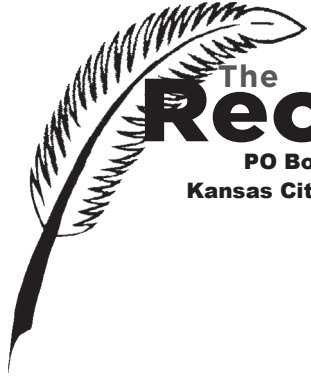
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to cover vision and dental" and extend Medicare's negotiated drug pricing to private insurance, and reverse Medicare cuts and invest in rural hospitals. Hamilton also wants the Senate to pass the long-overdue farm bill and reform the guest worker program to give farmers and ranchers a stable legal workforce.

Hamilton's robust plan to end corruption in Washington would require Congress members to place "all individual stocks, bonds, commodities, cryptocurrencies, and investment assets"

into a blind trust or sell them. He advocates a constitutional amendment establishing term limits for members of Congress and the Supreme Court. He also wants to end the dark money from billionaires and special interests flooding our elections and "drowning out the voices of normal voters" and restore independent Inspectors General.

Strengthening workers' right to organize, protecting workers from wage theft such as unpaid overtime, and prohibiting AI-only employment decisions are key parts of Hamilton's Affordability Agenda. His campaign site is hamiltonforkansas.com.



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