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## Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on May 12, 2026

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

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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.

May 12, 2026

**Stocks**

<b>End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Buy/Neutral</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
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	Bullish
<i>*When this indicator is Bullish it is negative for the market and visa versa.</i>	

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

The timing band for the now pending trading cycle low on the Industrials runs between May 8th and May 27th. On Tuesday the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the corresponding downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators, a short-term sell signal was triggered. However, because of the price reversal off the low, we must see a close below Tuesday's low as confirmation of this sell signal. Upon such confirmation, the trading cycle top should be in place and the decline into the trading cycle low should be at hand. To the contrary, with price having moved into the early side of the timing band for the trading cycle low, any additional strength should be in association with an ending push into the trading cycle top. If the decline into the pending trading cycle low completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will give the Industrials a structural footing for the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well and for this reason, the decline into the pending trading cycle low will be structurally key. At a higher level, with the advance out of the November intermediate-term cycle low having carried the Industrials to new highs, the current setup with the CheckMate Chart

proved to be different from the 2000, 2007 and the 2020 setup. However, with the resumption of the rate cutting cycle, while slow in the making, this setup continues taking form and the Equity markets remain at a vulnerable juncture with regard to the peaking of the 6th long-term economic cycle. This intermediate-term cycle advance remains key with regard to this overall higher degree setup.

On Tuesday Crude Oil bettered its May 6th high, forming another daily swing low and with the corresponding upturn of the daily CTI, another short-term buy signal was triggered, leaving Crude Oil positioned for yet another structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. At a higher level, the 3-year cycle low is due later this year or early 2027. However, until a weekly swing high is formed, higher prices will remain possible.

On Monday Gasoline retriggered a short-term buy signal, here too, in association with a structural retest of the intermediate-term cycle top.

Natural Gas triggered a short-term buy signal on Friday, but with the reversal lower, this buy signal needed to be confirmed with a close above Friday's high. While that confirmation was seen on Monday, given the left-translated intermediate-term cyclical structure, the expectation is for any additional advance to be counter-trend.

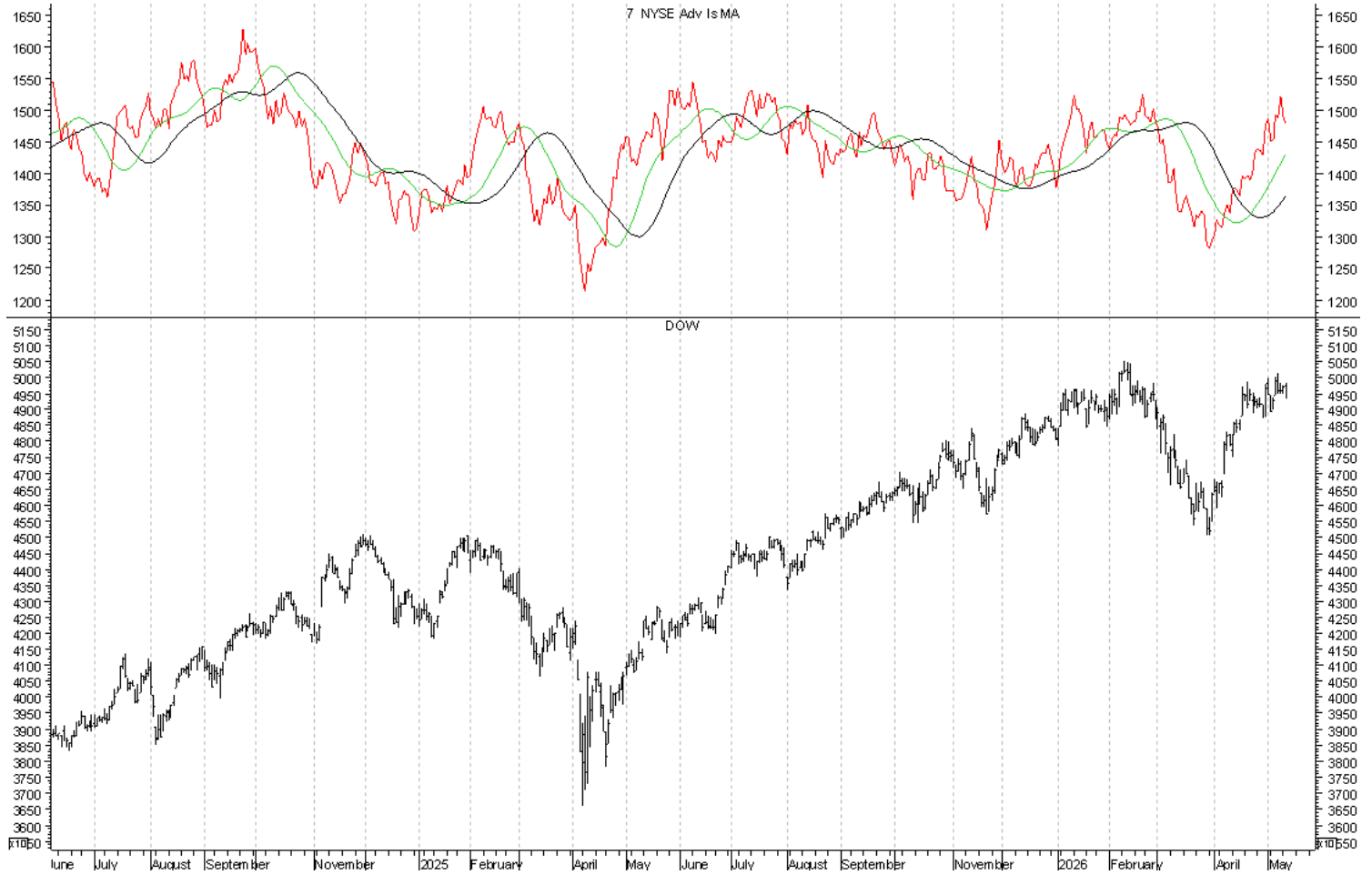
The CRB Index triggered another short-term buy signal on Monday in association with a continued push into the intermediate-term cycle top. Gold triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday, May 6th, and that buy signal remains intact. Structurally, every indication continues to be that the trading cycle low was seen on April 29th.

The XAU also triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday, May 6th, and here too, that buy signal remains intact. As with Gold, every indication continues to be that the trading cycle low was seen on April 29th.

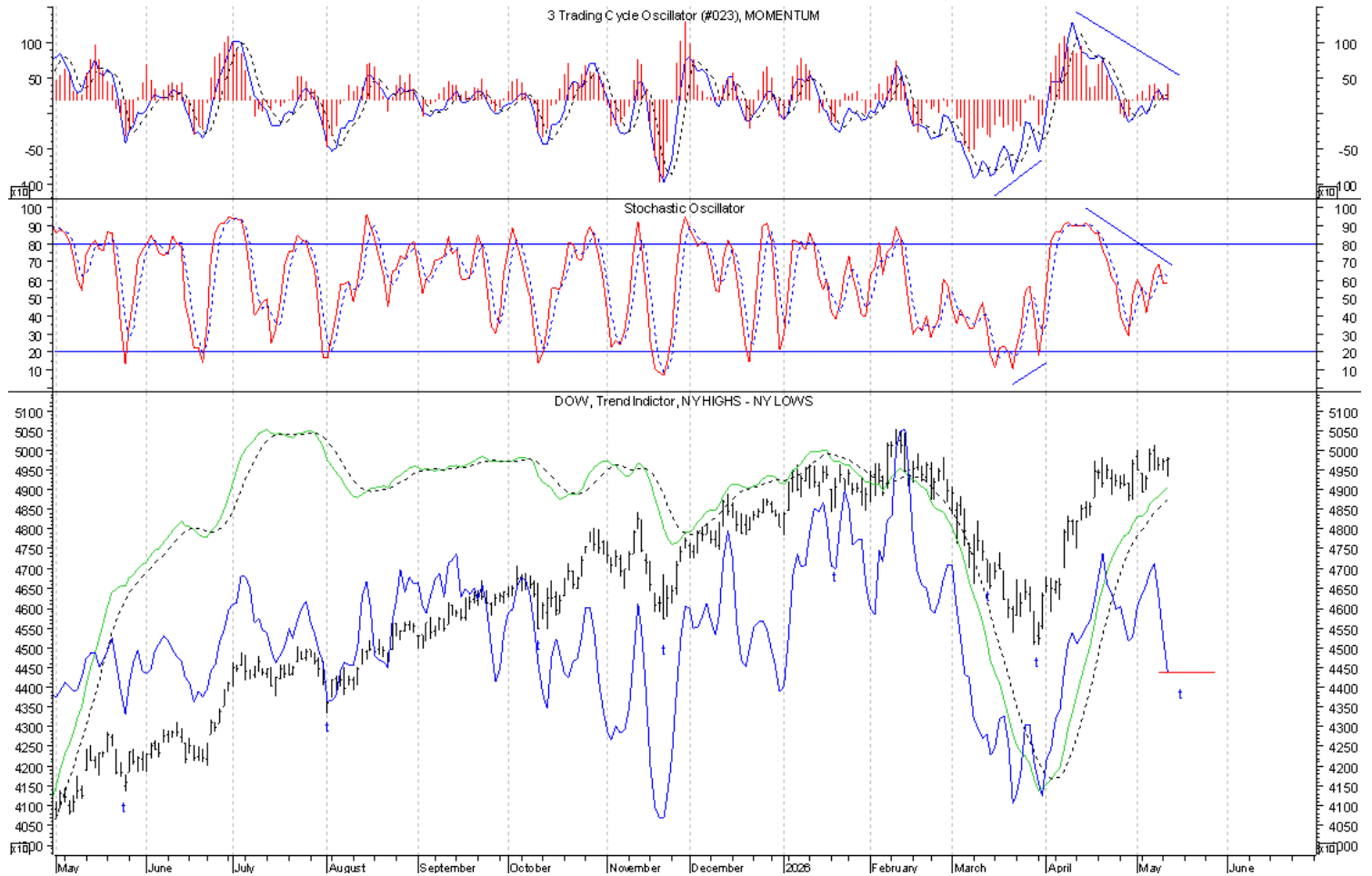
The Dollar retriggered another short-term buy signal on Tuesday and it is with this short-term buy signal the Dollar now has the opportunity to correct the risk of a left-translated trading cycle top. Otherwise, failure of this trading cycle to continue higher with a right-translated structure will serve as additional confirmation of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top, thereby leaving the Dollar positioned for continued weakness into the intermediate-term cycle low.

On Monday Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily CTI, a short-term sell signal was triggered, thereby leaving Bonds at increased risk of a left-translated trading cycle top and consequently of further weakness into the next intermediate-term cycle and higher degree clustering of lows.

**The IntermediateTerm Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, has turned down. The crossing of the Green MA above the Black MA served as confirmation of the intermediate-term cycle low. Consequently, the completion of another weekly swing high and triggering of an intermediate-term sell signal that is followed by another crossing back below the Black MA will leave the Industrials at risk of the intermediate-term cycle top.**

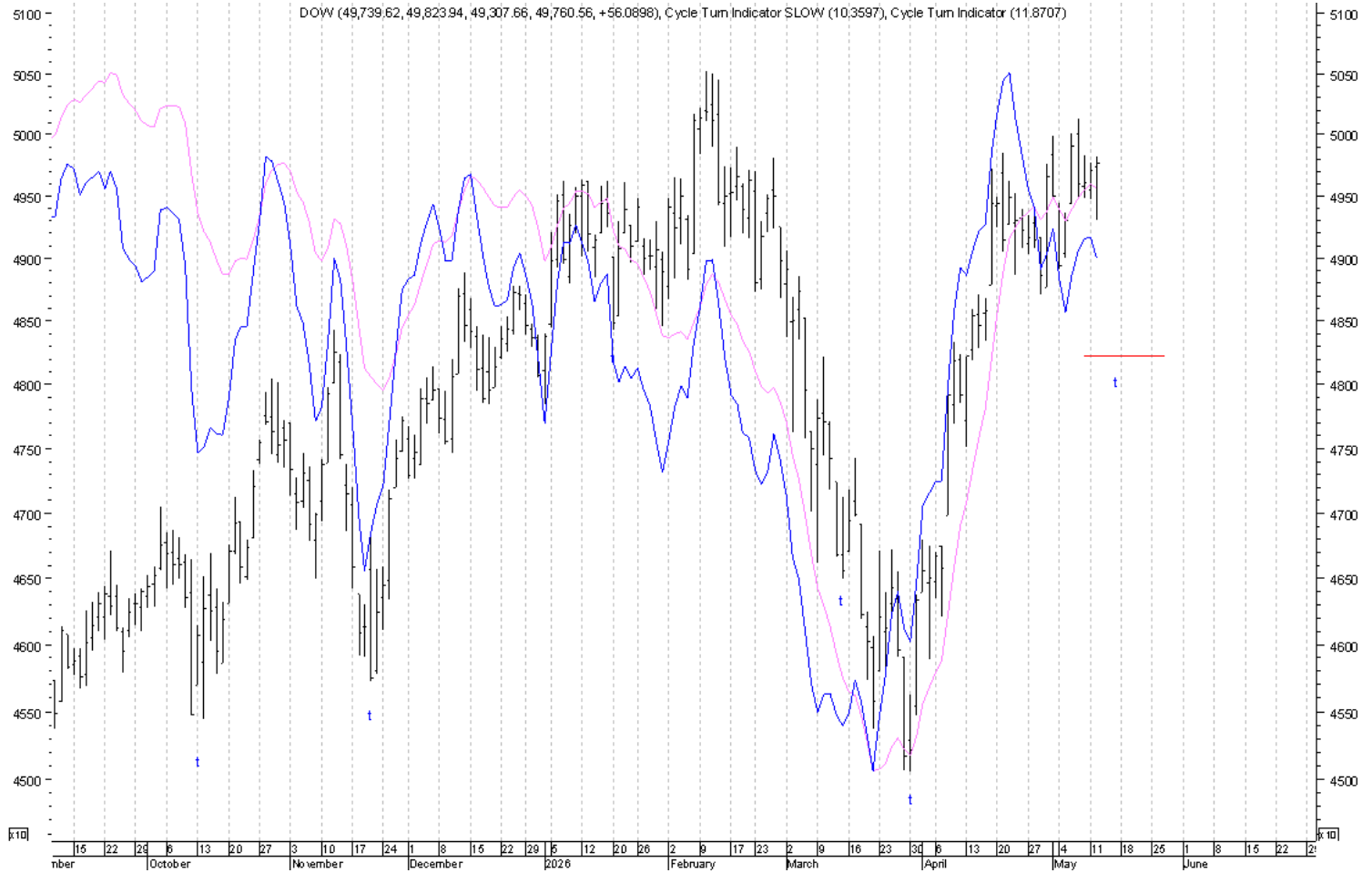


The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window has turned back below its trigger line while the **Momentum** Indicator remains above its zero line. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window has turned back down. Note that **ALL Three** of these indicators have formed divergences with the recent price high. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, turned down on Friday and that downturn continues. The **Trend Indicator** remains positive.

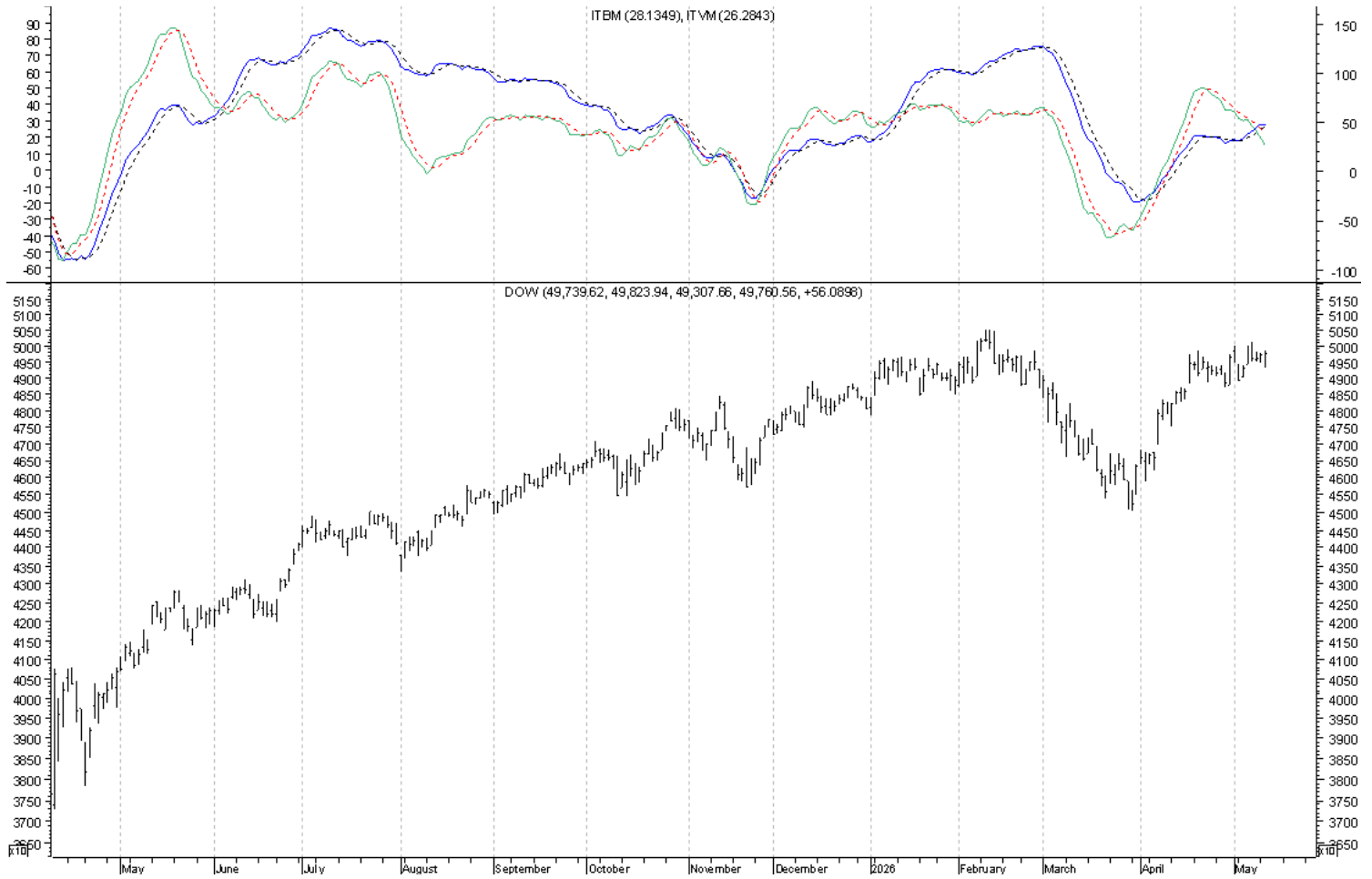


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow Cycle Turn Indicators**, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

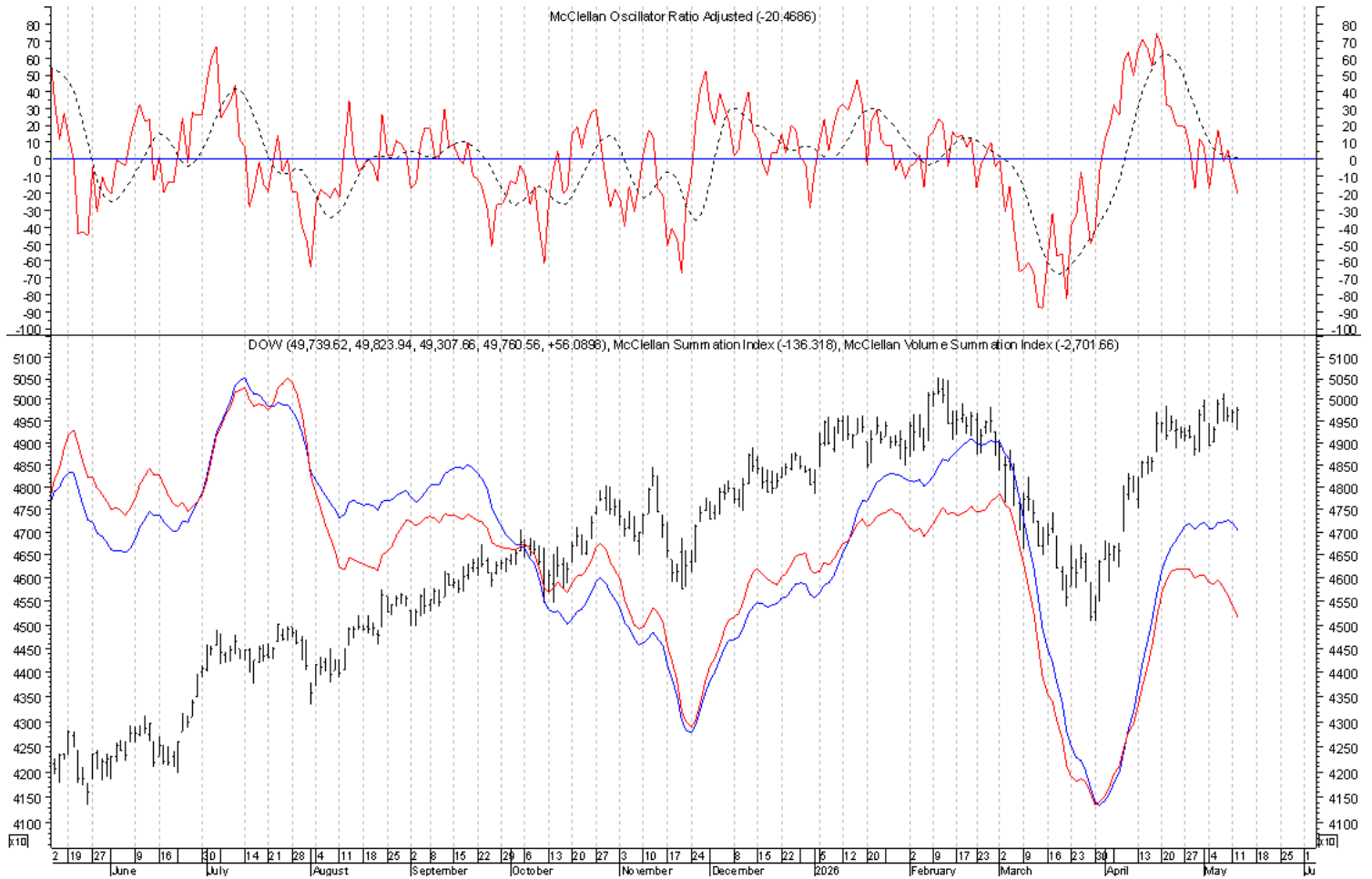
**Bottom line, a short-term sell signal was triggered on Tuesday, but because of the price reversal off the low, we must see a close below Tuesday's low as confirmation of this sell signal. If confirmed, we should have the trading cycle top and the decline into the trading cycle low should be underway.**



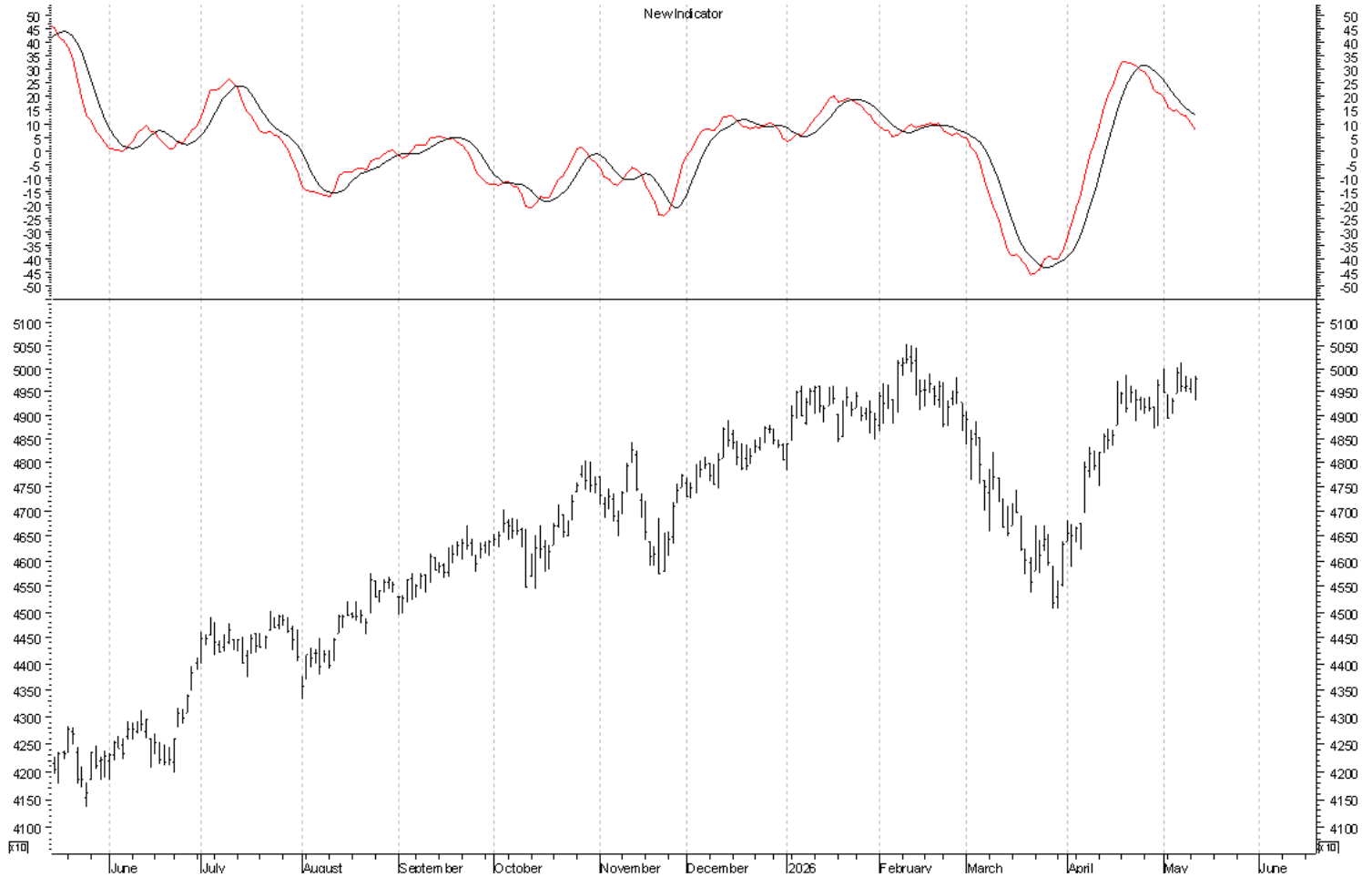
The **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** remains below its trigger line while the **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** continues its upturn. Any further weakness that turns both of these indicators down in conjunction with the triggering of a short-term sell signal will be suggestive of the trading cycle top.



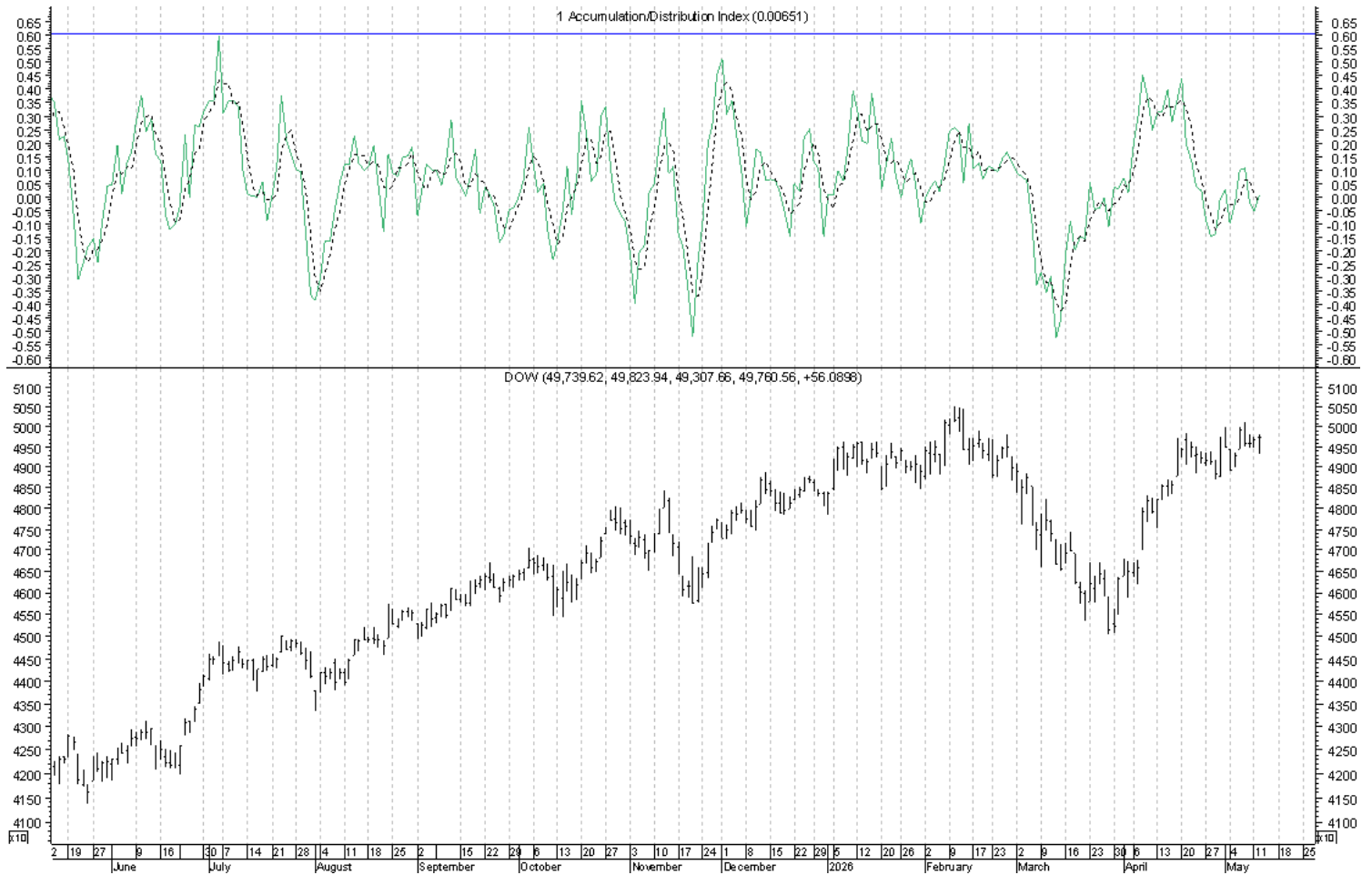
Both the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** and the **McClellan Summation Index** have turned down. Here too, confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal in association with joint downturns of these indicators will be suggestive of the trading cycle top. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** in the upper window has crossed back below both its trigger and zero line. Again, confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal in conjunction with this crossing back below the trigger and zero lines will be further suggestive of the trading cycle top.



**No change here. The smoothed McClellan oscillator continues its downturn, which in turn continues to be suggestive of the trading cycle top. As a result of this ongoing downturn, confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal will be suggestive of this trading cycle advance having run its course.**



The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** turned down on Monday, but back up on Tuesday. Confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal in association with another crossing back below the trigger line here will also be further indicative of the trading cycle top.



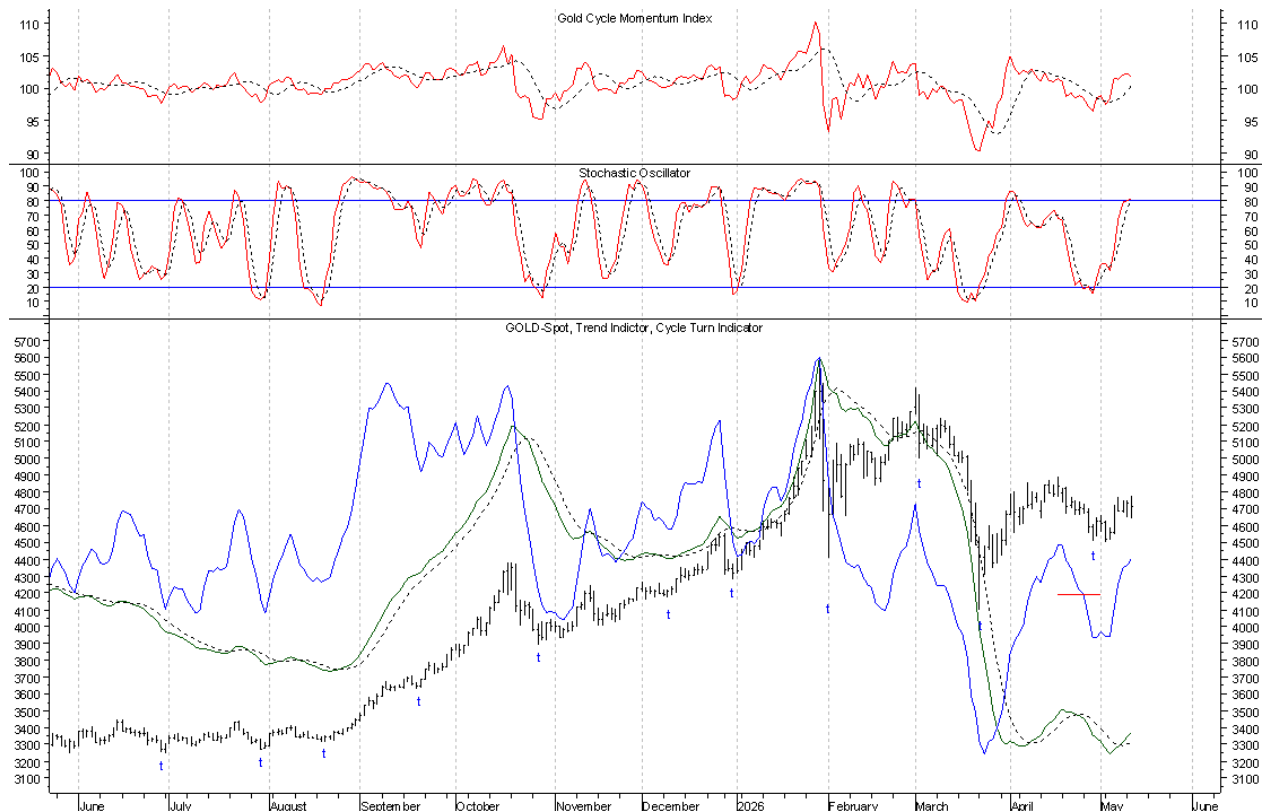
# Gold

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)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<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)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<b>Secondary Short Term Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

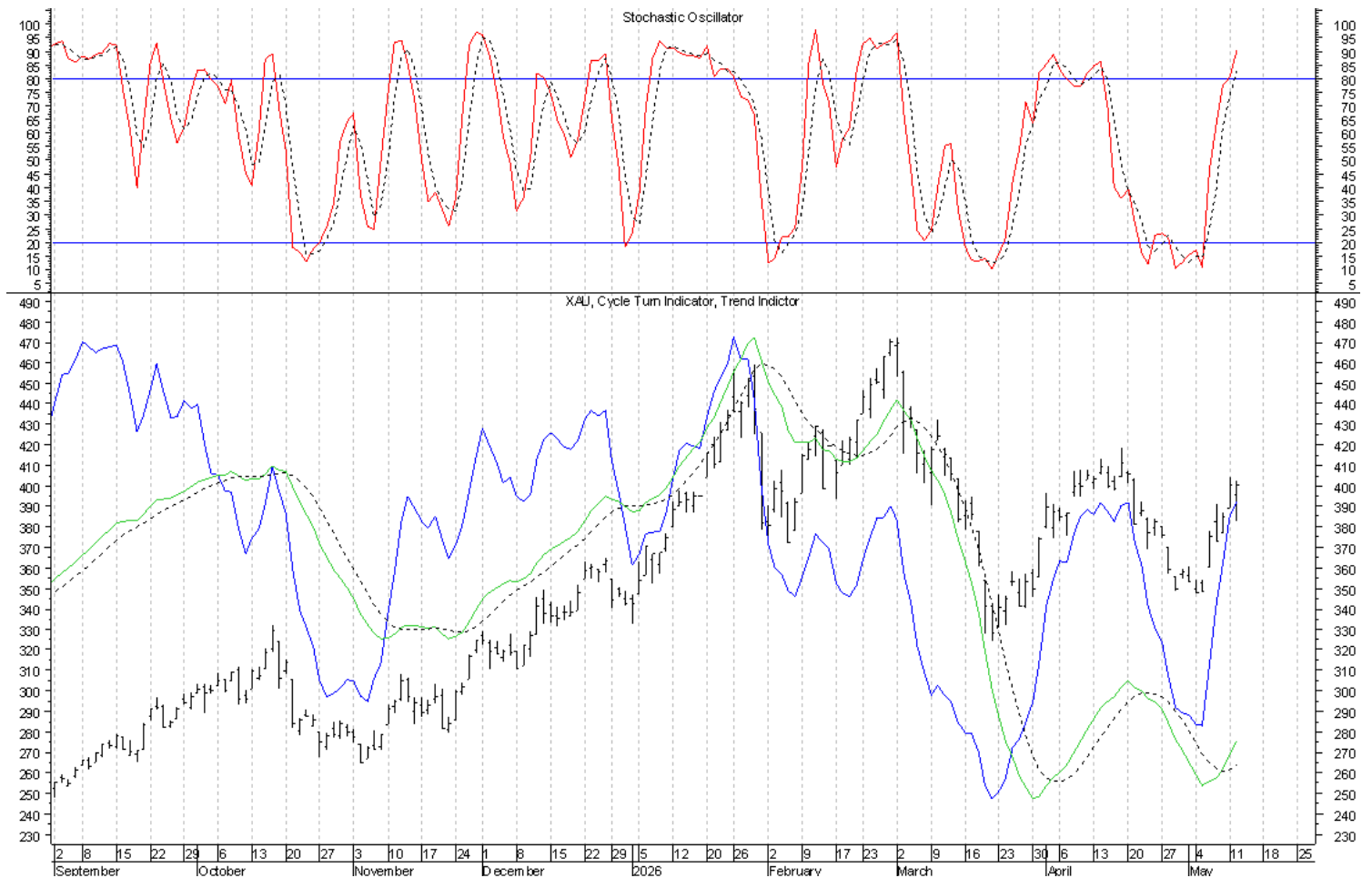
Still no change with Gold in that the May 6th short-term buy signal remains intact. The timing band for the current trading cycle low ran between April 17th and May 1st. Every indication continues to be that the trading cycle low was seen in conjunction with the April 29th daily swing low with the alternative being May 4th. In either case, with a weekly swing high in place, Gold is at risk of the intermediate-term advance out of the March low having possibly run its course and the advance out of this trading cycle low serves as the structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. On Wednesday, May 6th, a short-term buy signal was triggered. This was followed by a price reversal lower on Thursday, the marginal completion of a daily swing high on Friday and the marginal completion of another daily swing low on Tuesday. Once another daily swing high is formed and confirmed by a downturn of the daily CTI, a short-term sell signal will be triggered.

Another daily swing high will be completed on Wednesday if 4,773.14 is not bettered and if 4,637.65 is violated.



# XAU

As with Gold, the evidence here also continues to point toward the trading cycle low having been seen on April 29th, with the alternative being May 4th. On Wednesday, May 6th, the XAU also triggered a short-term buy signal. On Tuesday the XAU completed the formation of a daily swing high and any further weakness that turns the daily CTI down will trigger another short-term sell signal, leaving the XAU at risk of a failed and left-translated trading cycle. At a higher level, as a result of the April 24th completion of a weekly swing high, the evidence continues to be suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle top here as well. Another daily swing low will be completed on Wednesday if 383.14 holds and if 402.70 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

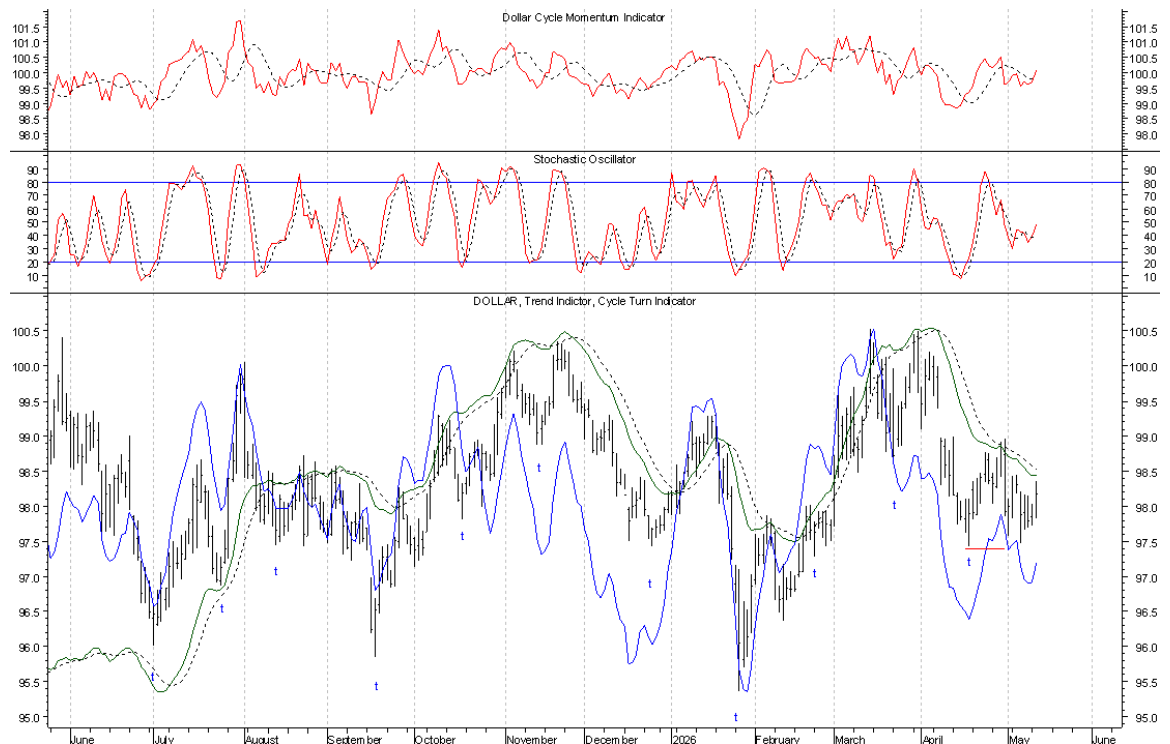
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

#### Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the trading cycle low ran between April 16th and April 30th. This cycle bottomed on April 17th. Last Wednesday, May 6th, the Dollar completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term sell signal was triggered, leaving the Dollar at increased risk of a left-translated trading cycle top. With last Thursday, Friday and Monday being inside days with respect to the May 6th price bar, there were no additional changes. But, on Tuesday the Dollar moved above the May 6th price bar, thereby forming another daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily **CTI**, another short-term buy signal was triggered. Now, in order to correct the ongoing risk of a left-translated trading cycle top, the Dollar must continue higher with a bettering of the April 30th high. Otherwise, as is the case with Bonds, failure of this trading cycle to continue higher with a right-translated structure will serve as additional confirmation of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top, thereby leaving the Dollar positioned for

continued weakness into the intermediate-term cycle low. For this reason, this remains a critical juncture for the Dollar. This short-term buy signal will remain intact until a daily swing high is confirmed by another downturn of the daily **CTI**. A daily swing high will be completed on Wednesday if 99.35 is not bettered and if 97.83 is violated.

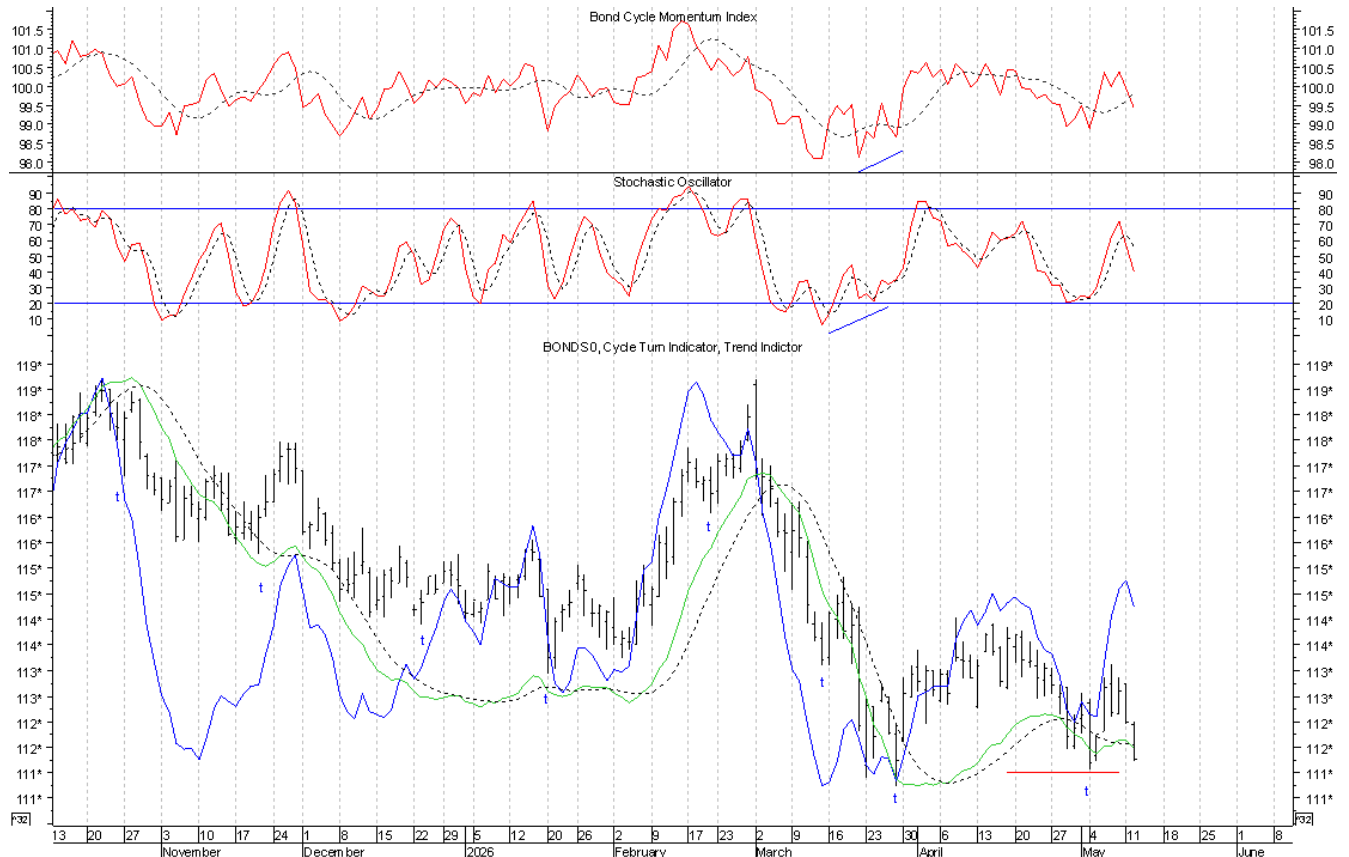


## Bonds

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)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
<b>Secondary Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

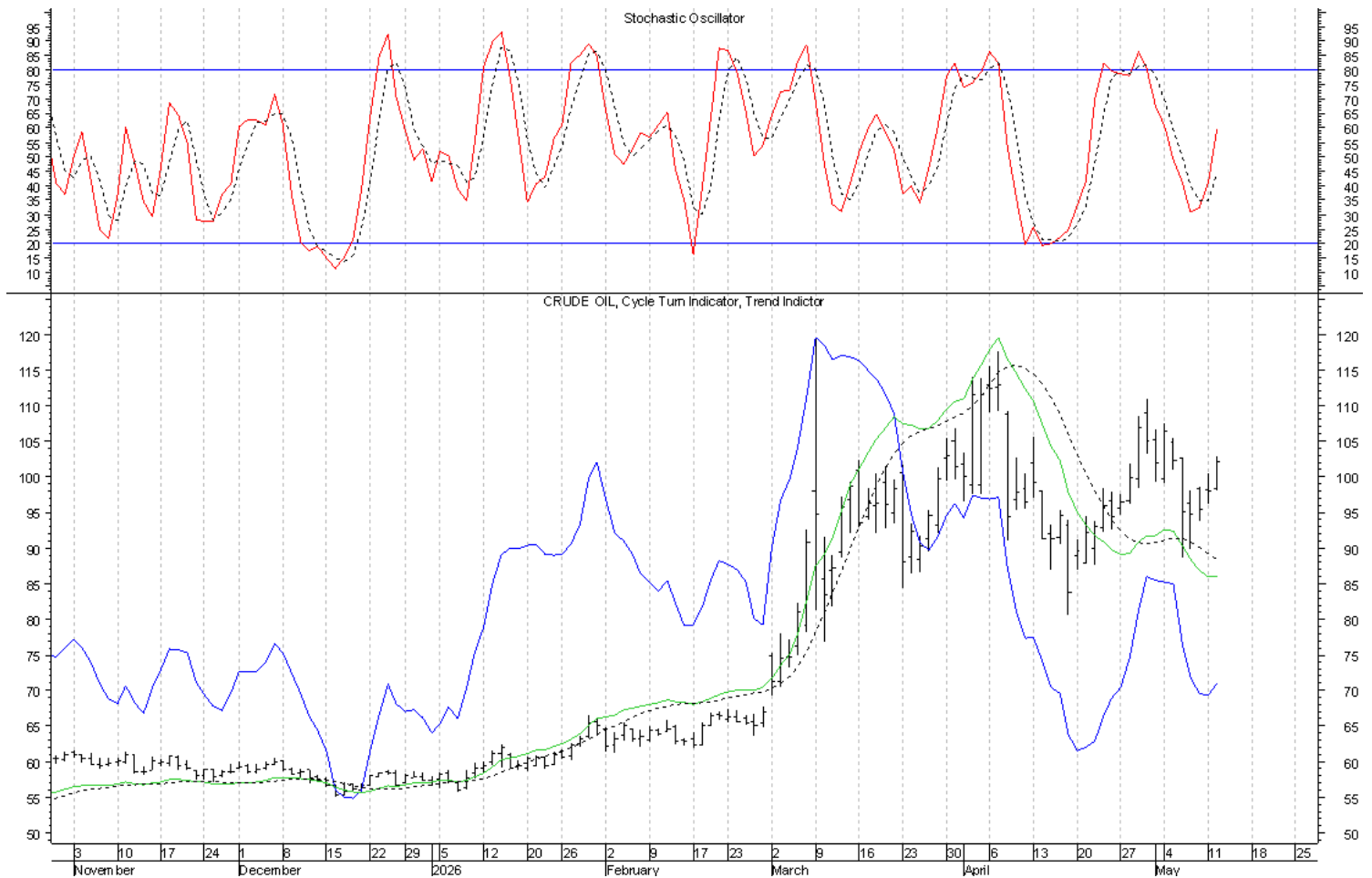
Daily Indicator Summary <b>Short-Term Sell</b>	
<b>Primary Indicators</b>	
Formation of a Daily Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
<b>Confirming Indicators</b>	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
<b>Secondary Short Term Indicators</b>	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

The timing band for the current trading cycle low ran between April 17th and May 8th. This low was seen on May 4th. On Monday Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term sell signal was triggered. This was followed on Tuesday by further weakness and Bonds are now at serious risk of a failed and left-translated trading cycle top. A violation of the May 4th trading cycle low should solidify this setup, leaving Bonds positioned for further weakness out of a higher degree left-translated intermediate-term cycle top and into the clustering of higher degree cycle lows that are due in conjunction with the next intermediate-term cycle low. It has been for this reason that I have continued to stress that we have been at a critical juncture for Bonds.



## Crude Oil

The advance in association with the April 21st short-term buy signal served as the second structural test of a higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. With the completion of a daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** on May 1st, a short-term sell signal was triggered as that retest ran its course. Now with the price action on Tuesday bettering the broad May 6th high, another daily swing low was completed and the corresponding upturn of the daily **CTI** triggered another short-term buy signal, leaving Crude Oil positioned for yet another structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. Bottom line, the test of the intermediate-term cycle top continues and 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 102.72 is not bettered and if 98.00 is violated. Longer-term, the expectation is for the advance out of the December seasonal cycle low to be an ending push into the 3-year cycle top that is followed by the decline into the 3-year cycle low later this year or early 2027.



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