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## HOT SOLAR ACTIVITY THIS WEEK & NEXT!

Do you know anyone else who has done this? Last month in our VITAL SIGNS box, we said to Short both Indices (DJIA and SPX) at 10:10amEDT on March 16 and our 2.5% Stoploss orders were not activated. Cover both shorts at 10:10amEDT on March 29.

Our E-signal feed shows INDU short at 20989.89 and covered at 20650.33 for a gain of +339.66 or (would you believe) 1.618%, an exact Fibonacci number to three decimal places! That's over 10 trading days. The maximum gain was actually 9:40 on March 27 of +577.09 or 2.749%

The SPY was shorted at 2386.74 and covered at 2356.49 for a gain of +30.25 or 1.267%. The max gain occurred about 9:45 on March 27 at 2322.51 for a possible gain of 64.23 points or 2.691% for 7 trading days.

The last one of this type we tried was in the August 3, 2015 CP letter: "Wednesday looks good as Venus trines Uranus, but Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> (option expiration) appears **absolutely horrid!** You know, we rarely EVER mention options in this newsletter. Most people should stay away from them simply because they move fast and often in unexpected directions. If you feel up to a pure gamble, buy a small amount of Index Puts around 12:45pmEDT on the 19<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) [NOT with your lunch money, please] and sell them Friday afternoon"

In our September letter, we wrote: "**Those three days, the DJIA closed down -1051.59! Perhaps 60 points less [to you] if you acted at the time we mentioned here. The 21<sup>st</sup> alone was down -530.94 – largest down day since August 8, 2011 [which was] -634.76!**"

Monday, August 24 was worse -588.40 and Tuesday lower by another -204.91 for a total -1844.90 in 5 days.

## VITAL SIGNS

NO CURRENT POSITION in DJIA

NO CURRENT POSITION in SPX

ALL OUR STOPS ARE CLOSE ONLY



Under those conditions, ANY Puts would have gone nuts. We did not offer any particulars.

Remember last month that the DJIA was up 12 days in a row? Well, now it's just been down eight in a row into March 27. "My experience recalls that long runs have always been coming off of important bottoms. On the other hand, often runs of 6-7 days take place into an intermediate top, or at least into a topping pattern of some note."

This rapid shifting of activity has left the technical picture totally scrambled, with indicators at extreme levels of Bullish and Bearish at the same time. We observe that the politics are playing too great a part in current analyses and that the Trump bullish items went bearish and the Trump bearish items went bullish. It makes sense in a very emotionally charged way.

The media is playing up the non-vote on ObamaCare as a "Great Loss" for President Trump. That is nonsense, as it was not so likely to get through the Senate anyway. Trump was quoted on the news as declaring in the negotiation: "If we change something to gain a Conservative, we lose a Liberal [and vice versa]. Everyone vilified the staunch conservatives as they did exactly what their constituents wanted.

A local activist on radio here explained that there are some Christian Insurance collectives which offer rates at about 1/3 of the ACA offerings, and they would NOT be allowed under the new set-up! If true, no wonder they were annoyed.

Watch April 7 +/-3 trading days for further hints of the developing particulars in politics, economics, natural disasters, excessive mental states, accidents, hospital admissions, warlike posturing, etc. We haven't experienced these intense emotional outpourings since Princess Diana died! We expect another powerful burst of Solar energy on April 7 as Earth conjoins Heliocentric Jupiter, both square to Pluto. Look for extremes!



**AFTER Some Flat Action, NASDAQ (Silicon Valley) MADE A NEW HIGH!**

“We expect this kind of action to put in place a limited pause, although it could get worse if we have NYSE 52-week New Lows expanding past 40 for three days running or three out of four.” We DID get that Sell Signal on March 8 and sent out an Email notice to that effect. The S&P500 and the DJIA both remain lower, but the NYSE New Lows have retracted to single digits, leaving a positive rather than the registered negative. We expect the reason for NASDAQ to be higher is that their stocks were among the Trump bearish group that reversed on the ObamaCare uncertainty. The problem is that O-Care is spiraling into O-blivion and many could be hurt if there is NOTHING for a replacement.

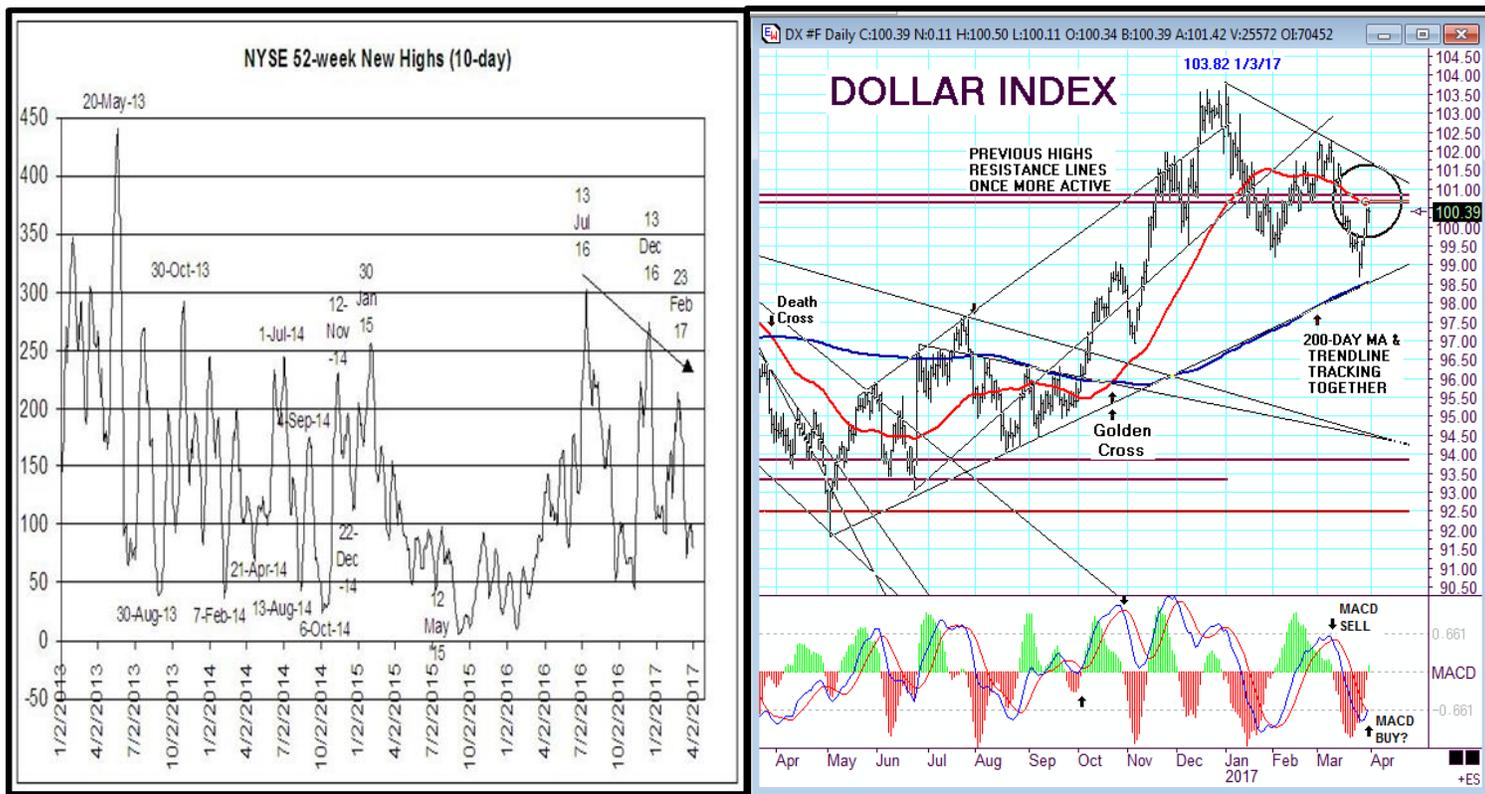
Another positive note on these charts is that downside momentum as measured by MACD has waned to the point where it could easily reverse. That decision continues ‘up in the air’ and could go either way. The normal seasonal pattern calls for additional highs in mid-to-late April or early May. April 7 may give us another clue as Heliocentric (Sun-centered) planetary alignments could prove overwhelming in Solar radiations which are likely to affect mass mental states in untoward manifestations?! We are having an X-Ray storm from the Sun as we write. And we expect more heavy radiations April 7.

Venus and Jupiter, the two greatest gravitational forces on the Sun, are conjunct April 2 and both square Pluto. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Earth will be conjunct Jupiter and square Pluto, further exaggerating stresses on His Majesty’s surface. You will hardly ever hear mention of the Sun’s effects on heating the Earth, even though it is, by far, responsible for the greatest affects.

Therefore we may get some distortions in the “normal” April advances. We may have to retreat further before another attempt at new highs. As we mentioned before, and don’t forget it in your trading practices, the technical array of indicator measures are so incredibly mixed at this time that a great deal of uncertainty, and laced with possible Black Swans. We suggest greater than normal Caution, even with mildly further expansion likely – it is not as likely as usual!

The thirty-year bond (chart at bottom right of the above charts) has stabilized mostly between its 200-Day MA and a resistance line across several previous tops going back several years. Last month we wrote: “With the MACD giving a Buy signal, chances are probably better for a rally...” but the green area above the MACD Zero line (upside momentum) topped out the last week in February and has not shown much strength since. On the other hand, it has not shown much weakness either, and the price level remains between the 200-Day MA support and the ‘old tops’ line resistance. Therefore, we watch for a close above 153:10 or below 146:12 to determine the better probability for continuation.

“Friday’s market was another in what is becoming a slow but palpable erosion in the strength of the positive trend since November 7th, 2016. It may be that we are merely seeing a shift in leadership but we are always cautious when we see sellers beginning to dominate. The Commerce Department reported consumer spending increased 0.1% in February after dropping 0.2% in January and December, most of it coming from food and energy. Durable goods were off 0.1% on weak auto sales. The dealers are now offering large discounts in an attempt to increase sales. Stocks finished the week up about 1% after losing a like amount last week. Both the S&P and the DJIA ended the quarter on the upside marking the sixth consecutive quarterly rise in a row.” - [JohnK@quacera.com](mailto:JohnK@quacera.com) - QUACERA LLC of St. Petersburg, FL



**NYSE NEW HIGHS ARE LAGGING FURTHER!**

The chart above is showing an intermediate high value of 300 on July 13, 2016. A marked higher high in the SPX and DJIA (see charts page 2) were not matched with a lower high around 270 just prior to the FOMC .25% rise. That rise marked a momentum peak in the Indices which led to a two month Flat period. A third higher peak in Index Prices at the beginning of March are linked with a second failure to reach old highs in the Indicator around 210 on February 23.

This important measure of internal market strength signals a fairly serious condition of non-confirmation. We must consider that no amount of technical weakness has so far had any effect in slowing this unusual momentum run, and it may be that this one won't either. The strong seasonal factors are likely to begin to falter in mid to late April or early May. We are not inclined to short again right now except for short term traders with close stops. But remain aware – situations do change!

**DOLLAR INDEX BACK UP TO 50-DAY MA!**

We had not realized until right now that the last few months on these two charts look quite similar. In any case, the DX dropped down until it was approaching its rising 200-Day Moving Average (blue line) which is closely tracking a similarly rising trendline. The two of them represent a strong support – at least until it isn't. It may be able to produce a couple of bounces before breaking. This is still another index which is caught between its declining 50-Day MA and its 200-Day MA which is rising. As they come to a point – all these things, many seemingly unrelated, will have to decide which way to jump!

As of now, the recent bounce has issued a MACD Buy Signal as of last Friday, but it is running into the resistance of its 50-Day MA. So there are multiple tests of multiple indicators coming up on the calendar, the critical time period marking the point of the triangle where it must have made up its mind. This can be very dull, until some excitement is touched off by an unusual news event, or unexpected economic breakthrough or burden. "We shall know in the fullness of time."

Whatever happened to the big Debt Ceiling crisis that was expected to hit the Ides of March? It came and went without much mention. Apparently Mnuchin, Treasury Sec. says he can pay bills for another four months with minor adjustments. We have no further word beyond that.

**"Whenever there's a planetary station, two things happen. First, the power of the stationary planet increases enormously to activate the zodiac zone where the station takes place. Second, the planetary station sends an emphatic signal to the markets. As the planet changes direction, the markets sometimes change direction, too. That's why we pay attention to station dates (and the trading days just before and after them) as trend change opportunities. And in April we'll get five of them, so as astro-traders we can expect to be very busy!" - Tim Bost - Financial Cycles Weekly**

**GOLD** (daily chart at right) has been down and back up since last CP letter. There is very heavy resistance to more upside in the 1258-1265 arena. The 200-Day MA, the 50-Week MA and an important downtrend line off the August highs all converge at this nexus.

The recent high tick has been 1264.9 while the high close was at 1258. Nearly all of the action has taken place between the 200-Day MA (blue line across the highs) and the 50-Day MA (red rising line) except for the brief March dip below 1200.

We must see an aggressive break closing above 1260 on good volume and momentum, or we will see another dip into the 1200-1220 range, followed by another attempt out into the end of a triangle near 1240.

What is especially interesting, technically, is that there are many indices and commodities which are following this same general pattern, some the inverse, but all narrowing towards forced decisions through the 'time' element.

They will have to break up or down as the narrowness comes to a point. The best breaks tend to come in the two thirds to three fourths way to the end of the triangle. In either case, volume and momentum must expand to confirm a decent signal.

If they all dribble past the end of these formations, they may all continue listlessly. Or, they may ALL break one way or the other on some major NEWS item. We can only keep an eye on the development of the internal dynamics and be prepared to move quickly when the decisive moment bursts onto the stage.



The **OIL** chart (page one) contends the recent rise with technical resistance at 51-52 and more at 54-55. We expect a dip before more.

The **CRB** commodity index has now been in a tight 'Line' formation with all weekly closes between 180 and 193.

**ASTRONOMIC ACTIVITY – (Give all these a time period of +/- 2-3 Days)**

- FEB 26 = Solar Eclipse at 8Pisces12, Mars conjoins Uranus opposing Jupiter = This one could get very ugly if one is not circumspect. +/- 6 Months
- MAR 20 = Vernal Equinox – Sun enters Aries, Moon joins Saturn, then enters Capricorn, then squares Sun at zero Aries + 3 Months
- MAR 30 = Jupiter squares Pluto = Desire for Power. Pursuit of fanatical aims. Desire to exploit the masses (plutocrats). [Ebertin-1940]
- APR 3 = Rx Venus backs into Pisces, goes into Direct motion on the 14<sup>th</sup> and re-enters Aries on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll all feel better after Tax Day!
- APR 5 = Saturn goes Retrograde until August 25 = This period clearly signifies fewer border crossings around the world! Releases some limitations.
- APR 9-10 = Mercury goes Retrograde Sunday= Avoid signing important papers or starting new projects next 3 weeks. Full Moon Monday (10<sup>th</sup>).
- APR 15 = Venus returns to Direct motion = Tax Day is on the 18<sup>th</sup> this year! Venus behind the Sun from March 25 considered warlike by Mayans.
- APR 19-20 = Mercury backs thru the Sun conjunction on Wed. anniversary of Waco final attack and OK City bombing. Pluto station Thur-Repeat?
- APR 20-24 = Mucho Mars action, into Gem(21), Mars Sq Node & 135 Jup (23), Contra-parallel Pluto (24) = Coercion, Use of force, explosions war?
- APR 27 = Add to all of that with Mars 135 to Pluto. Many wars and other explosive events have populated this time frame in history. Masacres.
- APR 30 = Beltane = Powerful day in pagan calendar = Hitler shot his girlfriend, then himself (if we are to believe the recorded history).
- MAY 3 = Mercury returns to direct motion. Begin to move toward a return to active life, but slowly, it takes time to get moving faster.
- MAY 6 = Mars semi-square (45 deg) to Uranus = An unexpected lightning bolt! Energetic, explosive, earthquake, volcano, accidents.
- MAY 8 = Next CP newsletter publication date
- MAY 10 = Full Moon
- MAY 17 = Jupiter quincunx (150) to Neptune = Probably a rally high in Metals, Inflationary expectations.

**ATTENTION: The CP newsletters are most often emailed on 1st Mondays of months. Next CP will be available on Monday MAY 8.**

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