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July 31, 2014 - The end of the month and there are still more economic reports to come. Yesterday, the market sank at the open but stabilized at lower levels in short order. Was it worry about the Fed raising rates sooner rather than later? No, otherwise it would have rallied in the afternoon. Or worry about the likely Argentina default (we are writing Wednesday evening ahead of travel)? The decline should not have happened at the open.

So what was it? Fortunately, we do not have to worry about the specifics. We saw a premarket rally into resistance and then the drop. Where did it stop? Support as seen on the hourly chart just below.



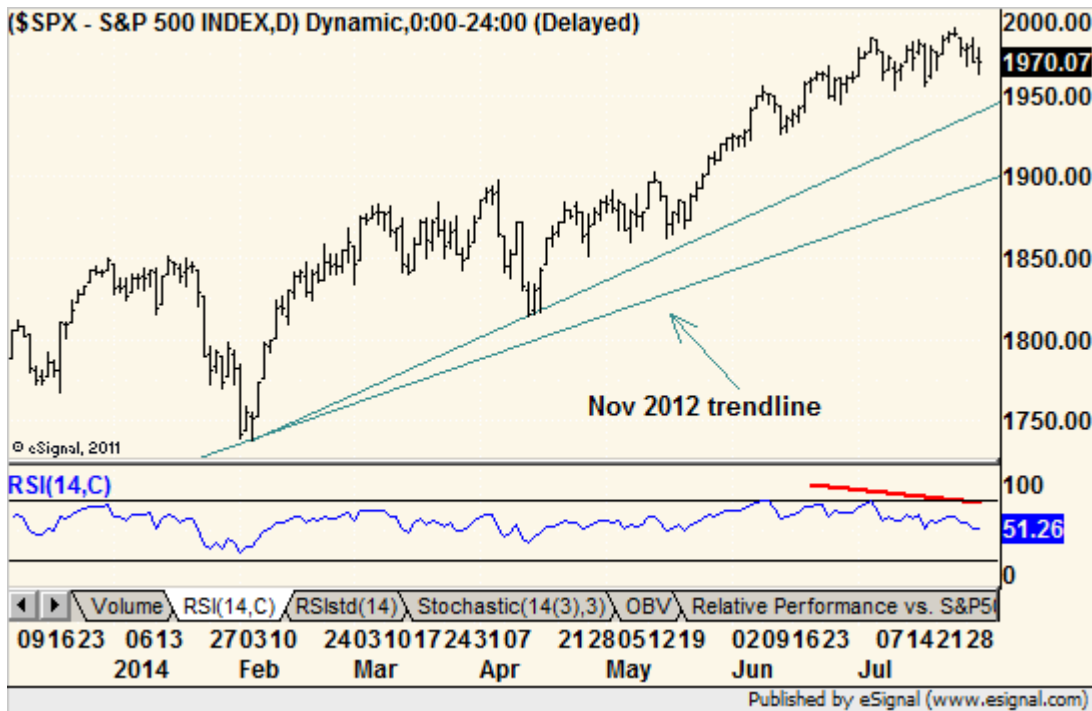
Again, this chart was printed after hours Wednesday instead of the usual premarket. We do not see anything outstanding other than the hold of support and then resistance. In other words, not much different than before - bears taking control.

In sectors, semiconductors were up and the Monday hammer is almost confirmed. Considering that we still think the sector and the market are due for a correction this is odd. Perhaps this is telling us that any correction in semis will be quite buyable.

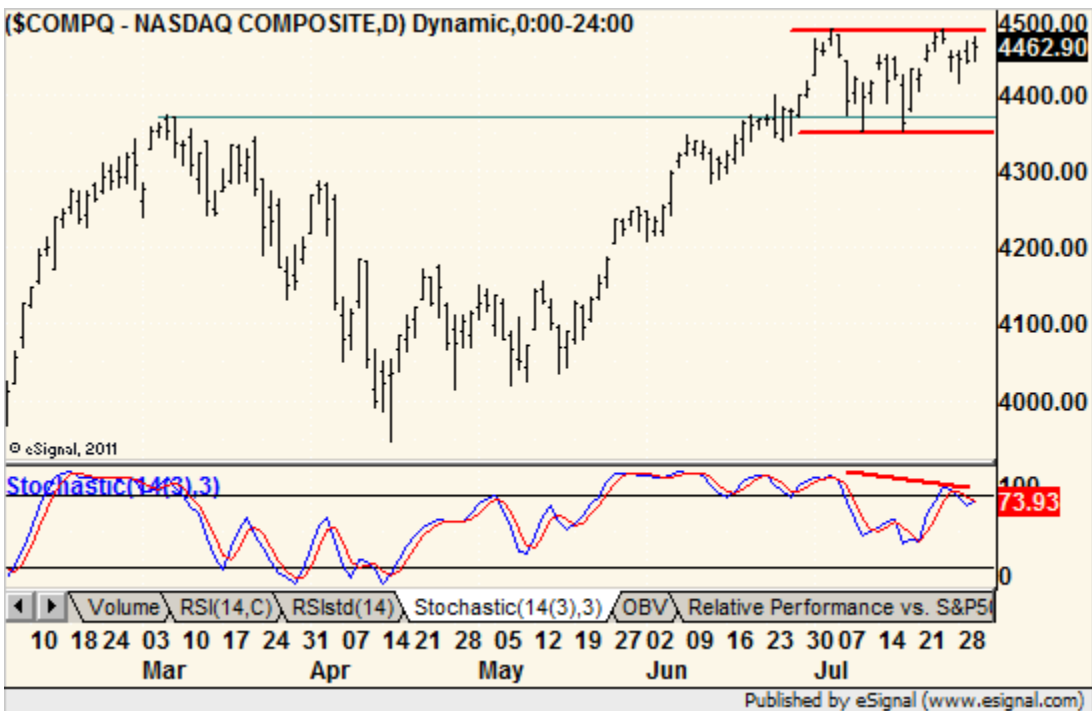
Yesterday's Barron's Online column basically said the market would correct in August and nothing more based on the evidence in place at this time. We think taking a bit of time off might not be a bad idea if you can do it. Alas, we cannot ☹.

Travel Schedule - We'll be on the road today and Friday so emails will take a bit longer to answer. No change in publishing schedule.

Index Charts of the Day



Same chart, different day. Still looks like it wants/needs to correct to the upper line. The lower is wait and see.



We've seen this chart before, too. The Nasdaq is in a range although its last dip did not go very low. That should be bullish but stochastics - a good range indicator - sports a lower high.

The Radar Screen

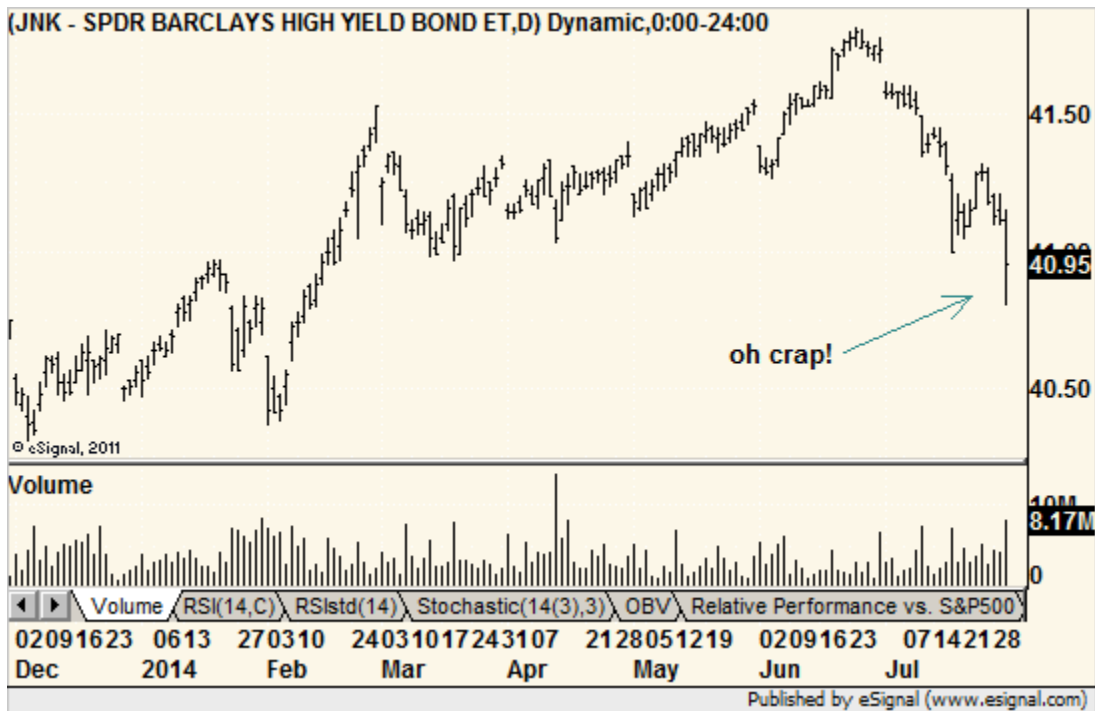
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Bullish Implications		
none -		
Bearish Implications		
Las Vegas Sands LVS - This one gets a lot of exposure in this report and it is now sitting on support. Sell close under 71.35. <u>This might take a while</u>		7/17
Comcast CMCSA - Now between the trendline and resistance. Also sporting a Bollinger Band "divergence" of a high above the bands and a higher high back within. This is a momentum loss and a warning. Sell close under 54. <u>Still keeping it here.</u>		7/28
Unknown Implications		
Priceline PCLN - Pennant formation with falling on-balance volume but above the 50-day average. Sell close under 1210. Buy close over 1250.	Triggered (long)	7/28
Holding Tank - red shade leans bearish, green shade leans bullish		
Junk Bonds ETF JNK - This is a key item to watch. Ouch!		
Oracle ORCL - Descending triangle after downside breakaway gap. Waiting for a bit more clarity but it leans bearish.	Removed	7/28
Royal Dutch Shell RDS.A - Looking at big oil. This one is in a tight range sitting on the 50-day average. Big 3.9% dividend yield. Oh snap! So much for a bull pattern.	Removed	7/29
Tiffany TIF - With all the action in discount retail, this luxury stock looks to be rolling over. It is already below the 50-day average and lagging the market. Now looking to sell a bounce.		7/29
Capital One COF - This bank/credit card stocks fell on good earnings and then scored an outside-day lower on Monday. Not good. Now sitting on the 50-day average. Lean bearish.		7/30
Sector Watch (observations that may spark ideas)		
Energy - Majors only. Others seem to be weak.	Changed	6/26
Gold miners - A bit better again		7/10
Utilities - Seems to be heading to rising January trendline. Mission accomplished. But is it time to buy? We do not think so.	Changed	7/14
Financial Exchanges - CME, ICE, NDAQ all strong - breakouts confirmed		7/22
Homebuilders - not much to cheer.		7/23
Airlines - toppy		7/25
Aerospace/defense index - Not looking very healthy.	New	7/31
Insurance index - Uh oh. This looks bad.	New	7/31
Updates		
Sequenom SQNM - Did break out but failed by the close.		

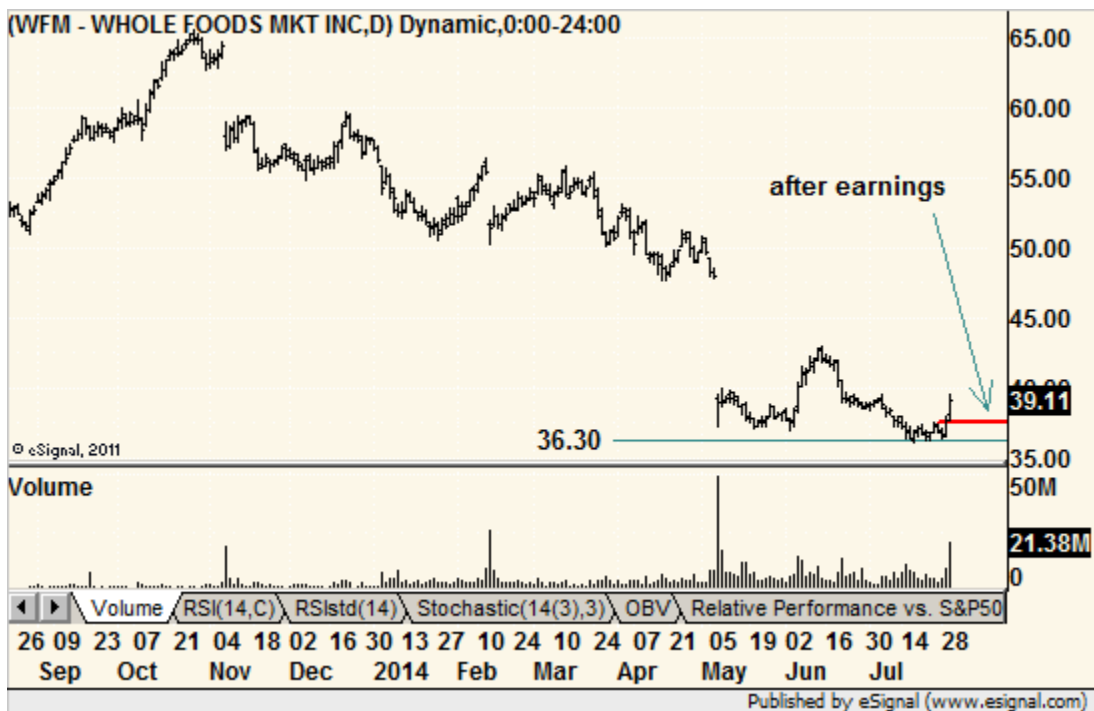
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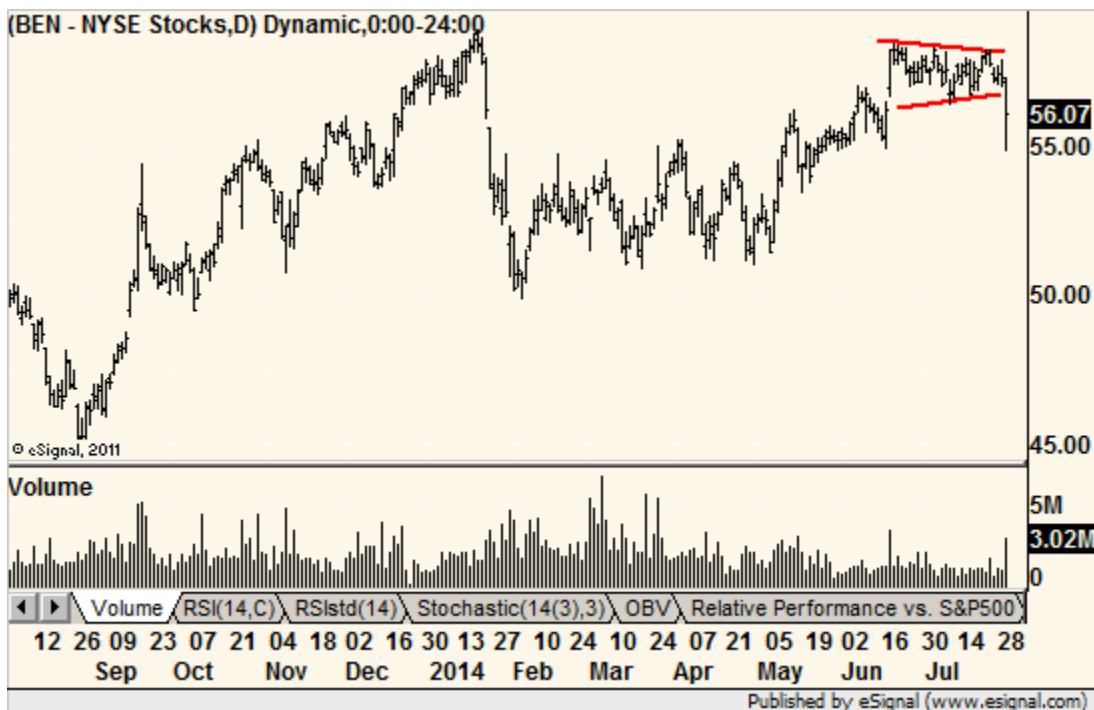
Long T-bond ETF - Here is our chart with projected and limited upside. Wednesday, however, it dumped. This may not make the target after all. See next chart.



Junk Bond ETF - This is totally not bullish for stocks.



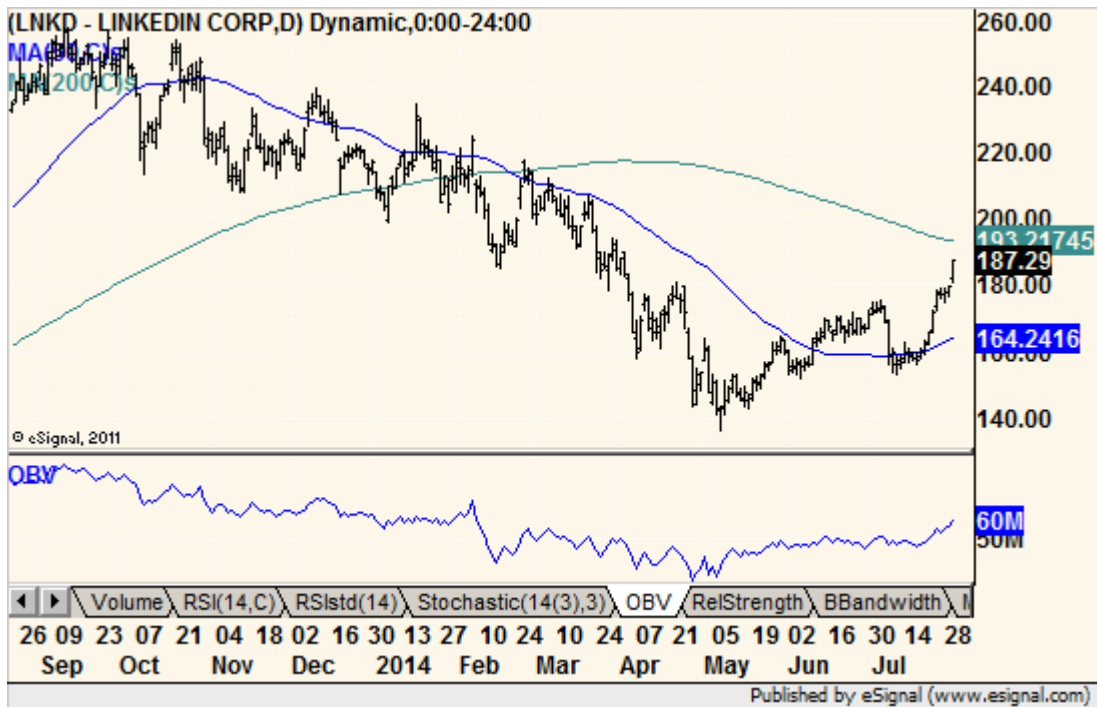
Whole Foods - Was looking strong before earnings and weak after the bell on the result. Is it cheap? May be. Everyone hates it. We think that if it takes out support people will panic and that will create the sentiment necessary for a bottom. Again, that's breakdown leads to buy signal. Weird, right?



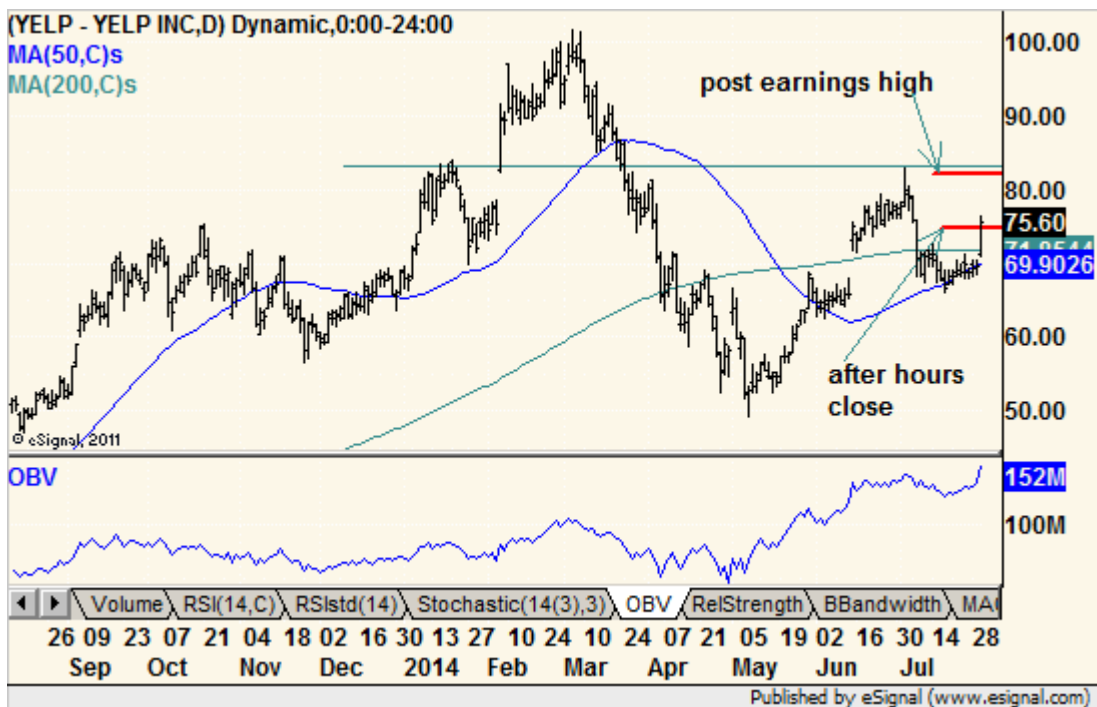
Franklin Resources - We looked at peer **BLK** yesterday and asked how long **BEN** can hold up as the other fade. Here is our answer - no more. That is a serious break for this asset manager.



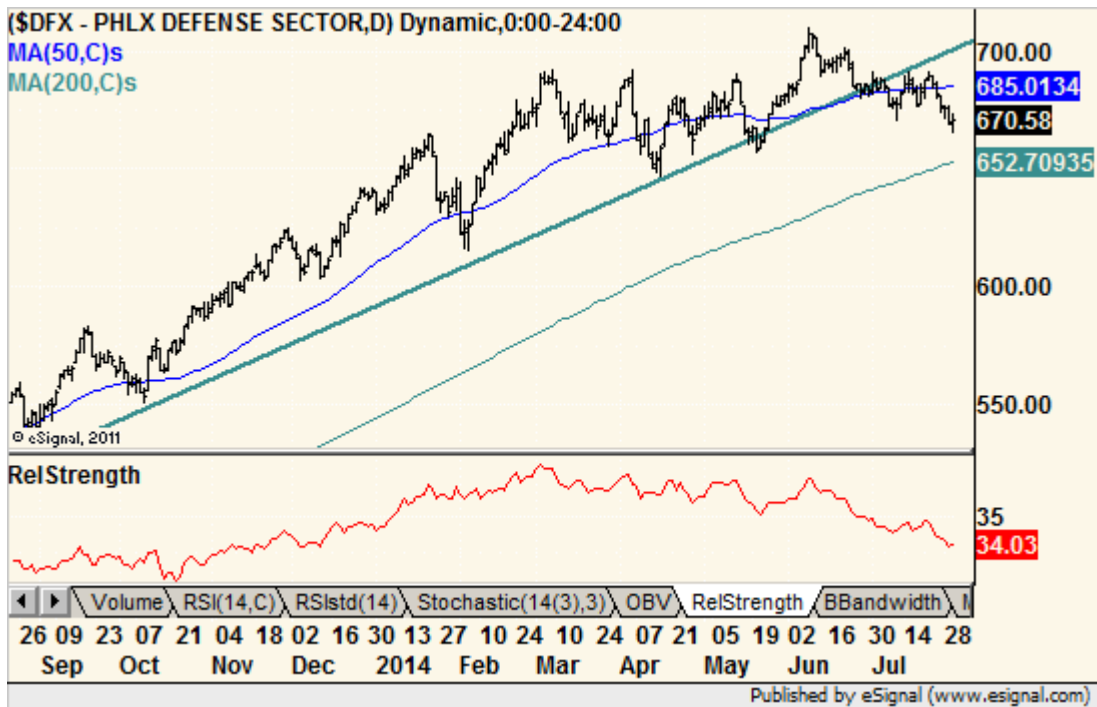
Wabtec - Another rail stock in trouble. Now or never, basically. Note on-balance volume barely budged on the big rally last week.



LinkedIn - This social media stock is actually in a short-term rising trend.



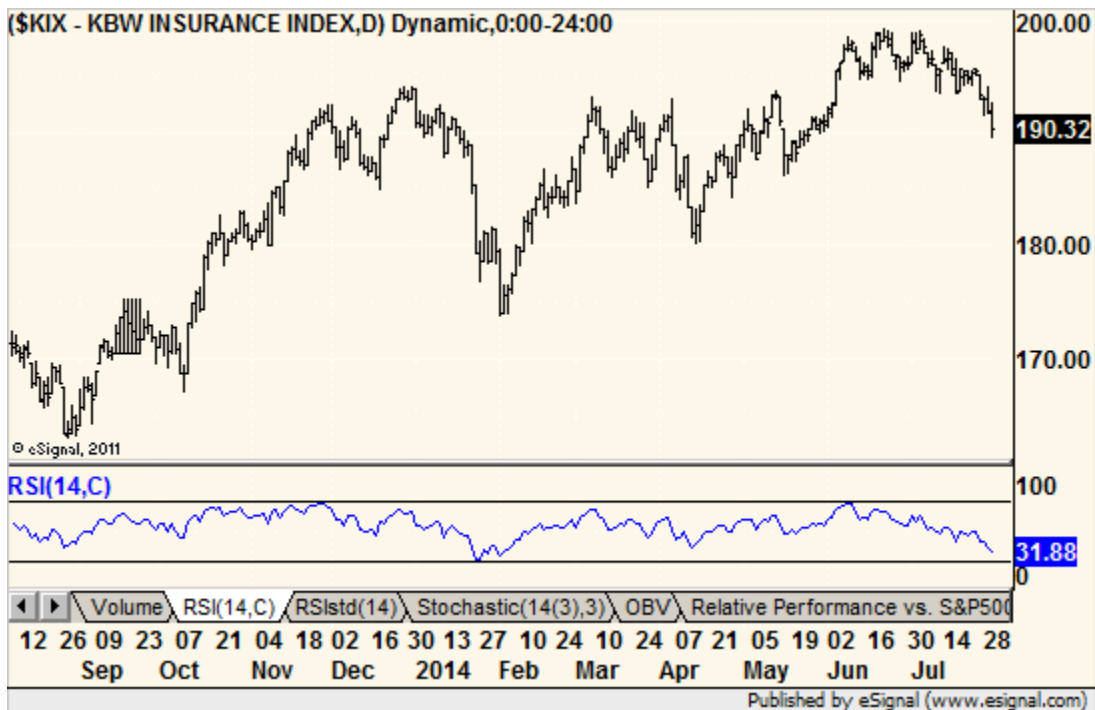
Yelp - another social media stock that jumped huge after earnings but this one gave it all back. Was that enough of a resistance hit to say the rally is over? Could be. Social media may have had only a temporary awakening.



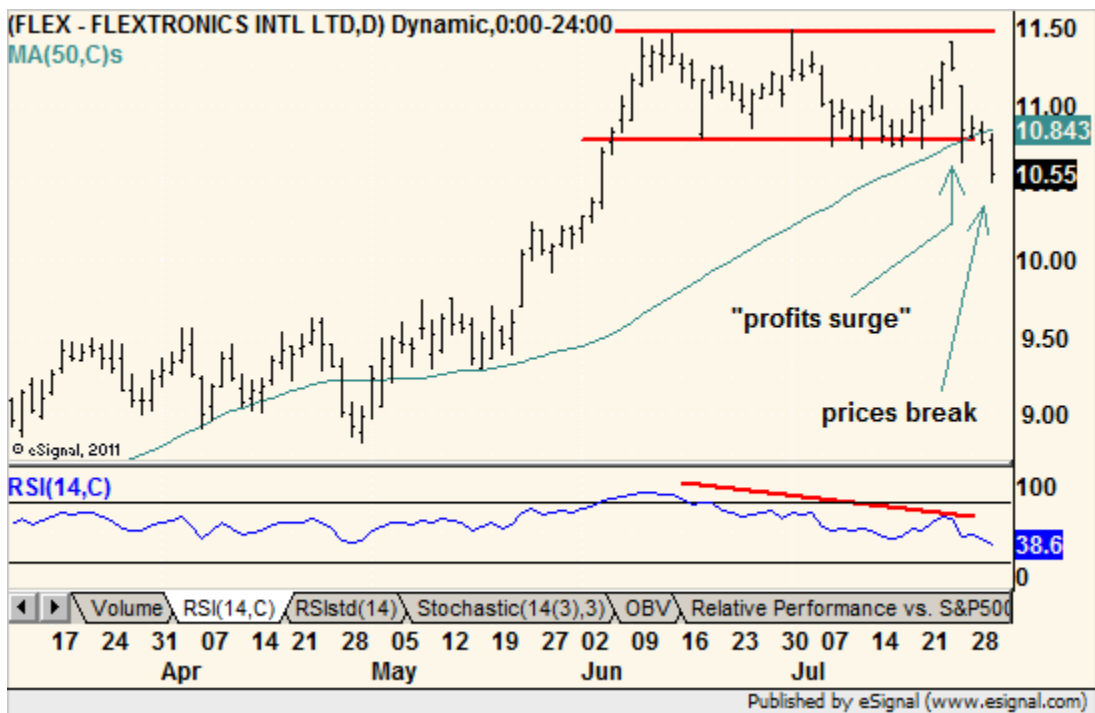
Defense index - Not looking very healthy. This is aerospace, too.



Coal ETF - We are not justified in saying "I told you so" just yet but this key reversal at resistance is not good.



Insurance index - Uh oh. This looks bad. Can the **XLF** financial ETF hold up any longer? Check out **RE**, **ALL** and our current short **AFG**.



Flextronics - This electrical components maker broke down just days after its earnings report said profits surged. That is not good news. And bearish.



Altria - Is that a double top breakdown for this tobacco stock? The 50-day is already broken.

Advice Tracker

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	<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>	MRO	MARATHON OIL CORP	39.66	7.0%	sell	37.07	6/5	55
	RGLD	ROYAL GOLD INC	78.03	16.9%	74.50	66.77	6/12	48
	BMY	BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	51.12	5.8%	49.00	48.30	6/23	37
	INFY	INFOSYS LTD	55.64	-0.9%	54.50	56.15	7/11	19
	XOP	SPDR S&P OIL & GAS EXPLORATION	77.20	-2.2%	76.50	78.93	7/15	15
	PCLN	PRICELINE GRP INC	1255.95	0.0%	1220.00	1255.95	7/30	0
<u>Short</u>	AFG	AMERICAN FINL GROUP INC OHIO	57.09	2.1%	60.00	58.27	7/10	20
	USB	US BANCORP DEL	42.92	0.0%	43.50	42.90	7/11	19
	ALL	ALLSTATE CORP	56.89	2.8%	60.00	58.46	7/15	15
	AMKR	AMKOR TECHNOLOGY INC	9.56	8.3%	10.10	10.35	7/23	7

Notes: Well, we were not really interested in new longs but **PCLN** broke out. Stop is tight.

We are selling **MRO** as we may have worn out our welcome. It looks topy.

We are close to pulling the plug on **XOP**, too.

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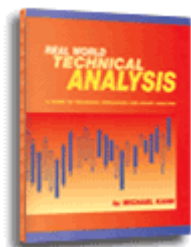
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