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accountants dance or look at

>> paintings

>> by politicians. There are plenty of well-informed commentators on current

>> affairs who specialize on that, if Tim wants to make a difference he

>> should

>> volunteer.

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>> As far as John Adams, it's hard to hear his take on Hamilton and not wind

>> up hating the guy. Nobody, not even Thomas Jefferson, hated Hamilton more

>> than Adams. Hamilton was also far from a 'pawn' of bunch of nefarious

>> bankers.

>> Pawn implied control by others. Hamilton was keenly aware of how finance

>> worked, often to a greater degree than the bankers he was dealing with,

>> and

>> turned out to be right more often than not. His vision of America, as a

>> dominant

>> power in the Western hemisphere built on a powerful manufacturing economy

>> and a strong currency backed by a central bank, was more or less right.

>> Jefferson's

>> yeomen farmers reaping the fruits of their own labor and the labor of

>> their

>> dark hued indentured help, while reading Gibbon in the library at night,

>> was winsome and romantic. Hell, even Jefferson, with his sizzling gifts

>> and

>> endless energy, couldn't manage to get out of debt in his life.

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