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Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on March 12, 2024

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

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.

March 12, 2024

Stocks

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Neutral	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
CTI on Rydex Tempest Fund *	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Advance/Decline Issues Diff	Bearish
New High New Low Diff	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
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>	

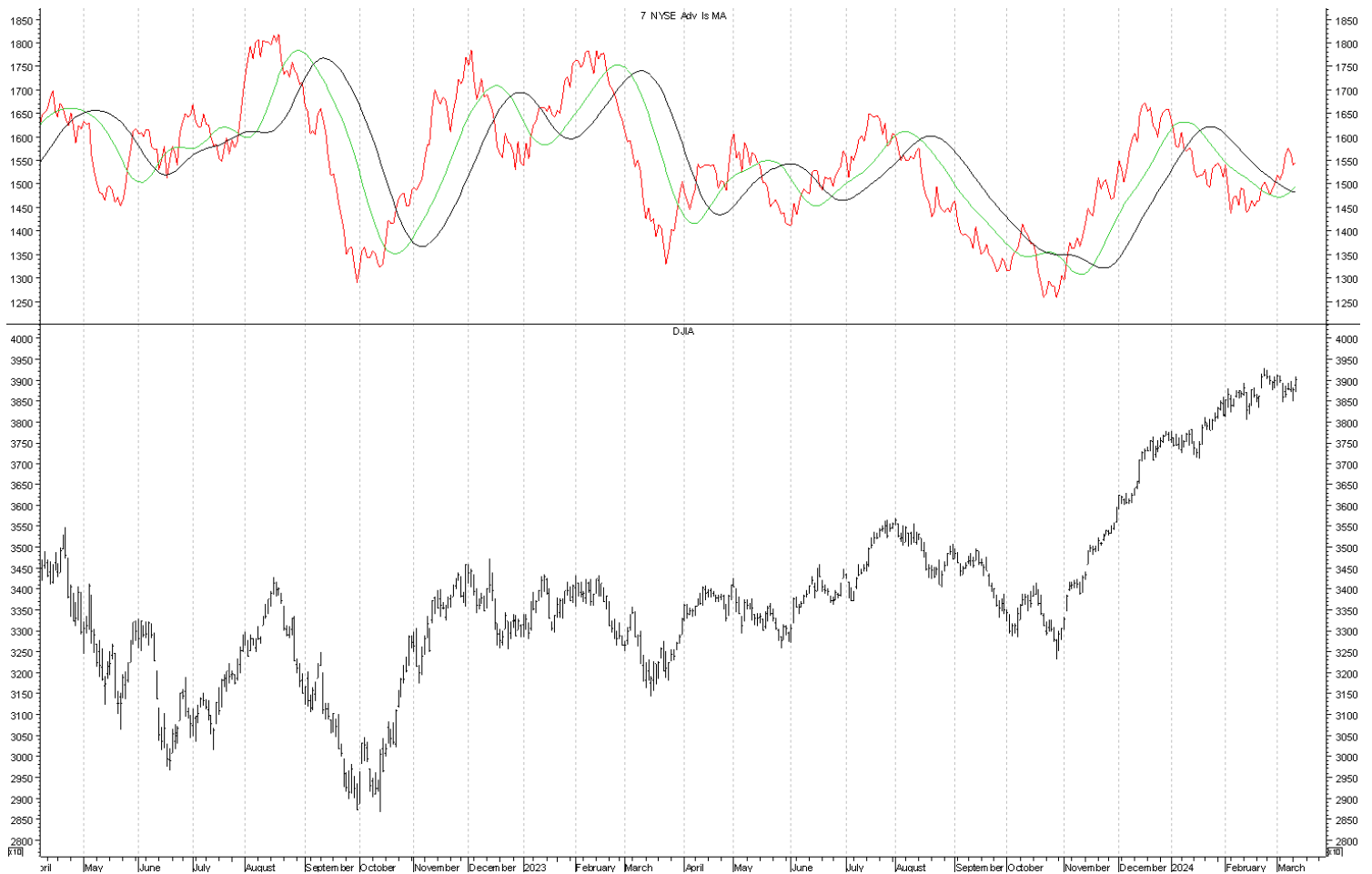
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Slow Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
New High/New Low Differential	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator (ITBM)	Bullish
McClellan Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator (ITVM)	Bullish
McClellan Summation Index	Bullish
McClellan Volume Summation Index	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
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. The Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing low on March 7th and as discussed in the weekend update, in spite of the triggering of a short-term buy signal, I continue to think there is a very good possibility the trading cycle low was seen on March 5th. As we move through the remainder of the timing band, this phasing should clarify. With the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top due, the trading cycle advance out of the suspected March 5th low should set up with a left-translated structure, leaving the Industrials positioned for a more meaningful decline into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. In the meantime, the February 27th short-term sell signal will remain intact until a daily swing low AND upturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen. Any further strength that triggers a short-term buy signal will be further indicative of the trading cycle low having been seen. At a higher level, once a weekly swing high is formed, we should have the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top in place. The timing band for the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April 19th. It will be the

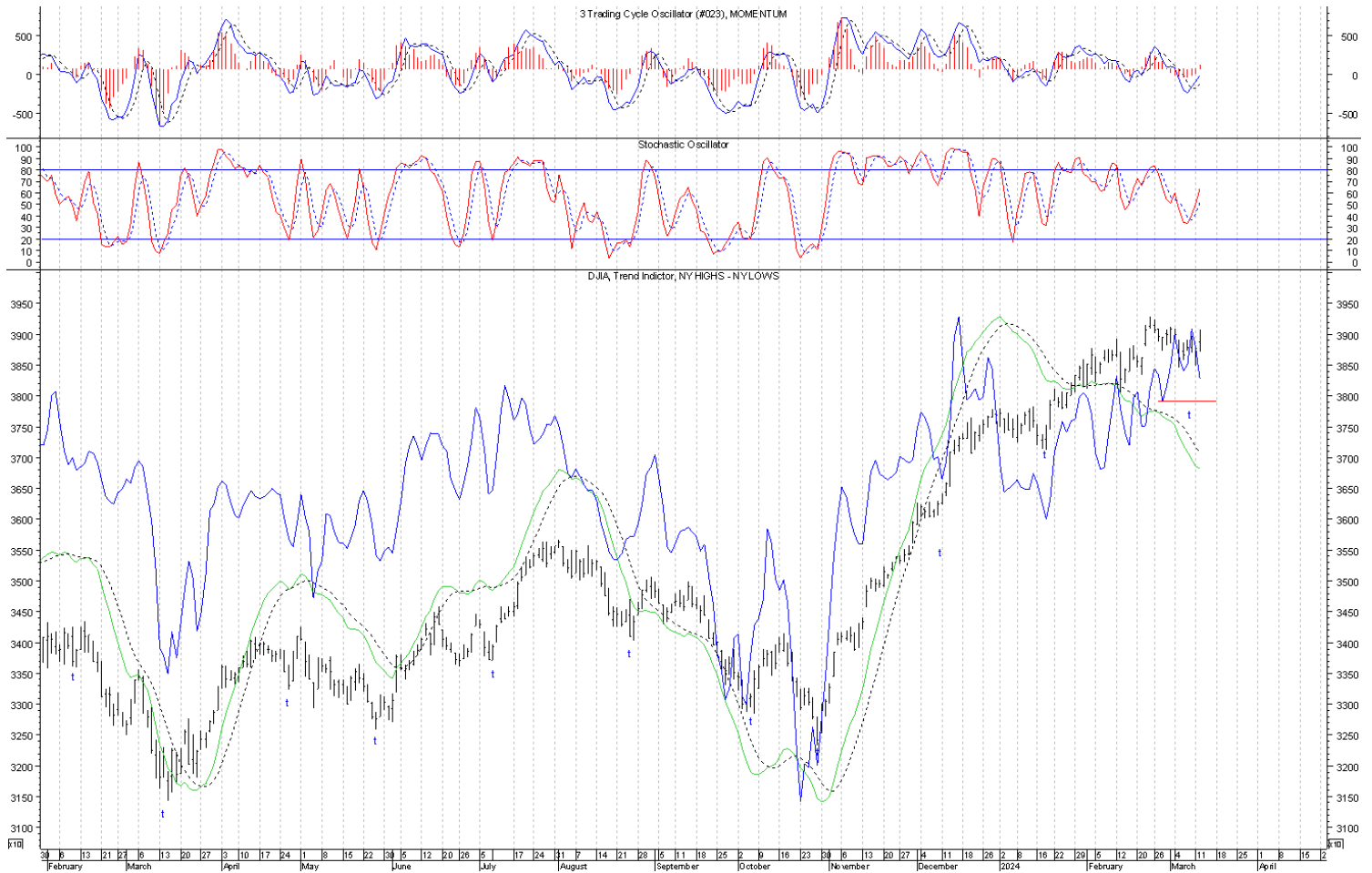
advance out of the next intermediate-term cycle low in which the opportunity for the setup to cap the higher degree cycle tops in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart will then come.

Crude Oil completed the formation of a daily swing low on Tuesday, but Friday's short-term buy signal remains intact. Based on the oscillator picture, the assumption continues to be that the trading cycle top has been seen and any further weakness that completes the formation of a weekly swing high will be further suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle top. Friday's short-term sell signal on Gasoline remains intact, but at the same time in the absence of a close below Friday's low we have also failed to see the additional confirmation of this signal discussed in the weekend update. Any further advance that turns the daily CTI up will trigger another short-term buy signal, but it should once again be in association with a retest/ending push into the trading cycle top. Natural Gas triggered a short-term sell signal on March 7th and thus far that signal stands. As a result of the higher degree structural developments, the recent advance was expected to be counter-trend and this short-term sell signal continues to be an opportunity to cap that advance. The CRB Index completed the formation of another daily swing low on Tuesday, but with the daily CTI remaining negative, a short-term buy signal was not triggered. As with the energy sector, this short-term sell signal continues to be an opportunity to cap the trading and intermediate-term cycle top, which we will assume to be in place if a weekly swing high is completed in conjunction with this short-term sell signal. Gold triggered a short-sell signal on Tuesday and the trading cycle top should be in place. If the decline out of the trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, then it will also be an opportunity to cap the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well. At a higher level, this intermediate-term cycle advance is expected to be in association with an ending push into the higher degree cycle tops. The XAU triggered a short-term sell signal on Tuesday and as with Gold, the trading cycle top should ideally be in place. But, because of the reversal off the low on Tuesday, we need to see a close below Tuesday's low as confirmation of this sell signal. The Dollar triggered a short-term buy signal on Tuesday and any further advance in the wake of this signal will be indicative of the alternative phasing of the trading cycle. Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing high on Friday and with the continued weakness on Tuesday, a short-term sell signal was triggered and the trading cycle top should be in place. At a higher level, as a result last week's upturn of the weekly CTI, an intermediate-term buy signal was triggered in association with what we have to assume to have been an early intermediate-term cycle low.

The Intermediate-Term Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, ticked back up on Tuesday. The Green MA continues its upturn and has now crossed above the Black MA. As I have explained here all along, there are generally two crossings below the Black in association with intermediate-term cycle tops. The January crossing put Equities at risk of an intermediate-term cycle top, but 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. Accordingly, the next downturn should now prove to be in association with the intermediate-term cycle top, which should be in place once a weekly swing high and intermediate-term sell signal are triggered.

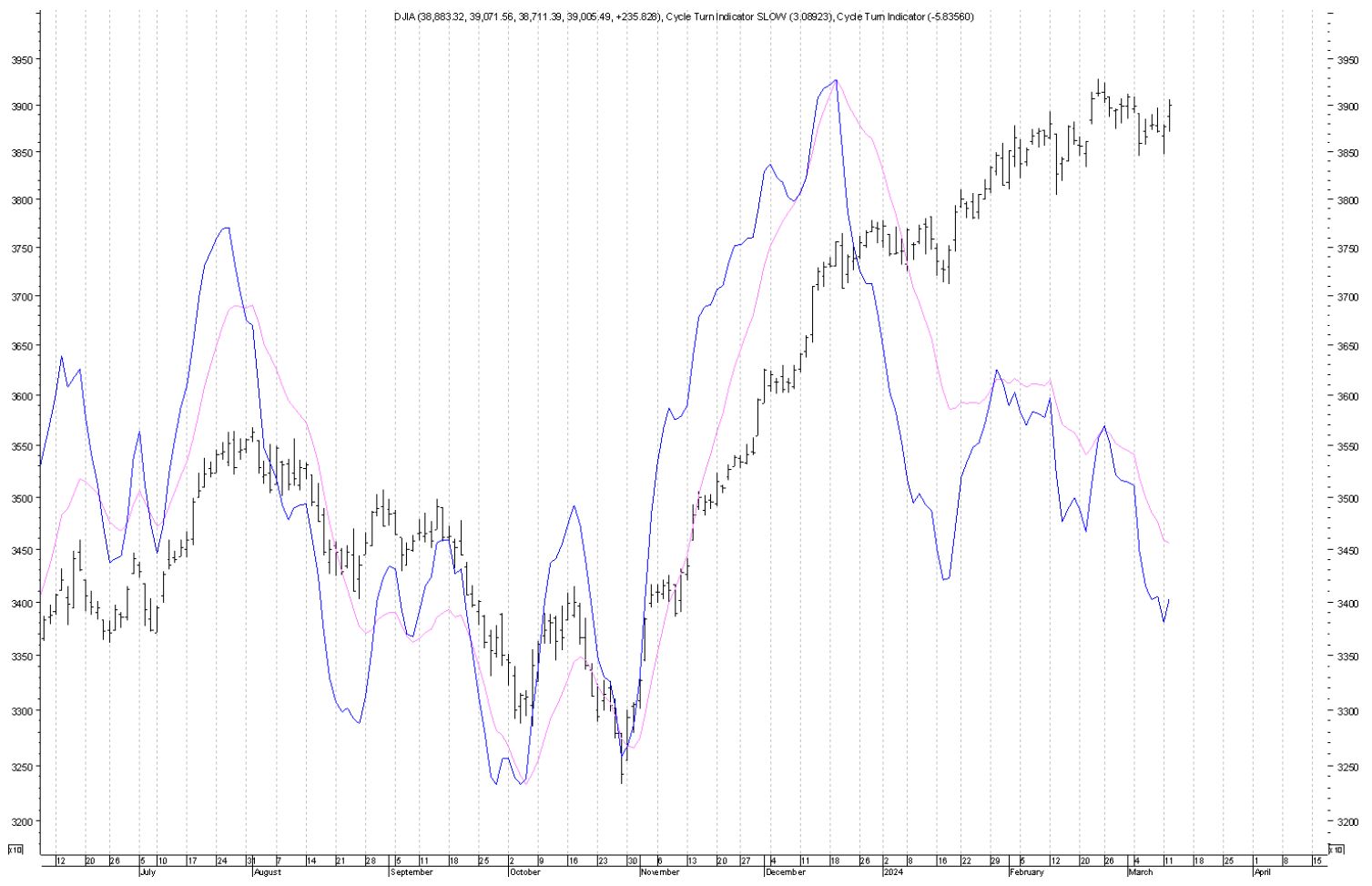


The price/oscillator picture since the March 5th low continues to be suggestive of that low having marked a shallow trading cycle low. If so, again, with the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top due, such setup should be in association with a left-translated trading cycle and the overall downturn out of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window continues its upturn. The **Momentum** Indicator has also now crossed back above its zero line. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window continues its upturn. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, has turned back down. The **Trend Indicator** remains below its trigger line.

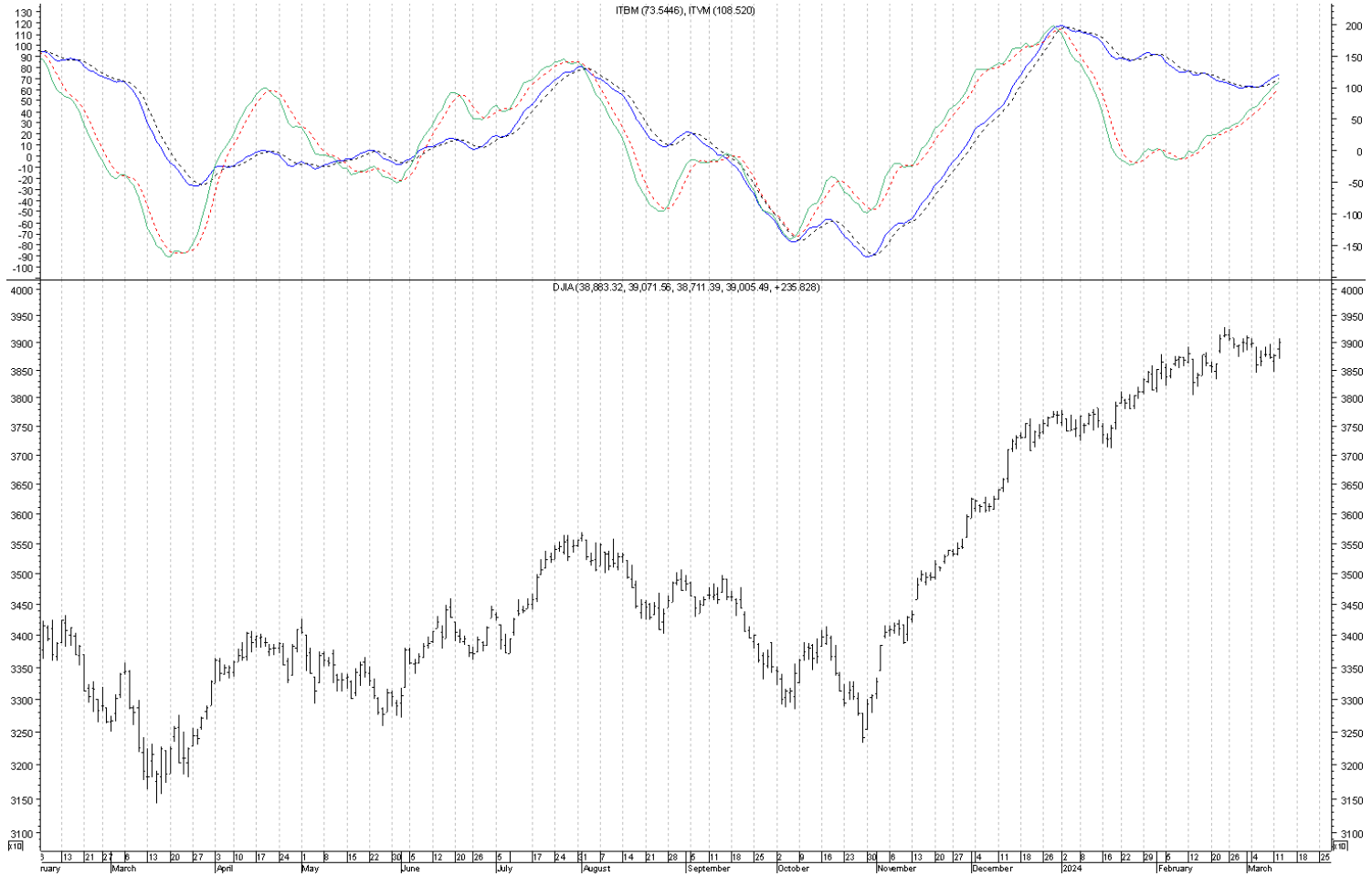


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow** Cycle Turn Indicators, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

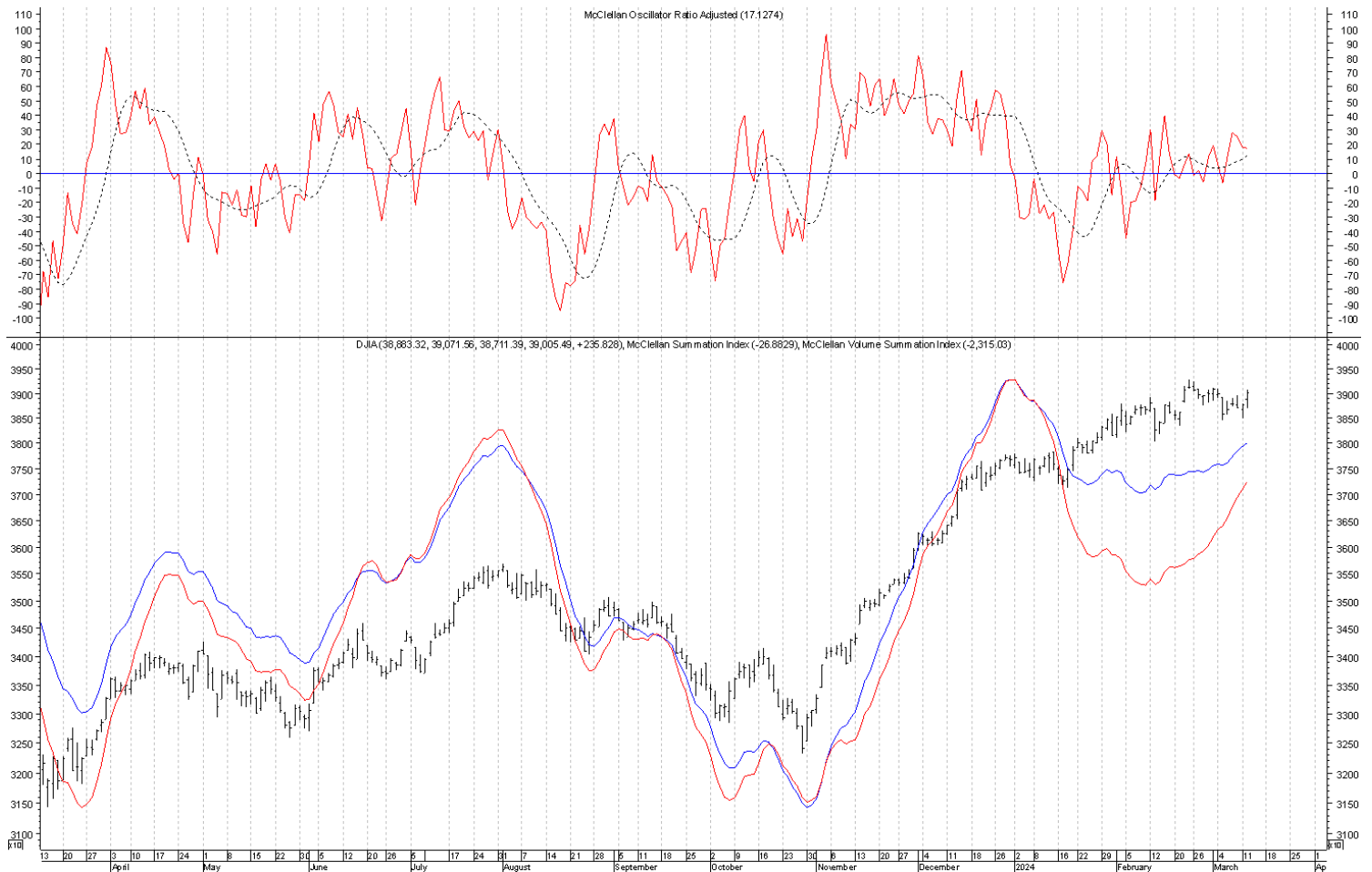
On February 27th the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators, a short-term sell signal was triggered. Based on the cyclical phasing for the trading and intermediate-term cycle lows, we have known that both the trading and intermediate-term cycle top should be in place. However, as confirmation of the February 27th short-term sell signal I have wanted to see a close below the February 22nd low, which we saw in conjunction with Tuesday's decline. Accordingly, the assumption is that the trading cycle top has been seen. Consequently, now with the completion of a daily swing low and the continued advance on Tuesday, while a short-term buy signal has not been triggered, I continue to lean toward the possibility of a shallow trading cycle low having been seen in conjunction with the March 5th low. If so, again, it should be in association with a left-translated trading cycle and the overall setup for the downturn into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. Whatever the case, the February 27th short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen.



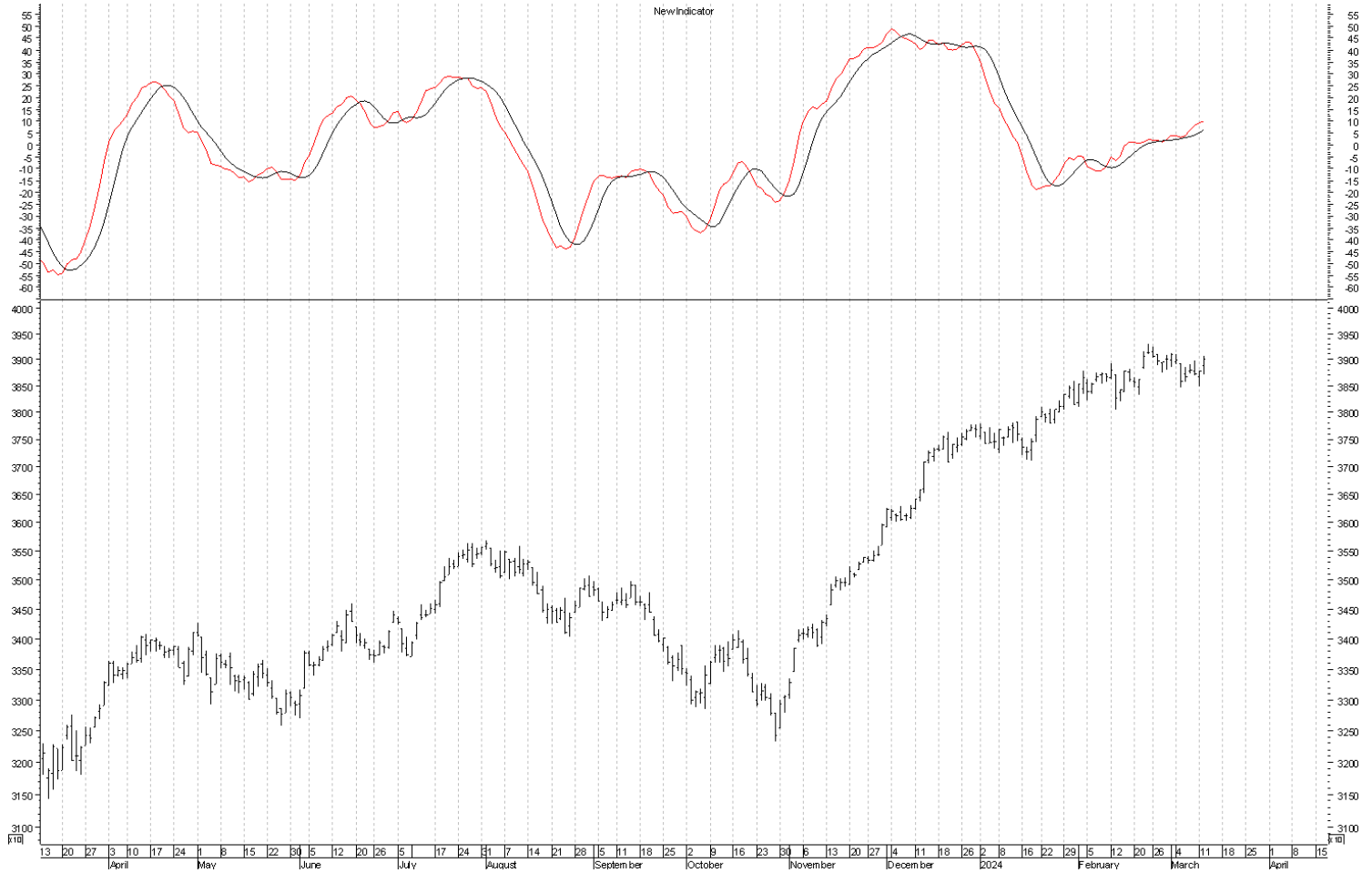
The **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** and the **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** continue their upturns and the overall price/oscillator picture tends to be reflective of the trading cycle low. A downturn of both indicators should serve as confirmation of the downturn out of the intermediate-term cycle top.



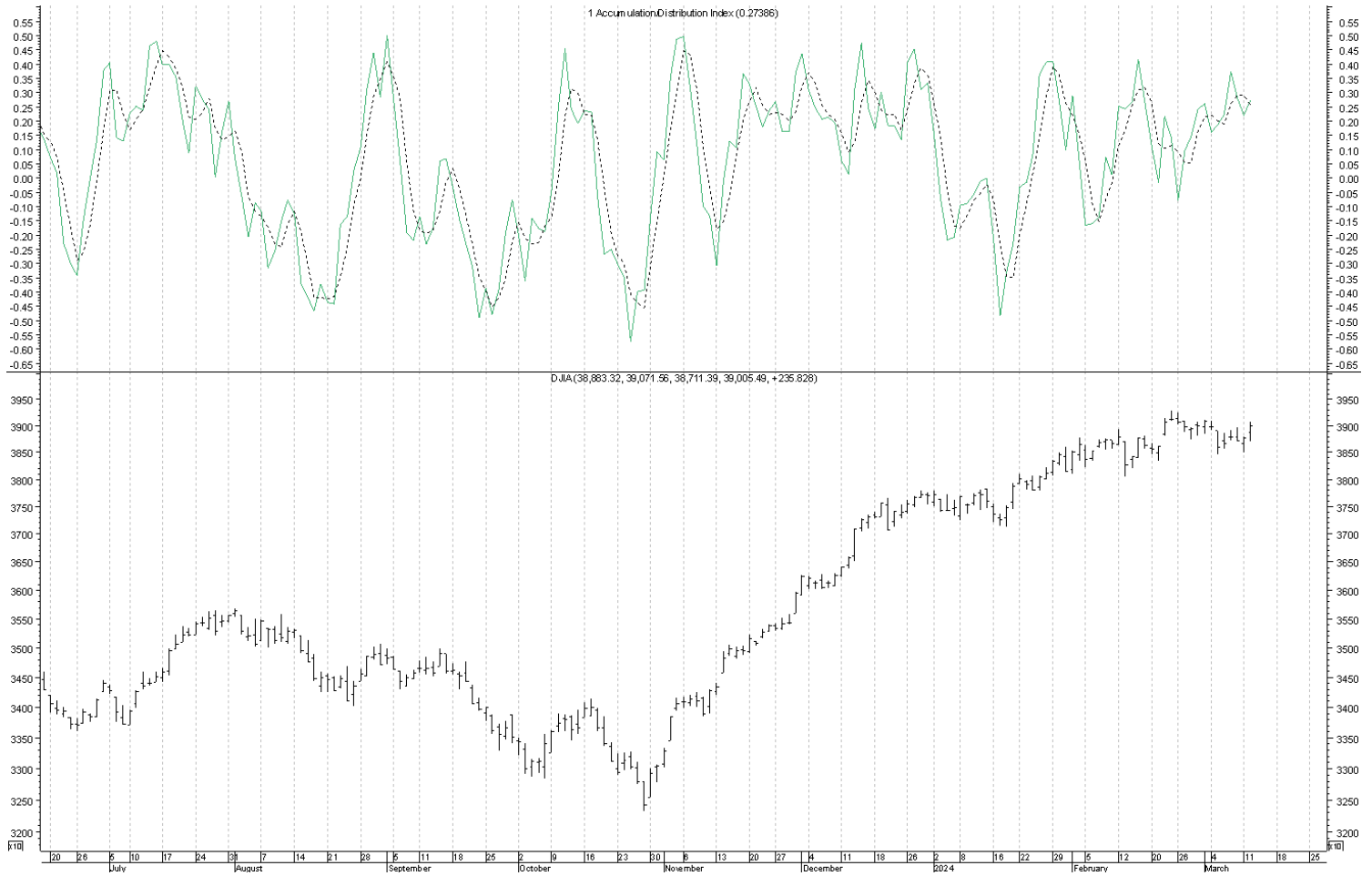
Both the **McClellan Summation Index** and the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** continue their upturns as well. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** ticked down on Friday, but remains above both its trigger and zero lines. Given the collective price/oscillator picture, I continue to think that we have seen a shallow trading cycle low and that another downturn below both the trigger and zero line should be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.



The smoothed McClellan oscillator continues its upturn. Here too, given the collective price/oscillator picture, another downturn below the trigger line, in conjunction with the completion of a weekly swing high, should now ideally be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.



The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** turned back up on Tuesday. Another downturn in conjunction with the completion of a re-triggering of a short-term sell signal will be suggestive of the trading cycle top.

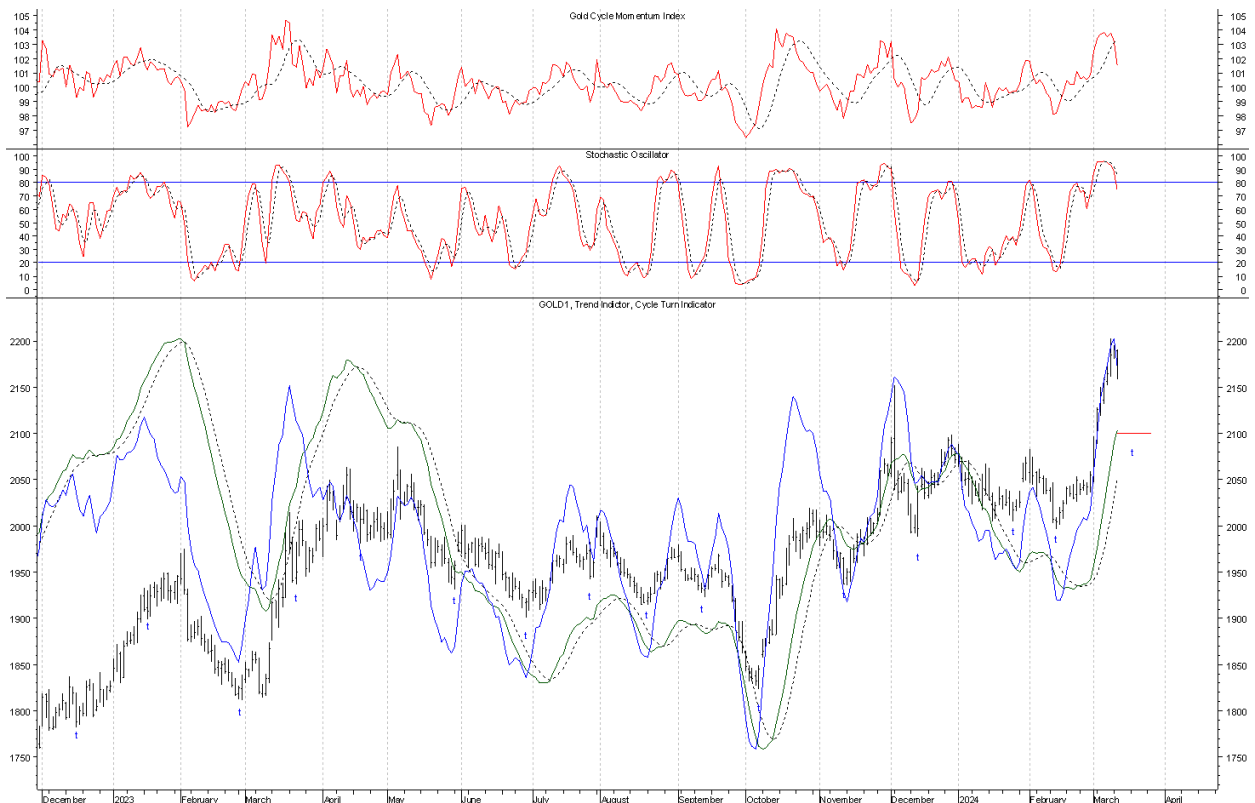


Gold

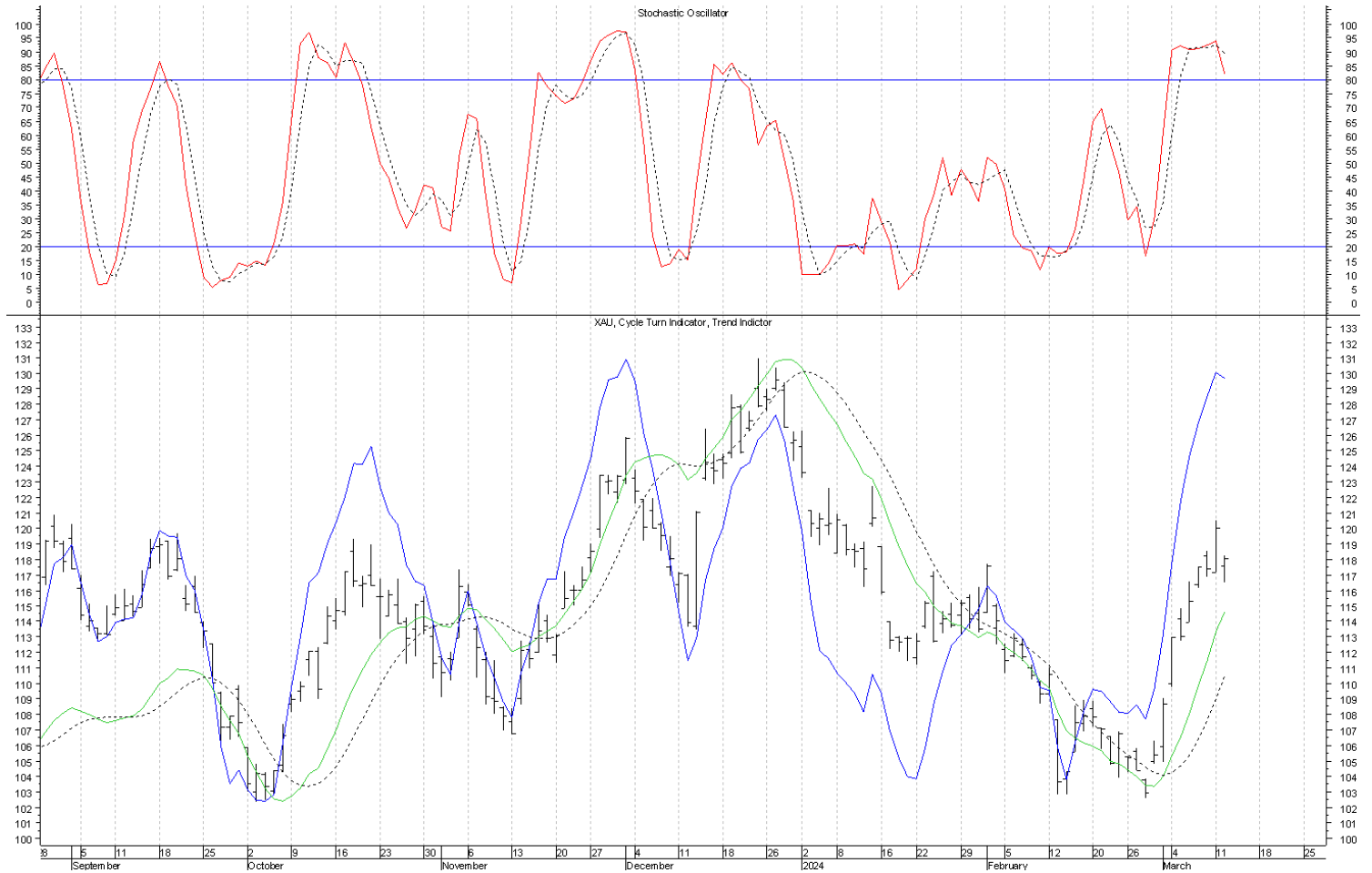
End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

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)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the accompanying downturn of the daily **CTI** a short-term sell signal was triggered. In doing so, every indication is that the trading cycle top has been seen. As discussed in recent updates, the evidence has been increasingly suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle low having been seen in conjunction with the February 14th trading cycle low. Accordingly, if the decline out of the current trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will leave Gold at risk of the intermediate-term cycle having possibly peaked. More on that at that time. 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 Wednesday if 2,158.20 holds and if 2,190.80 is bettered.



Our daily chart of the XAU is next. The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily CTI, a short-term sell signal was triggered and as with Gold, the trading cycle top should ideally be in place. But, because of the reversal off the low on Tuesday, we need to see a close below Tuesday's low as confirmation of this sell signal. Also as with Gold, if the decline out of this trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will put the XAU at risk of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well. A daily swing low will be completed on Wednesday if 116.51 holds and if 118.24 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	Bearish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
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Daily Indicator Summary **Short-Term Buy**

Primary Indicators

Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish

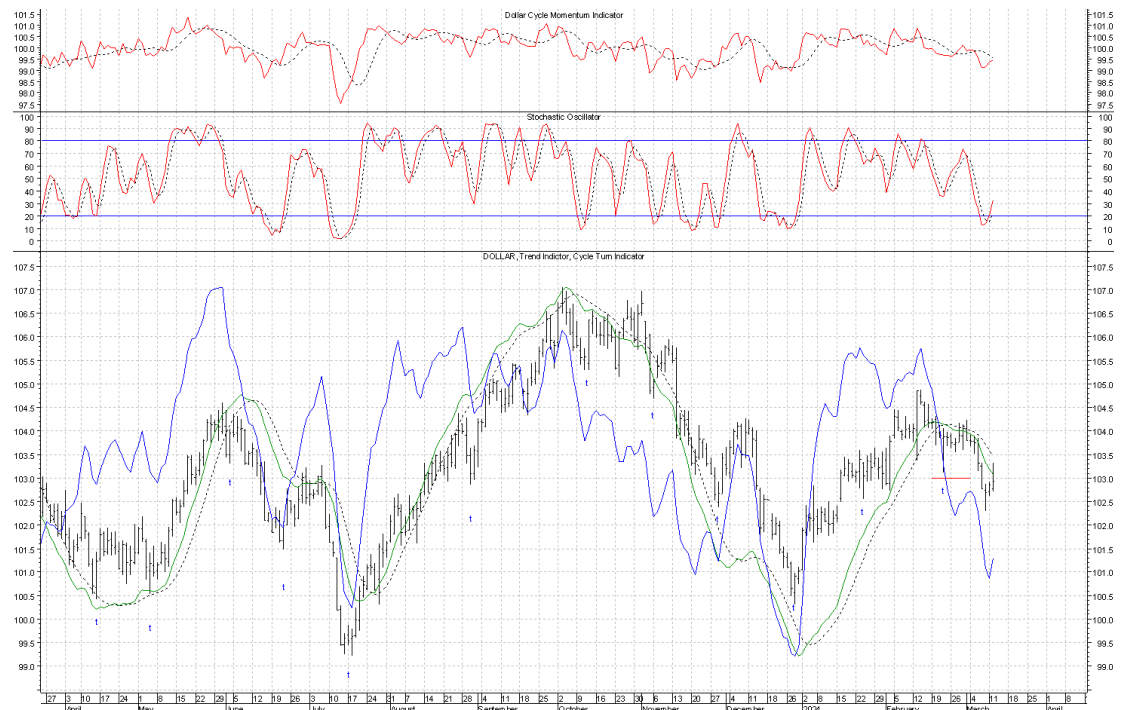
Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the current trading cycle low ran between February 19th and March 2nd. The assumption has been that this low was seen on February 22nd and that we have a failed and left-translated trading cycle at play. Ideally, I wanted to see another push down below the February 22nd low and as discussed in the weekend update the alternative is that this trading cycle ran long, with the low having been seen in conjunction with Friday's reversal off its low. With the completion of a daily swing low on Monday, the continued upturn on Tuesday and the accompanying upturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term buy signal was triggered. Because of the reversal lower on Tuesday, I do want to see a close above Tuesday's high. If such confirmation is seen, then the assumption will have to be that the trading cycle low was seen on March 8th rather than February 22nd. At a higher level, the evidence continues to be suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle top and for this reason, even if this alternative phasing of the trading cycle should prove applicable, the advance out of this low should prove to be counter-trend. More on the phasing of the trading cycle as this develops. In the meantime, this short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. A daily swing high will be completed on Wednesday if 103.31 is not bettered and if 102.70 is violated.



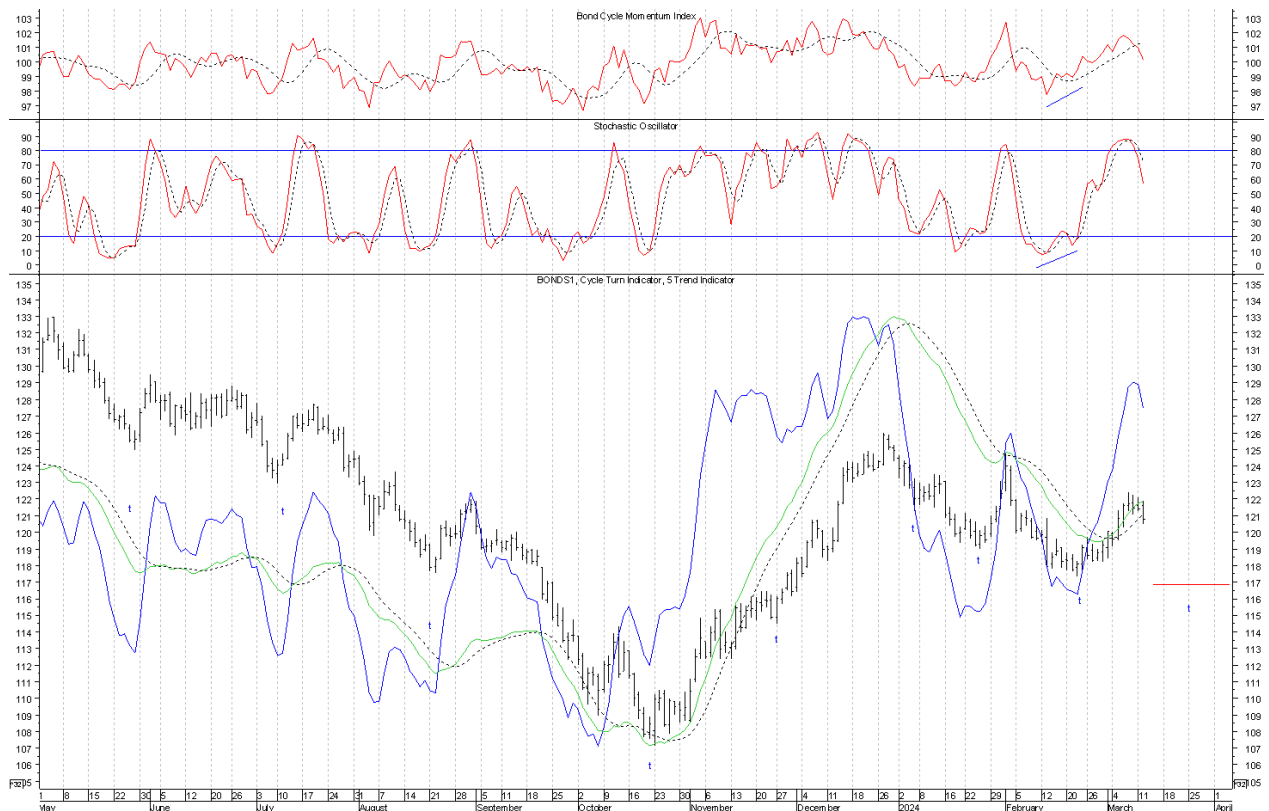
Bonds

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

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)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

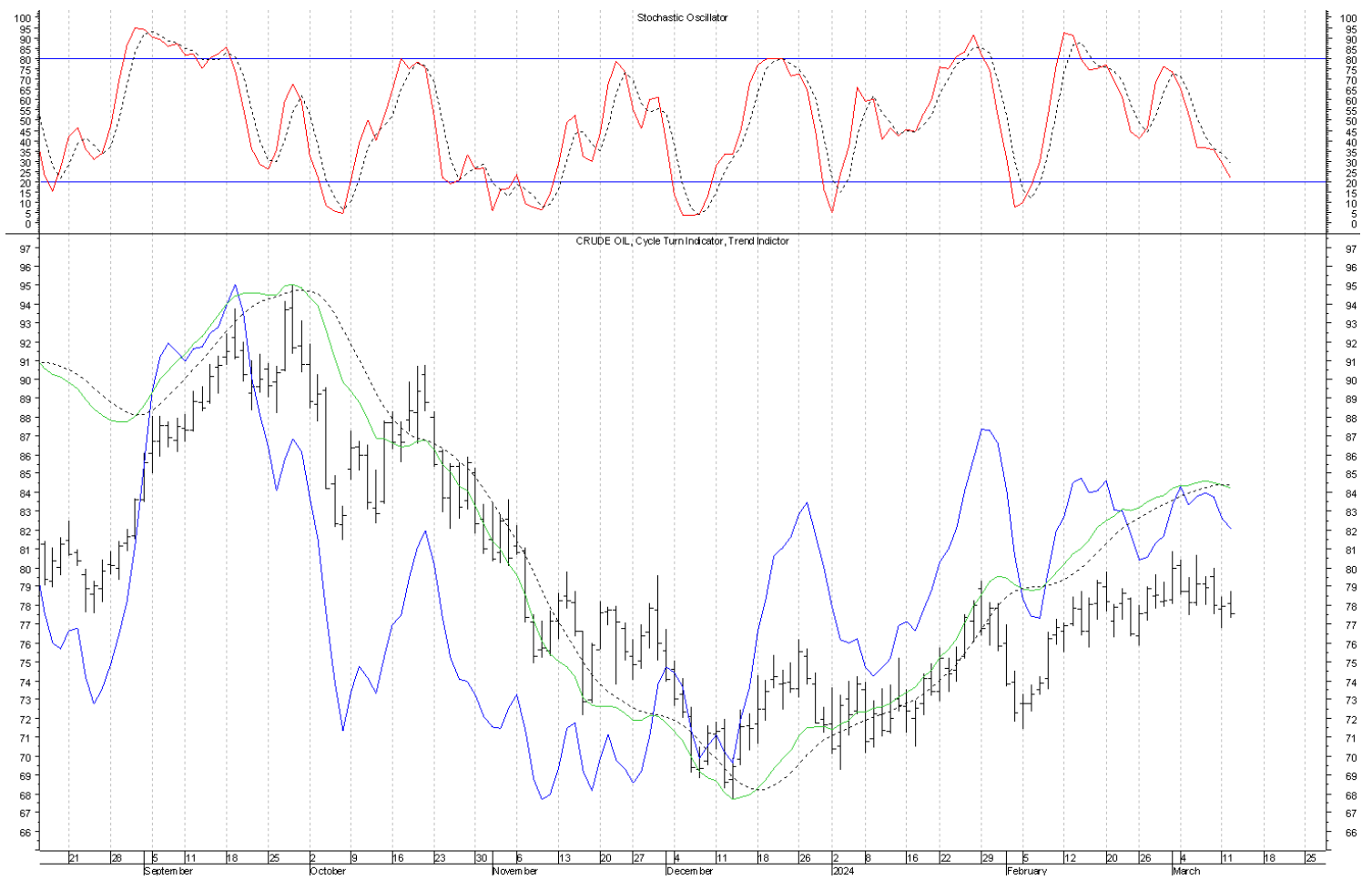
The price action on Friday completed the formation of a daily swing high, but with the daily **CTI** remaining positive, a short-term sell signal was not triggered. Monday was an inside day, but it did turn the daily **CTI** down triggering a short-term sell signal. With the continued decline on Tuesday this sell signal was further confirmed and every indication is that the trading cycle top is now in place. Based on the cyclical structure and timing for the intermediate-term cycle low, the expectation was for this trading cycle advance to be counter-trend and followed by at least one more trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. However, as a result of the March 1st completion of a weekly swing low, along with the continued advance last week turning the weekly CTI up, an intermediate-term buy signal was triggered. For this reason, we have to assume an early intermediate-term cycle low has been seen. If so, as structural

confirmation of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low, we must now see the decline into the trading cycle low hold above the previous trading cycle low.



Crude Oil

The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing low, but because of the reversal lower and with the daily CTI remaining negative, Friday's short-term sell signal remains intact. The price/oscillator picture continues to be suggestive of the additional advance into the March 1st daily swing high having been in association with an ending push into the trading cycle top and this short-term sell signal continues to be an opportunity to cap both the trading and intermediate-term cycle top. If a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen in conjunction with this short-term sell signal, we should have confirmation of the trading cycle top, leaving the intermediate-term advance out of the December low at risk of having run its course. Another daily swing high will be completed on Wednesday if 78.73 is not bettered and if 77.34 is violated.



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