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FULL MOON Squares URANUS Today!

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Feeling a little nervous, today? Maybe a bit ‘jumpy’? No surprise to us. If you’re not, you may not be fully awake, yet. A powerful T-Square in the ‘Fixed’ signs might make some of us feel things are slipping and sliding that should have been nailed down. Altogether “uneasy!”

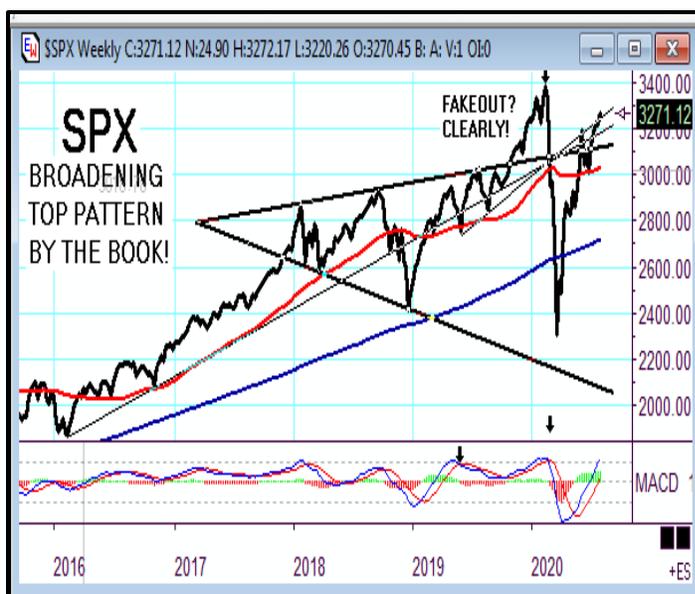
Particularly on the East Coast, where the Sun at noon opposes the Moon in the midnight position, with both forming the difficult ‘square’ to Uranus setting on the Western horizon in an ‘earth’ sign. That suggests the possibility of earthquakes somewhat larger than usual. Physical earthquake or not, a great many people are going to feel “jumpy” or worse. Be careful.

The month of August contains a multitude of Mars aspects. Be especially careful when driving or dealing with machinery. We could cut ourselves shaving or start WWII. Many of us could be somewhere in between. We extend our “Be careful” from the last paragraph throughout the whole of this month, in general.

Another possible sequence involves Anger. If you find yourself being drawn into any sort of confrontation, back off! Let another’s anger take Them to destruction. You stay out. We’re not telling you to be “chicken”; we’re telling you to live to another day when circumstances are more conducive to reasonable strategies!

Mars also brings Energy, often too much energy. For markets, it can mean volatile trading days. They can be Up or Down, or Both. We urge thoughtfulness and caution as the energetic atmosphere may be unusually tricky to navigate.

“The S&P500 closed out July with a 5.5% gain for the month. The bellwether index has now rallied for four straight months, marking its largest four-month percentage gain since December 1998.” – Wall St Journal – weekend edition.



You can see from the chart (above) that the market recovery has been near complete – although the economy is not coming back fast at all. If we had to guess about this, we’d say that the Coronavirus caught the smart guys by surprise and really smashed the markets very quickly.

Could it be that the Smart Money couldn’t get out so quickly and they have to forcefully drive it back up so they can hit the egress under quieter and more settled circumstances? There is certainly no reasonably existing excuse we can find, other than that!

Fortunately, we sent an email to all subscribers [except 4 or 5 who get only the hard copy] to go Double Short (200%) SPX on OPEN March 6, using Full 50% Margin availability. It was all stopped on April 6 for a profit, including margin, of 19.67% in 32 calendar days.

[While most others suffered large losses]

We have not been half so clever on the speed and extent of this rally phase, except that we did not use margin resources in current negative positions.

Of the 17 largest world stock markets, our NASDAQ is up 19.8% on the year, far above all others. Our SPX has recovered somewhat to plus +1.3% at #3 while Taiwan rose +8.4% to #2. China has dropped back down -5.2% to #6.

If you had invested our positions in any other major national stock markets, you would be sitting pretty! Brazil is down -31.4%; Mexico -27.8%; UK -24.0%; So Africa -23.5%; France -14.6%; India -13.9%; Hong Kong -13.2%; Russia down -12.3%; Australia -12.1%; Canada -8.6%; Japan -8.3%!!!

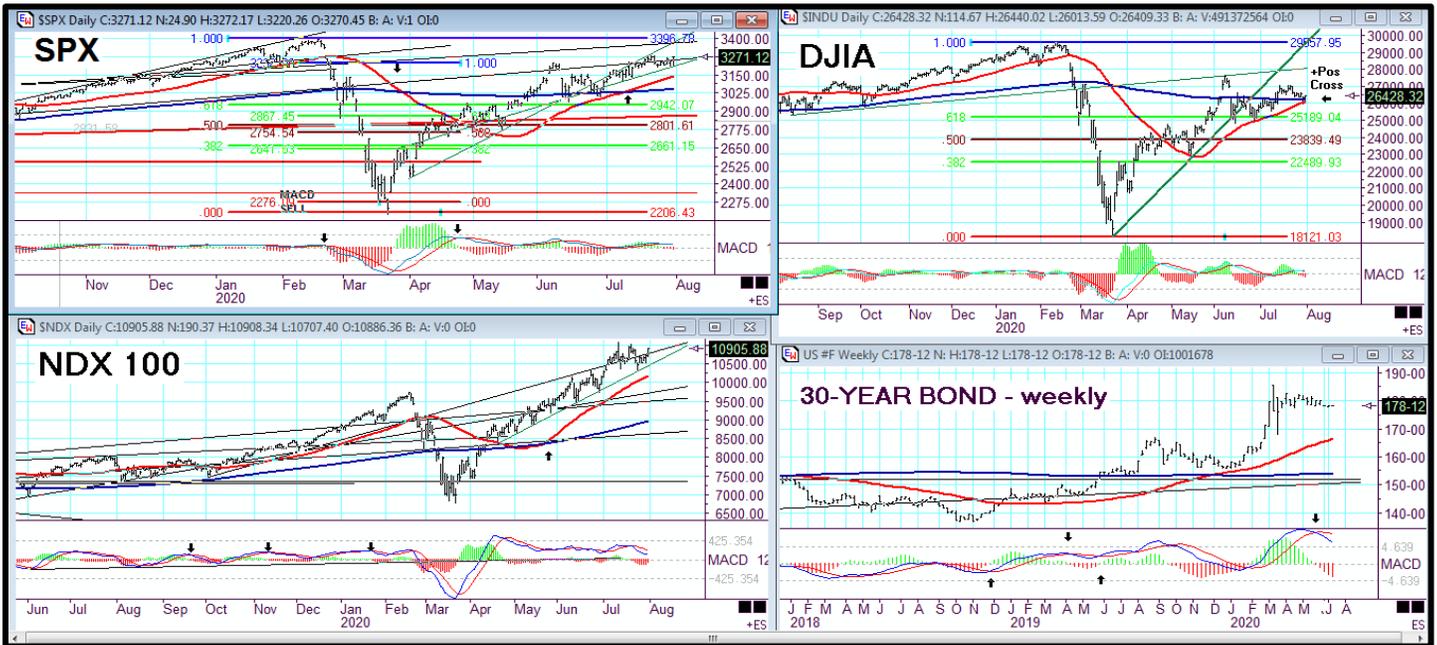
We Americans should show a little more respect for how well we have it here. Our Founders guaranteed us certain unalienable rights and that has, by & large, worked out for us. We could be on the verge of losing the whole ball of wax if we are not careful, so Stay Awake and aware and pay attention. Let us carry this ball for at least one more generation – Please!

VITAL SIGNS

SHORT SPX AGAIN between 3100-3200
If hit, place a STOP to cover at 3312.
Our projected SELL level was reached
Leaving us SHORT June 3 at 3122.87.

WEdid NOT mention using margin on
Our current (June 3) positions.
We are raising our stoploss limit
To 7% to a level of 3341.47

ALL OUR STOPS ARE CLOSE ONLY!



NASDAQ (NDX) MAKES NEW HIGHS, SPX DIDN'T, DOW JONES LAGS!

The largest short term price weakness among the Major Indices is that the MACD momentum readings have all gone to negative, as evidenced by the red lines below the zero lines on the various index charts. It means that the rapid forward momentum readings have moderated considerably during the last two weeks. Among the last twelve trading days of the DJIA, the four largest change dates were ALL on the downside.

That being the case, we are maintaining our current SPX Short position entered on the close of June third, but are raising the Stop to a 7% position at 3341.47 to give it a little more wriggle-room particularly around this Full Moon which will culminate around Noon EDT today! Any further index Short positions should consider the DJIA, which has been the least positive mover of late. It seems to be having trouble getting close to the old highs.

Market fundamentals have not been the source of our meat and potatoes, but the Coronavirus has devastated our nation's economic miracle. Even if a total cure were developed today, corporate year-end figures will be nowhere near those necessary to demand much higher prices than the February highs which are being challenged even as we write!

The **Thirty Year Bond** chart (#4 in charts at top) appears to be constructing a topping pattern and the MACD has rendered a momentum SELL signal, even before our July issue went public. The 10-year Bond Rate chart, page three, does indeed confirm its steady march to possible negative rates.



OIL continued to a new high for the move at 42.40 with the high close to date, both on July 21, closing at 41.96. You can see from the chart that the price is being squeezed more and more tightly between the smoothly declining 200-Day Moving Average (blue) and the rising 50-Day MA (red).

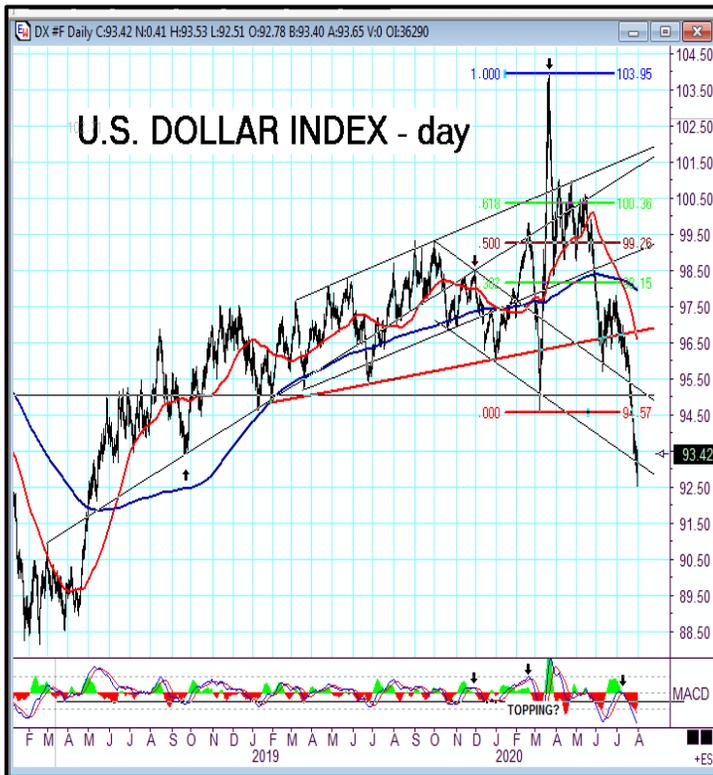
Still in the range of heavier resistance 38-42.5 and more at the 43 level from a long-term trendline and the 200-Day Moving Average.

The MACD momentum index had been rising toward the zero line but the narrow red band below the black arrow has begun to slip lower again.

Our opinion is that the greatest danger for OIL is from the Coronavirus lockdowns over much of our civilized world!

“Teenager Charged as Leader of Twitter Hack – Twitter Inc.’s worst-ever hack began months earlier with a teenager on a telephone, according to an indictment filed Friday by federal authorities charging three males in connection with the episode. The three were charged in connection with the July 15 hack, including a 17-year-old juvenile whom authorities have accused of masterminding the scam. Graham Ivan Clark, of Tampa, FL was arrested and charged as an adult...” - Weekend Wall Street Journal

It is definitely a different world than I grew up in. - AC@CP



US DOLLAR BREAKS!



TNX BREAKING APRIL LOW RATE AS EXPECTED!

The **U.S. DOLLAR** and the **TNX** have finally broken more serious lows. Catastrophic lows are a bit further down the road, but not much further. Last month, the 50-Day MA of the **DOLLAR** undercut its own 200-Day MA – an important negative technical signal and precursor to July’s rout! Also, the MACD momentum indicator gave a **SELL** Signal shortly after last month’s letter was published. The **SELL** potential was clearly confirmed on a break of support just below the 95.75 low.

The **TNX**, Interest Rate on the US 10-Year Bond spiked sharply in early June but came back down immediately. It has been drifting lower from about the middle of June and has now broken below even the April low. That leaves only the March low as most significant in years. We have remained negative on interest rates for a very long time and there is no firmness to that market to suggest any serious change of trend over immediate or intermediate time periods.



Last month we mentioned that ‘...we are sure that the “Poor Man’s **GOLD**” will regain its former lustre!’ We did **NOT** know that **SILVER** would take off like a rocket immediately! It has a long way to go to catch up with **GOLD**, which broke through to a New All Time High last month.

We have personally, for many years, kept half of our 401-K in a Gold & Silver stock index fund. We admit that our expectation of greater worldwide difficulties has only partially been fulfilled – until now! The Fleet’s In! (That’s an old WWII saying) – Appropriate to the times.

Our opinion is that these very long term trends are just getting started and may last for decades.

“Fitch Ratings revised the outlook on the United States’ triple-A rating to negative from stable on Friday, citing eroding credit strength, including a growing deficit to finance stimulus to combat fallout from the coronavirus pandemic... The credit rating agency also said the future direction of U.S. fiscal policy depends in part on the November election for president and the resulting makeup of Congress, cautioning there is a risk policy gridlock could continue. Debt and deficits, which were already rising before the pandemic, have started to erode the country’s traditional credit strengths, Fitch said in a report...

It added that U.S. government debt, the highest among any AAA-rated sovereign nations heading into the crisis, was expected to exceed 130% of gross domestic product by 2021.” - (Reuters) note: They kept the U.S. AAA rating.

GOLD has finally broken out above its 2011 All Time High! We believe this has been a long time coming and will be a “long time lasting.”

Last month we wrote: “We believe that the old high will be ‘taken out’ in relatively short order, as huge debt build-ups around the world make all major currencies worth less in ‘value’ terms. Looking over currency charts, one can easily recognize the value debasement which is occurring worldwide.”

And this: “We continue with confidence that this beautiful basic element is being recognized, and, after long last, its VALUE will be playing-out against all other investments once more in coming months and years!”

It is sad that international conditions are finally catching up to the lamentations of the too-early prophet-class who saw the trends and understood the ultimate outcomes, but missed-out on the timing! It took much longer than many thought to lay-waste to so much of the Earth’s magnificent bounty!

The current difficulties are now becoming obvious, even to the uninitiated! That could be part of the reason for the acceleration in the price of more “safe” articles which have suddenly become more ‘dear.’

“The Times They Are a-Changing”



The **CRB INDEX** of general commodity prices dropped sharply from January through April, rose rapidly in May and was flat in June. July has seen a resurgence in upside activity, but at a much slower rate than first-half-year volatility.

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

- JUL 12 = Mercury returns to Direct motion! Sun trines Neptune = Inflationary = Metals up on Monday market open? **Monday GOLD high +\$17**
- JUL 14-15 = Sun opposes Jupiter/Pluto conjunction! Use of extraordinary physical or mental powers, creation of magical effects. **Highest 10-days+**
- JUL 17 = Another 3-5 day period of extreme violence! **Includes 1st Federal Execution since 2003.**
- JUL 20 = Sun & New Moon oppose Saturn @ 0 deg Cardinals.= Saturn kind of drags down this day. **NOT Down, yet was Smallest UP day!**
- JUL 27 = Super active day in the sky. Two positives, three negatives plus a 1st Qtr. Moon = Take Your Choice how to react Monday! **+71.14**

GOLD made a new All Time High, for the first time since its 2011 top.

- AUG 3 = Next CP letter due. Full Moon at 11Aqu46 at Noon Eastern – That’s GOT to be important! (Especially for our East Coast).
- AUG 4 = Mercury enters Leo = Activity in markets gets a boost. Leo rules speculation. – Could be a wild month!
- AUG 7 = Venus enters Cancer. = A deep-seated feeling of love. Appreciation of family and home, art and music.
- AUG 12-13 = Sun parallel Uranus, Jupiter parallel Pluto, Mars square Pluto (early 13th) = Unexpected increase, Hostility, Violence, War?
- AUG 15 = Uranus Retrograde station in Taurus = Sudden changes in ownership or income. Don’t bet the farm.
- AUG 17 = Mercury conjunct Sun and parallel Uranus = Active but somewhat tense/nervous couple of days.
- AUG 18 = Several minor aspects = New Moon! More active than normal, no clear direction. DOWN After?
- AUG 21 = Mercury parallel Sun and 135 deg to Jupiter = Quick and interesting thoughts/dreams. Write something down!
- AUG 22-24 = Sun enters Virgo and Mercury 135 deg to Pluto, Mars square Saturn = Huge mental energies activated, not all is peaceful. Wars!
- AUG 25 = Mercury trine Uranus = Thoughts clarify, depth increases, BUY A COMPUTER or electrical equipment, even a car?
- AUG 31 = Monday=Next CP Letter =
- SEP 1 = Full Moon at 10Pisces12 “Following a narrow path, seeking illumination.” Mercury trine Pluto=Markets higher early.
- SEP 3 = Mercury trines Saturn but squares the Moon’s Node. = Not all good, not all bad = A mixed bag.
- SEP 5-7 = Mercury enters Libra (5 Sat); Venus enters Leo (6 Sun); Labor Day Holiday (7 Mon) = Many changes over the long weekend!
- SEP 9 = Mars Retrogrades until Nov. 13th; SEP 12 = Jupiter goes Direct. September 3-9 We may not recognize anything as “normal” now!

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