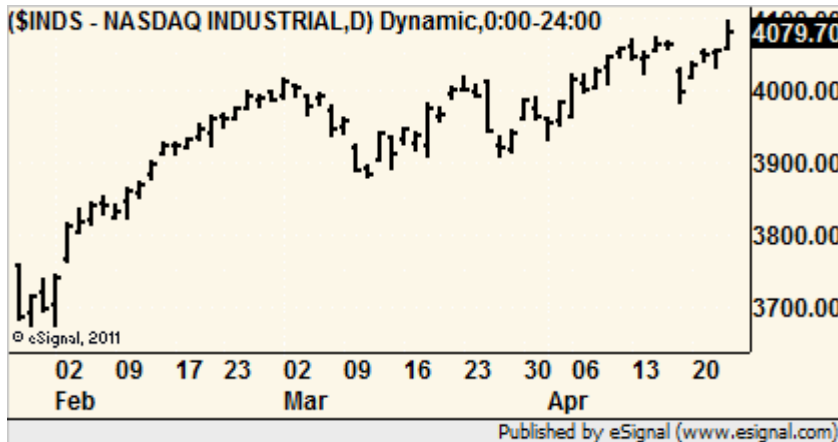


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April 24, 2015 – Get out the party hats. The Nasdaq finally made it over the top to an all-time high so a 15-year wandering in the desert has come to an end. Promised land? How about – it's not what you think? Guess which sector of the Nasdaq is really on top. It's not technology. Check this out:



Yes, the industrial sector. And biotech. And insurance. Tech is doing well now but it just reached 2001 levels. Banks are still only about half of their 2008 bear market loss and telecoms are barely off the floor after 2001.

What is the point of this rant? Over the past 15-years the Nasdaq has not been driven by technology. Yes, tech is doing well now but the Nasdaq's return to its former all-time high was thanks to biotech, industrials and transports.

OK, what is really the point? Tech is back. Now most of the Nasdaq is strong and that bodes well for the broad market for the next few months.

By the way, the S&P 500 broke out from its triangle, too. That was overshadowed.



It looks as if we were a bit too fearful of the hourly chart, thinking the failure to reach resistance was a bad sign. The market did drop after that but there really failed to reach support and up it went. We were waiting for this chart to finally give us a bad signal so perhaps that is now out of the way for a new while longer.

Continued...

Quoting ourselves: A reversal of the premarket decline would, of course, make us a lot happier and put the S&P 500 on breakout watch.

Indeed. We are happy.

As always there are still things on which to keep an eye (don't you love proper grammar?)

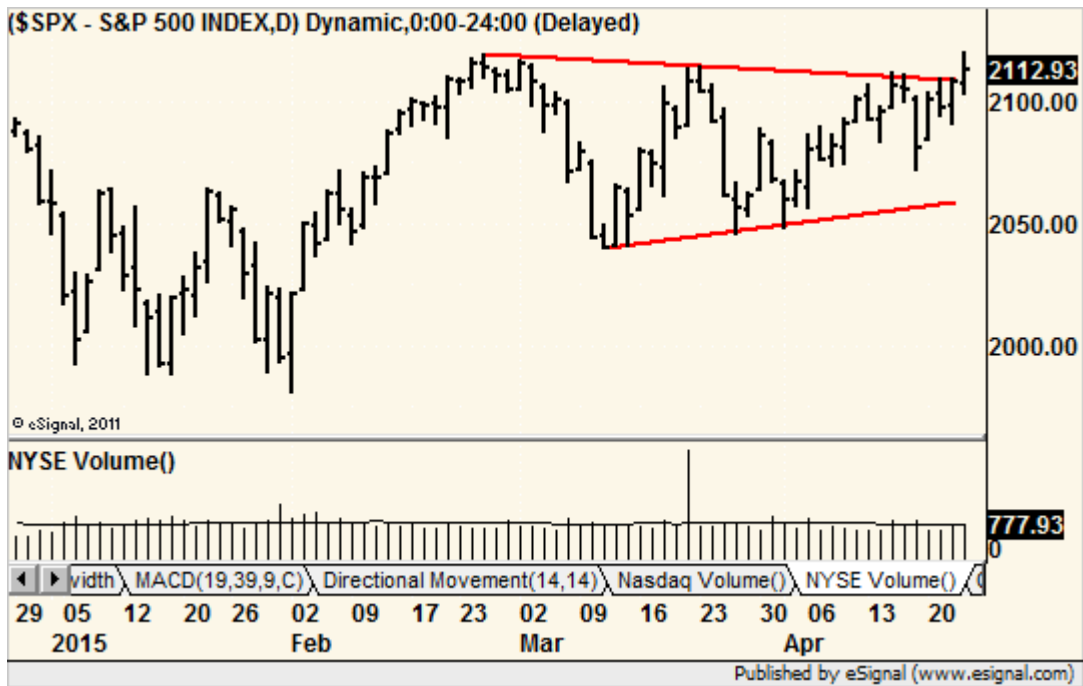
1. Retail is still lagging.
2. Homebuilding took a major technical hit this week.
3. Banks still have not been able to punch through resistance – looking at the **KBE** ETF.

Another thing is the **VIX**, which is back in the 12-handle. That is the low for the year to date and we wonder if it dropped a bit too fast. To offset that, the AAI survey shows persistently high neutral ratings, which adds a healthy dose of skepticism to the mix. We'll rate sentiment as a wash right now.

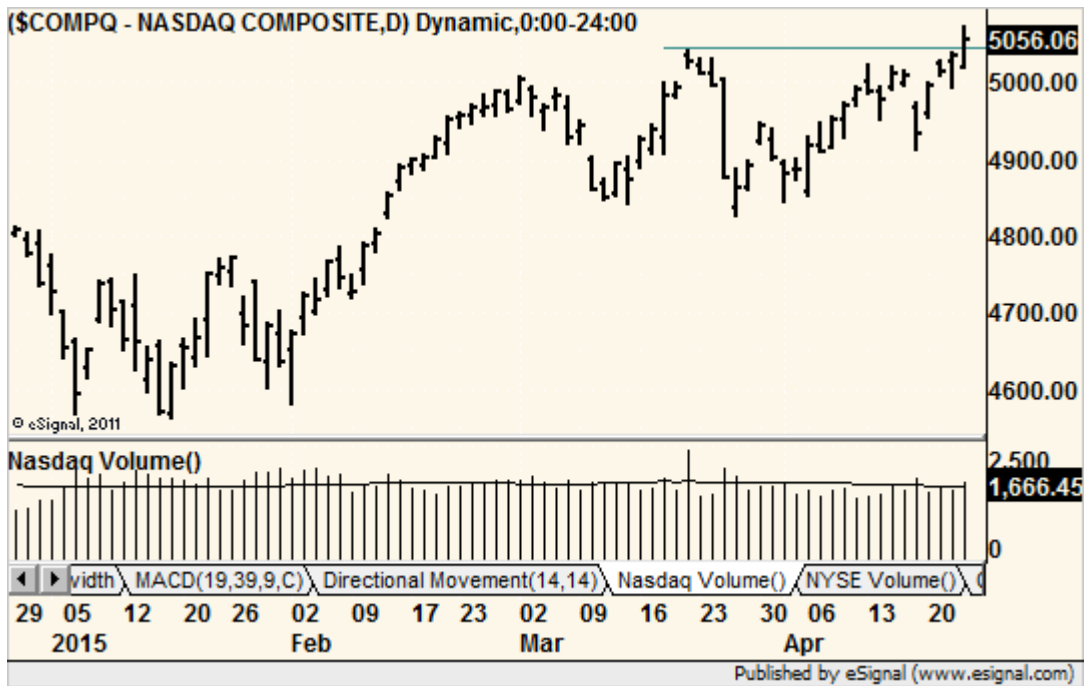
Finally, check out the chart of the NYSE composite below. So many technicians called it a breakout failure last week but we'll crow a little bit here because we argued it was not.

We may not be piling on the market's new breakout today but we are still holding long and strong.

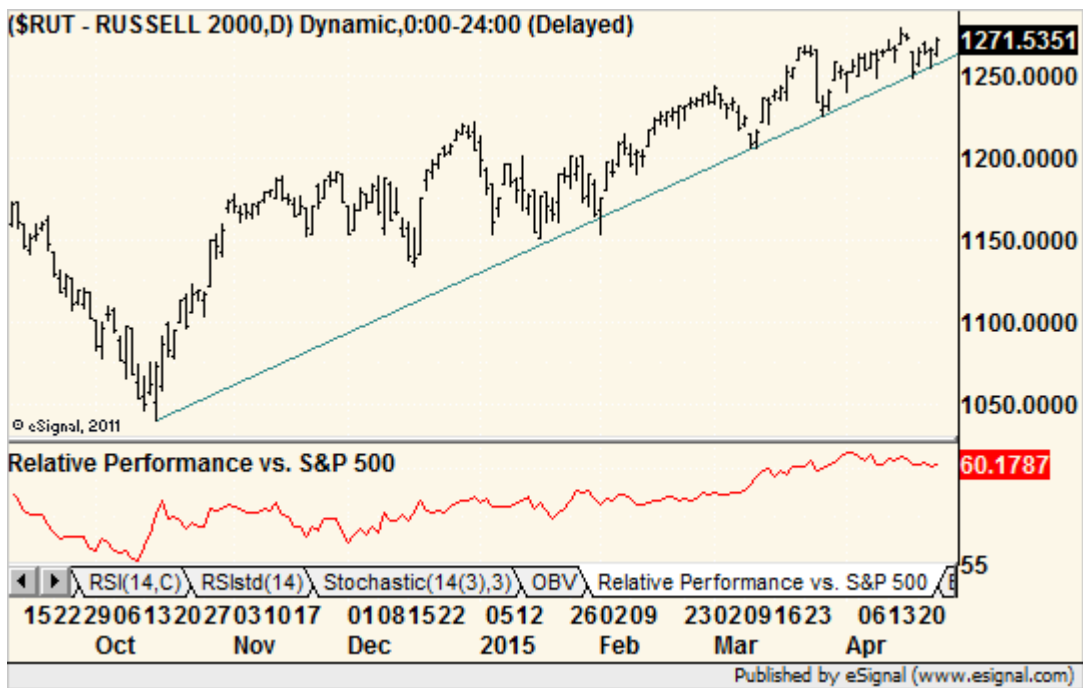
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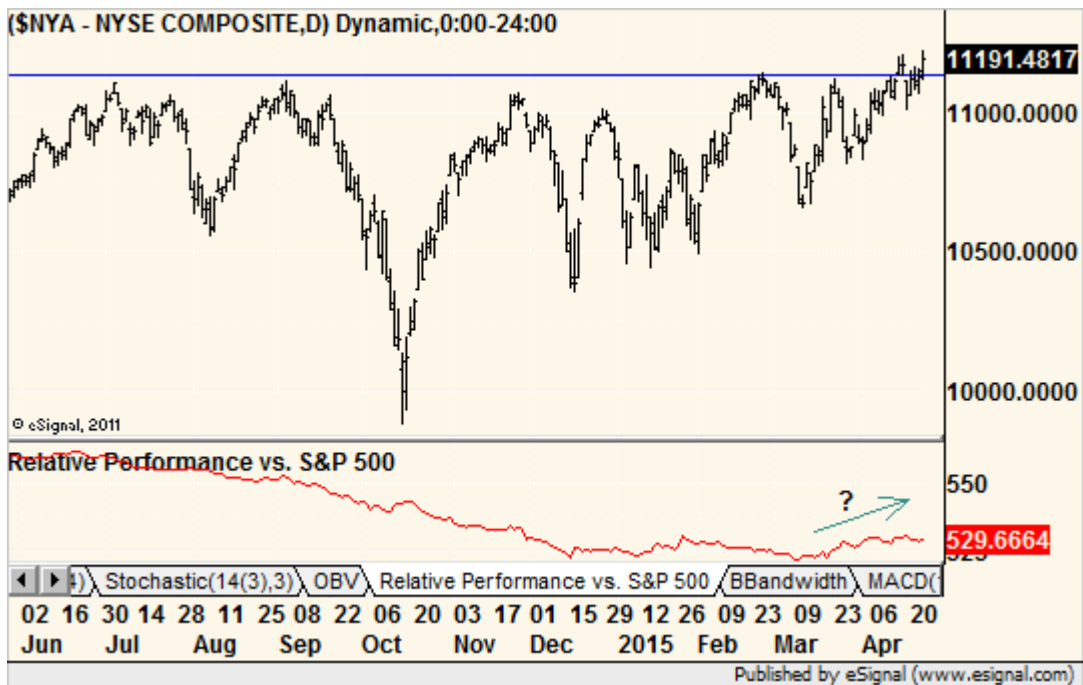
Yay!



Long-term yay!



We'd like to see a little more lift off the trendline here but it is better than a stick in the eye. Actually, most things are better than a stick in the eye but you get our point. Point, get it? OK, we'll stop. Just wanted to see if anyone is paying attention.



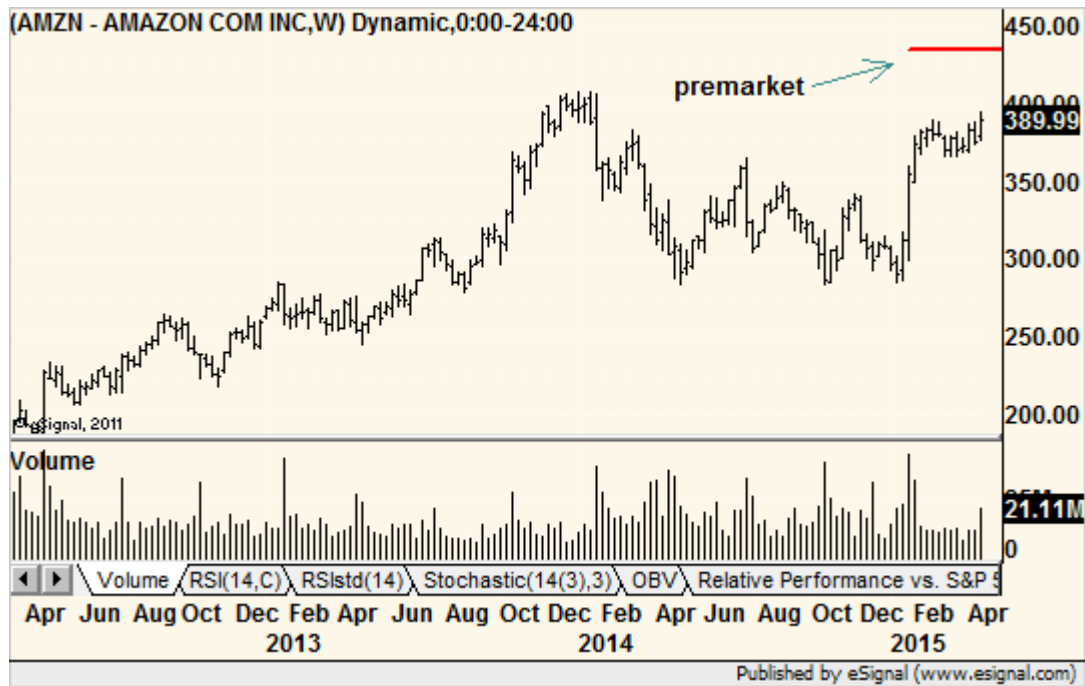
A new high on the NYSE composite puts any talk of a breakout failure to rest. It was just a little wiggle to shed weak hands.

The Radar Screen

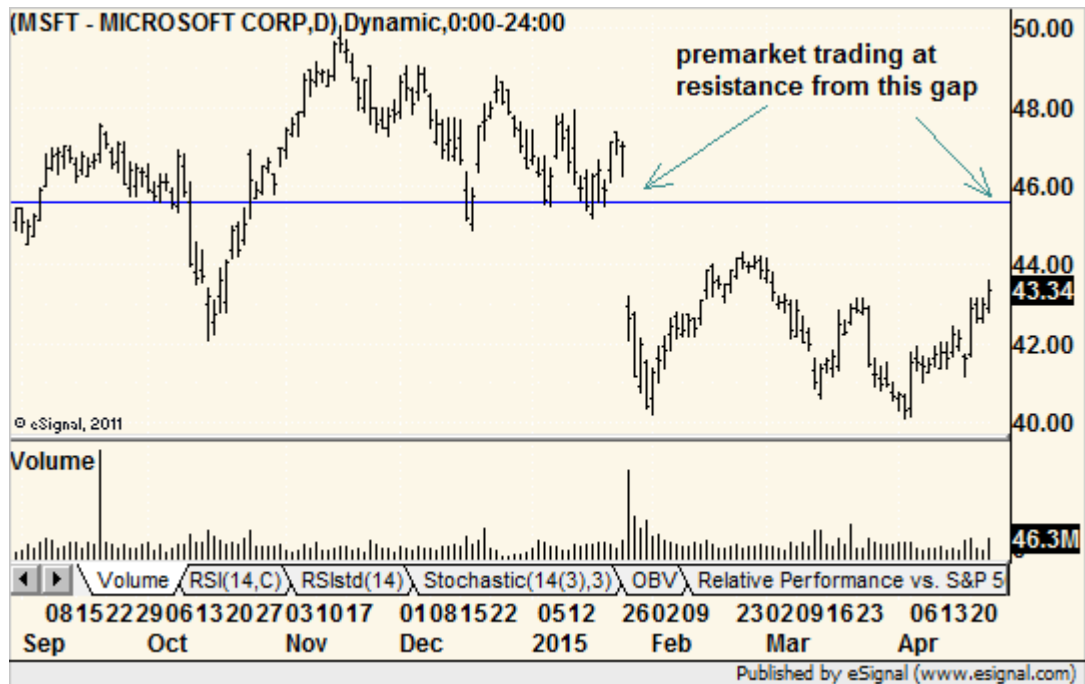
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Bullish Implications		
Briggs & Stratton BGG – This small engine maker looks encouraging with a big base and rising on-balance volume. Changing trigger to breakout from two-month triangle with a move over last week's high. Buy 20.70.	Triggered	4/21
IBM – This is a nice base breakout. Now at the 200-day average. We may miss it but we'll wait for a dip to 168.50.	New	4/24
Phillips 66 PSX –oil refiner breaking out though resistance? Above both major averages. Looks good here.	New	4/24
Bearish Implications		
Keurig GMCR – A stock on precipice. It has a moving average death cross in February. Now that it bounced we will sell under 111.		3/30
Unknown Implications		
none –		
Holding Tank - red shade leans bearish, green shade leans bullish		
none –		
Sector Watch (observations that may spark ideas)		
Heavy Construction - MTRX among others		4/7
Consumer Discretionary ETF XLY – Triple top or continuation rectangle		4/10
Apparel retail – Waiting for TJX bounce to sell. UA crushed on earnings.		4/21
Other retail – BBY looking bad		4/21
Banks ETF KBE - Still waiting for a real breakout despite same in JPM and GS .		4/21
DJ medical supplies sector – Bull flag. On-balance volume held steady during the pullback. Bullish setup. BCR, TFX, BAX		4/22
Updates		
IBM IBM – Breakout		
Microsoft MSFT – Breakout		
Apple AAPL – Breakout		
Intel INTC – waiting for a bull flag breakout		
Caterpillar CAT – Breakout failure so far. Keep watching as strength now would catch everyone off guard and likely be a buy.		

Market Highlights



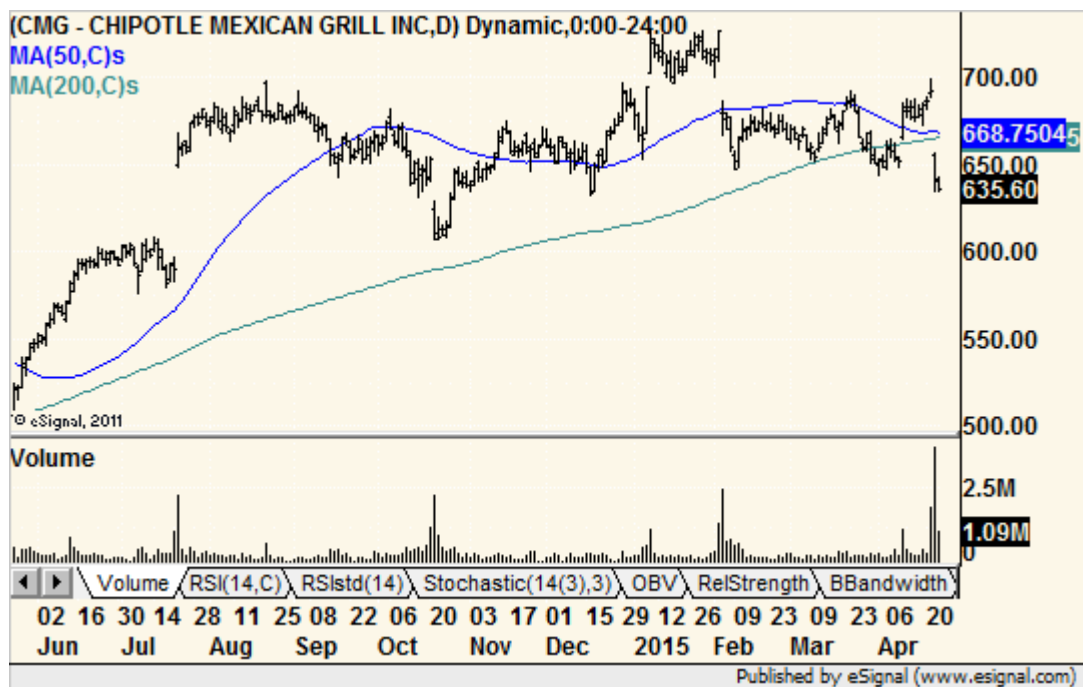
Amazon – We don't own it but if we did we'd take this gift.



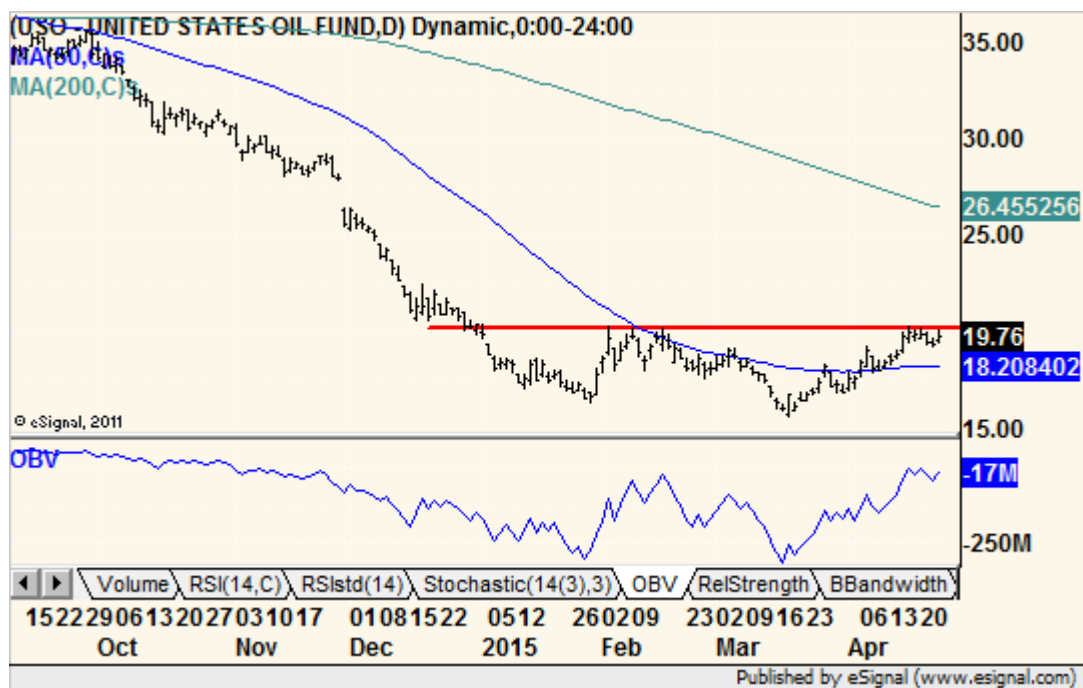
Microsoft – Nice jump on earnings but now at resistance from the January gap. We'd probably take a partial profit here.



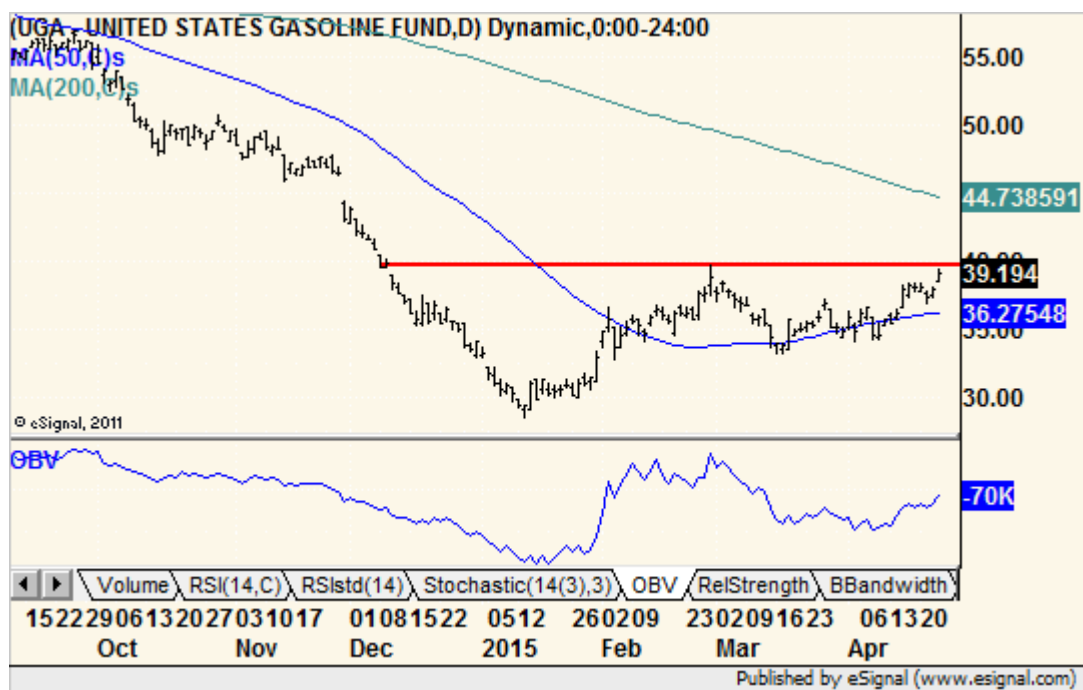
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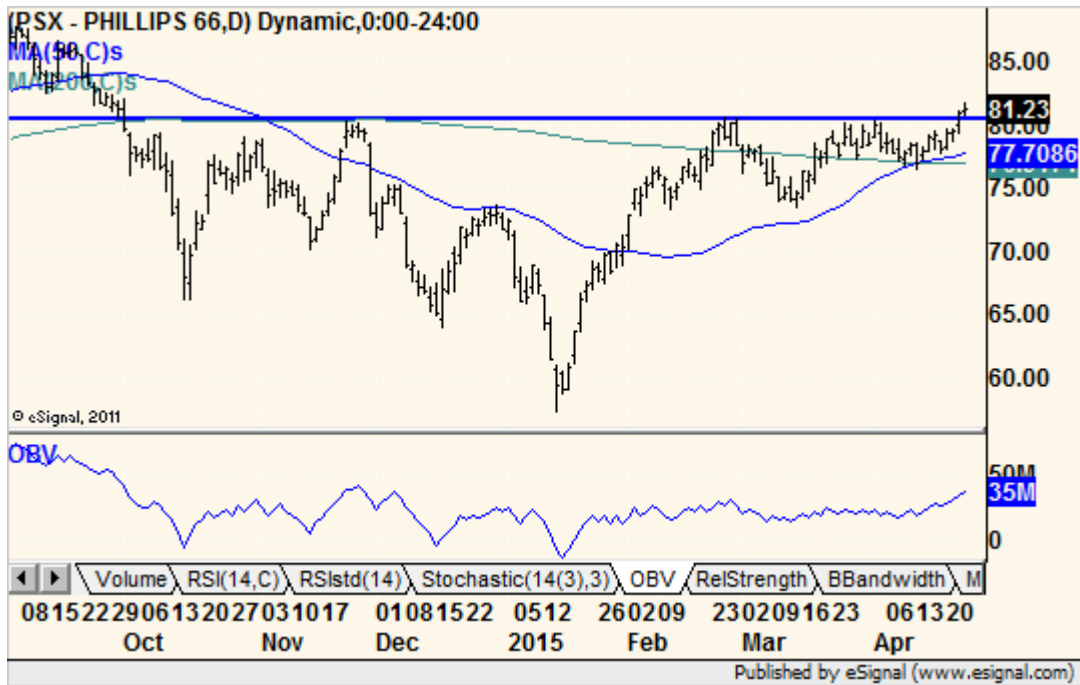
Chipotle – For those who think this is on sale, don’t. This looks nasty. And is that a 10-month head-and-shoulders pattern we see?



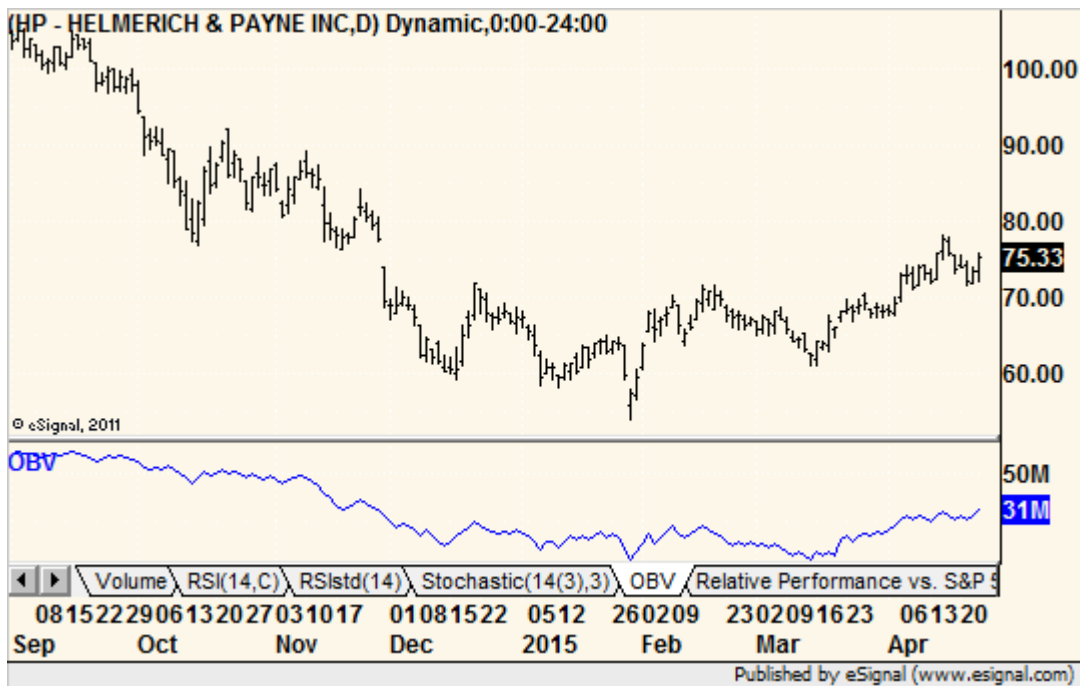
Oil ETF – Looks like a bottoming pattern with rising on-balance volume.



Gasoline ETF – Also a bottoming pattern but with a little less on-balance volume.



Phillips 66 – How about this oil refiner breaking out? Looks good here.



Helmerich & Payne – From the “oops” department. We were stopped out of this oil services stock (and **NBR**) but it still looks quite bullish.

Advice Tracker

This is a list of stocks that have triggered buys or sells and not a recommended portfolio. We will track them with suggested strategies but specific stops and position closes are up to the subscriber. Symbols in **red** mean that the position was stopped out. Stops in **red** were changed. Any position that moves in the desired direction and then reverses by 5% from the extreme that day is an automatic stop out. This is to compensate for the inability of this once per day newsletter to alert subscribers to the reversal.

	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>P/L</u>	<u>Stop</u>	<u>Price in</u>	<u>Date in</u>	<u>#Days</u>
<u>Long</u>	YHOO	YAHOO INC	43.70	-2.9%	43.50	44.98	3/19	35
	FB	FACEBOOK INC	82.41	-1.7%	80.00	83.81	3/30	24
	CBI	CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO N V	51.10	4.3%	49.00	49.01	4/1	22
	SIMO	SILICON MOTION TECHNOLOGY	33.15	19.5%	32.00	27.74	4/7	16
	JEC	JACOBS ENGR GROUP INC DEL	47.16	2.7%	46.00	45.90	4/9	14
	PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTL INC	83.55	7.0%	82.00	78.11	4/14	9
	ABB	ABB LTD	21.83	0.1%	21.25	21.80	4/14	9
	GILD	GILEAD SCIENCES INC	105.21	2.8%	100.00	102.34	4/14	9
	XOM	EXXON MOBIL CORP	87.54	1.1%	85.00	86.63	4/14	9
	VIAB	VIACOM INC NEW	70.70	0.4%	68.00	70.45	4/14	9
	FLR	FLUOR CORP NEW	60.56	1.1%	58.00	59.93	4/21	2
	KOP	KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC	22.44	-0.9%	21.50	22.64	4/22	1
	STJ	ST JUDE MED INC	74.01	5.5%	71.00	70.15	4/22	1
	BGG	BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP	20.73	0.1%	19.75	20.70	4/23	0
<u>Short</u>	WSM	WILLIAMS SONOMA INC	76.69	-0.2%	80.00	76.51	4/17	6

Notes: Big outside-day reversal lower in **FB**. Will probably sell after today's presumed bounce.

Raised stop in **FLR** as it was a bit too wide.

New long in **BGG** triggered intraday.

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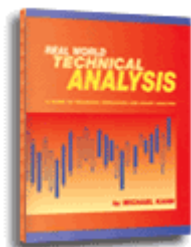
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