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## Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on February 23, 2024

Market	Daily CTI	Daily Swing	Weekly CTI	Weekly Swing
Industrial	Positive	Low	Negative	Low
Transports	Positive	Low	Negative	High
NDX	Positive	Low	Negative	Low
S&P Inverse Fund	Negative	N/A	Negative	High
CRB Index	Negative	High	Positive	Low
Gold	Positive	Low	Negative	Low
XAU	Negative	High	Negative	High
Dollar	Negative	High	Negative	High
Bonds	Positive	Low	Negative	High
Crude Oil	Negative	High	Positive	Low
Unleaded	Positive	High	Positive	High
Natural Gas	Positive	High	Negative	High

\*Since this fund is quoted at the end of the day it is impossible for the concept of swing highs and lows to apply on a daily level. The primary interests here are the weekly developments.

The daily is representative of the short-term and the weekly is representative of the intermediate-term

# Short-term Updates

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## **Note on the Cycle Turn Indicator**

The most important indicator we have is the Cycle Turn Indicator and the most important timeframe, at least in my mind, is the intermediate-term. This indicator has proven itself time and time again. In reality, this is all we really need to know. Everything else is secondary. That being said, please be sure to monitor the "Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary" above. Red indicates that a swing high and down turn of the Cycle Turn Indicator has occurred and lower prices should follow. The only exception here is that on the daily stock market signals we also want to see both the slow cycle Turn Indicator and the New High/New Low Differential in agreement with the original Cycle Turn Indicator, which is what is covered in this summary above. Yellow, is cautionary meaning that the Cycle Turn Indicator and the swing are not in agreement, which is typically indicative of a trend change. Green, means that a swing low has occurred and that the Cycle Turn Indicator is positive, which should be followed by higher prices. Again, the only exception here is the daily stock market signals in that we want to see both the slow Cycle Turn Indicator and the New High/New Low Differential in agreement with the original Cycle Turn Indicator, which is what is covered in this summary above. For everything else, all that matters is the formation of a swing and the direction of the Cycle Turn Indicator.

See Notes for New Subscribers at the bottom of the Short-Term Update Page or the Research Letter page for information on understanding Cycles and Swings.

February 25, 2024

**Stocks**

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary <b>Intermediate-Term Buy</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
CTI on Rydex Tempest Fund *	Bearish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Advance/Decline Issues Diff	Bullish
New High New Low Diff	Bullish
<b>Secondary Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
<i>*When this indicator is Bullish it is negative for the market and visa versa.</i>	

Daily Indicator Summary <b>Short-Term Buy</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Slow Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
New High/New Low Differential	Bullish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator (ITBM)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator (ITVM)	Bullish
McClellan Summation Index	Bullish
McClellan Volume Summation Index	Bullish
<b>Secondary Short Term Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Trading Cycle Oscillator	Bullish
Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator Crossover	Bullish
Accumulation/Distribution Index	Bullish

The timing band for the trading cycle low runs between February 27th and March 18th. Since the February 13th triggering of a short-term sell signal, this trading cycle top has been trying to take hold, but with Thursday’s completion of another daily swing low we have seen an additional push into the trading cycle top. Price has also moved into the timing band for the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low and the expectation is for this higher degree cycle top to be seen in conjunction with the current trading cycle top. With this trading cycle now as right-translated as it has become, we should also expect there to be an additional trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. Once another short-term sell signal is triggered, the trading cycle top should be in place and if the decline out of the trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, then we should also have the intermediate-term cycle top in place as well. With this intermediate-term cycle also being right-translated, the expectation has been for the decline out of this intermediate-term cycle top to be counter-trend, followed by another intermediate-term cycle up. The timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April

19th. This past week my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line confirmed the Industrial's. As a result of this development, my Intermediate-Term AD Line is now confirming the expectation of another intermediate-term cycle up. It will be in conjunction with the advance out of the next intermediate-term cycle low that the opportunity for the setup to cap the higher degree cycle tops in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart will come.

Crude Oil triggered another short-term sell signal on Wednesday, but because of the reversal off the low, we needed to see a close below Wednesday's low as confirmation of the short-term sell signal. Another daily swing high and short-term sell signal was re-triggered on Friday and based on the overall price/oscillator picture, the assumption is that the trading cycle top has been seen, but as structural confirmation I would still like to see a close below the February 15th low.

Gasoline's reversal off its low on Thursday and the accompanying oscillator picture makes conditions ripe for a bounce, but with Friday being an inside down day, we have still not seen the completion of a daily swing low and for that reason a short-term buy signal has not yet been triggered.

Natural Gas triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday, but given the higher degree cycle tops this advance should be counter-trend and any further weakness that turns the daily CTI back down will trigger another short-term sell signal.

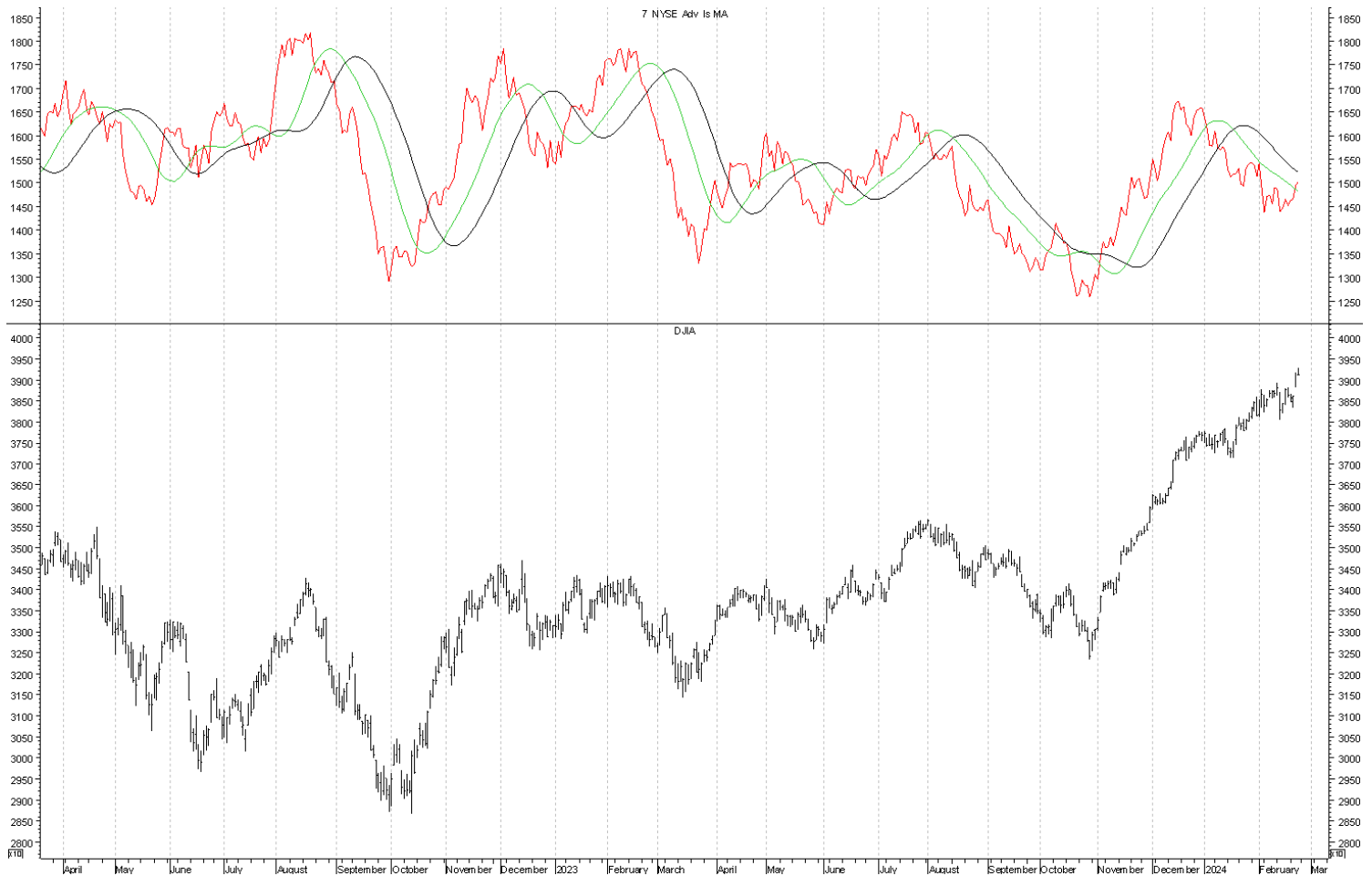
The CRB Index triggered another short-term sell signal on Friday. This short-term sell signal is now another opportunity to have marked the trading cycle top and any further weakness that completes the formation of a weekly swing high will be indicative of the intermediate-term cycle top as well. At a higher level, the downturn out of the intermediate-term cycle top will leave the CRB positioned for continued weakness in association with the downturn out of the higher degree seasonal and 3-year cycle top.

The short-term buy signal on Gold remains intact and every indication is that the trading cycle low was seen in conjunction with the February 15th completion of a daily swing low.

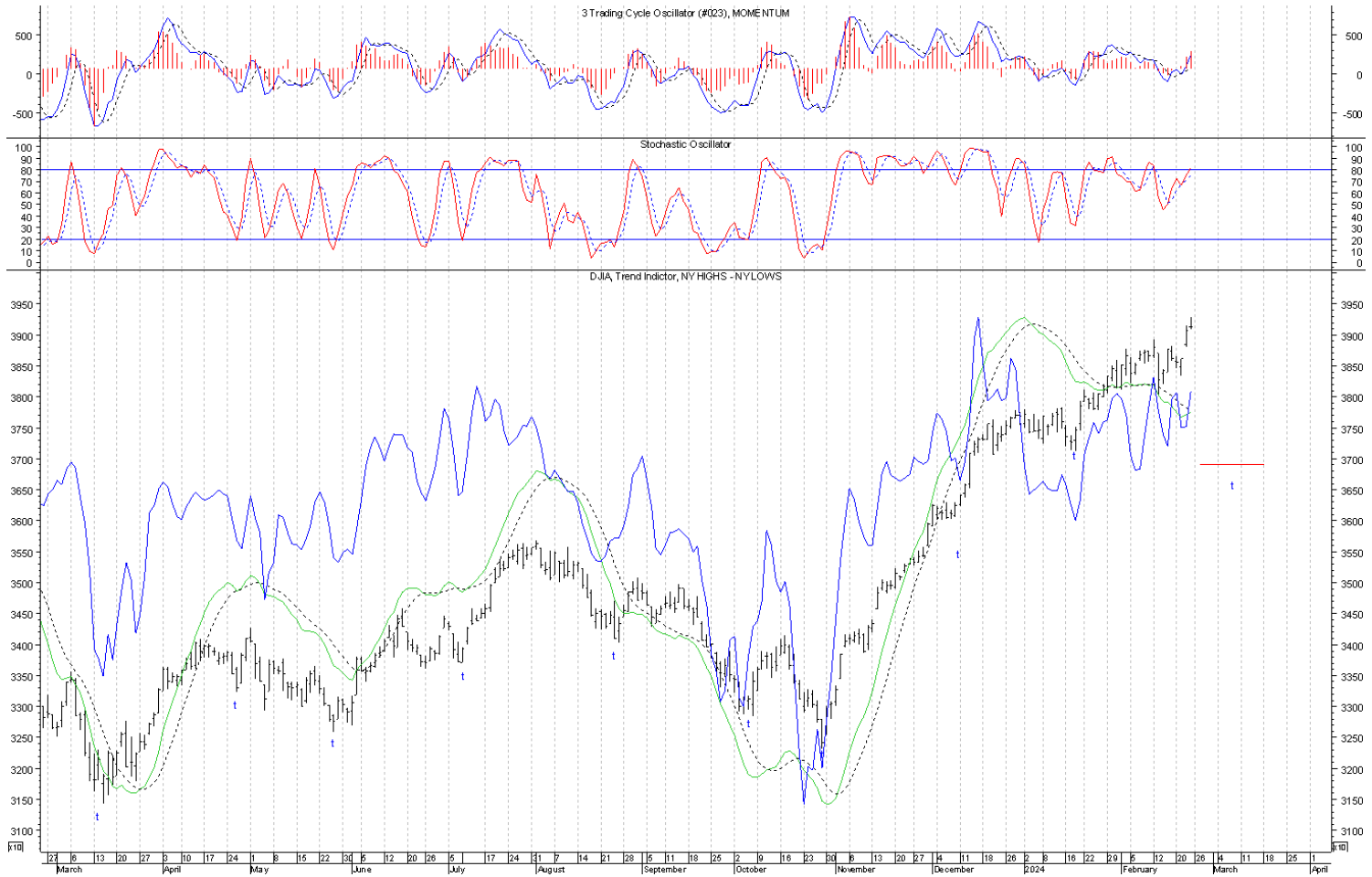
The XAU triggered a short-term sell signal on Wednesday and in doing so, the XAU remains at risk of a left-translated trading cycle top. With Friday being an inside day, there were no changes with the Dollar. The February 15th short-term sell signal remains intact and ideally I would still like to see another push down into the trading cycle low, but once a daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI are seen, a short-term buy signal will be triggered and this low should be in place.

Bonds had moved into the middle portion of the timing band for the trading cycle low and with Friday's completion of a daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered and every indication is that the trading cycle low has been seen.

**No Change here. The Intermediate-Term Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, continues its recent upturn. The Green MA continues its downturn below the Black MA. Generally there are two crossings below the Black in association with intermediate-term cycle tops. While this crossing has continued to put Equities at risk of an intermediate-term cycle top, because of the absence of a weekly swing high, the expectation has been for another upturn back above the Black MA that is then followed by a second downturn in association with the intermediate-term cycle top. That said, with the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low now upon us, once a weekly swing high and intermediate-term sell signal are triggered, the intermediate-term cycle top should be in place.**

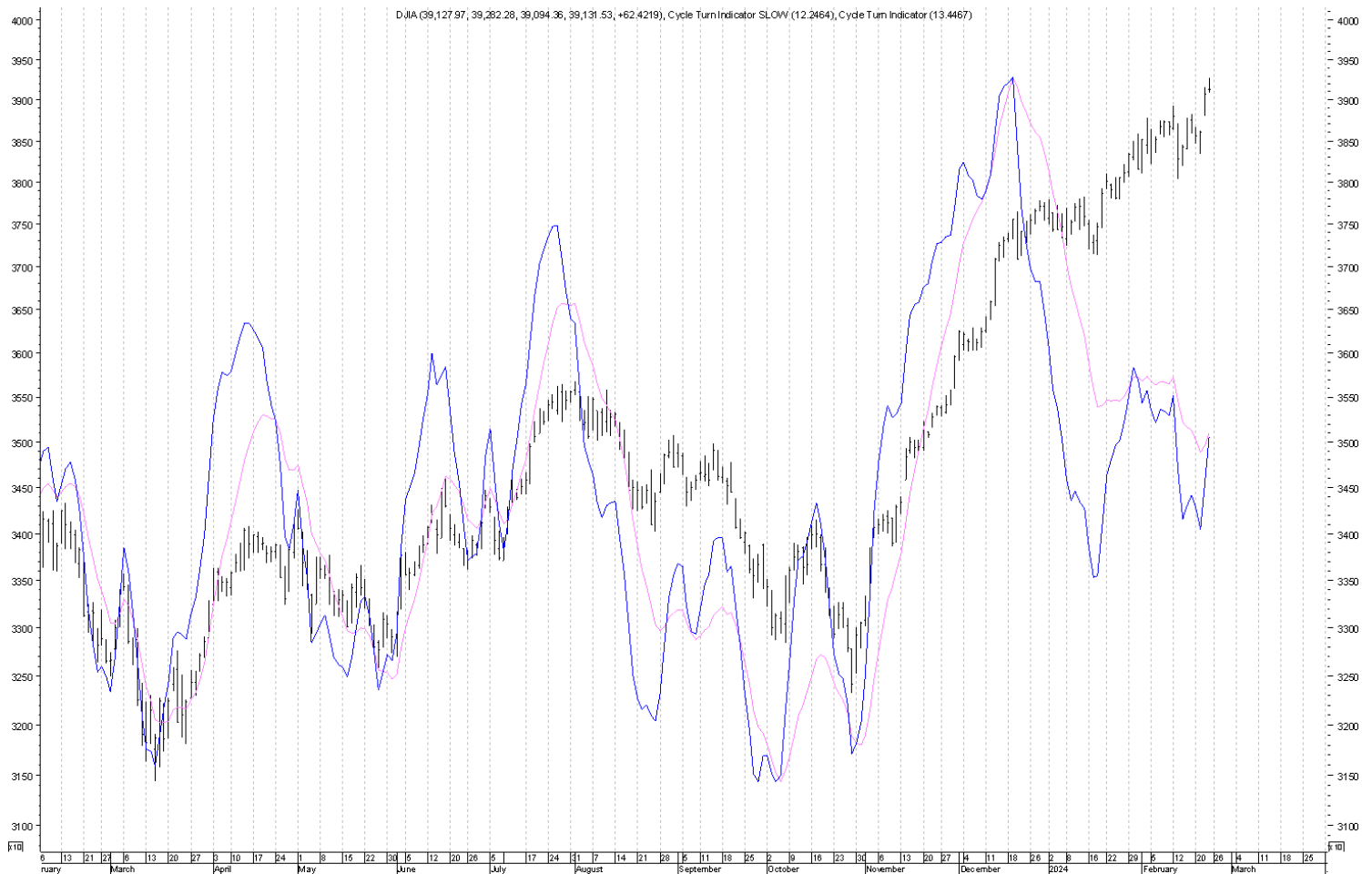


The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window continues its recent upturn as does the **Momentum Indicator**. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window also continues its recent upturn and is again approaching overbought levels. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, continues its latest upturn as well. The **Trend Indicator** has ticked up, but thus far remains below its trigger line.

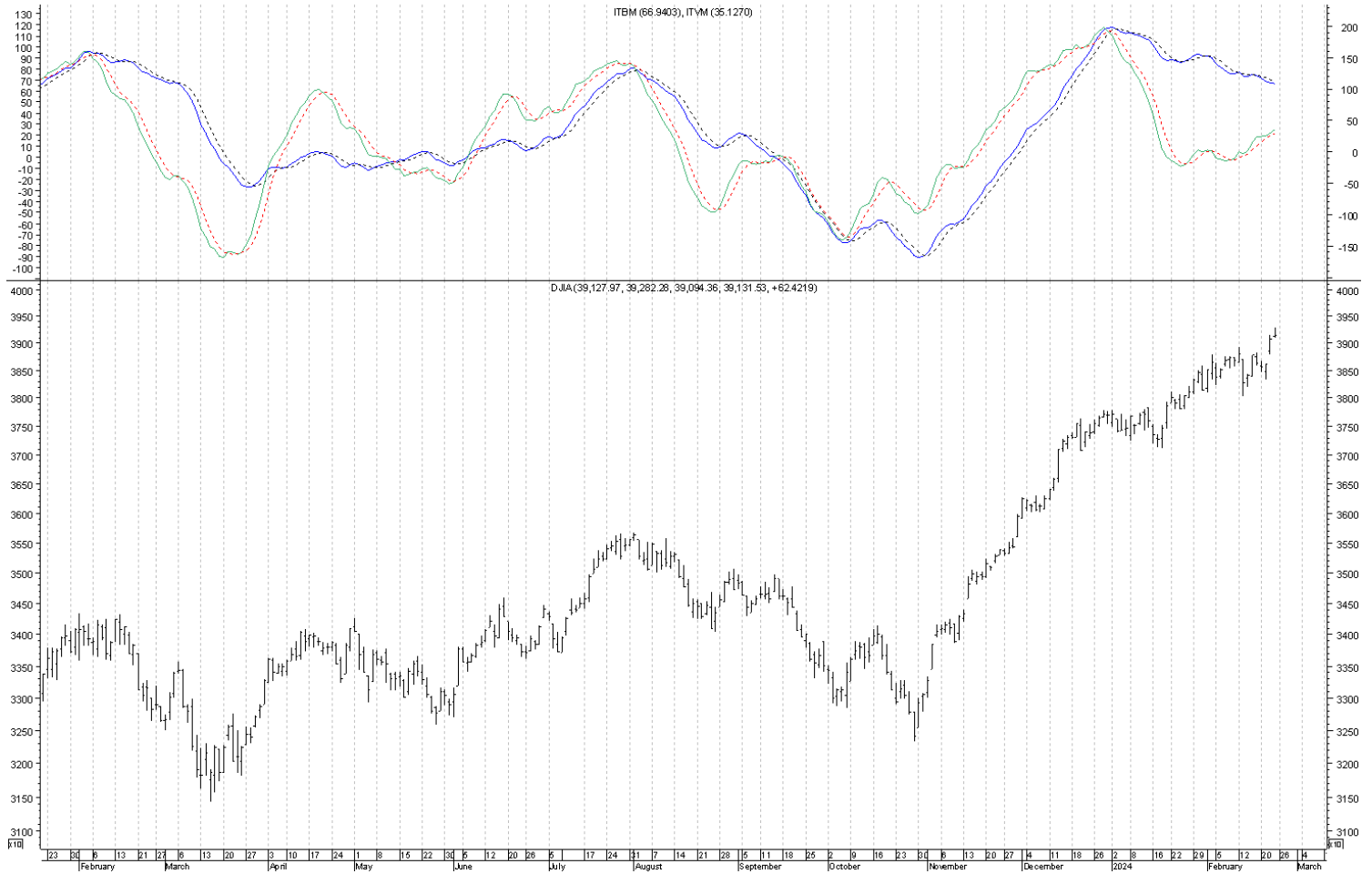


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow** Cycle Turn Indicators, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

On Thursday the February 13th short-term sell signal was reversed and on Friday further strength followed in association with what should be an ending push into not only the trading cycle top, but also the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well. Once another daily swing high and downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen, another short-term sell signal will be triggered and the trading cycle top should finally be in place.

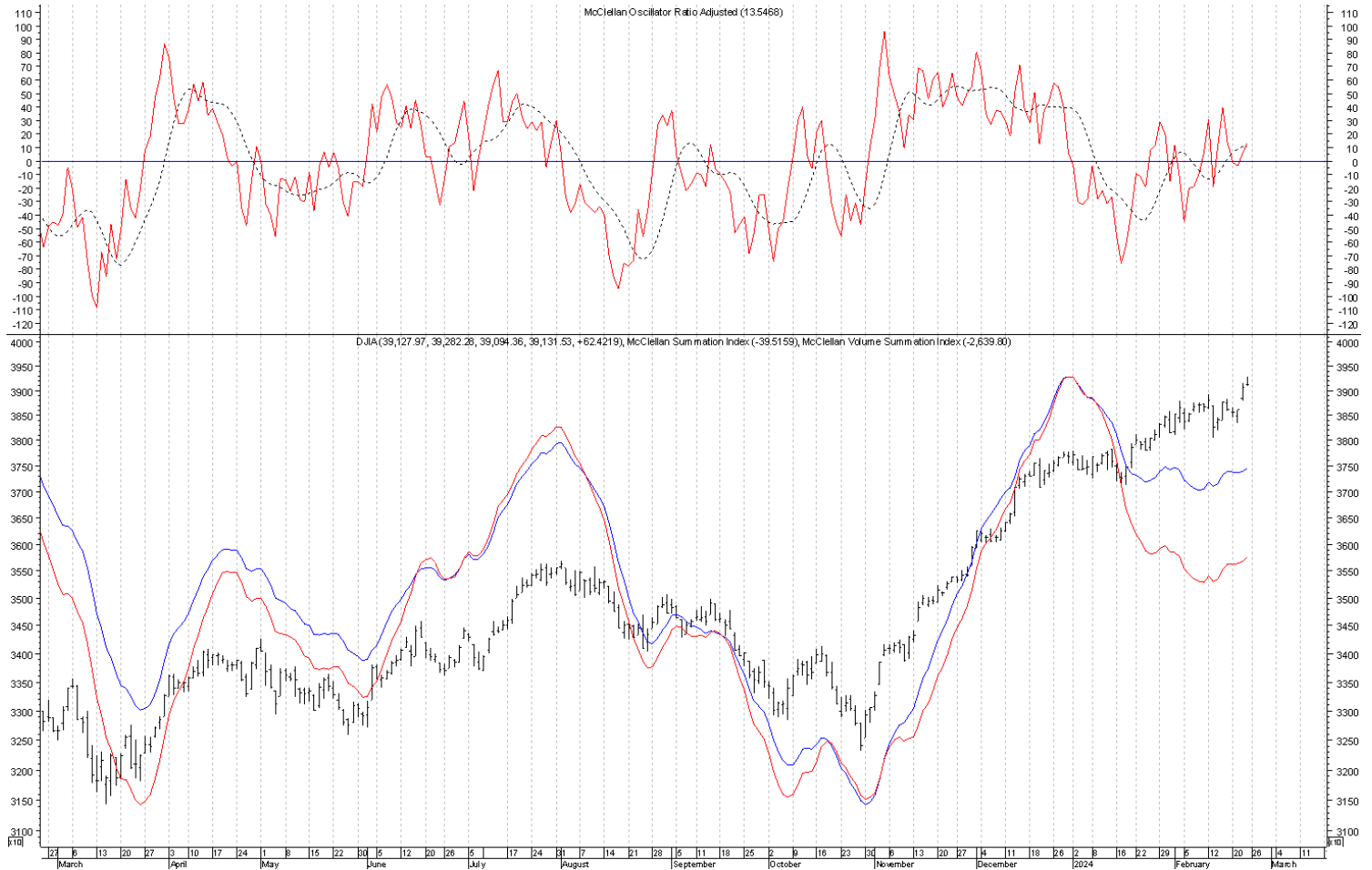


No changes here. The **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** remains below its trigger line while the **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** remains above its trigger line. Another downturn of both of these indicators in conjunction with the re-triggering of another short-term sell signal should prove to be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle tops.

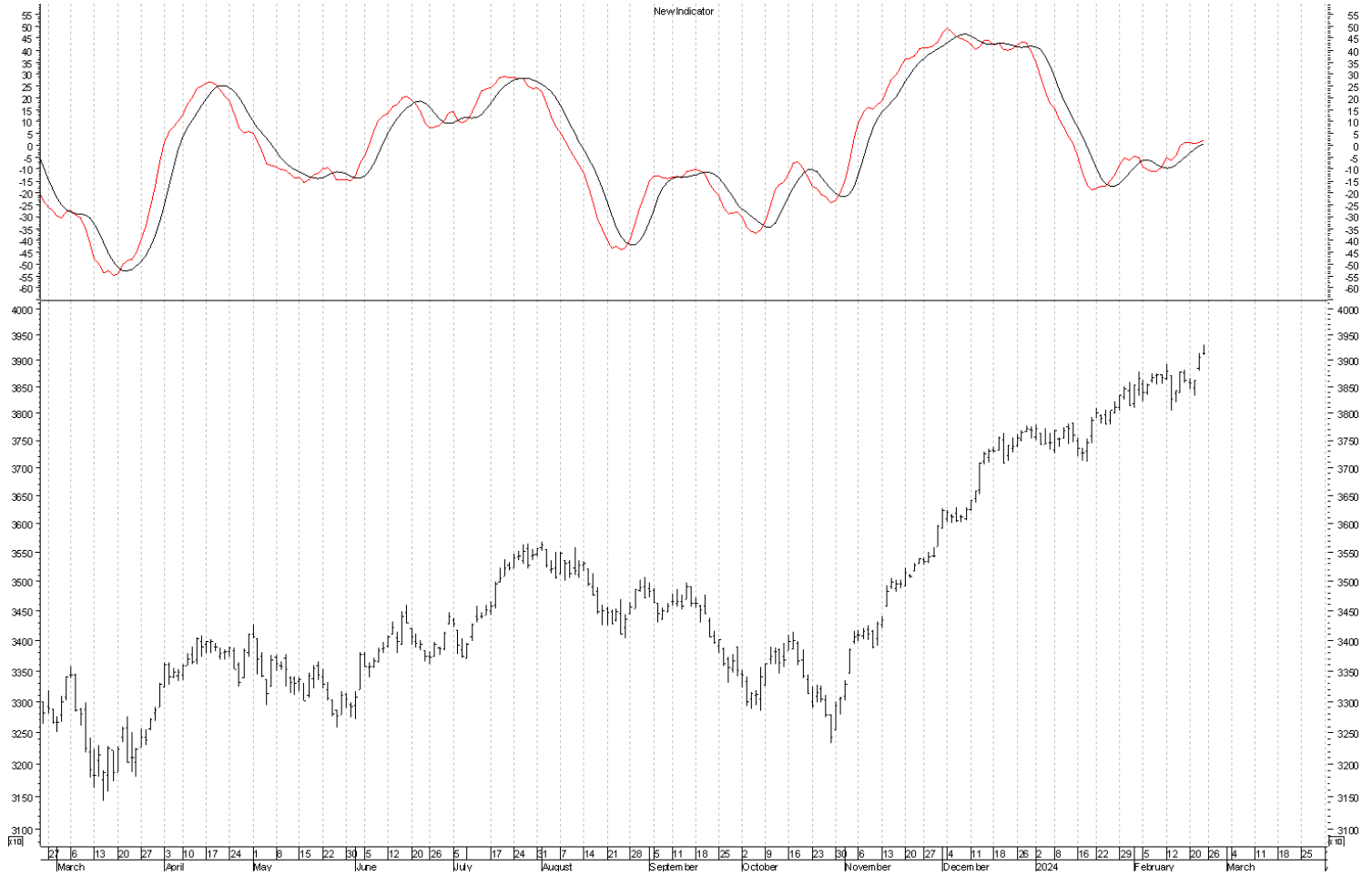




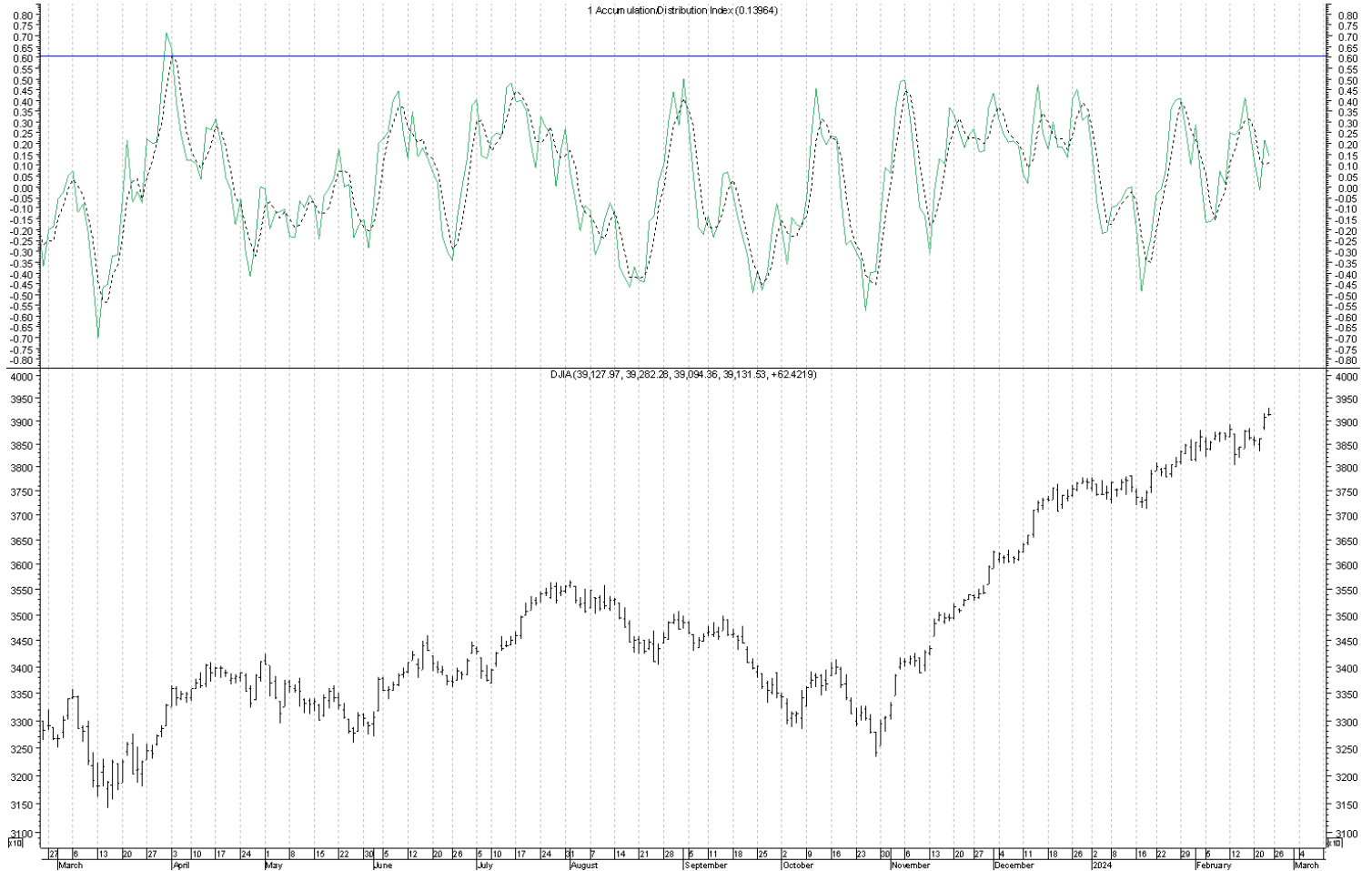
Both the **McClellan Summation Index** and the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** continue their upturns. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** ticked back up on Thursday and on Friday crossed back above its trigger line. Another downturn below both the trigger and zero lines in association with the triggering of a short-term sell signal should prove to be in association with the trading cycle top.



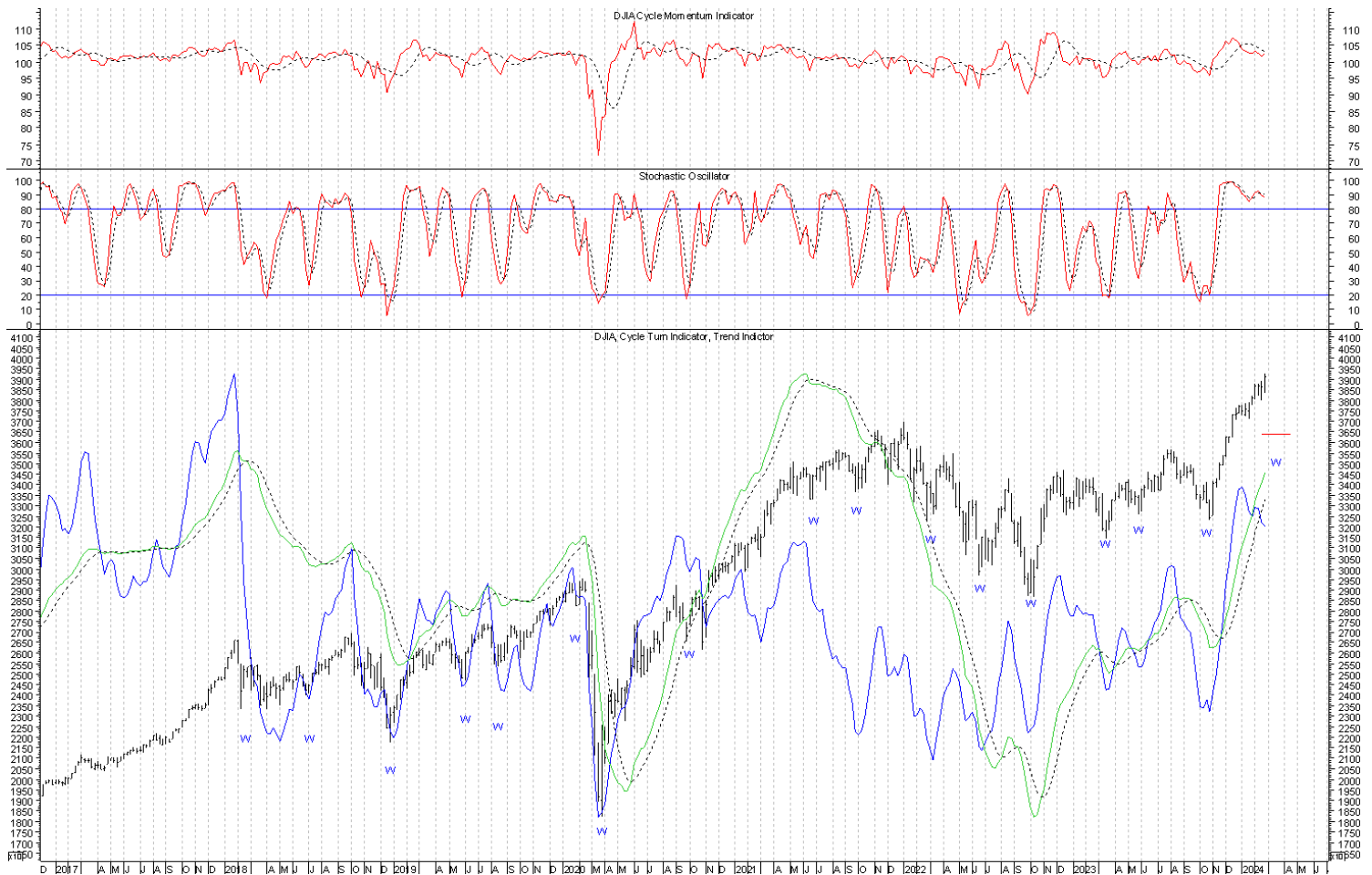
The smoothed McClellan oscillator remains above its trigger line. Here too, with the trading cycle top due, another downturn should prove to be in association with that top and what should also ideally be the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well.



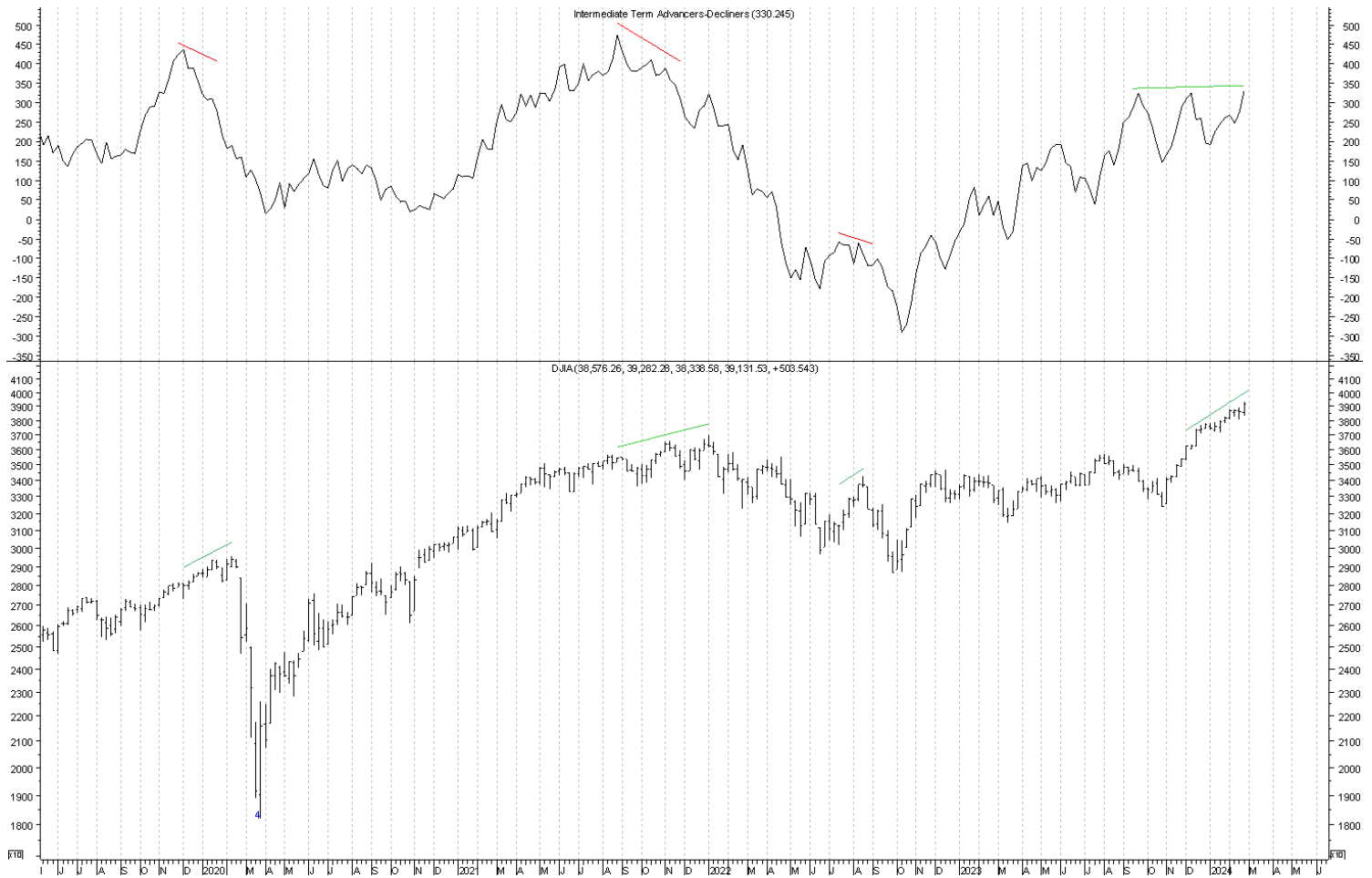
The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** ticked back down on Friday, but has not crossed back below its trigger line. This downturn is suggestive of the trading cycle top and another crossing below the trigger line, in association with the triggering of a short-term sell signal, should serve at this juncture as confirmation of that top.



Our weekly chart of the Industrials is next and the timing band for the now due intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April 19th. The oscillator picture remains extremely ripe for the intermediate-term cycle top and the expectation continues to be for this cycle to peak in conjunction with the current trading cycle top. If the decline out of the trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly high in conjunction with a downturn of the weekly CTI, an intermediate-term sell signal will be triggered and the intermediate-term cycle top should finally be in place. Until such time, higher prices will remain possible. With this intermediate-term cycle being right-translated, the expectation has been for the decline out of this intermediate-term cycle top to be counter-trend and followed by another intermediate-term cycle up into the higher degree seasonal and 4-year cycle top. With this week's continued advance to new highs being confirmed by my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line, this indicator is now also suggestive of higher prices in association with the next intermediate-term cycle advance. In other words, this indicator is now confirming our expectation of another intermediate-term cycle up. For now, the ongoing intermediate-term buy signal will remain intact until a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen and the expectation is for the decline into the intermediate-term cycle low to be counter-trend, followed by yet another intermediate-term cycle up. A weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 39,282.28 is not bettered and if 38,338.58 is violated.



Next is our weekly chart of the Industrials, along with my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line in the upper window. With the bettering of both the September and December highs this past week, this indicator is now confirming the Industrial's push to new highs. Knowing that non-confirmations by my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line are one of the DNA Markers that have been seen at every 4-year cycle top since the inception of my AD data going back to 1926, the current absence of a non-confirmation is now confirming our expectation for the decline out of the pending intermediate-term cycle top to be counter-trend and followed by at least one additional intermediate-term cycle advance. It will then be with that advance the opportunity for another non-confirmation to take form will come in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart. For now, this week's confirmation of my AD Line suggests that while an intermediate-term cycle top is expected, the decline should be counter-trend and followed by continued strength.

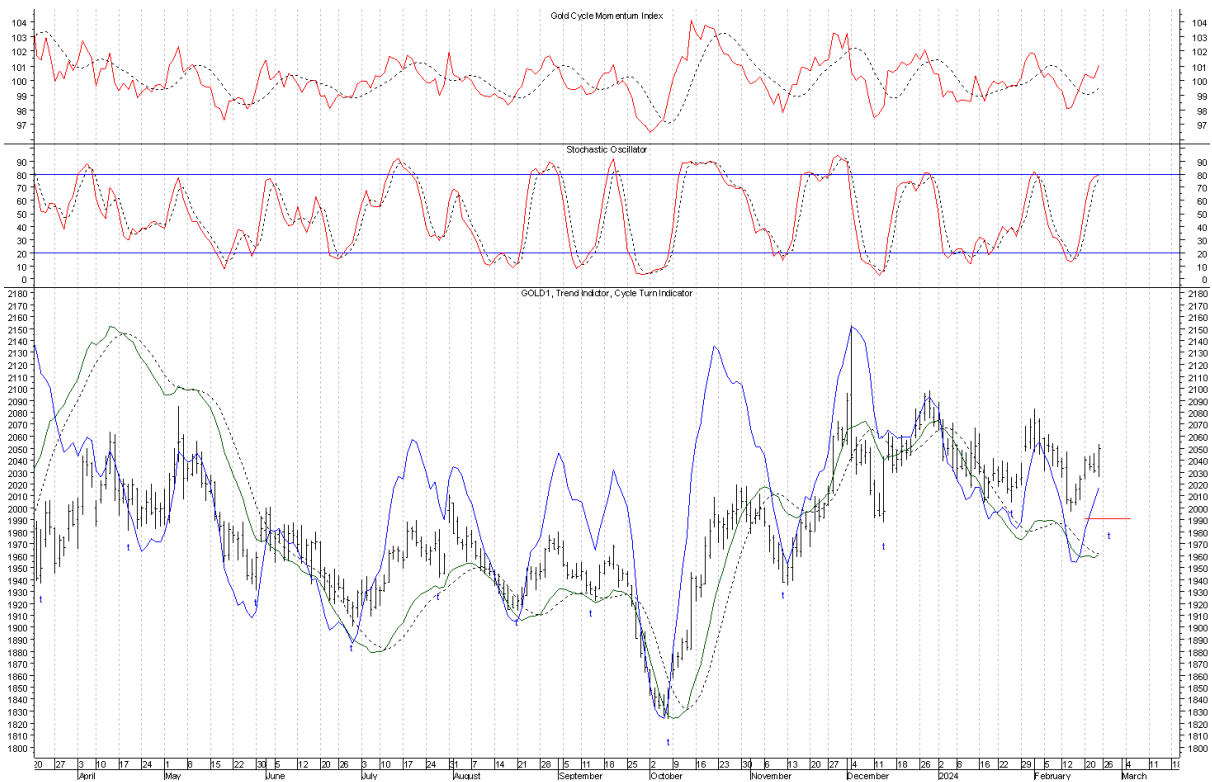


# Gold

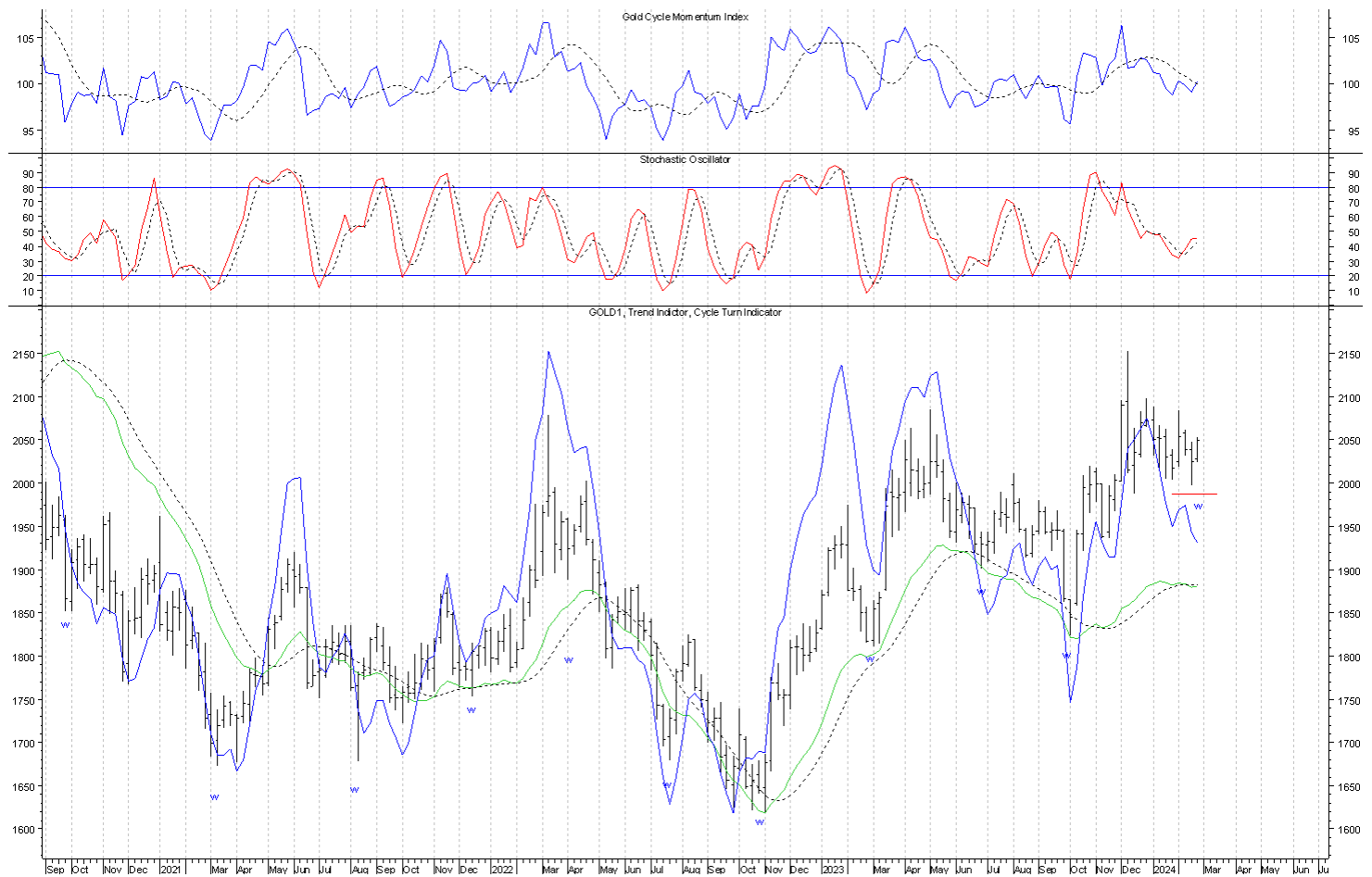
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<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<b>Secondary Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

Daily Indicator Summary <b>Short-Term Buy</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<b>Secondary Short Term Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

The timing band for the current trading cycle low runs between February 20th and March 5th. The price action on February 15th completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily **CTI** on February 16th a short-term buy signal was triggered. There has been no change in that with this advance still intact, every indication continues to be that an early trading cycle low was seen on February 14th. This short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. More on the cyclical phasing as we move through the remainder of the timing band for this low. Another daily swing high will be completed on Monday if 2,053.20 is not bettered and if 2,025.40 is violated.



Our weekly chart of Gold is next and the timing band for the now due intermediate-term cycle low runs between January 26th and March 15th. Ideally, I would like to see another push down below the February 16th weekly price bar, but with the completion of a weekly swing low this past week, it is possible this low has been seen. Any further advance that turns the weekly CTI up will trigger an intermediate-term buy signal and the assumption will then have to be that the intermediate-term cycle low has been seen. At a higher level the 9-year cycle low was ideally due in the late 2023 to 2024 timeframe, but because of the bettering of the May 2023 seasonal cycle top in conjunction with the current seasonal cycle advance, the evidence has been further suggestive of the November 2022 seasonal cycle low having also marked the 9-year cycle low. Consequently, the December intermediate-term cycle top has been an opportunity to cap both the seasonal and 9-year cycle top. Accordingly, it will now be the advance out of the current/pending intermediate-term low that will serve as the structural test of the higher degree seasonal cycle top. Another weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 2,053.20 is not bettered and if 2,023.90 is violated.

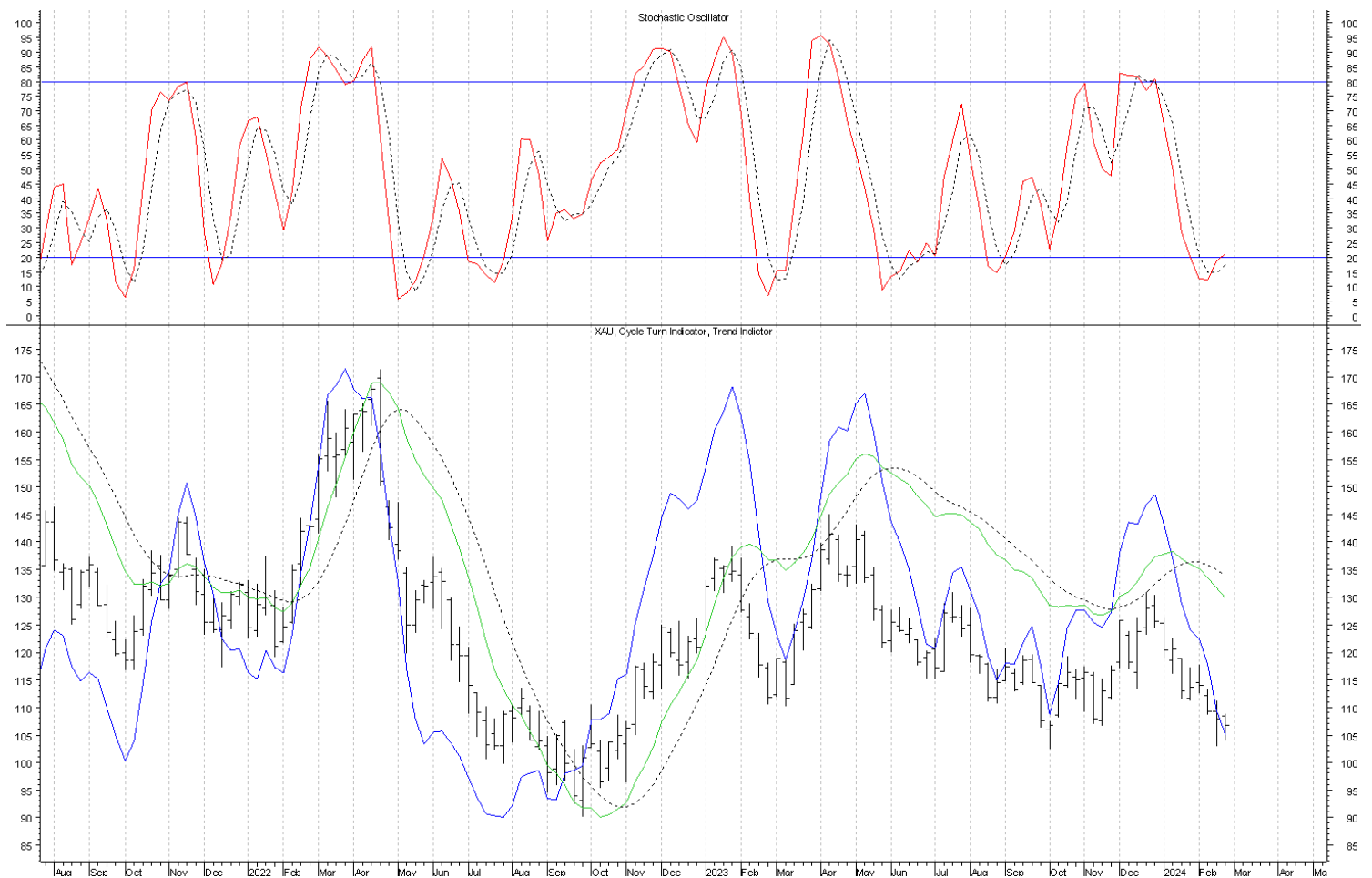


Our daily chart of the XAU is next. The price action on February 15th completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. In doing so, the price/oscillator picture here has also been suggestive of the trading cycle low having been seen. On Wednesday the XAU completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily CTI, a short-term sell signal was triggered. On Friday the XAU reversed off its low and in order to mend the risk of a left-translated trading cycle top, we must see the completion of another daily swing low that is followed by a bettering of the February 16th daily swing high. Otherwise, if this trading cycle advance should in fact prove to peak with a left-translated structure, it will leave the XAU positioned for yet another trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. To the contrary, the completion of a weekly swing low, followed by a right-translated trading cycle advance, will be suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle low. For now, this short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI are seen. Another daily swing low will be completed on Monday if 103.92 holds and if 106.92 is bettered.





Our weekly chart of the XAU is next and at this level the intermediate-term sell signal remains intact. This decline has carried price to oversold levels, per the 5 3 3 Stochastic and the upturn we are now seeing has begun telegraphing the intermediate-term cycle low. As with Gold, the higher degree seasonal cycle low was seen in October and the evidence continues to be that the seasonal cycle peaked in December with a left-translated structure. As a result, the advance out of the pending intermediate-term cycle low should be counter-trend, but it will be that advance that will serve as the test of the higher degree seasonal cycle top. If the pending intermediate-term advance does in fact prove to be counter-trend, then upon that advance running its course, we should have confirmation that the seasonal cycle has in fact peaked with a left-translated structure, leaving both Gold and the XAU positioned for greater weakness in association with the downturn out of the higher degree cycle tops. For now, this intermediate-term sell signal will remain intact until another weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI are seen. A weekly swing low will be completed in the coming week of 102.85 holds and if 111.05 is bettered.



## Dollar

### End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary **Intermediate-Term Sell**

#### Primary Indicators

Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish

#### Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

#### Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
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### Daily Indicator Summary **Short-Term Sell**

#### Primary Indicators

Formation of a Daily Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish

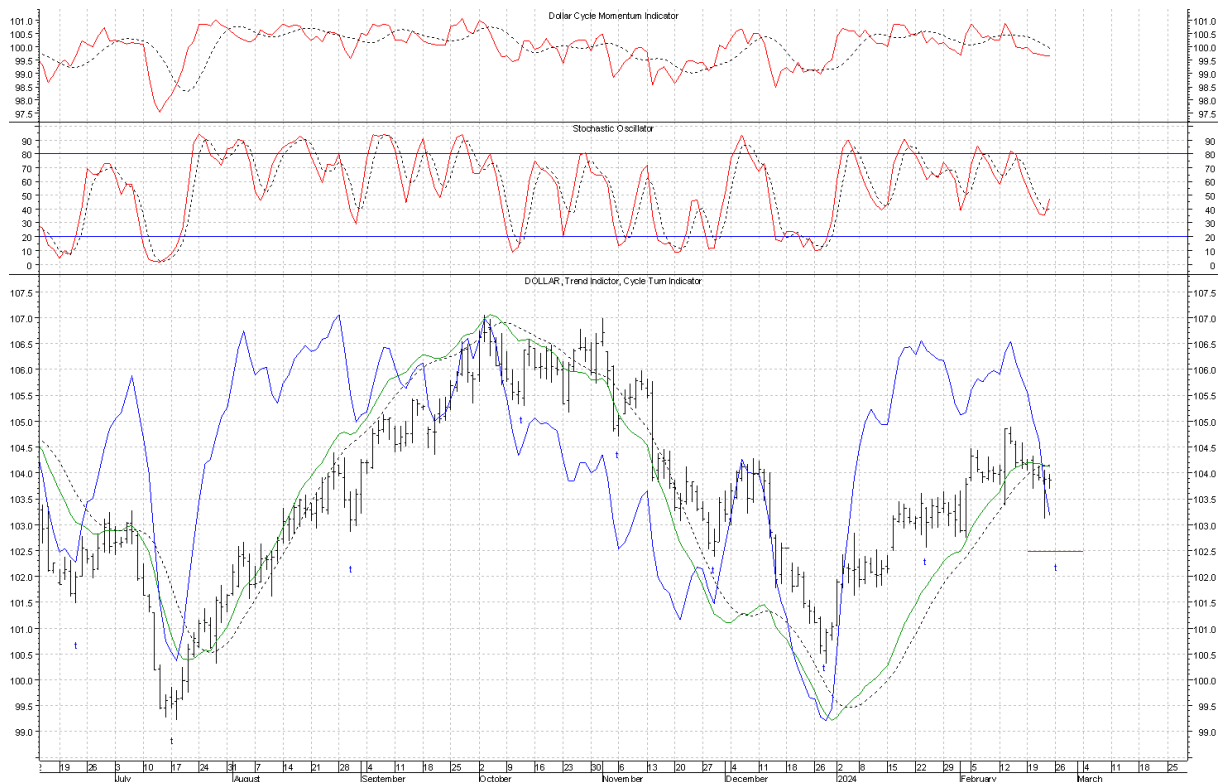
#### Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish

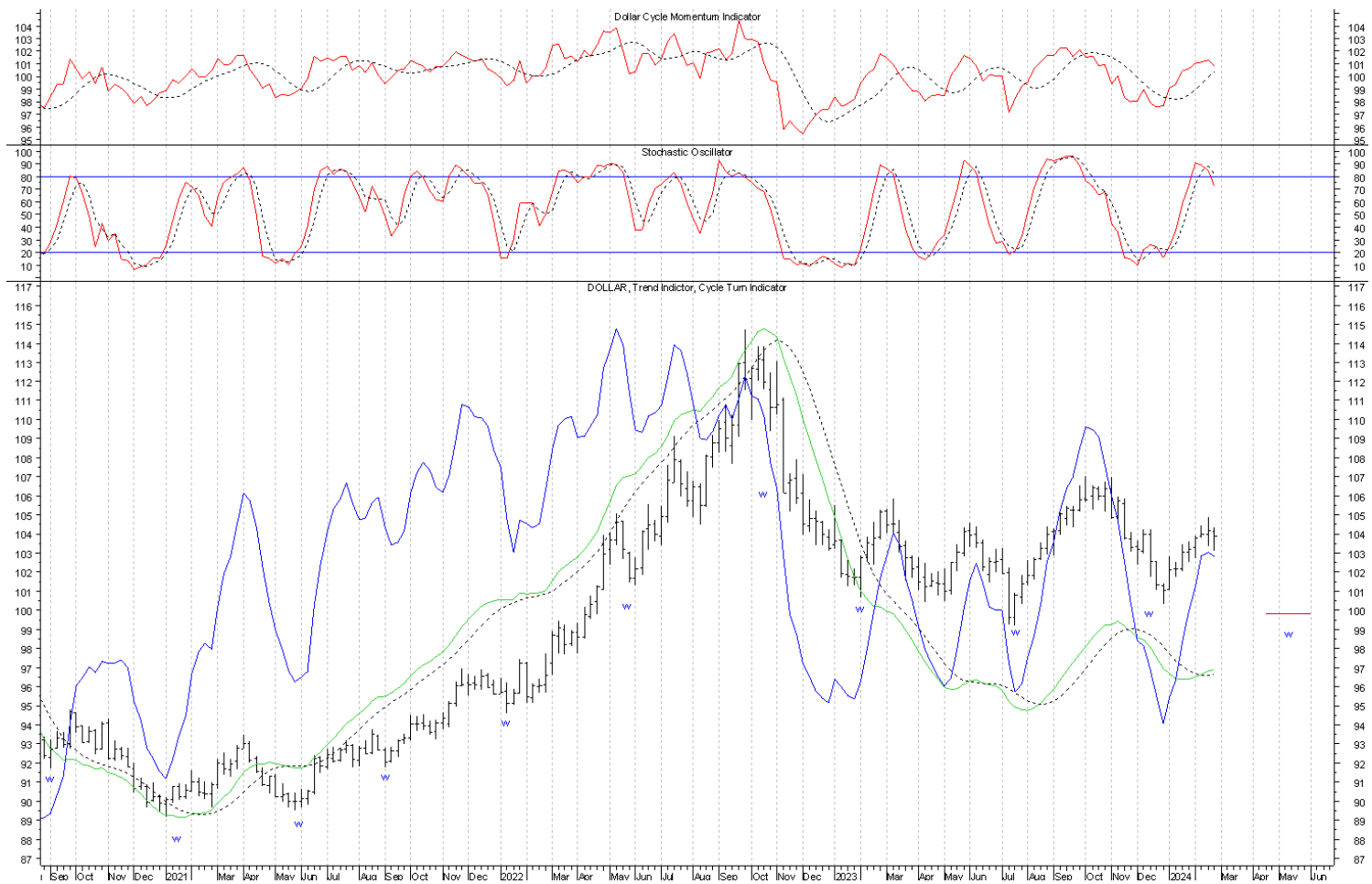
#### Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the pending trading cycle low runs between February 19th and March 2nd. The short-term sell signal remains intact and I would ideally still like to see another push down below the February 22nd low, but with price now sitting in the middle portion of the timing band for this low, once a daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI are seen, a short-term buy signal will be triggered and this low should be in place. A daily swing low will be completed on Monday if 103.11 holds and if 104.06 is bettered. I will further evaluate the evidence with regard to the trading cycle low once a short-term buy signal is triggered.



Our weekly chart of the Dollar is next and with the completion of a weekly swing high and downturn of the the weekly **CTI** this past week, an intermediate-term sell signal was triggered. However, because of the reversal off of the low, we need to see further confirmation of this sell signal with a weekly close below this past week's low. Further confirmation of the intermediate-term cycle top will also come with a failed and left-translated trading cycle advance. Structurally, this intermediate-term cycle advance serves as a test of the higher degree seasonal cycle top and the expectation has been for this intermediate-term advance to be counter-trend, leaving the Dollar positioned for another intermediate-term cycle down into the next seasonal and 4-year cycle low. It is now the current intermediate-term sell signal that will leave the Dollar accordingly positioned, but because of the reversal off the low this past week, we have to see further confirmation of this intermediate-term sell signal. Another weekly swing low will be completed in the coming week if 103.11 holds and it 104.32 is bettered. Any such advance should be in association with an ending push into the intermediate-term cycle top or retest of that top. The timing band for the next intermediate-term cycle low runs between April 19th and June 7th.



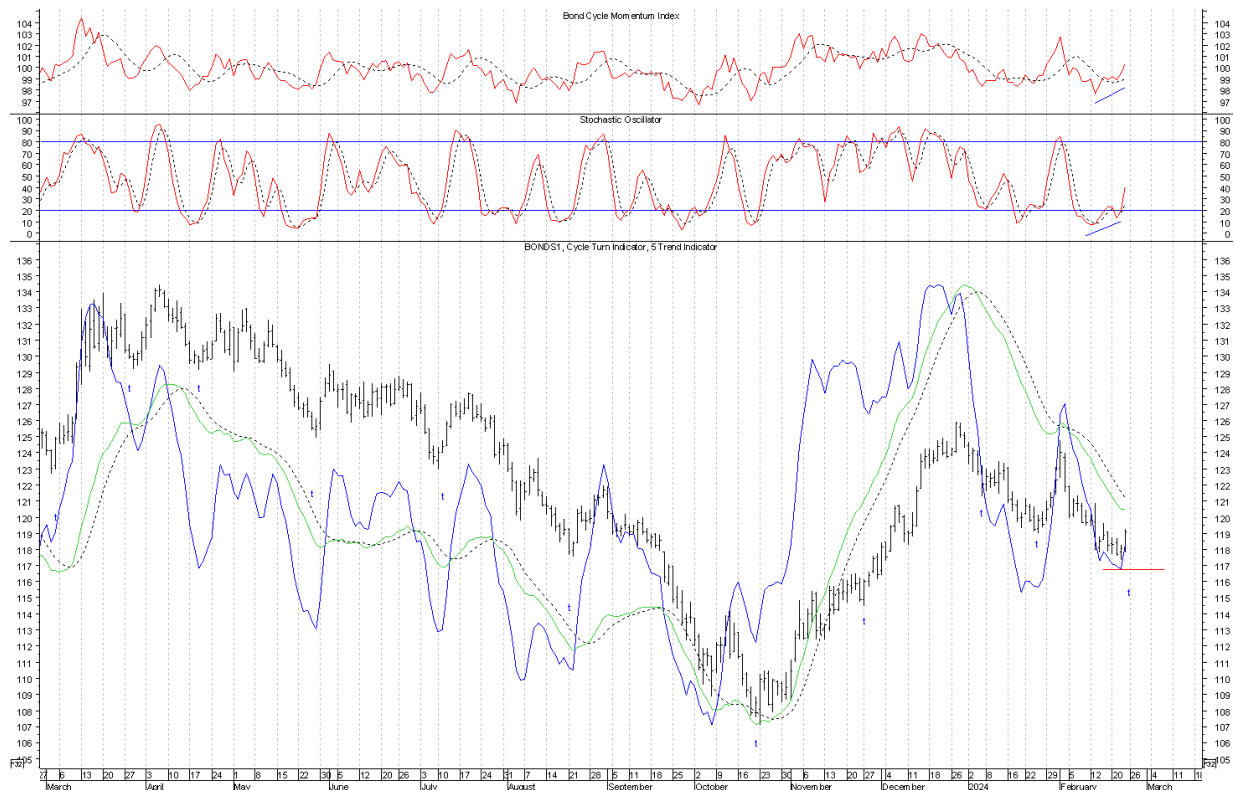
## Bonds

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary <b>Intermediate-Term Sell</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
<b>Secondary Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

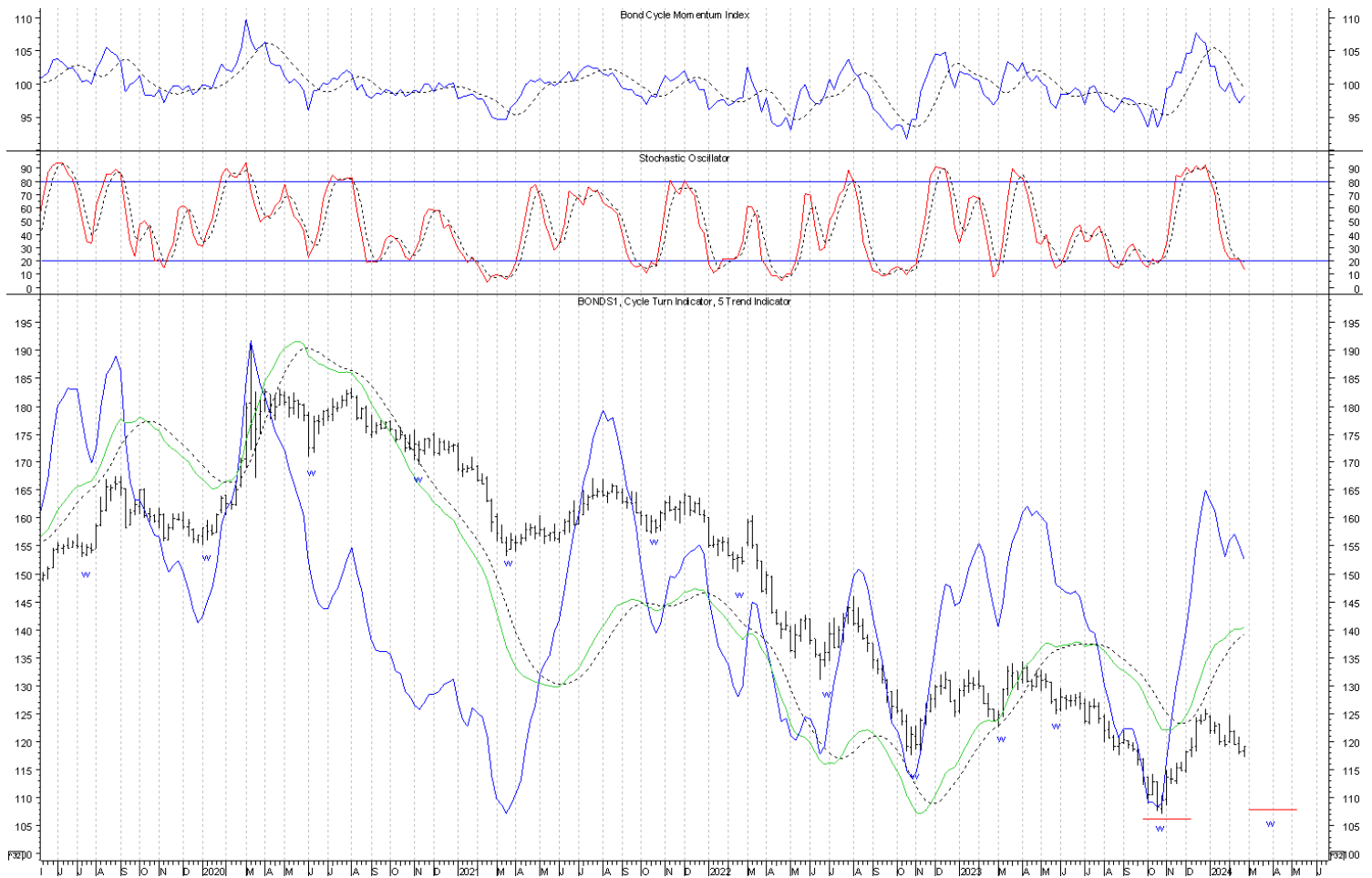
Daily Indicator Summary <b>Short-Term Buy</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<b>Secondary Short Term Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

The timing band for the now due trading cycle low runs between February 15th and March 7th. Per the Thursday night update, with price having moved into the middle portion of the timing band, we knew that Thursday's reversal higher, in conjunction with the divergent Cycle Momentum Index and 5 3 3 Stochastic was suggestive of the trading cycle low, which we knew should be in place once a daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI were seen. With the completion of daily swing low and upturn of the daily CTI on Friday, a short-term buy signal was triggered and the trading cycle low has been seen. Based on the cyclical structure and timing for the intermediate-term cycle low, the advance out of this trading cycle low should prove to be counter-trend and followed by at least one more trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. That said, if the advance out of this trading cycle low completes the formation of a weekly swing low, then it may be possible that an early intermediate-term cycle low has been seen.

Confirmation of such will follow with a right-translated trading cycle advance. Otherwise, a left-translated trading cycle advance will leave Bonds positioned for what should ideally be at least one more trading cycle down into the intermediate-term cycle low.

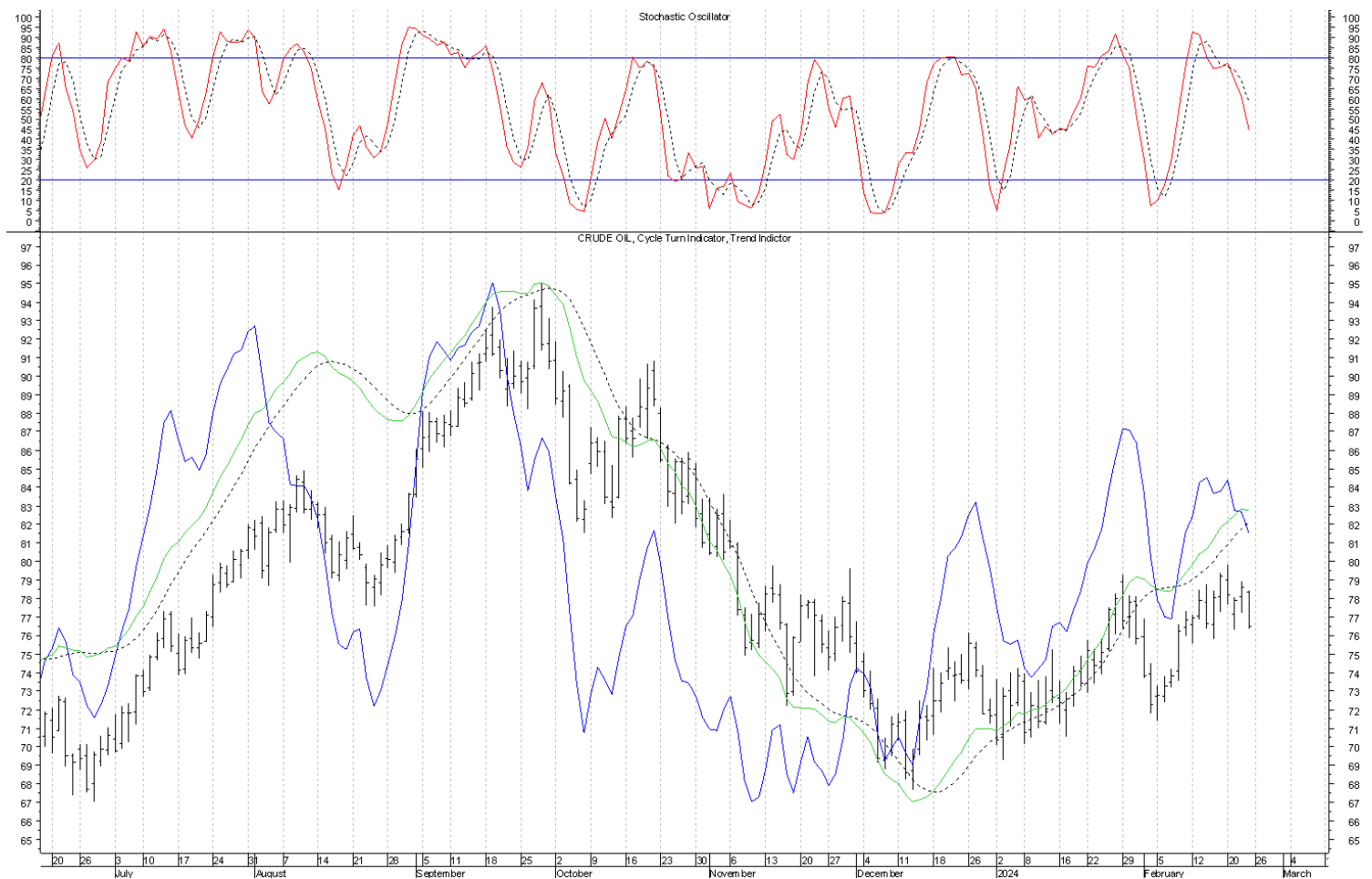


**Our weekly chart of Bonds is next and the timing band for the next intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 29th and May 9th. With this timing band just now approaching, again, the expectation is to see at least one more trading cycle down into the intermediate-term cycle low. But, as stated above, the completion of a weekly swing low that is followed by a right-translated trading cycle advance will be suggestive of this low having been seen early. Otherwise, a left-translated trading cycle advance will leave Bonds positioned for another trading cycle down. Whichever the case, once a weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI, plotted with price, are seen, an intermediate-term buy signal will be triggered.**

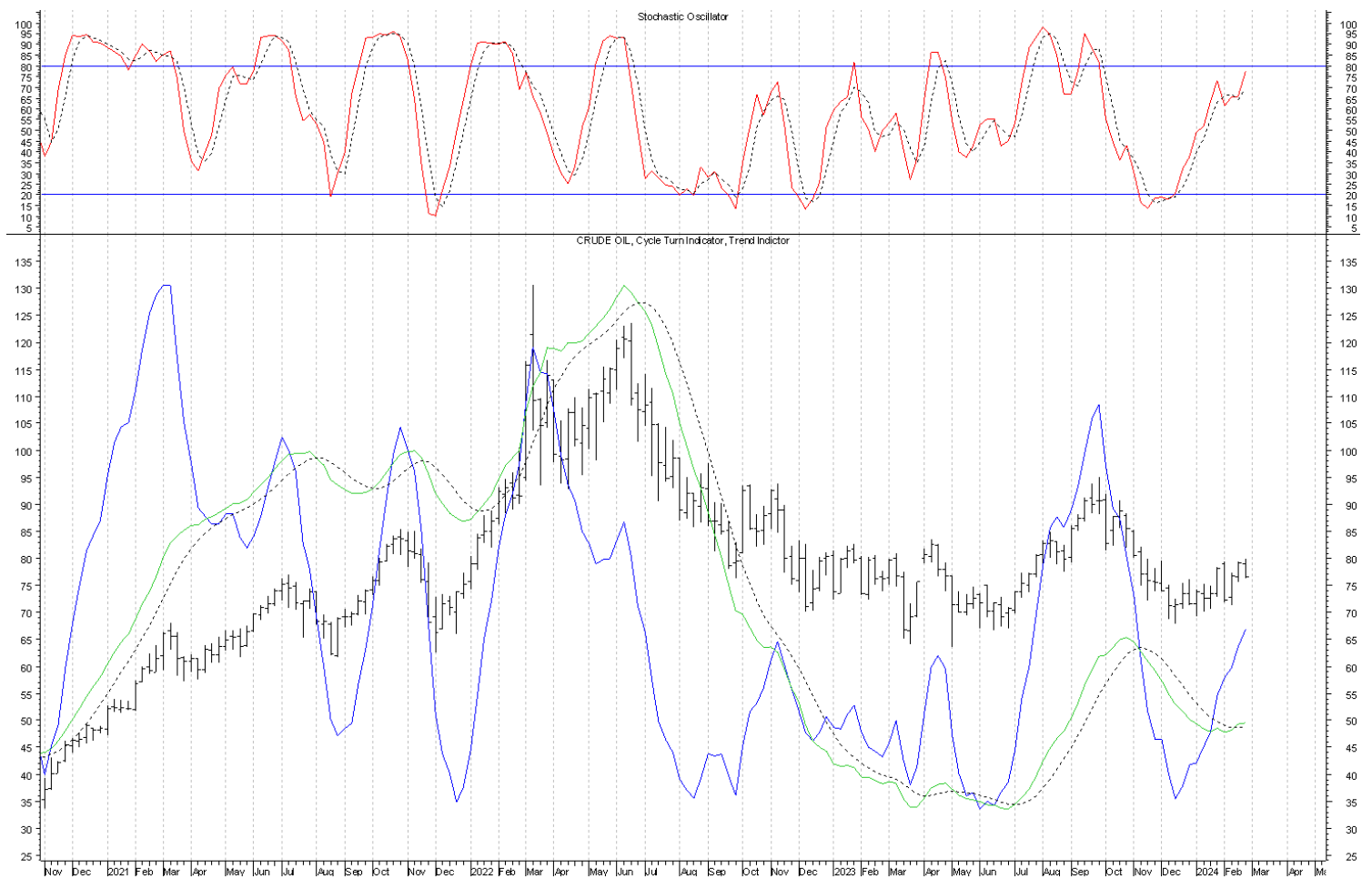


## Crude Oil

Since the completion of a daily swing high on February 15th, Crude Oil has been trying to top, but has struggled to trigger a solid short-term sell signal. With the completion of another daily swing high on Friday, yet another short-term sell signal was triggered and the price/oscillator picture is suggestive of the trading cycle top having been seen. While the assumption is that this top is in place, I want to see a close below the February 15th low as additional structural confirmation. Structurally, this advance served as the test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. If a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen in conjunction with the decline out of this trading cycle top, then the evidence will be further suggestive of this advance having run its course and that the intermediate-term cycle top has also been seen. Another daily swing low will be completed on Monday if 76.35 holds and if 78.39 is bettered.



Our weekly chart of Crude Oil is next. At this level the advance out of the December intermediate-term and seasonal cycle low remains intact. At a higher level, the September intermediate-term and seasonal cycle top continue to be an opportunity to cap the higher degree 3-year cycle top. Given the evidence of the seasonal cycle top, the expectation has been for this seasonal and intermediate-term cycle advance out of the December low to be counter-trend. Any further weakness following this past week's reversal lower that completes the formation of a weekly swing high will be suggestive of this intermediate-term advance having run its course. The completion of another monthly swing high will be further suggestive of the higher degree seasonal cycle advance out of the December low also having run its course as well. For now, the intermediate-term buy signal remains intact and will until a weekly swing high AND downturn of the weekly CTI are seen. Another weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 79.80 is not bettered and if 76.32 is violated.



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