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

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

*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.

April 14, 2024

Stocks

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
CTI on Rydex Tempest Fund *	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Advance/Decline Issues Diff	Bearish
New High New Low Diff	Bearish
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 High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
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)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator (ITVM)	Bearish
McClellan Summation Index	Bearish
McClellan Volume Summation Index	Bearish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Trading Cycle Oscillator	Bearish
Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator Crossover	Bearish
Accumulation/Distribution Index	Bearish

The short-term sell signal and decline out of the March 21st trading cycle top remains intact. As discussed in last weekend’s update, this decline triggered an intermediate-term sell signal the week ending April 5th and this past week the continued weakness has set a monthly swing high into motion on the Industrials, the NYSE Composite, the Dow Jones Composite and the Value Line Geometric. Given the development of these monthly swing highs, we have to assume a seasonal cycle top has been seen until the markets can prove this not to have been the case. Also, in light of my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line and the accompanying Dow Theory non-confirmations, Equities are at further risk of the 4-year cycle top as well. With the CheckMate Chart incomplete, the expectation has been for there to be another intermediate-term cycle up as the setup with the CheckMate Chart concludes. In light of these monthly swing highs, it is possible we could be seeing a setup more like the 2000 top in which Equities peaked first rather than as with the 2007 and 2020 tops in which Equities peaked following the conclusion of the CheckMate Chart. Even so, there should still be another intermediate-term cycle involved as the CheckMart Chart concludes its setup,

but in this case it would not carry the Industrials to a new high. Either way, the CheckMate Chart remains key as does the next intermediate-term cycle advance. It is simply a matter of whether we are seeing a setup more like 2000 with Equities peaking first, or like the 2007 and 2020 tops. Whichever the case, seeing these monthly swing highs take form in the presence of my Intermediate-Term AD Line and the Dow Theory non-confirmations is a serious development. We have no choice but to give these monthly swing highs the benefit of the doubt as we work through this setup.

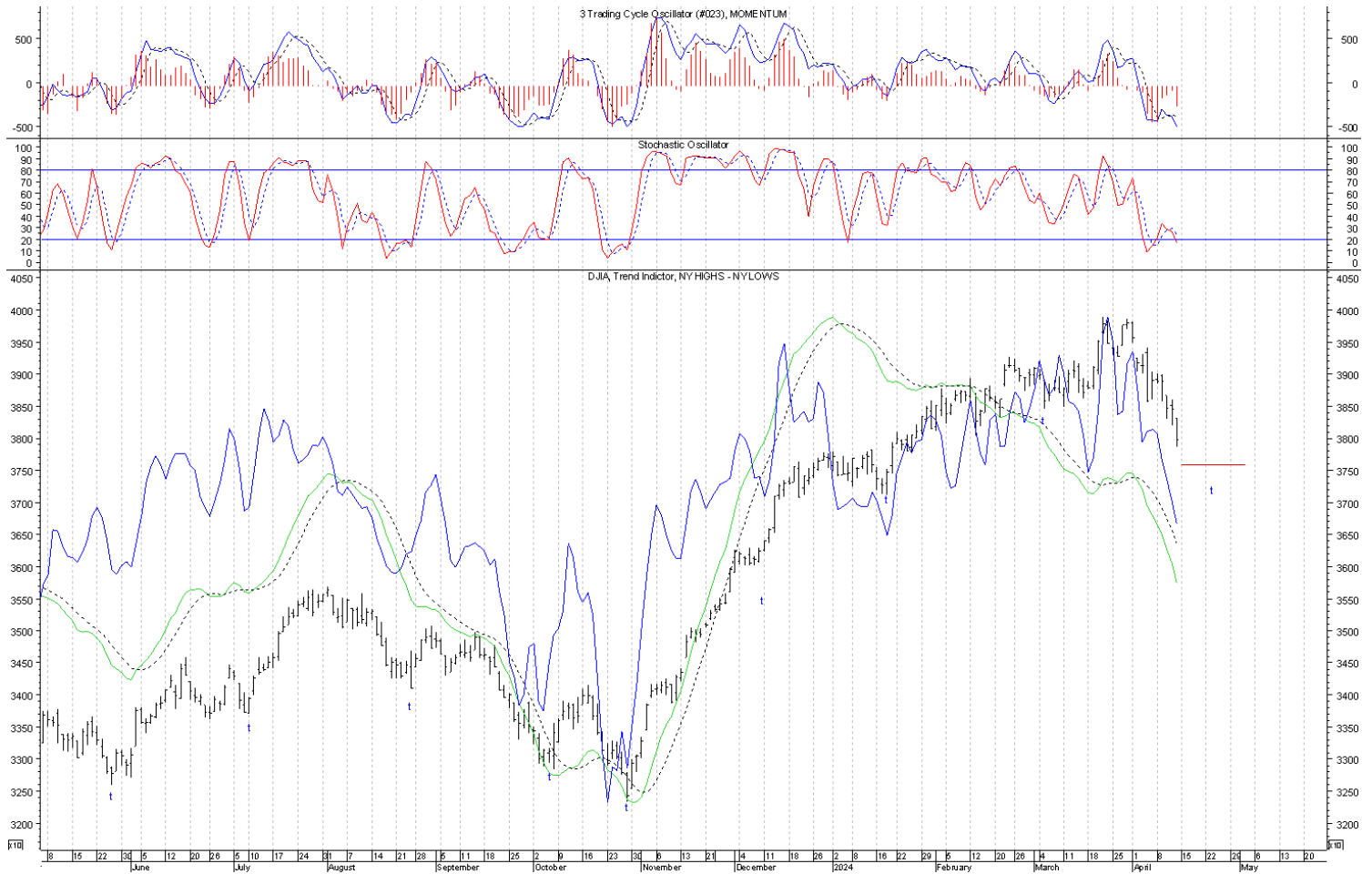
Short-term, the timing band for the now pending trading cycle low runs between April 15th and May 2nd. With this timing band still ahead, we should ideally see continued weakness as we move into the timing band for this low. However, once a daily swing low and upturn of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen, a short-term buy signal will be triggered and I will evaluate the evidence with regard to the trading cycle low at such time. It will then be the advance out of the pending trading cycle low that should serve to clarify the phasing of the intermediate-term cycle. If the intermediate-term cycle low doesn't prove to bottom in conjunction with the pending trading cycle low, then evidence will point toward that low having been seen early in January, which will push the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low out to between May 9th and July 11th. Therefore, the advance out of the pending trading cycle low will be key with respect to the phasing of the intermediate-term cycle. More on that once the trading cycle low is in place. For now, the focus is on the trading cycle low.

The additional confirmation of Monday's short-term sell signal on Crude Oil was never seen. Overall, the price/oscillator picture continues to be suggestive of what should be the trading and intermediate-term cycle top, but we need to see a definitive short-term sell signal. At a higher level, as with Equities, Crude Oil should be at or near an intermediate-term cycle top, which should also be in place once a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen. Gasoline triggered a short-term buy signal on Thursday, but because of the reversal lower I wanted to see a close above Thursday's high as confirmation of this signal. Gasoline moved marginally higher on Friday, but we did not see a close above Thursday's high. Any further weakness that completes the formation of a weekly swing high will be further suggestive of the intermediate-term advance out of the February low having run its course. The CRB Index triggered a short-term sell signal on Thursday and as a result, the trading cycle top should ideally be in place, but as further confirmation I still want to see the completion of a weekly swing high as well. Gold triggered a short-term sell signal on Wednesday, but as confirmation we needed to see a close below Wednesday's low. That additional confirmation was not seen and Friday's additional advance should be in association with an ending push up into the trading cycle top, which should be in place once another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen. The XAU triggered a short-term sell signal on Wednesday as well, but here too, as confirmation of this signal and of the trading cycle top we needed to see a close below Wednesday's low. As with Gold this additional confirmation was not seen and the additional advance should be in association with an ending push into the trading cycle top. The Dollar triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday and the advance out of the trading cycle low will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen. Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing low on Friday and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. Ideally, I would like to see another push down as we move further into the timing band for this low, but until proven otherwise, we have to assume this trading cycle low to be in place.

The Intermediate-Term Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, continues its downturn. The Green MA remains above the Black MA, but has turned down and the expectation is for it to turn below the Black MA in the coming week. 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 on the Industrials, the expectation was 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, this downturn should now prove to be in association with the intermediate-term cycle top, which should ideally be in place with the weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI.

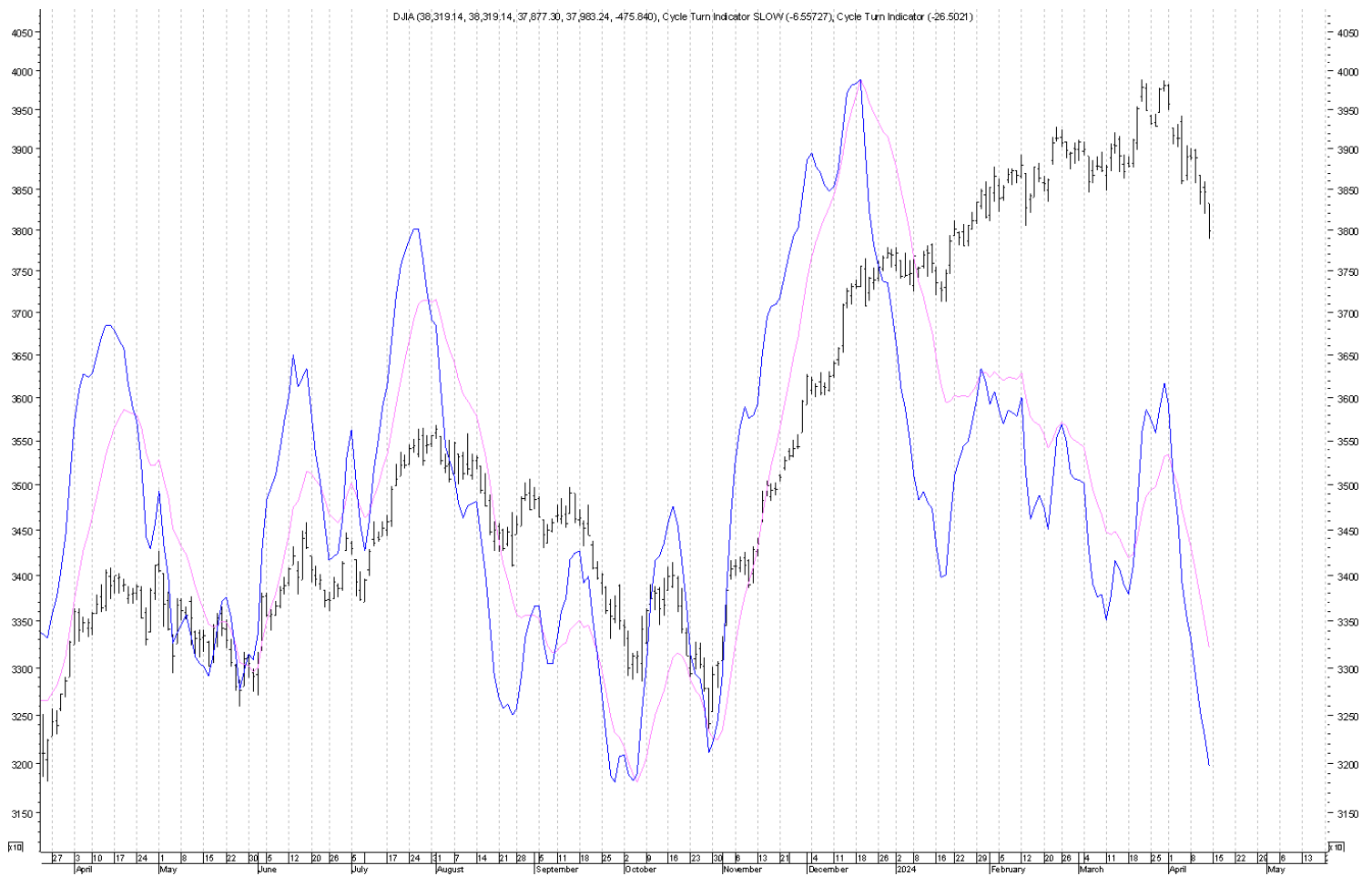


The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window remains negative and at oversold levels as we approach the timing band for the trading cycle low. The **Momentum Indicator** has ticked up, but remains below its zero line. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window remains below its trigger line and thus far, the divergence continues forming as we move toward the timing band for the trading cycle low. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, continues its downturn. The **Trend Indicator** continues its downturn below its trigger line in association with the decline into the trading cycle low and with a weekly swing high in place what should also be the decline into the intermediate-term cycle low as well.

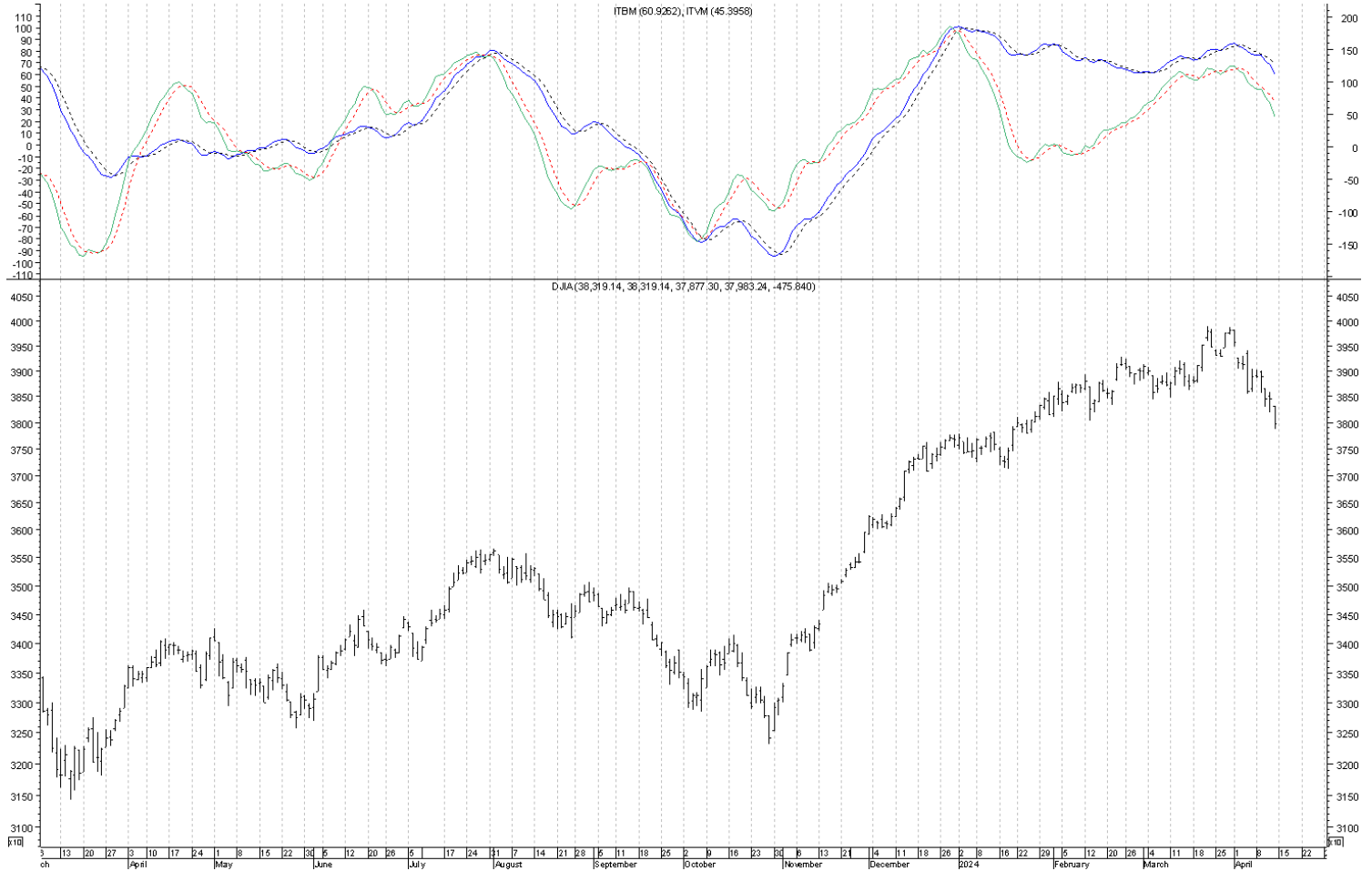


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow** Cycle Turn Indicators, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

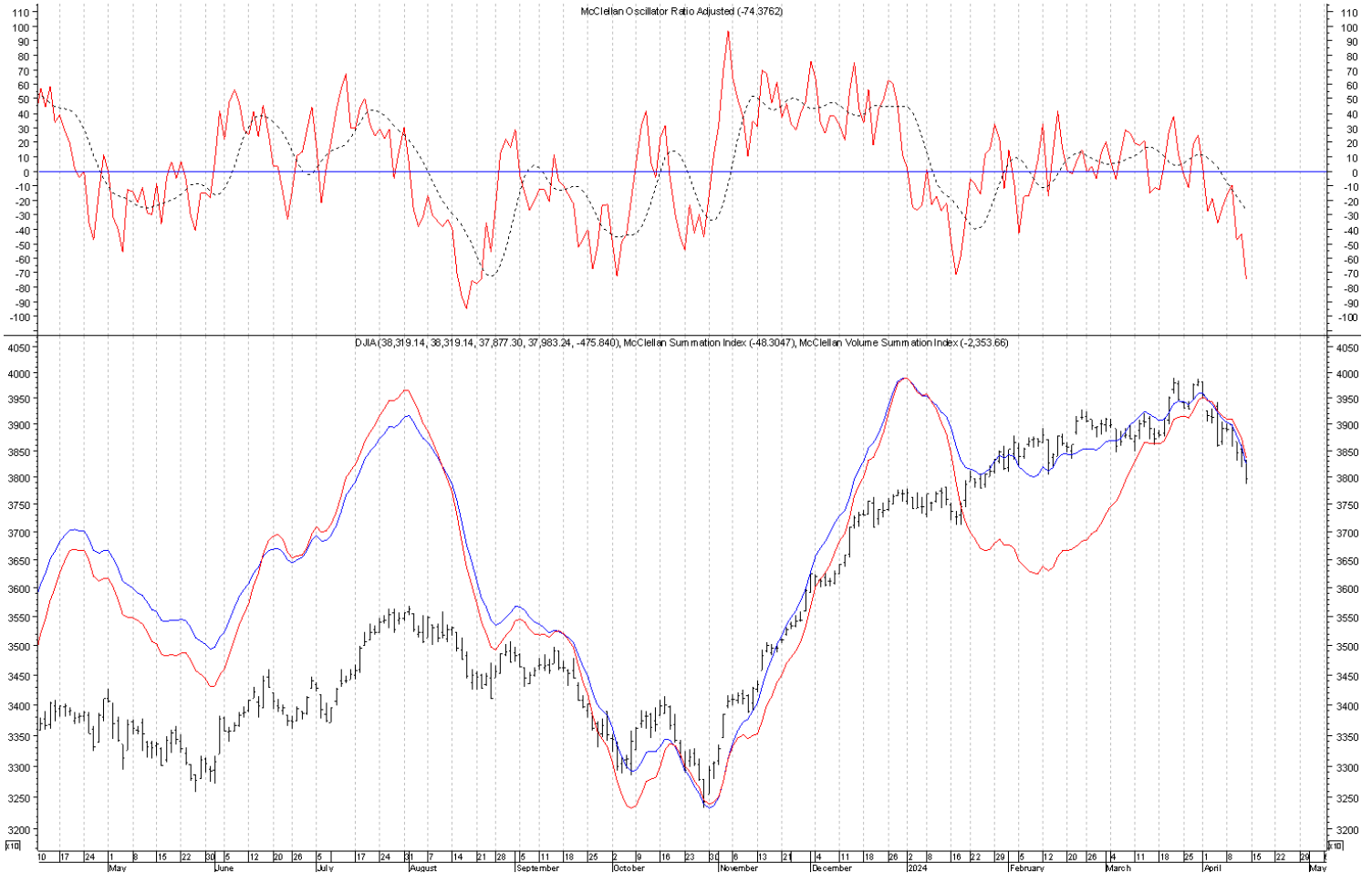
The Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high on April 1st and with the continued weakness on April 2nd turning ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators into gear to the downside, a short-term sell signal was triggered. In doing so, the overall price/oscillator picture has been suggestive of the trading cycle top. Given the continued weakness, there have been no additional changes in that the decline into the trading cycle low remains intact and while we should be getting close, with price not yet having moved into the timing band for the trading cycle low, this low should still lie ahead. Bottom line, the short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen.



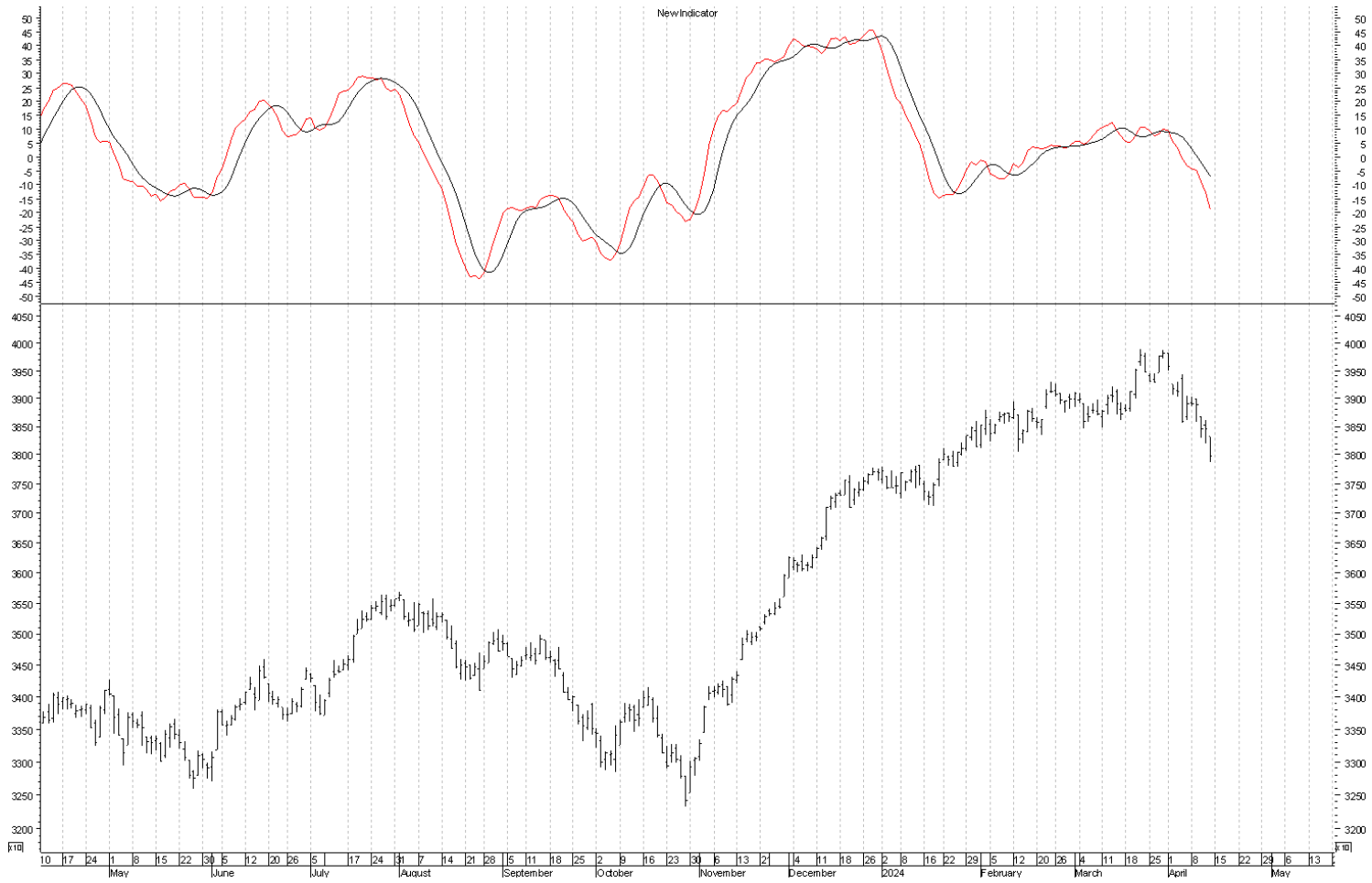
Both the **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** and the **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** remain in gear to the downside.



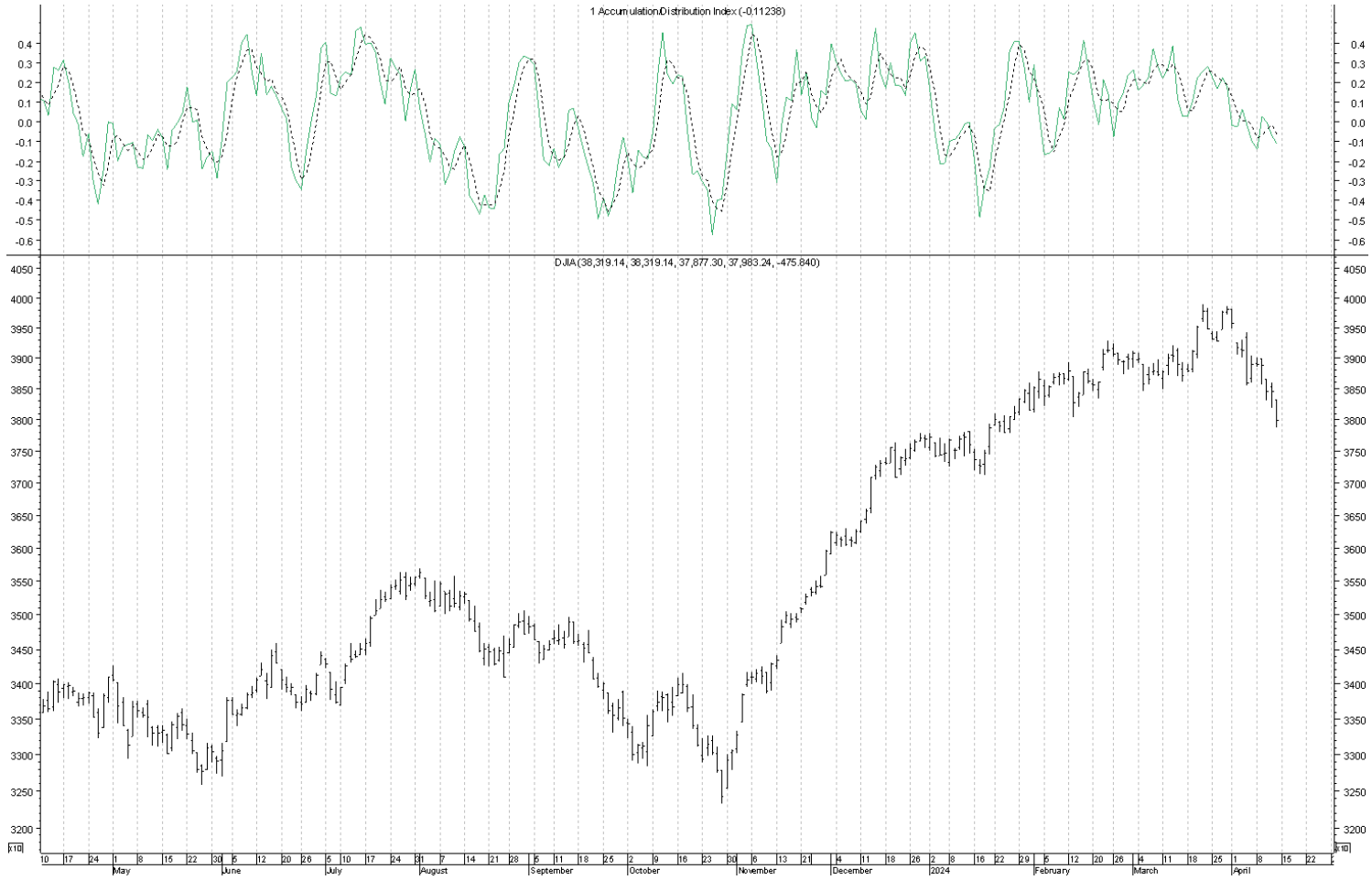
Both the **McClellan Summation Index** and the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** also remain in gear to the downside. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** in the upper window remains negative. Once a daily swing low is formed and a short-term buy signal is triggered, an upturn back above the trigger and zero line should serve as confirmation of the trading cycle low.



The smoothed McClellan oscillator continues its downturn in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.

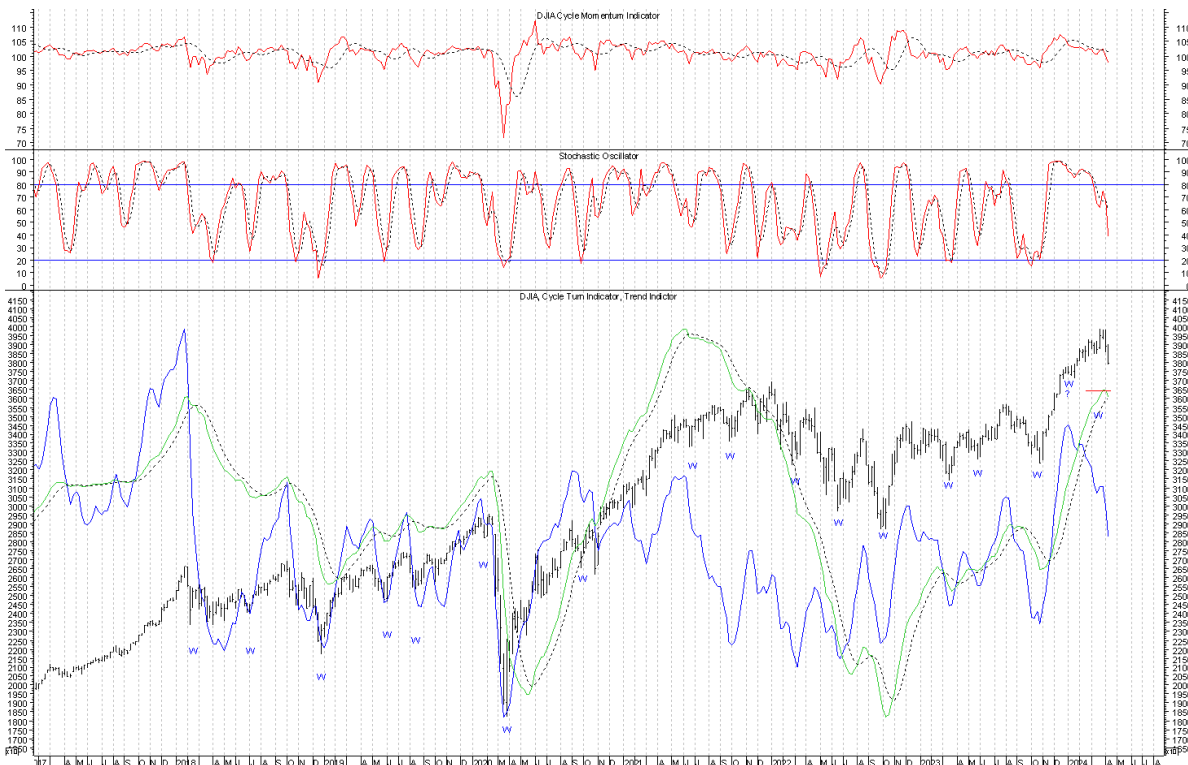


The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** remains below its trigger line, but thus far appears to be forming a divergence as we move into the trading cycle low. Another upturn of this indicator, in conjunction with the triggering of a short-term buy signal, will be suggestive of the trading cycle low having been seen.



Our weekly chart of the Industrials is next and bottom line, as a result of the continued weakness, the intermediate-term sell signal remains intact and will continue to do so until another weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI are seen. Based on normal cyclical duration, the timing band for the now due intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April 19th. However, as discussed in the weekend updates over the last several weeks, with price having moved this far into the timing band for this low, we have either seen an extended intermediate-term cycle advance, or we saw a very shallow and early intermediate-term cycle low the week of January 19th. While a weekly swing high was not formed on the Industrials, the weekly CTI, the Cycle Momentum Indicator and the 5 3 3 Stochastic all turned down into that shallow low in association with the decline into that low and intermediate-term sell signals were triggered on other indexes such as the Value Line Geometric and the NYSE. Therefore, this alternative phasing is certainly possible. It will be the advance out of the now pending trading cycle low that should serve as confirmation of which phasing of the intermediate-term cycle low is applicable. If the intermediate-term cycle low proves to have been seen in January in accordance with the alternative phasing, it will push the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low out to between May 9th and July 11th. In the event this phasing prove applicable, we should see lower interest rates in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart as Equities move into this timeframe.

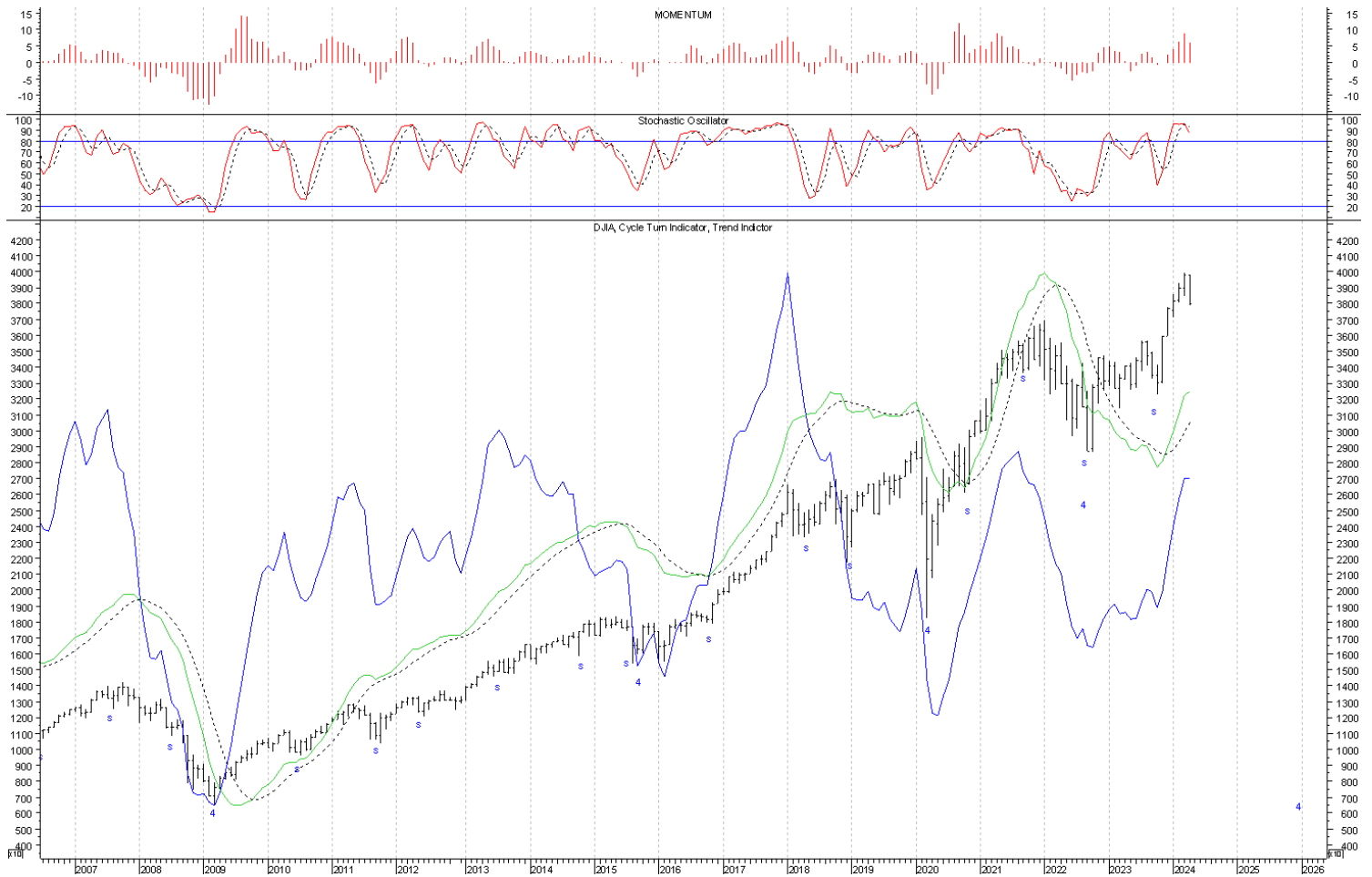
Whether an intermediate-term cycle low was seen in January or we have simply seen an extended cycle with the decline into the intermediate-term cycle low just now occurring, the intermediate-term sell signal will remain intact until another weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI are seen. Again, it will be the advance out of the now pending trading cycle low that will be key with respect to the confirmation of the phasing of the intermediate-term cycle. A weekly swing low will be completed in the coming week if 37,877.30 holds and if 39,013.20 is bettered.



Next is our weekly chart of the Industrials, along with my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line in the upper window. With the Industrial's bettering of both the February high the week of March 22nd and the corresponding downturn of my Intermediate-Term Advance Decline Line, another non-confirmation was born. **Knowing that non-confirmations with 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, and that all but one 4-year cycle top since the inception of the averages in 1896 have occurred in conjunction with a Dow Theory non-confirmation, it is possible that a more important top is taking hold here in conjunction with this intermediate-term cycle top. Therefore, caution here is warranted, particularly now that we have a monthly swing high in the making.** This said, because of the incomplete setup with the CheckMate Chart, there should ideally be at least one additional intermediate-term cycle up in conjunction with the conclusion of that setup, even if it doesn't carry Equities to a new high, as was the case with the 2000 setup. For now, we have an intermediate-term sell signal, an intermediate-term cycle top and a monthly swing high, regardless of the phasing of the intermediate-term cycle. Whichever form the setup with the CheckMate Chart takes, this non-confirmation should continue taking form with another intermediate-term cycle up as the overall setting up. More on all of this as it develops.



Below I have included the current monthly chart of the Industrials and as you can see, the price action this month has set a monthly swing high into motion, which as mentioned above is suggestive of the seasonal cycle top. At this level, it will be the advance out of the next intermediate-term cycle low that will serve as the structural test of this top. More on that as the next intermediate-term cycle advance takes hold. For now, this completion of a monthly swing high on the Industrials, the NYSE Composite and the Value Line Geometric certainly leave Equites at risk of the seasonal cycle top and therefore of the 4-year cycle top. For this reason, do not take these developments lightly.



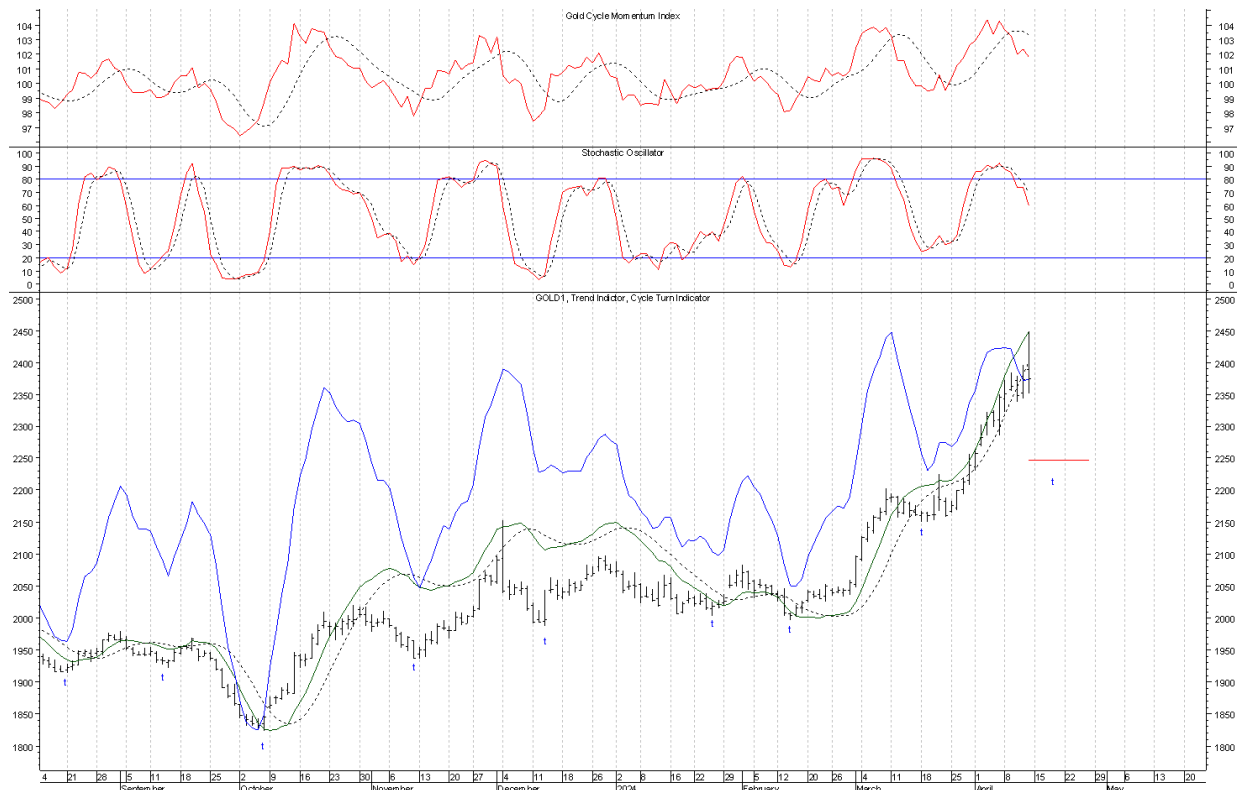
Gold

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

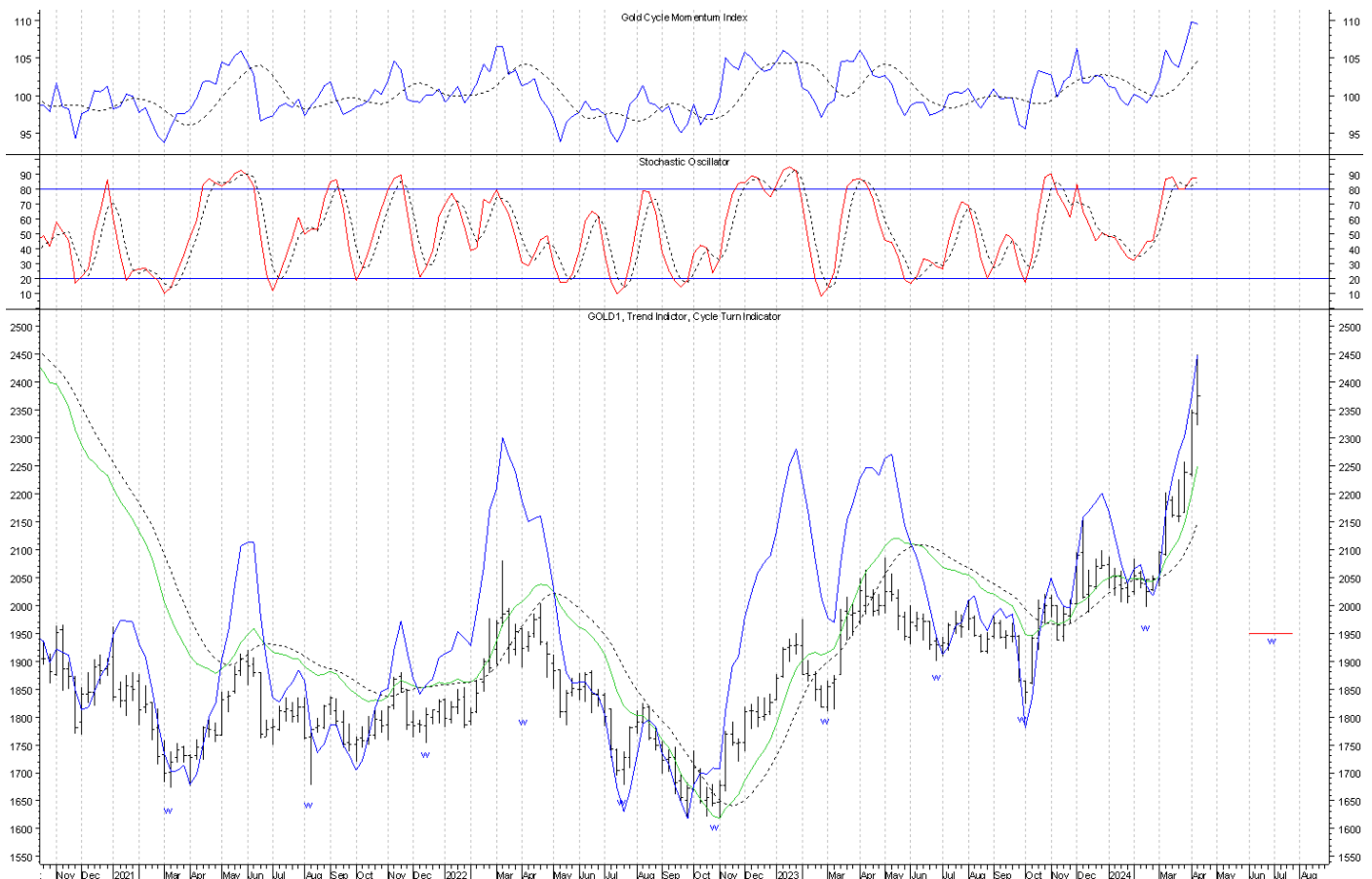
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

The trading cycle low was seen on March 18th. The timing band for the now due trading cycle low runs between April 12th and April 26th. The oscillator picture has been ripe for the trading cycle top and with Wednesday's completion of a daily swing high, a short-term sell signal was triggered. But, on Thursday and Friday additional strength followed in association with a continued push into the trading cycle top. As a result of Friday's reversal lower, the price/oscillator picture is increasingly suggestive of the trading cycle top and that this additional advance has been in association with an ending push into that top. Once another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen, a short-term sell signal will be triggered and this top should finally be in place. If the decline in association with the trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will put Gold at further risk of the intermediate-term cycle top.

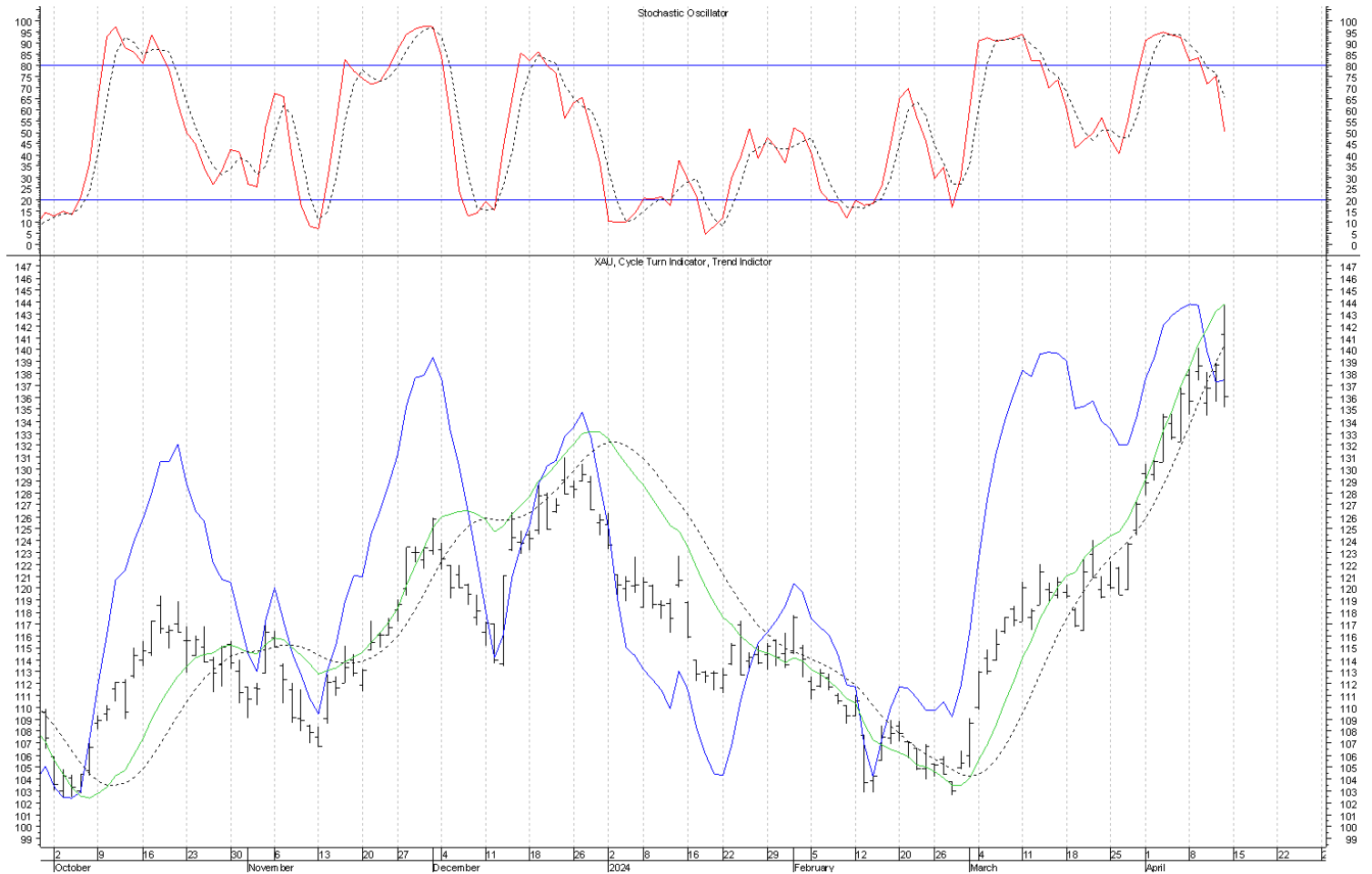
Another daily swing high will be completed on Monday if 2,448.80 is not bettered and if 2,350.60 is violated.



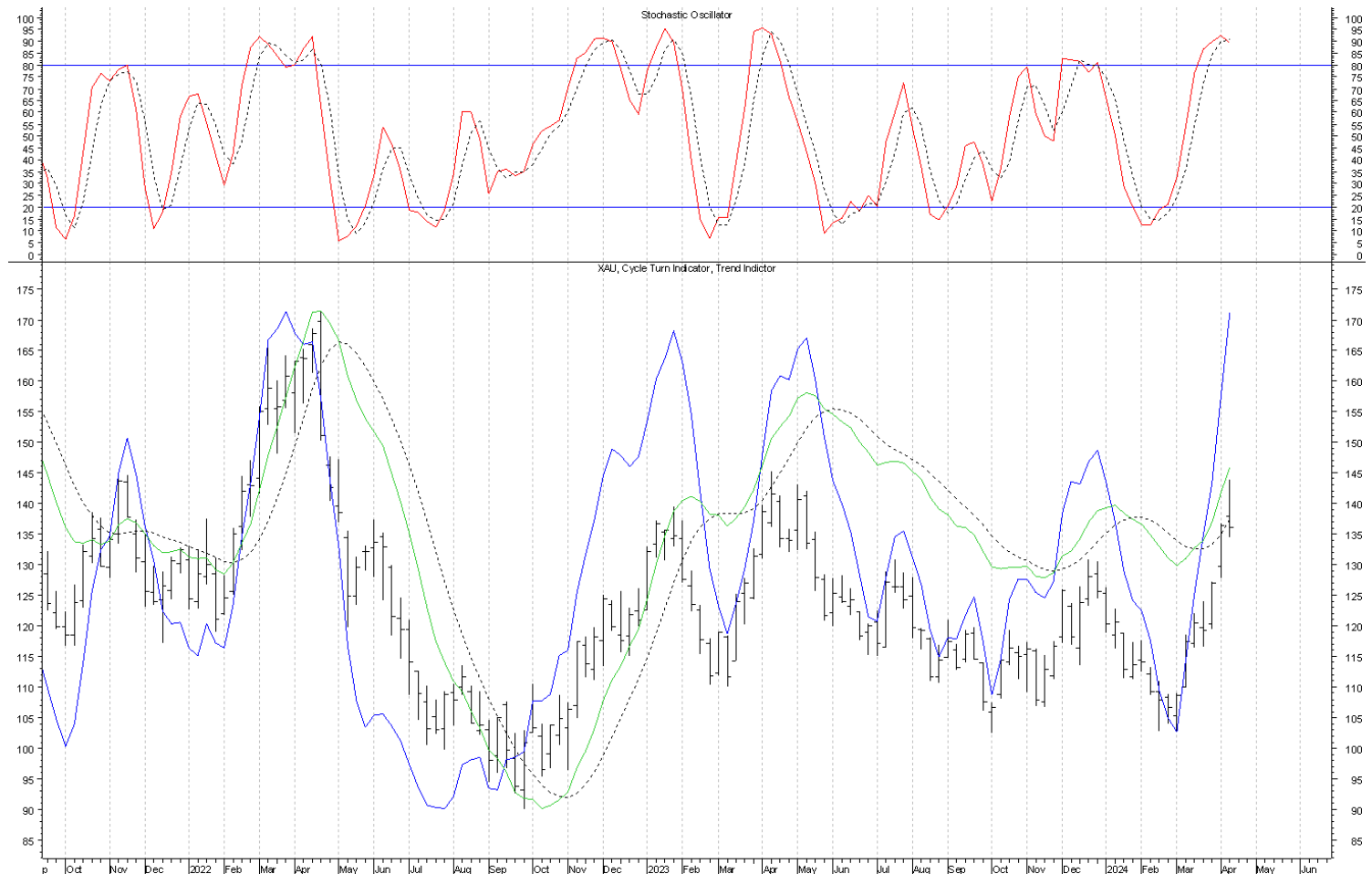
Our weekly chart of Gold is next and there are no changes at this level. The intermediate-term cycle low was seen in conjunction with the February 14th trading cycle low and the timing band for the next intermediate-term cycle low runs between June 4th and July 23rd. Until another weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly **CTI** are seen, this intermediate-term buy signal will remain intact. 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 and more recently the December 2023 intermediate-term cycle top, the evidence has been increasingly suggestive of the November 2022 seasonal cycle low having also marked the 9-year cycle low. While the bettering of the December 2023 high and continued advance has obviously been a positive development for Gold, as was discussed in the December Research Letter, as well as in recent weekend updates, the Industrial Metals Index is not structurally confirming this advance, nor has the CRB Index. The Industrials Metals Index and the CRB Index have turned up in conjunction with the advance we have been seeing in Gold, but they have not yet confirmed this advance structurally. Until such structural confirmation is seen, the higher degree expectation is for this to be an ending push into a left-translated 9-year cycle top in accordance with the overall setting up of the CheckMate Chart. The oscillator picture is increasingly suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle top and evidence of a left-translated top will be indicative of the seasonal cycle top, which will in turn be an opportunity to cap the higher degree 9-year cycle. But, for now, this intermediate-term buy signal will remain intact and higher prices will remain possible until another weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly **CTI** are seen. Another weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 2,448.80 is not bettered and if 2,321.70 is violated.



Our daily chart of the XAU is next and as with Gold, the price action on Friday turned the daily CTI back up triggering a short-term buy signal. But, as is also the case with Gold, the price reversal and accompanying oscillator picture are also suggestive of this having been an ending push into the trading cycle top. Any further weakness on Monday that completes the formation of a daily swing high in association with a downturn of the daily CTI will re-trigger another short-term sell signal and the trading cycle top should then be in place. If the decline in association with the trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will leave the XAU at risk of the intermediate-term cycle top. A daily swing high will be completed on Monday if 143.84 is not bettered and if 135.16 is violated.



Our weekly chart of the XAU is next and the intermediate-term advance out of the February low remains intact. That said, this past week's price reversal lower and downturn of the weekly 5 3 3 Stochastic definitely make conditions ripe for an intermediate-term cycle top. Any further weakness that completes the formation of a weekly swing high in the coming week that turns the weekly CTI down, will trigger an intermediate-term sell signal in association with what should prove to be the intermediate-term cycle top. A weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 143.84 is not bettered and if 134.46 is violated.



Dollar

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
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Daily Indicator Summary **Short-Term Buy**

Primary Indicators

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

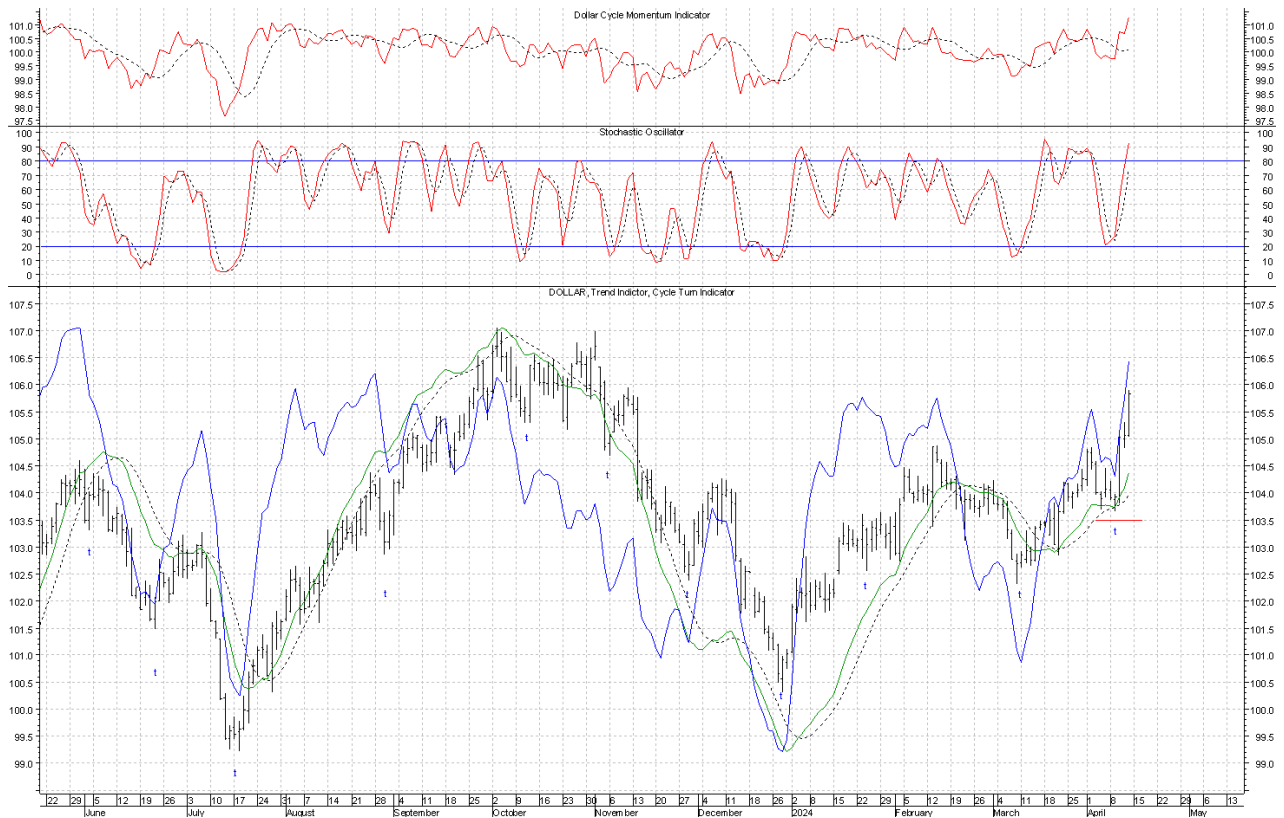
Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

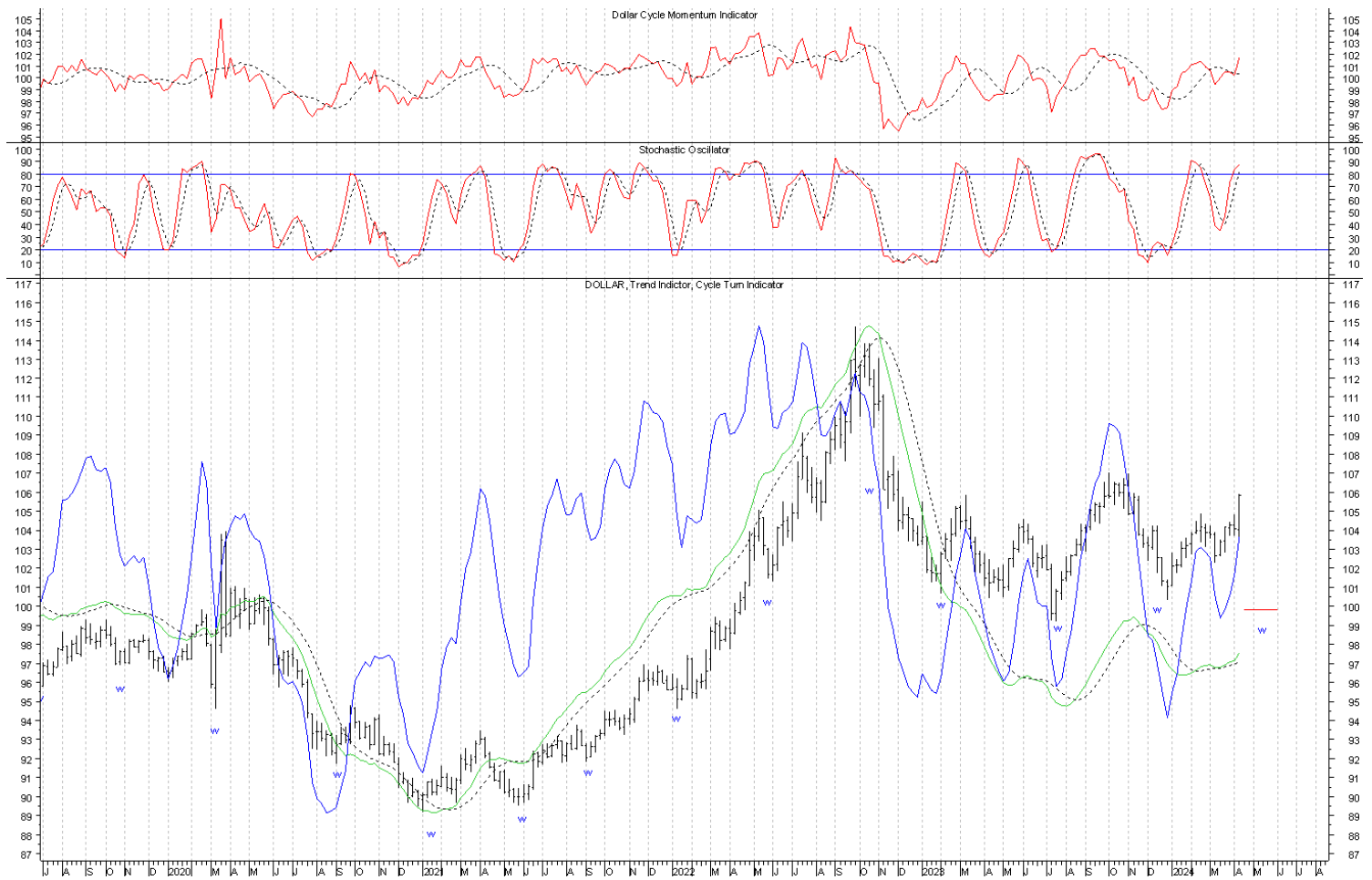
Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the trading cycle low runs between April 3rd and April 17th. This low was seen in conjunction with the April 9th daily swing low. The advance out of that low remains intact and will continue to do so until a daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. At a higher level, this trading cycle advance should be in association with an ending advance into the intermediate-term cycle top. For now, 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 Monday if 105.90 is not bettered and if 105.02 is violated.



Our weekly chart of the Dollar is next. With the March 22nd completion of a weekly swing low, an intermediate-term buy signal was triggered and it was this advance that served as the structural test of the intermediate-term cycle top. With this advance carrying the Dollar above the February 16th weekly swing high, this intermediate-term cycle is now right-translated. However, as a result of the October monthly swing high, the Dollar remains at risk of a left-translated seasonal cycle top and even with this cycle being right-translated, it is in association with a structural retest of the higher degree seasonal cycle top. More on this all once a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen. Another weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 105.90 is not bettered and if 103.64 is violated. The timing band for the next intermediate-term cycle low runs between April 19th and June 7th.

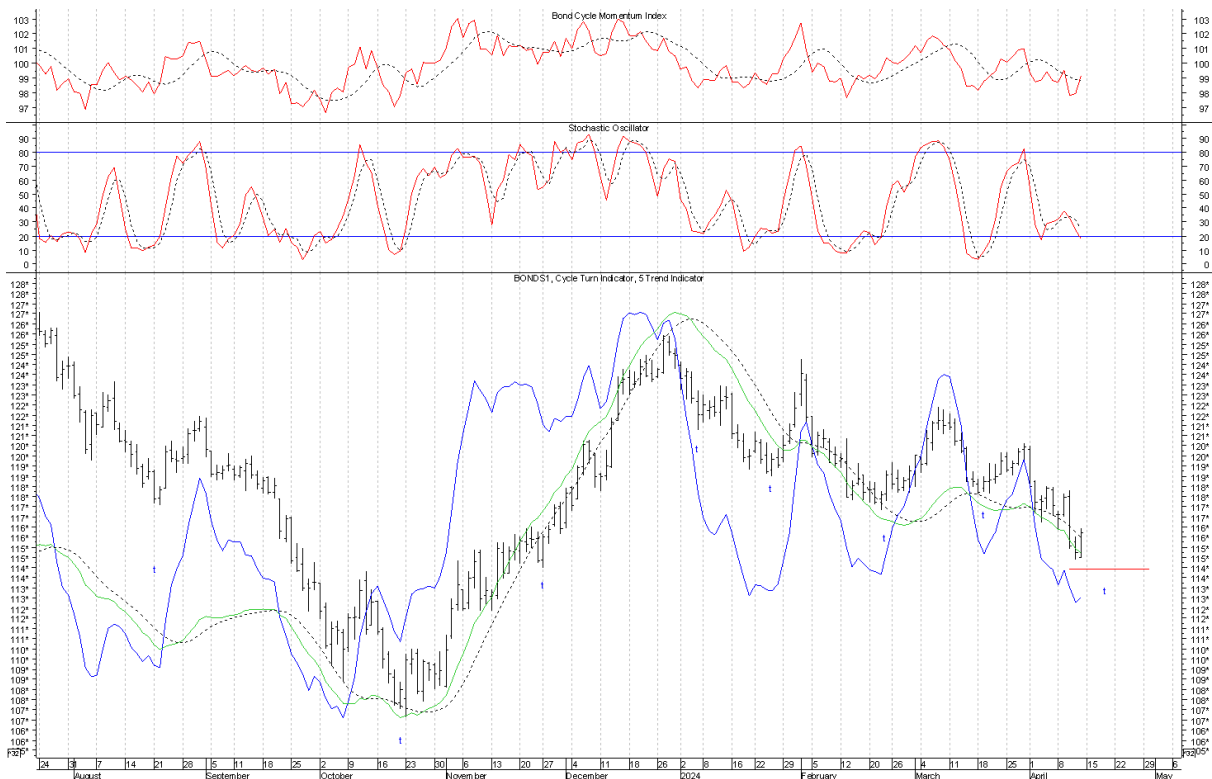


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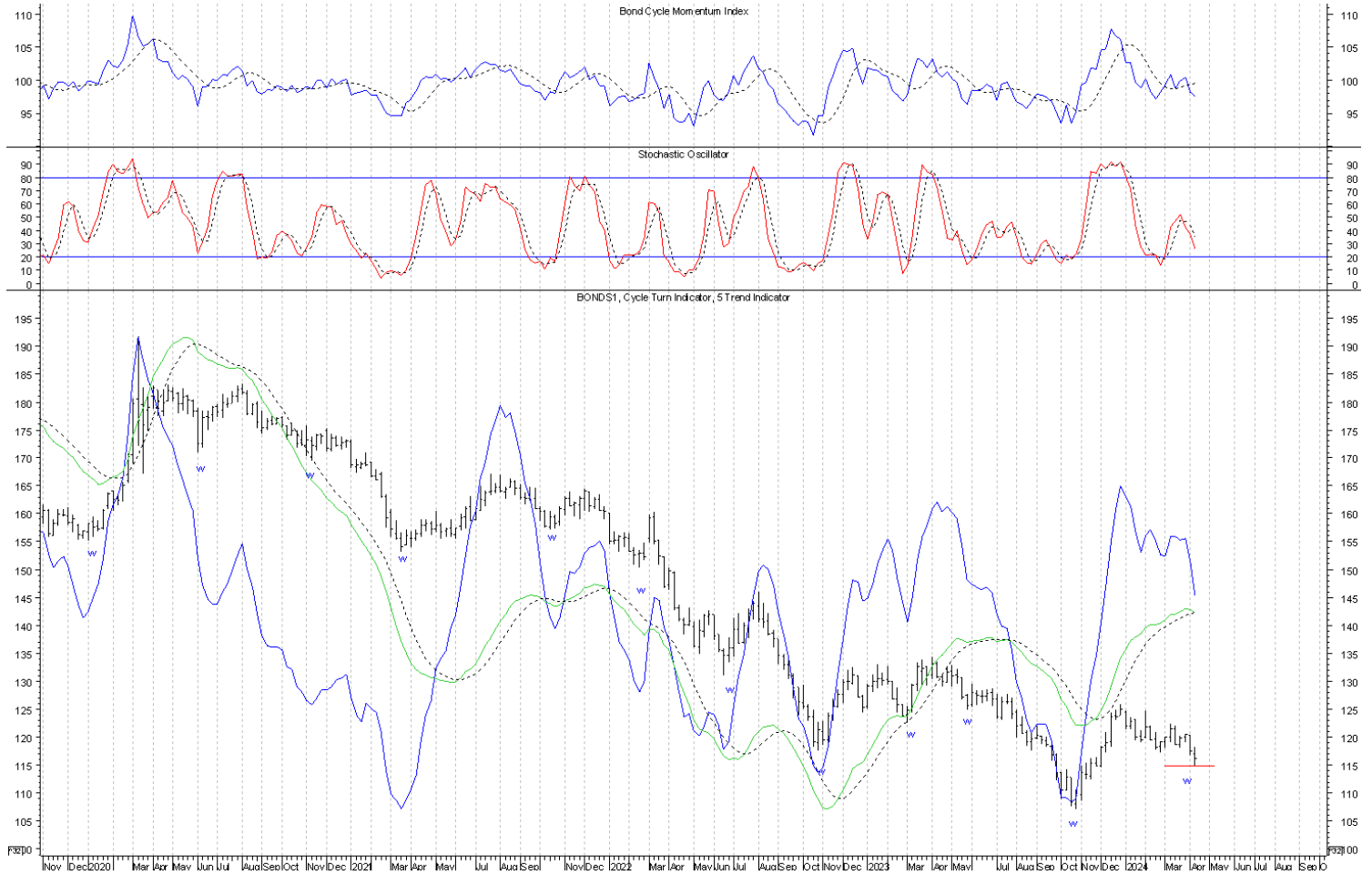
End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

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	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

The timing band for the trading cycle low runs between April 10th and April 30th. The price action on Friday completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term buy signal was triggered. Ideally, I would like to see another push down as we move a little further into the timing band for this low, but until proven otherwise, we have to assume this trading cycle low to be in place. At a higher level, the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 29th and May 9th. Accordingly, this trading cycle low will be an opportunity for this higher degree cycle low and if the advance out of the trading cycle low completes the formation of a weekly swing low, the intermediate-term cycle low should be in place. Any further advance in the wake of this short-term buy signal should serve as confirmation of the trading cycle low. A weekly swing low that is also accompanied by a right-translated trading cycle advance should serve as confirmation of the intermediate-term cycle low.

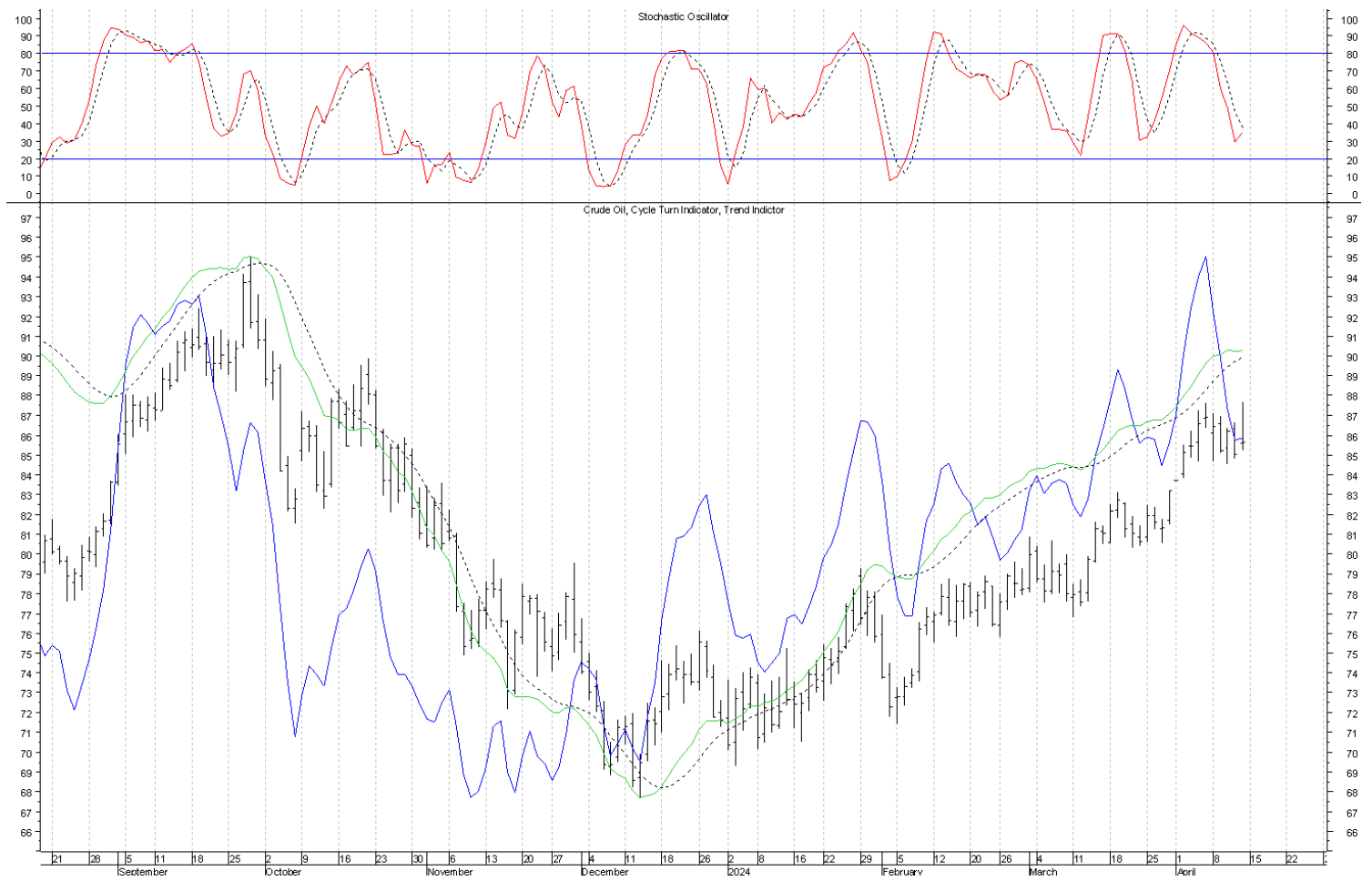


The timing band for the now due intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 29th and May 9th. Accordingly, this low should be seen in conjunction with either the current trading cycle low or the next. If a weekly swing low and right-translated trading cycle advance follows in the wake of the the current trading cycle low, then every indication will be that we have in fact seen an additional push down into the intermediate-term cycle low and that this low is now in place. For now, the intermediate-term sell signal will remain intact until another weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI are seen.

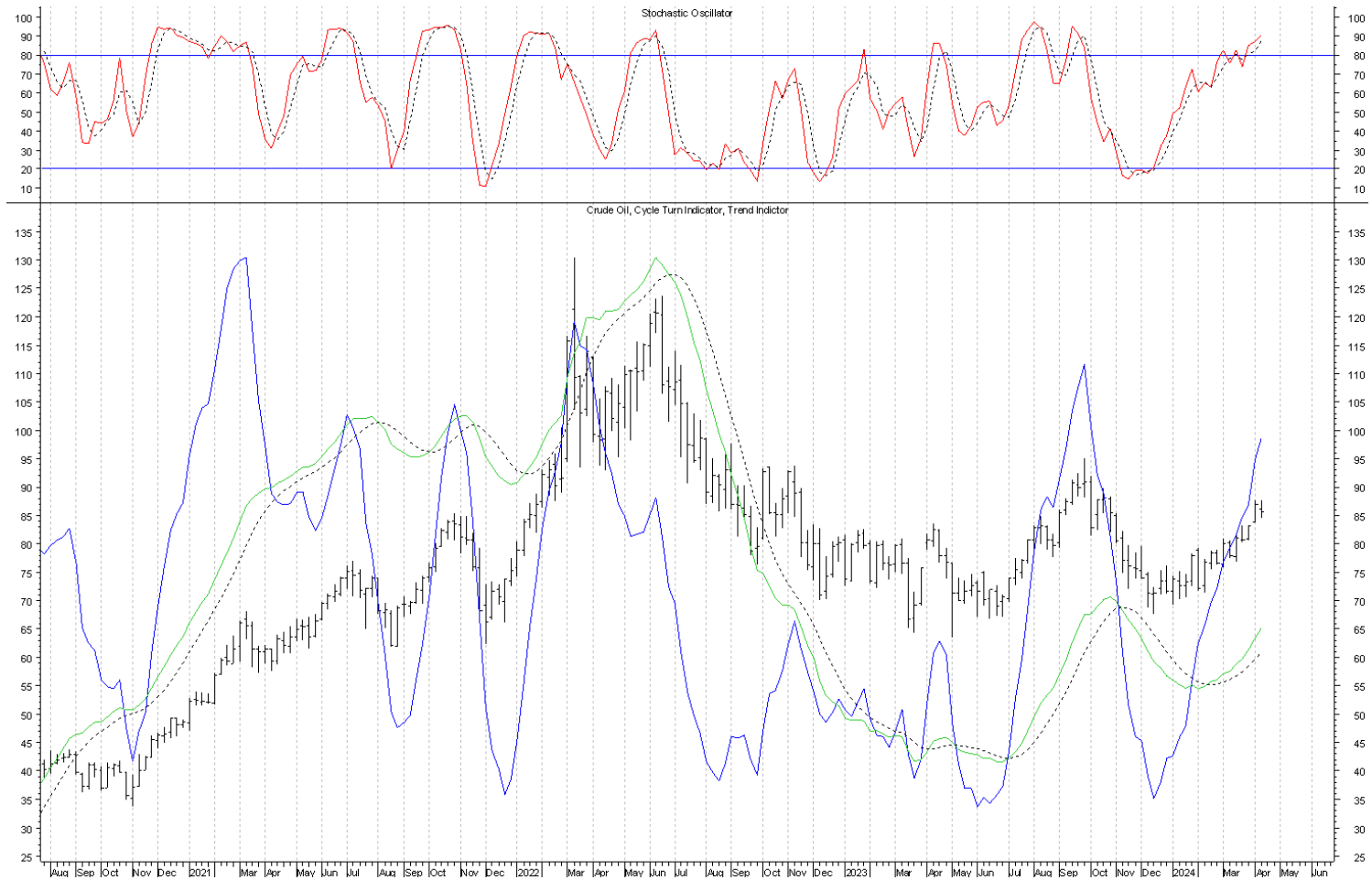


Crude Oil

The price action on Monday completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the corresponding downturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term sell signal was triggered. But, because of the reversal off the low on Monday and with Tuesday being an inside day, I wanted to see a close below Monday's low as further confirmation of this short-term sell signal. That never occurred and on Thursday Crude Oil completed the formation of a daily swing low, but reversed lower. On Friday Crude Oil completed the formation of a daily swing low, turning the daily **CTI** up, but because of the reversal lower this also made for a questionable short-term buy signal. As confirmation of this buy signal, we need to see a close above Friday's high. To the contrary, as further evidence of what should be the trading cycle top, we need to see the completion of another daily swing high and a close below the April 10th daily swing low. Overall, the price/oscillator picture is suggestive of what should be the trading and intermediate-term cycle top, but we need to see a definitive short-term sell signal. Then, if the decline in association with that short-term sell signal is accompanied by the completion of a weekly swing high, we should have confirmation of the trading cycle top, as well as what should ideally also be the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. Another daily swing high will be completed on Monday if 87.67 is not bettered and if 85.24 is violated.



Our weekly chart of Crude Oil is next. The price/oscillator picture at this level continues to be ripe for an intermediate-term cycle top, but until a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly **CTI** are seen, this intermediate-term buy signal will remain 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 and it continues to be this intermediate-term and seasonal cycle advance out of the December low that serves as that structural test. For now, the intermediate-term buy signal remains intact and will until a weekly swing high **AND** downturn of the weekly **CTI** are seen. A weekly swing high will be completed in the coming week if 87.67 is not bettered and if 84.55 is violated.



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