

# CRAWFORD *Perspectives*

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## End of Quarter Crisis Approaches?!

A Multiple Configuration in the Heliocentric (Sun-centered) sky on March 30-31 will bring Sunspots, Flares, Magnetic Storms, unusual weather, possibly Earthquakes & Volcanic activity to the Earth. The resultant Ion-flux will induce emotional instability in a small segment of the investing public, but enough to tip prices strongly into the negative, in our estimation.

There are actually two unconnected alignments of three planets each. One a T-Square constituted by the opposition of Saturn and Pluto with Mars conjunct Saturn and Mercury forming the angle of a square, completing a "T". The other starts with a Square between Venus and Uranus, with the Earth (as seen from the Sun) at the distant midpoint, at 135 degrees from each. The energy of this massive combination will be Unique and Extreme!

Today, as this is mailed out, we will get a taste of the interplay of these energies as Earth aligns with the Saturn/Pluto forming a

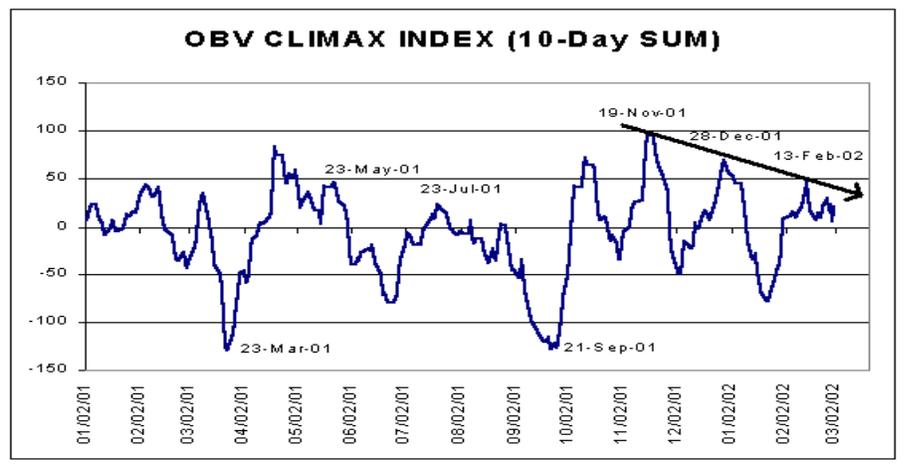
## VITAL SIGNS

**WE SHORTED THE S&P500 CASH INDEX IN OUR JAN. 6 NEWSLETTER WITH A 3% STOPLOSS EXIT POINT.**

**THOSE WHO FOLLOW OUR DJIA POSITIONS WERE STOPPED OUT ON FRIDAY'S CLOSE ABOVE 10,320.**

**RESHORT THE DJIA ONLY ON A DECLINE BELOW 10,000 AND INCREASE POSITIONS TO 200% SHORT (USING FULL MARGIN) IF BELOW 9600.**

**INCREASE S&P SHORTS TO 200% (USING MARGIN) ON A DROP TO 1080 CLOSE ONLY.**



"T" in advance of the exact opposition. Already, there are heightened tensions between traditional antagonists as 500 are killed in racial incidents in India, and many more are dead and wounded in and around Jerusalem.

Last Wednesday, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the hands of their symbolic "Doomsday Clock" 2 minutes closer to midnight (now at 11:53) calling attention to rising dangers of Nuclear Holocaust!

As the alignment highlights the End-of-Quarter for financial statements worldwide (among other things) and specifically, Fiscal Year-end in Japan, that nation's austerity programs may engender a more radical resistance than previous. Their people, unsettled by less insurance coverage of ordinary bank accounts as of April 1st, are already rushing to protect themselves with purchases of GOLD bullion, jewelry and coins.

We have commented a number of times on the presence of an excellent article concerning Saturn/Pluto aspects, written by Robert Hand for the *Mountain Astrologer* magazine in 2001 which remains actively on their site at [www.MountainAstrologer.com/planettrack/s/hand/hand.html](http://www.MountainAstrologer.com/planettrack/s/hand/hand.html) basically noting that most of them have been coincident with Wars and Depressions. We mention it again here for the benefit of the many new subscribers who have contacted us from the recommendation in Gordon Michael

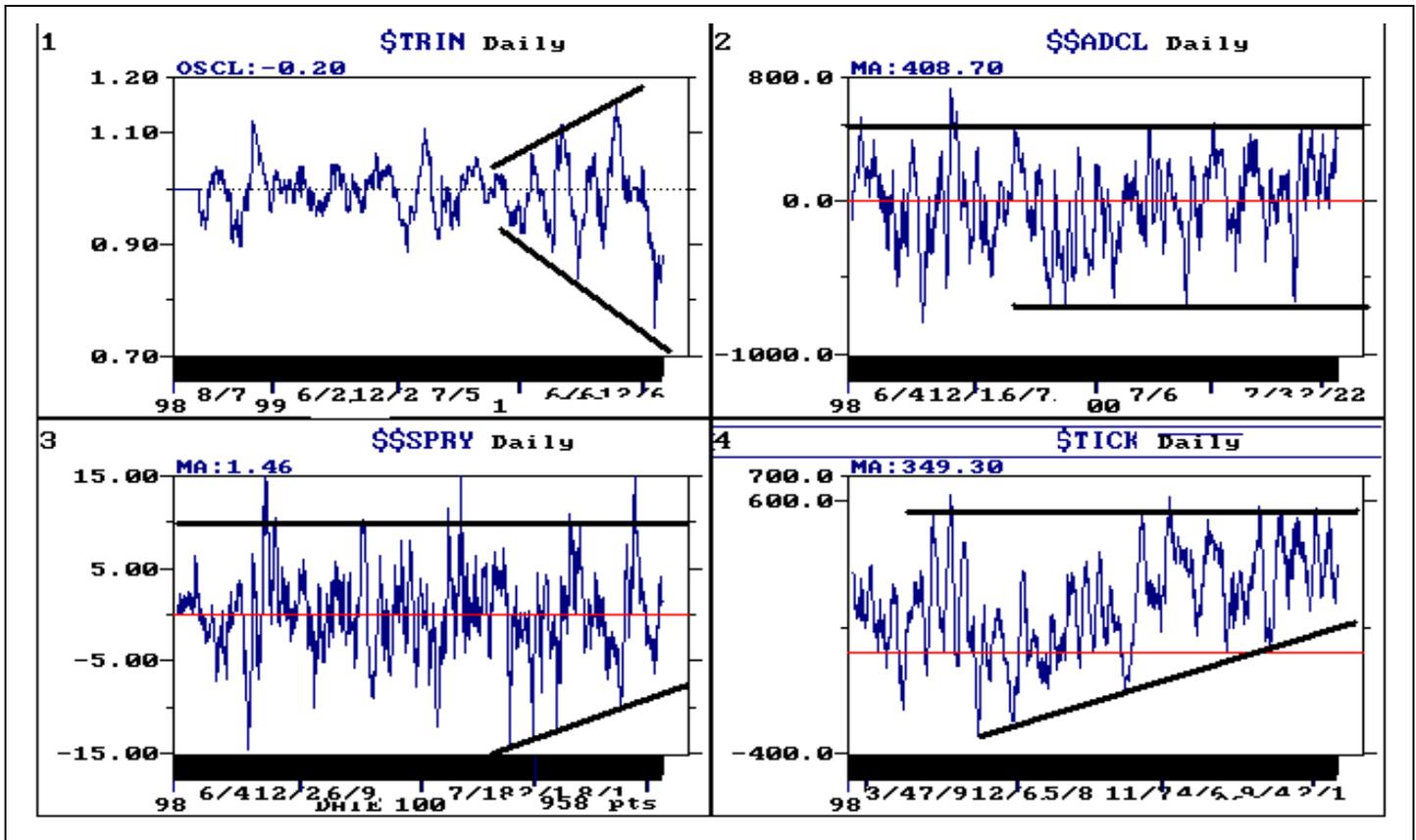
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Michael wrote: "Arch was the only one I know who predicted the week that the war would begin in September, 2001."

The Stock Market took off Friday for its largest gain since Sept. 24, and the 4<sup>th</sup> largest of the last 12 months. The DJIA moved strongest and the NYSE COMP (NYA) popped through its 200-Day MA. However, VOLUME remained disappointing. For some time now, Volume has shown a tendency to rise on market declines and drop on market advances. NYSE Advances/Declines ratio was a measly 2.4:1 and Up/Down Vol. At 3.3:1. These ratios need to be around 9:1 to give confidence of an important continuation forward.

Although CBOE Put/Call Readings are quite high (bullish) and ARMS or TRIN are moderately high, the Option Volatility Indices VIX and VXN (NASDAQ) are at multi-month lows, and very near the lows going back to last half of 1998. These have been very good indicators these last few years, although NONE are Omniscient! The 5-Day ARMS is down to .85, lowest since the December 7 Price Highs!

Market Action is reminiscent of February-March, 2001, where many technical indicators became oversold, yet Prices could not rally. We remain of the opinion that Friday represents a Fake-out, and this week will show the cracks in the Dam!



### MIXED INDICATORS REMAIN INCONCLUSIVE?!!

As a general rule, these indicators are positive when low and rising, weak when high and falling.

Chart (1) \$TRIN is an oscillator consisting of a 55-day moving average of the ARMS Index (TRIN) minus a 21-day moving average of the same. This oscillator has continued to swing widely in an unusual pattern of Higher Highs AND Lower Lows?! It is currently at the absolute lowest level of the last 3 years! Normally, this configuration is characteristic of an approaching low. This time, we perceive a similarity with this index with the Feb.-Mar. period of 2001, wherein TRIN became oversold while Internal Market Action was "sloppy" or worse! The 10 & 21-Day raw ARMS are likewise indicating that possibility. Implication is that SELL dynamics are large & persistent. It is hard to imagine this indicator going lower, now at an historic extreme.

Chart (2) \$\$ADCL is a 10-day moving average of the net change in Advances-Declines (NYSE). This indicator is demonstrating an ability to remain consistently near the range highs, though those highs are exhibiting a series of Declining Tops there. This last rally high makes the TOP range appear more flattened. We think chances are good for at least some form of pull-back in stock markets worldwide, IMMEDIATELY! This 10-day change has a remarkable tendency, unlike the others, to base out at near the same level.

Chart (3) \$\$\$SPRY is a measure of "smart money" action in the S&P futures. The pattern of rising bottoms in the

extreme low range is encouraging, and the September 21 bottom has extended that positive pattern. It seems to be feeling for support in this area. We would still prefer (and expect) to see a Washout to the lower range of previous lows, as we have now in chart #1. We would be more comfortable with an extensive base pattern.

Chart (4) \$TICK is Closing TICK (NYSE 10-Day). This index was the first to rebound to sharp "new highs" after a "Moderate Oversold" condition back last year. They have never gone lower! The ability to hold within a long term rising pattern is a very healthy sign. Recent lows were not violated on that last dip, and a more conservative upward sloping long term trend remains intact. (There is some concern that this indicator, as well as TRIN, could be affected by trading in 1 cent increments. The amount and quality of the current price decline will decide the analysis.)

The Indicator with the BEST STATISTICAL RECORD for calling the yearly direction of the stock market has rendered a SELL Signal, as an old AFL Team won the SuperBowl! There are NO Fundamental indicators (including Corporate Earnings or FED changes) and NO Technical indicators of ANY sort that come close to the Statistical Accuracy of the SUPERBOWL Indicator.



**WEEKLY CHARTS REVEAL THE MORE NEGATIVE ANALYSIS!  
S&P500 CASH INDEX HAS NOT OVERCOME ANY SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE!**

The price close (1132) this Friday was up very near to a Long Term downtrend line (heavy black line). The early January peak at 1177 was just a hair above the Fibonacci 38.2% retracement level (light blue line). The 50-Week Moving Average now resides on the 1160 yard-line. The area between the 1132 and 1177 represents considerable resistance to further gains, and trading strategy would call for Sales & Short Sales in that vicinity. The beauty of Technical Analysis, describing any number of trading signals/systems is that at Some finite Point, it tells you when you're WRONG! You should be so lucky to have a broker or money manager who will do that.

These resistance points identify an area that, if superceded, price should continue meaningfully higher. In this case, if the S&P trades above 1180, it is likely to reach 1240, so in that event, cover Shorts and BUY Long! Remember that there are few certainties in this business, and our job is to take positions where odds or likelihood's in our favor. In *MY OWN STORY* by Bernard Baruch, he tells of a presentation to John Pierpont Morgan where he ended with: "Sir, I think it is a good bet." Morgan stormed: "I never gamble!" and threw Baruch out of his office. This great Titan of Industry kept a full time Astrologer on his staff (Evangeline Adams), perhaps to improve his own odds, but remember too, that he was the principal owner of the TITANIC! The point is that LIFE is uncertain, and we do the best we can with what we have at hand.

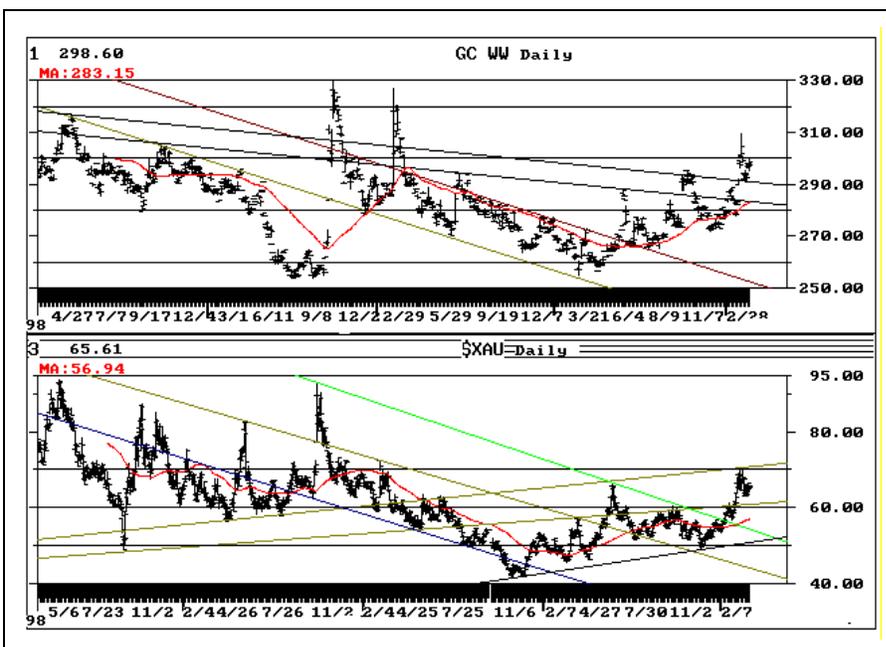
In this space in the January issue, we included a chart of the VIX or CBOE Option Volatility Index, which had returned to the low end of its recent range, indicating potential market weakness. It broke out to the Upside briefly prior to our last letter but quickly lost the gain. We declared at that time that it would require new recent highs above 27 to firm up our Sell opinion! It never confirmed the SELL and is now back to the extreme lows of late 1998. With this strong suggestion of coming market weakness, it must first rise to "confirm" the SELL!

Please forgive our somewhat macabre humor in evidence herewith, shared with the incomparable Gary Larsen. The IRONY is with the few Wall St. analysts who have attempted in vain to warn friends, family & clientele over the past 2-3 years of Impending Doom. Sometimes, in markets at least, Chicken Little is RIGHT! Don't be April FOOLED!



The **GOLD** is liable to get some Major attention during the upcoming March-April period of great turmoil! Charts of the metal and the Gold stocks, **XAU Index**, inform us that Long Term lows are a thing of the PAST. Along with indications of broad based commodity strength, we are confident that a Major Move is Imminent. The **SILVER** is waking up again, although not as advanced as the gold at this juncture, and **COPPER** has similar aspirations.

The **OIL COMPLEX** charts are remarkably similar to that of **GOLD**! They are breaking above 3½ month base patterns. **MONEY IS GOING TO BE MADE IN THE COMMODITIES ONCE MORE!!!** The **CRB Index**, at 195, is holding well above mid-October lows below 180. The **METALS**, **T-BONDS** and **OIL** groups are all making positive chart pattern bases and breaking above them. We believe that assets in the ground will soon again become the preferred investment vehicles. Mineral-rich countries may see their Bonds and Currencies do better against the Majors. Watch Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in addition to Switzerland!



**Wheat** has joined **Corn** in registering new price lows, while **Soybeans** are forming a Triangle, with lower highs and higher lows. A breakout in either direction could telegraph the beginning of a more important trend! **U.S. Dollar Index** may or may not be caught up in the strong emotional trends indicated for this month. For the last few years, Trouble has lead Dollars higher. We think that will change over the next weeks, as we come under greater scrutiny and criticism for going our own way in the World!

For the Immediate future, we REALLY prefer the Safest investments. If the **LONG BOND** is not safe, then we're ALL in trouble. We are still nervous about ALL \$US ASSETS as World Opinion is turning more and more against us. At some point, those we have coerced and bullied will join together in political Backlash! If you wish for the greatest safety, BUY the bonds of several (at least 3) nations.

## ASTRONOMIC ACTIVITY

- MAR 1 = Jupiter direct Station = More "Jovial" atmospheres, relief from some tensions. Mobilization of monetary aid.
- MAR 4 = Earth squares the approaching Saturn/Pluto opposition in Helio, a foretaste of the larger events of March 30-31!
- MAR 5-6 = Mars 135 to Pluto = Increasing Violence next few days. Also contra-parallel on the 6<sup>th</sup> = Worst case scenarios!
- MAR 7-8 = Venus enters Aries, Sun squares Pluto which contra-parallel Mars = Coarsening, hostile. Stocks likely DOWN!
- MAR 12 = Moon/Mercury/Pluto parallel = "Tragic Realizations" according to Ebertin
- MAR 13 = New Moon at 23 Pisces on an important fixed star, squares the Moon's Node = A very difficult Moon cycle starts
- MAR 15 = Amazing SIX aspects (w/o Moon), Mars sq Neptune=Sun mid.pt; Sat trine Neptune=Venus mdpt = VOLATILE!
- MAR 20!! = Vernal Equinox, Pluto station, Moon Occults Saturn, then opposes Pluto = Negative- fears reign!
- MAR 22 = Venus trines Pluto & Occultation of Jupiter early, Mercury squares Pluto 2:10pmET = Up open, then DOWN!
- MAR 28 = FULL MOON at Perigee (closest to Earth = Biggest Moon!) Also on Equator = MOST EXTREME TIDES  
MOST EXTREME EMOTIONS = EARTHQUAKES (+/-3 days) = FLOODING
- MAR 31 = Easter Sunday = Massive Helio Configuration (see page One) = Solar Flares, Magnetic Storms, Disturbances!
- APR 1 = APRIL FOOL!! Saturn/Hades=Uranus (harmonic chart) = SURPRISING MONEY LOSSES (Witte)
- APR 5 = Venus contra-parallel Pluto, then Uranus = "Expect sudden upsets in financial or romantic markets" (DELL)
- APR 15 = The next REALLY BAD DAY coincides with U.S. TAX DAY!! Some are Not Able to PAY??!

**ATTENTION: The letters are usually mailed 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. Next month, we will aim for 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, April 8!**

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