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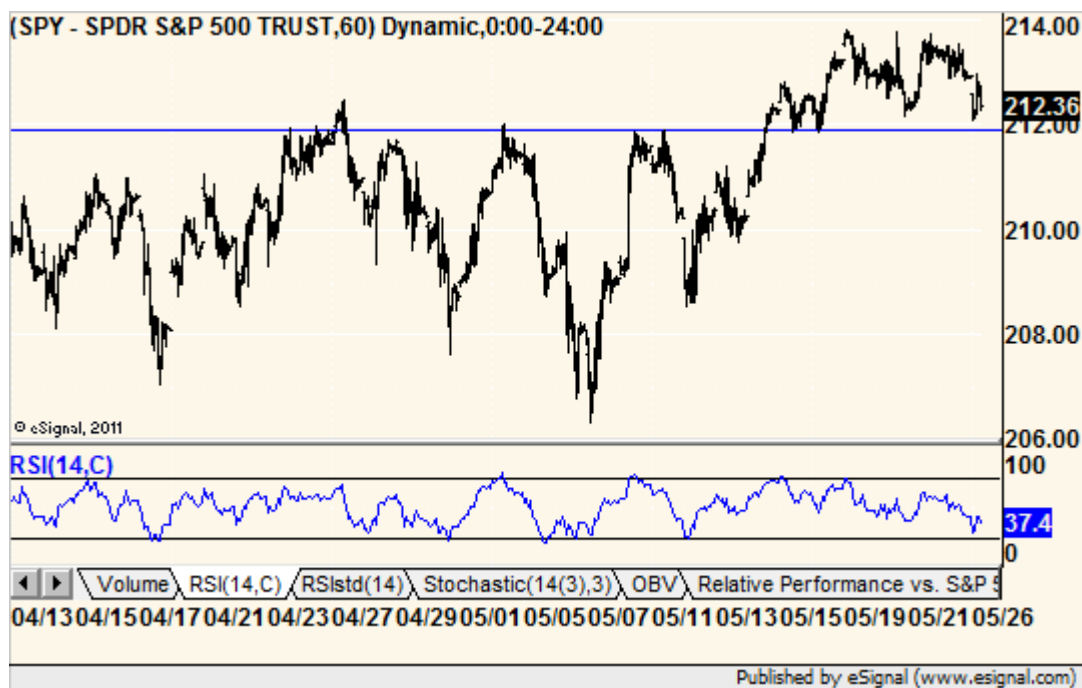
"TECHNICAL ANALYSIS FOR EVERYONE"

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**May 26, 2015** – The long holiday weekend was relatively uneventful save for severe weather in the center of the country. Crop watcher might take note.

There seems to be a big slate of data for this week but what else is new? The market has been marking time for several days, even though it is doing it at new highs, so it is indeed set up for some movement in either direction right now. Just keep in mind that a one-week pause cannot forecast major trends. A week or two, perhaps, as a reversal. However, as part of a breakout from the Feb-May range then its implications to the upside would be stronger.

Otherwise, there is nothing new to tell you that we have not covered in the past few missives. We have to wait for the little range to break.

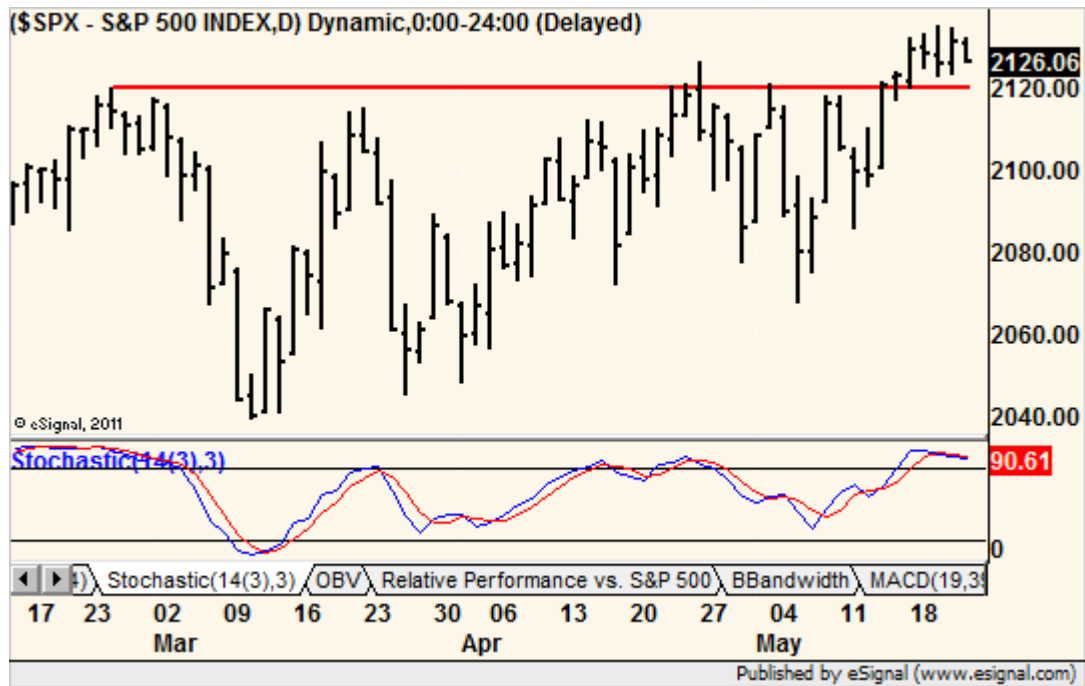


Even the hourly chart looks slow with its sideways range. Support at the previous resistance is clear.

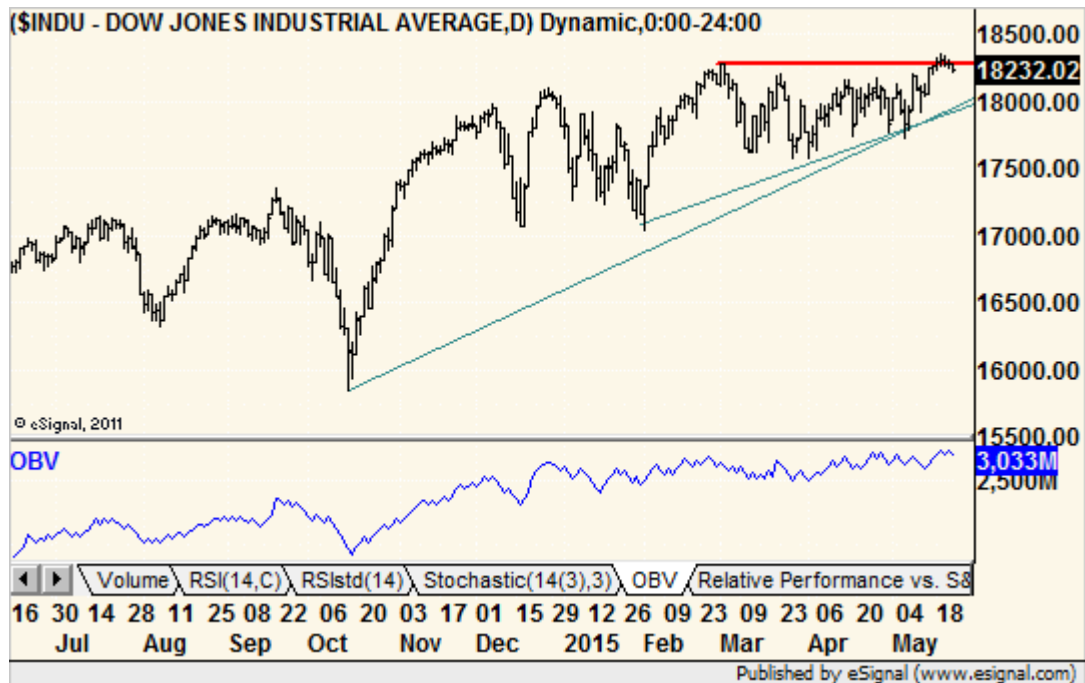
Elsewhere, the dollar is back on its rally horse after negating a breakdown (chart below). Oil is weak but has not scored any technical breakdowns and oil-based stock markets are still rallying.

A snoozer from a newsletter point of view. We've got a small bunch of stocks below to ponder as we maintain our cautiously bullish stance.

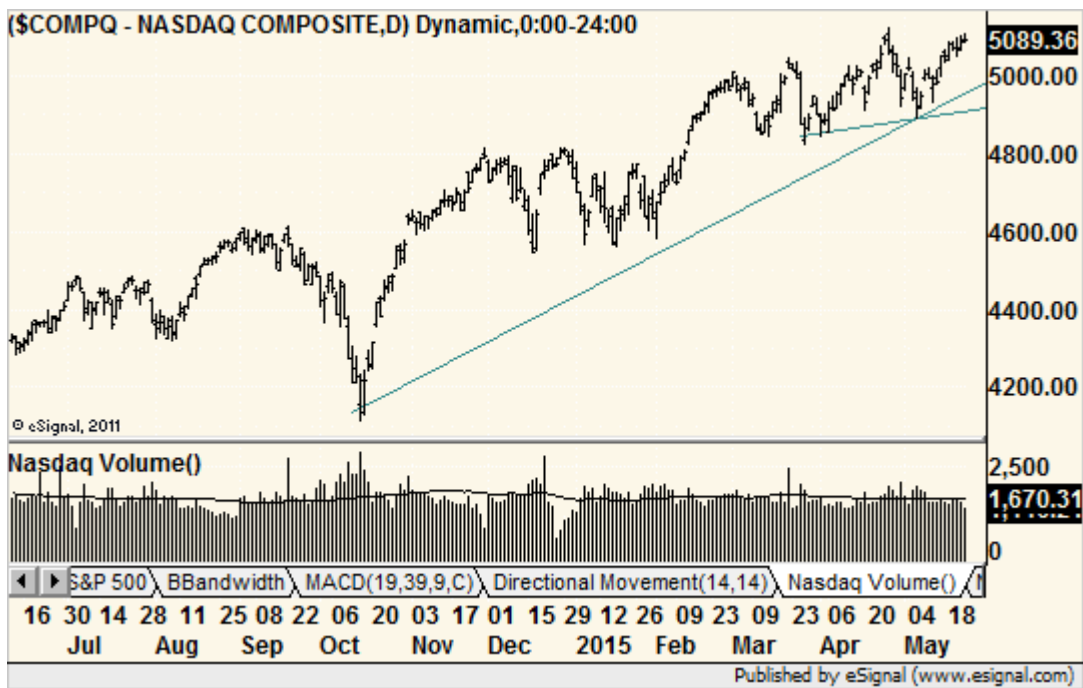
## Index Charts of the Day



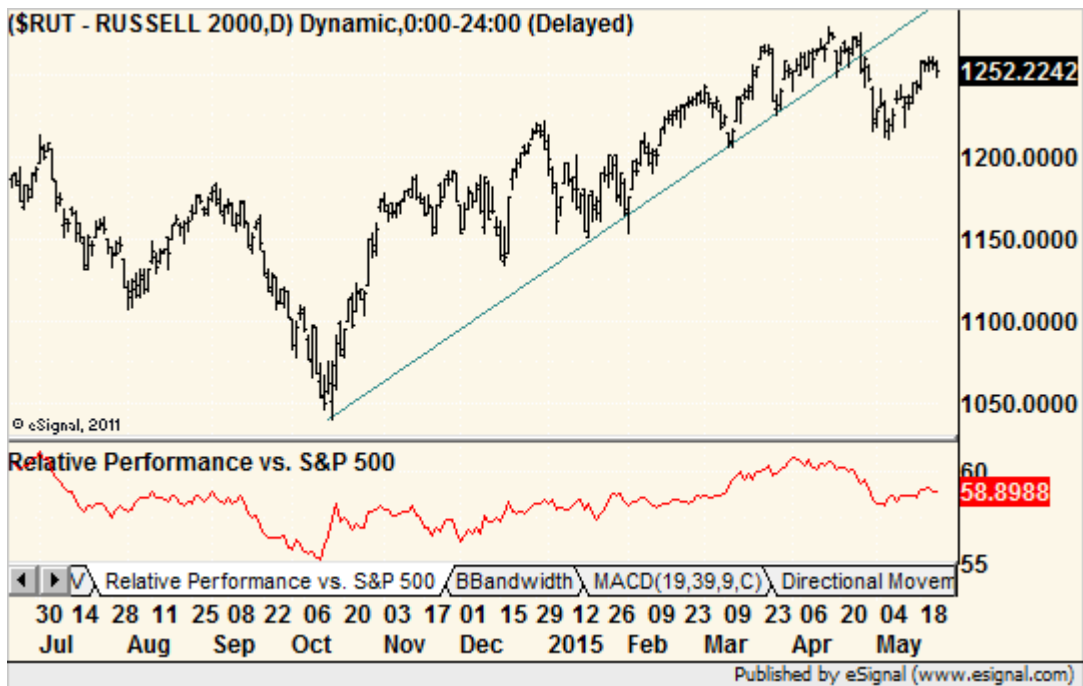
Last week was calm going into the holiday. It is a breakout but certainly not a confident one. A breakout above last week's range would be a whole lot more bullish. We can consider this a pause at resistance, even though it took place just above it.



The Dow is back below its Feb high but this is still a test of the breakout. Or, as with the S&P 500 above, it is a pause before a real breakout. Note on-balance volume is strong.



The Nasdaq is still in a rising trend even though it did not reach new highs last week.



The Russell 2000 is still nursing that trend break. Could this have been a wave b corrective rally? With the dollar rallying again the advantage may come back to small caps relative to big caps. Too many cross currents to make a definitive call.

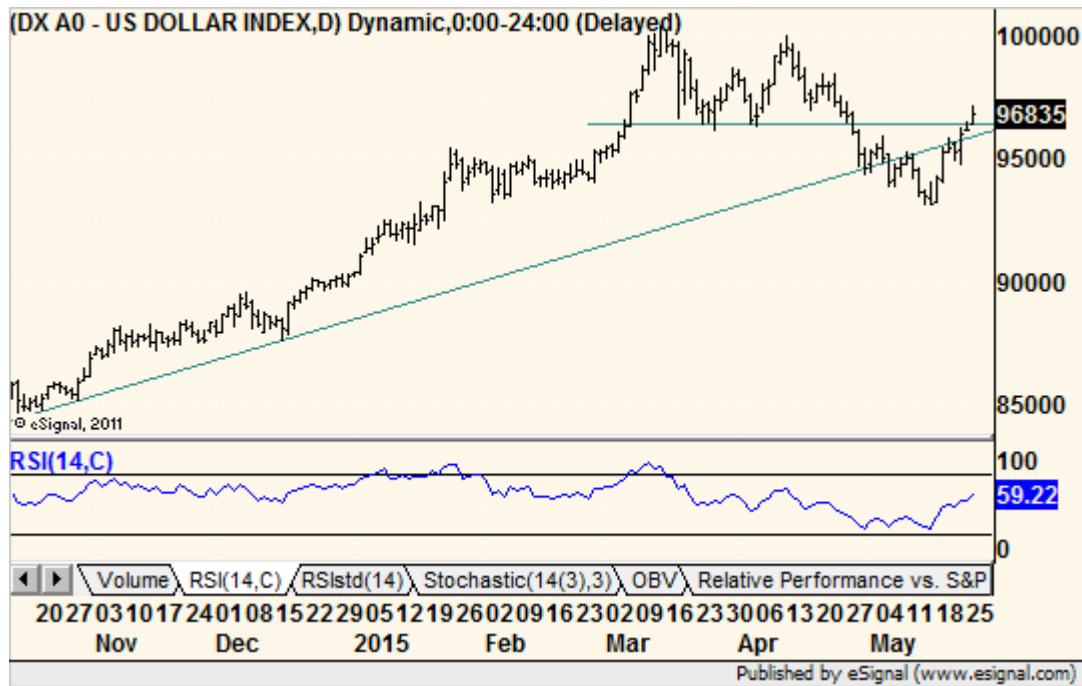
## The Radar Screen

This is a list of potential opportunities, not a recommended portfolio. Underlined text is a change from previous report and if important it will be highlighted in yellow. If and when stocks give buy or sell signals here, they then move into the Advice Tracker section below. Dates listed are first appearances in the Radar Screen or the last major update. We do not take "buy/sell on close" triggers or "at the open" triggers if the stock moves more than 4-5%. See <http://quicktakespro.com/radar.html> for all Radar Screen rules and terms.

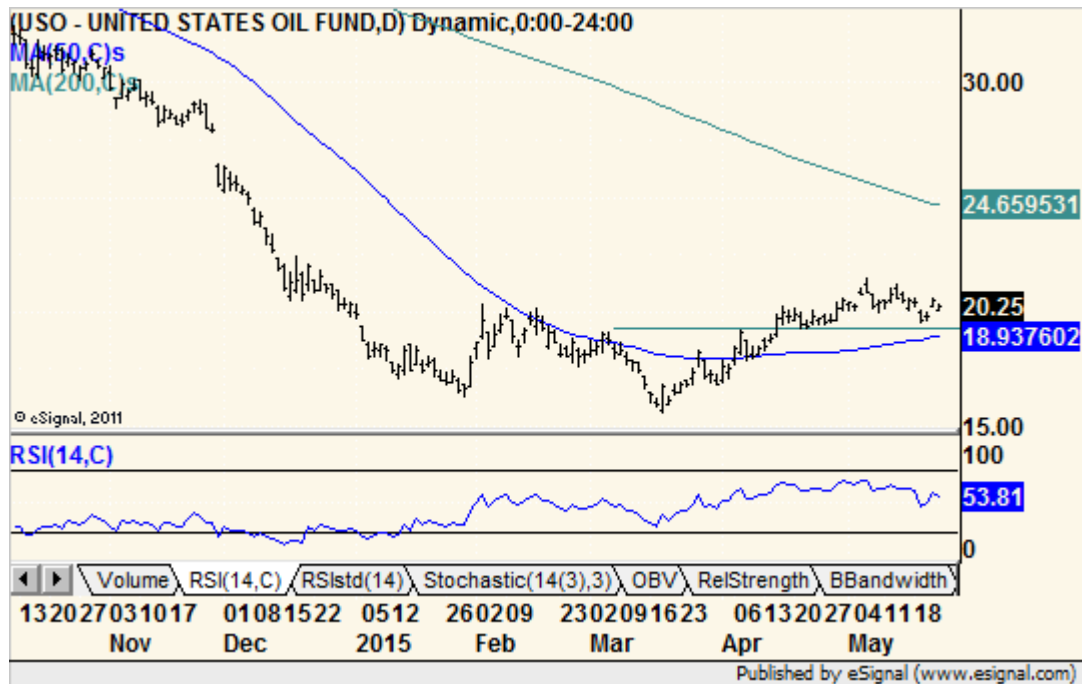
>> More observations than picks and pans today so the Radar Screen is barren.

<b>Bullish Implications</b>		
<b>Parsley Energy PE</b> – An explorer/producer challenging resistance. Already through 200-day. Buy close over 18.10.		5/18
<b>Bearish Implications</b>		
none –		
<b>Unknown Implications</b>		
none –		
<b>Holding Tank</b> - red shade leans bearish, green shade leans bullish		
none –		
<b>Allstate ALL</b> – Now testing breakdown. Bounced off 200-day avg before bounce		5/20
<b>IBM</b> – We missed the major base breakout but avoided the mess of the past few weeks. Now setting up for a fresh breakout. The target for the base breakout is the top of the gap at 183-ish. The pause happened halfway top the target, as is often the case		5/21
<b>Tetraphase Pharm TTPH</b> – We keep going back and forth on biotechs and just took them of the bear list. This one looks ready for an upside breakout from a pennant. Note rising on-balance volume. Closed up 11.95% Wed well above our limits. Maybe it will come back to us.		5/19
<b>Hershey HSY</b> – Cocoa prices are zooming and Hershey looks terrible. Short candidate but we are still not bearish the market at this time.		5/22
<b>Sector Watch</b> (observations that may spark ideas)		
<b>Oil services</b> – Still holding a base breakout.		5/6
<b>Retail ETF XRT</b> – now testing support break. Especially weak is apparel.		5/11
<b>Updates</b>		
<b>Campbell Soup CPB</b> – Well, we were right about the great chart but it gapped up without us.		

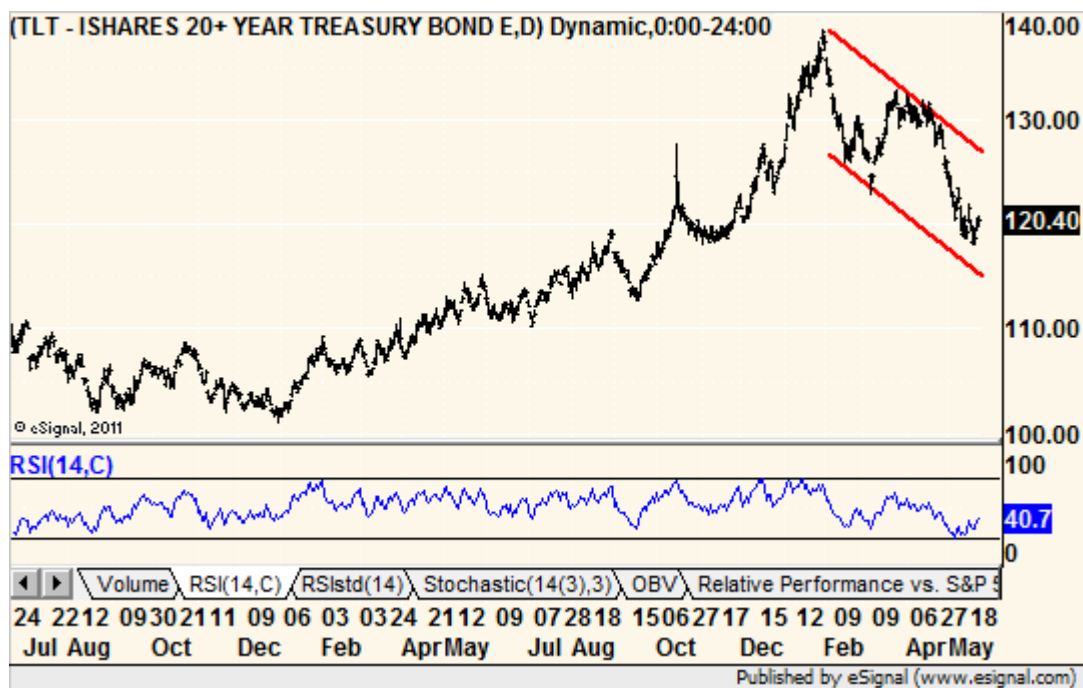
## Market Highlights



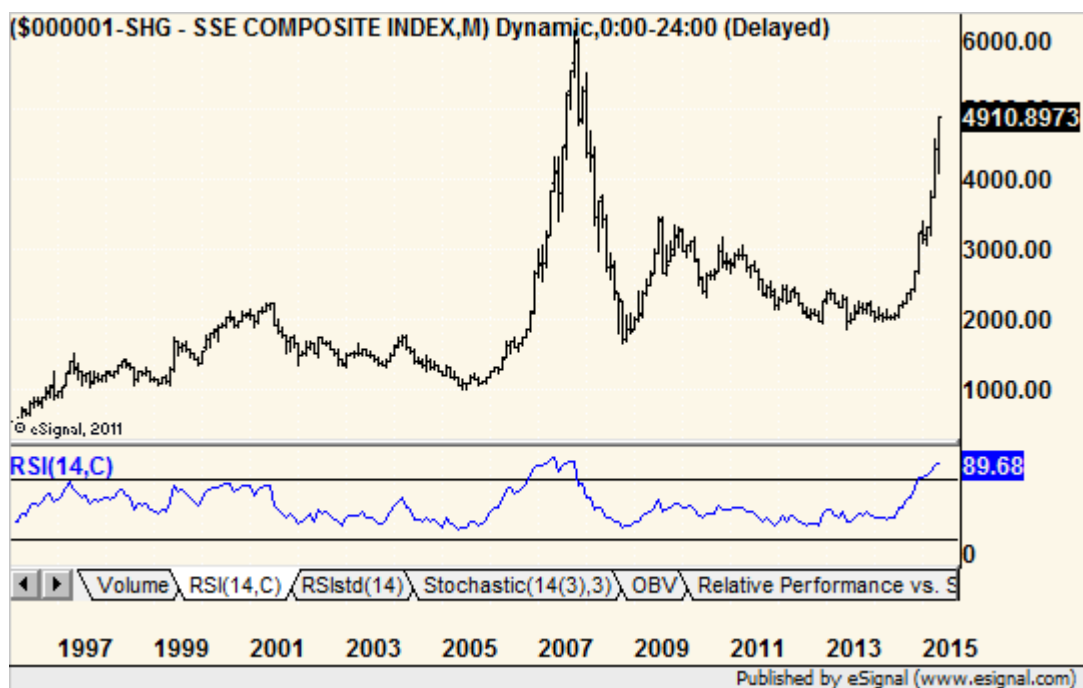
**US dollar index** – Breakdown negated



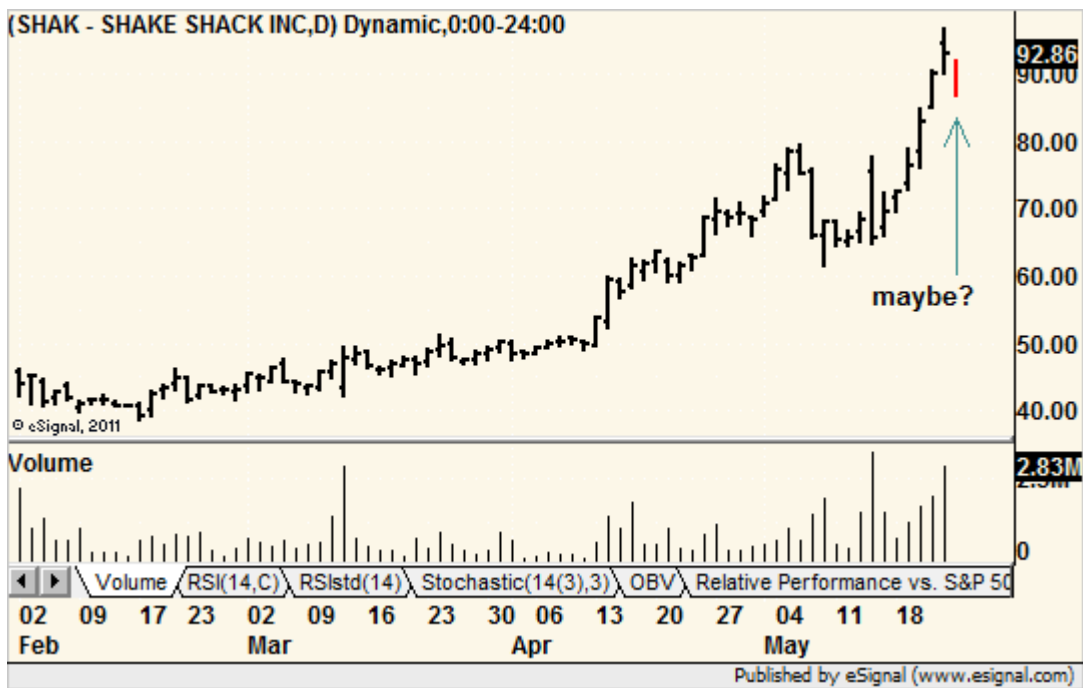
**Oil ETF** – Even though it has been weak this month and the press is bad, the oil ETF is still above support and moving average. Oil futures actually look a tad better.



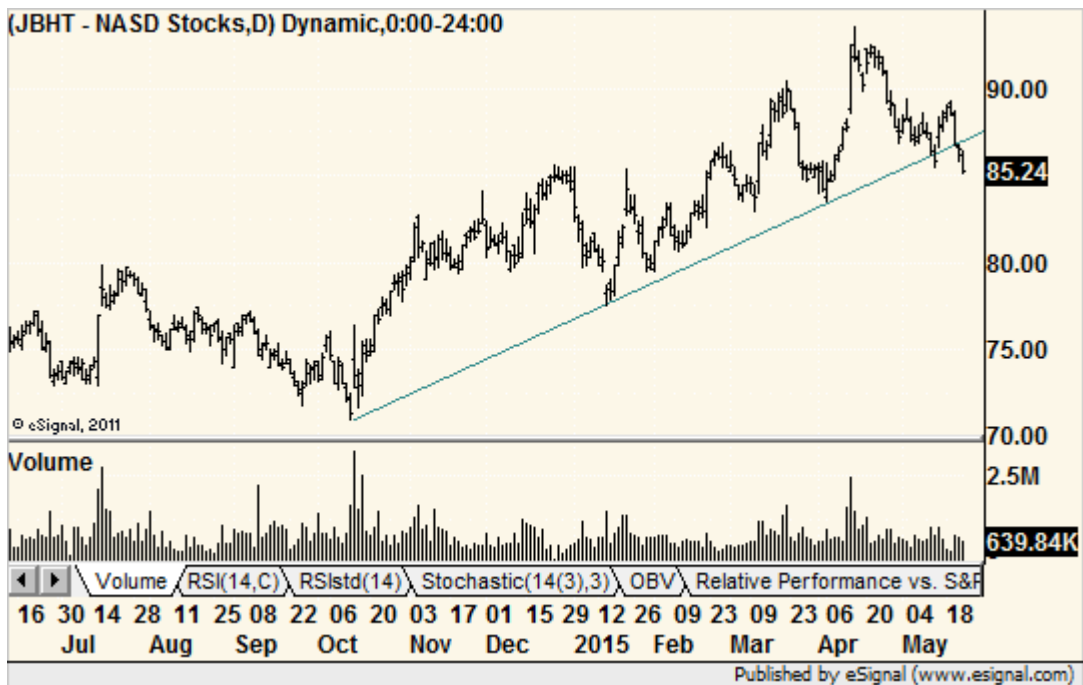
**Long T-bond ETF** – Looks like a new declining channel. That still leaves bounce room but this bull is dead.



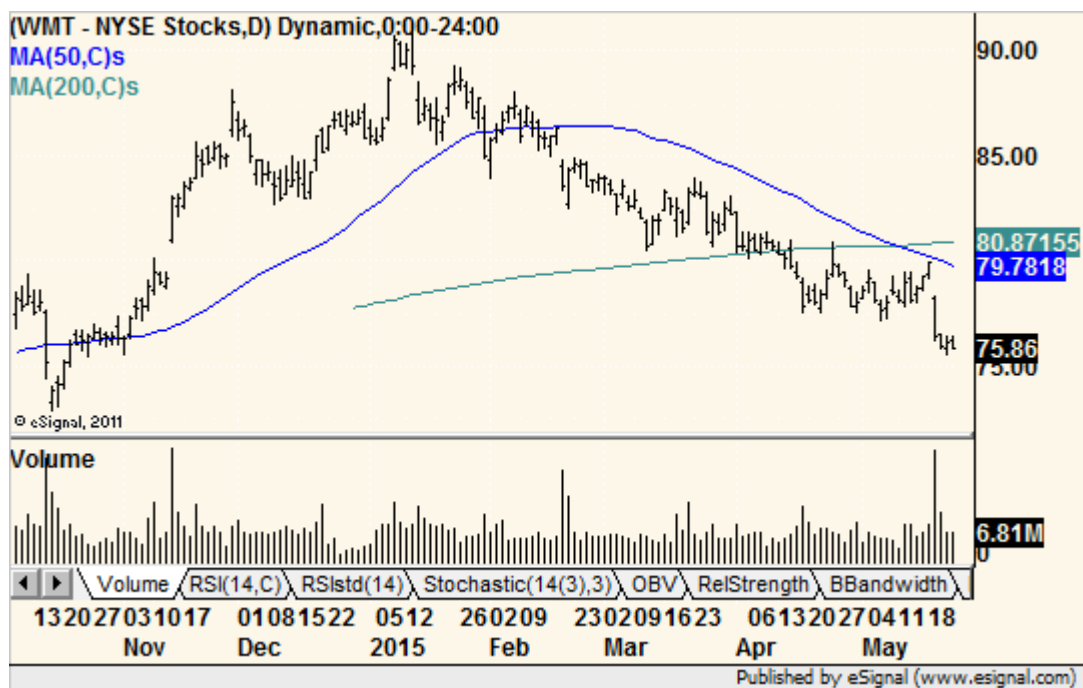
**China** – This may not end for a while but it will probably not be pretty when it does.



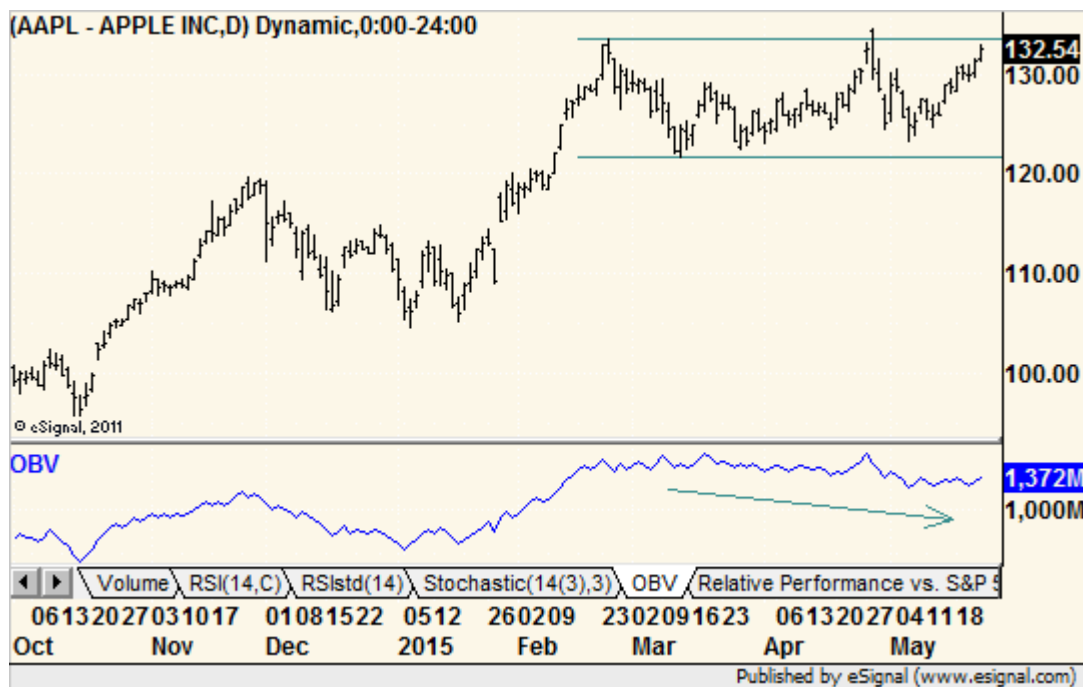
**Shake Shack** – Looks a tad overbought, not? Cannot short it based on that alone but a reversal pattern now (evening star, perhaps) would be a reason. The red bar if it occurs would do it.



**JB Hunt** – A trucker as a sell-the-bounce candidate.

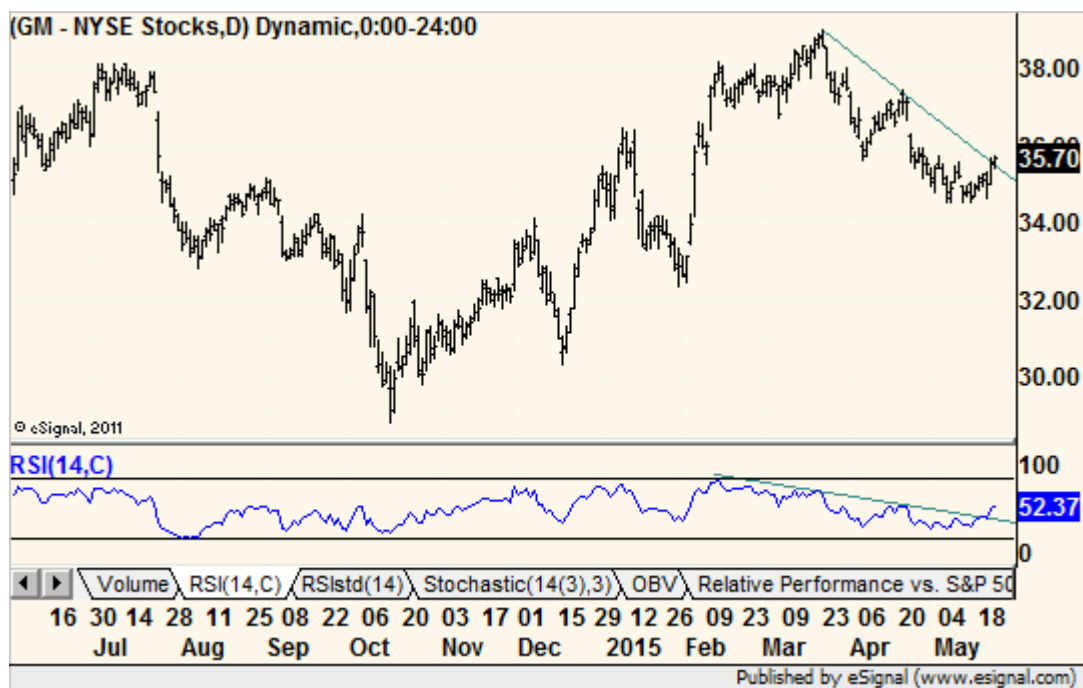


**Wal-Mart** – Because you should always keep tabs on the big boys. This looks very bad with a gap down to new lows. Not a selling climax because it came after a bounce.

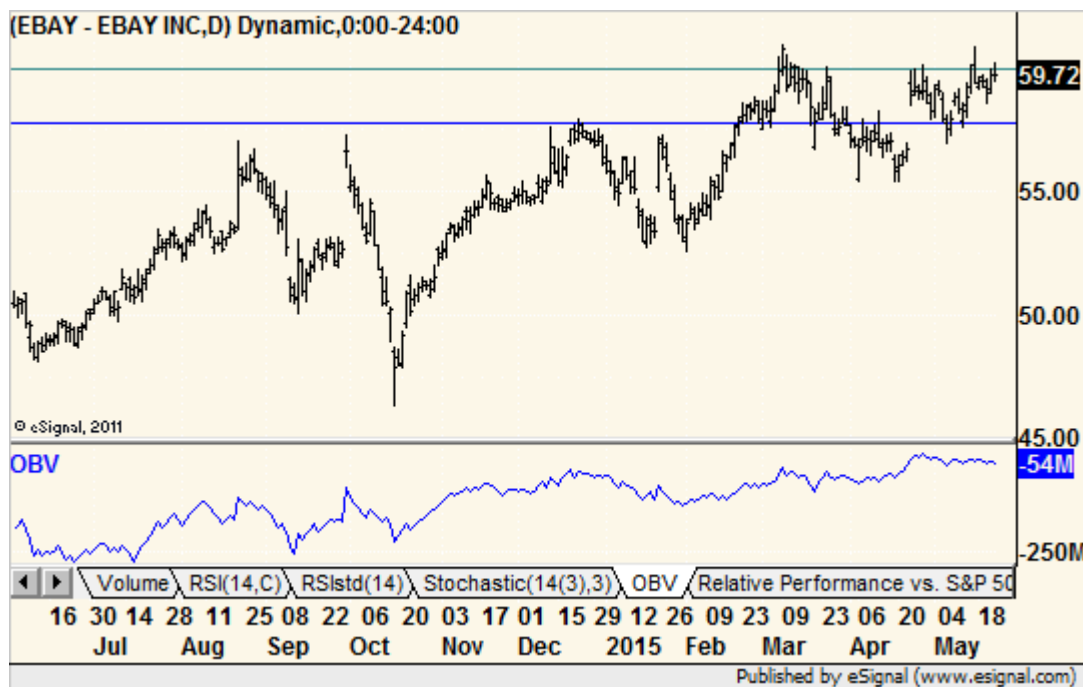


**Apple** – A little warning in on-balance volume as price reaches resistance.





**General Motors** – After rejecting a merger proposal from Fiat Chrysler, **GM** seems to be breaking out. It is still early.



**eBay** – Looking strong. The lower line is former major resistance. The upper line is lesser resistance but more recent.

## 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>	<b>ABB</b>	ABB LTD	21.68	-0.6%	21.25	21.80	4/14	41
	<b>XOM</b>	EXXON MOBIL CORP	86.52	-0.1%	85.00	86.63	4/14	41
	<b>KOP</b>	KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC	25.60	13.1%	25.25	22.64	4/22	33
	<b>PSX</b>	PHILLIPS 66	80.97	-0.5%	77.25	81.38	4/24	31
	<b>VZ</b>	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	49.61	-0.8%	48.00	50.00	4/27	28
	<b>ORCL</b>	ORACLE CORP	43.93	1.1%	42.25	43.44	5/1	24
	<b>ETFC</b>	E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP	29.51	1.6%	sell	29.03	5/1	24
	<b>HPQ</b>	HEWLETT PACKARD CO	34.76	2.8%	33.75	33.80	5/4	21
	<b>COF</b>	CAPITAL ONE FINL CORP	85.02	2.7%	82.00	82.80	5/6	19
	<b>KEY</b>	KEYCORP NEW	14.90	1.0%	14.25	14.75	5/11	14
	<b>KBE</b>	SPDR S&P BANK ETF	35.01	1.2%	33.50	34.58	5/11	14
	<b>GT</b>	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBR CO	31.74	4.5%	30.50	30.38	5/13	12
	<b>PCAR</b>	PACCAR INC	65.77	-0.5%	64.00	66.08	5/13	12
	<b>FB</b>	FACEBOOK INC	80.54	2.0%	78.50	78.94	5/14	11
	<b>UPS</b>	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC	101.43	-0.6%	99.00	102.03	5/15	10
<u>Short</u>	<b>WSM</b>	WILLIAMS SONOMA INC	78.96	-3.1%	79.00	76.51	4/17	38
	<b>XRT</b>	SPDR S&P RETAIL ETF	99.24	-2.0%	100.00	97.23	5/6	19
	<b>DG</b>	DOLLAR GEN CORP NEW	73.56	1.1%	76.50	74.40	5/7	18
	<b>FLS</b>	FLOWERVE CORP	57.12	-3.0%	59.00	55.40	5/12	13

**Notes:** Raising stop on HPQ. Nice pop Friday but it closed weak.

Selling **ETFC** as it sports waning momentum and has not done much since we bought it.

Basically, we are long energy and banks and short retail. Energy is shaky.

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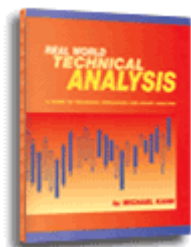
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