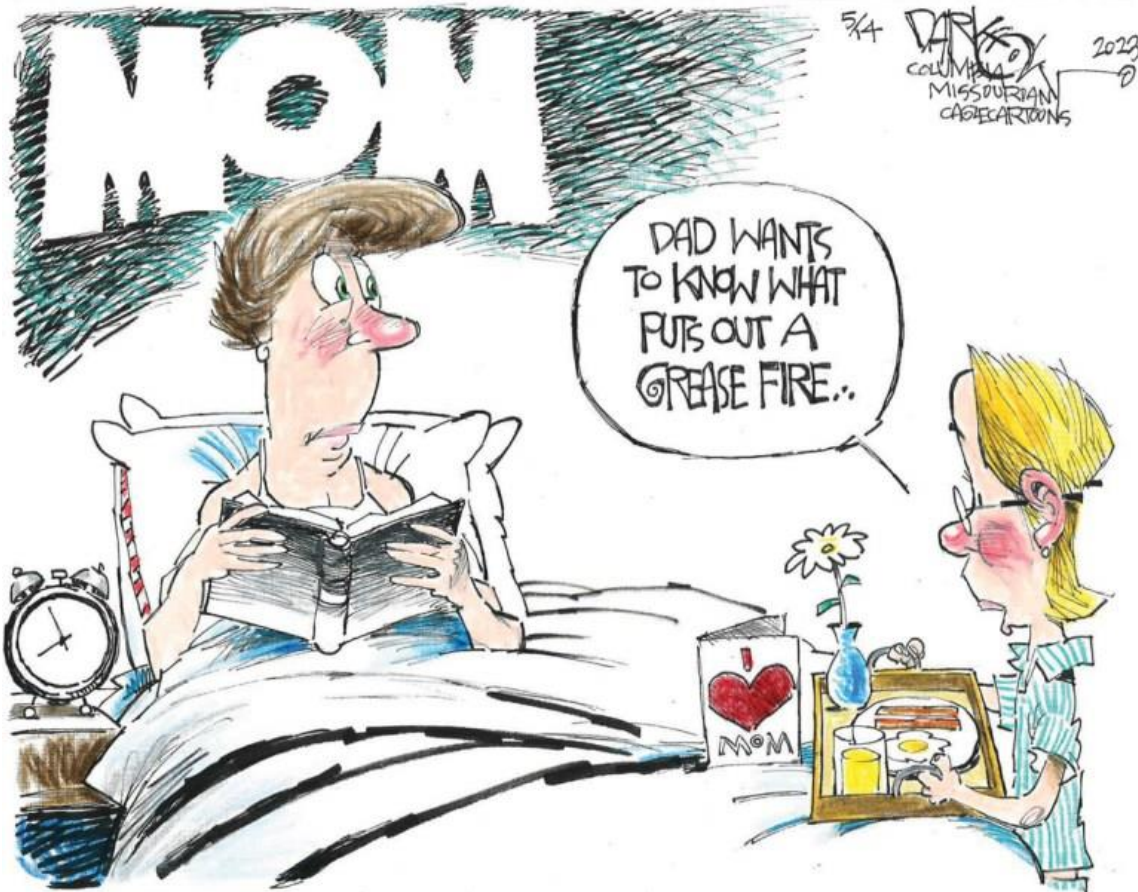
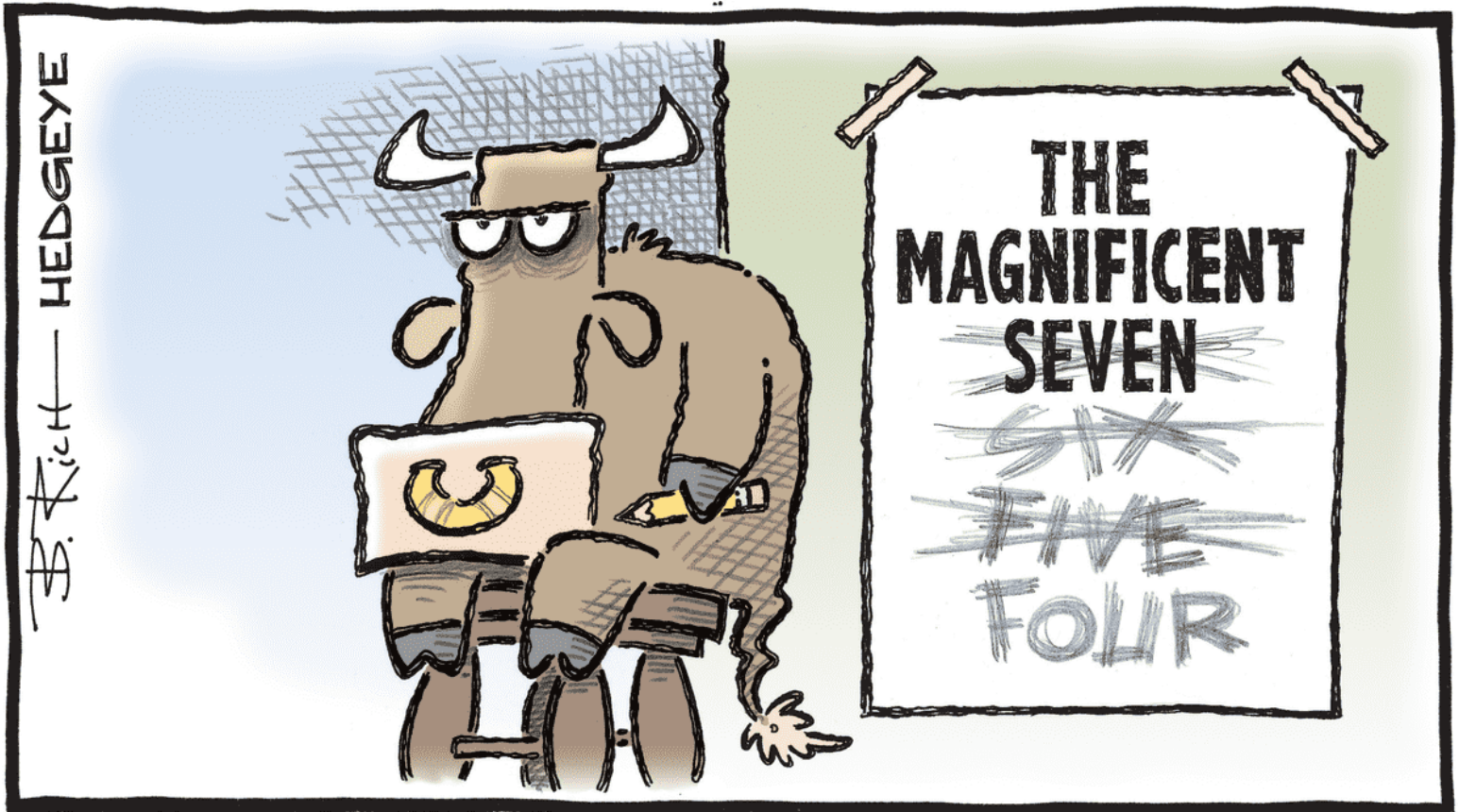
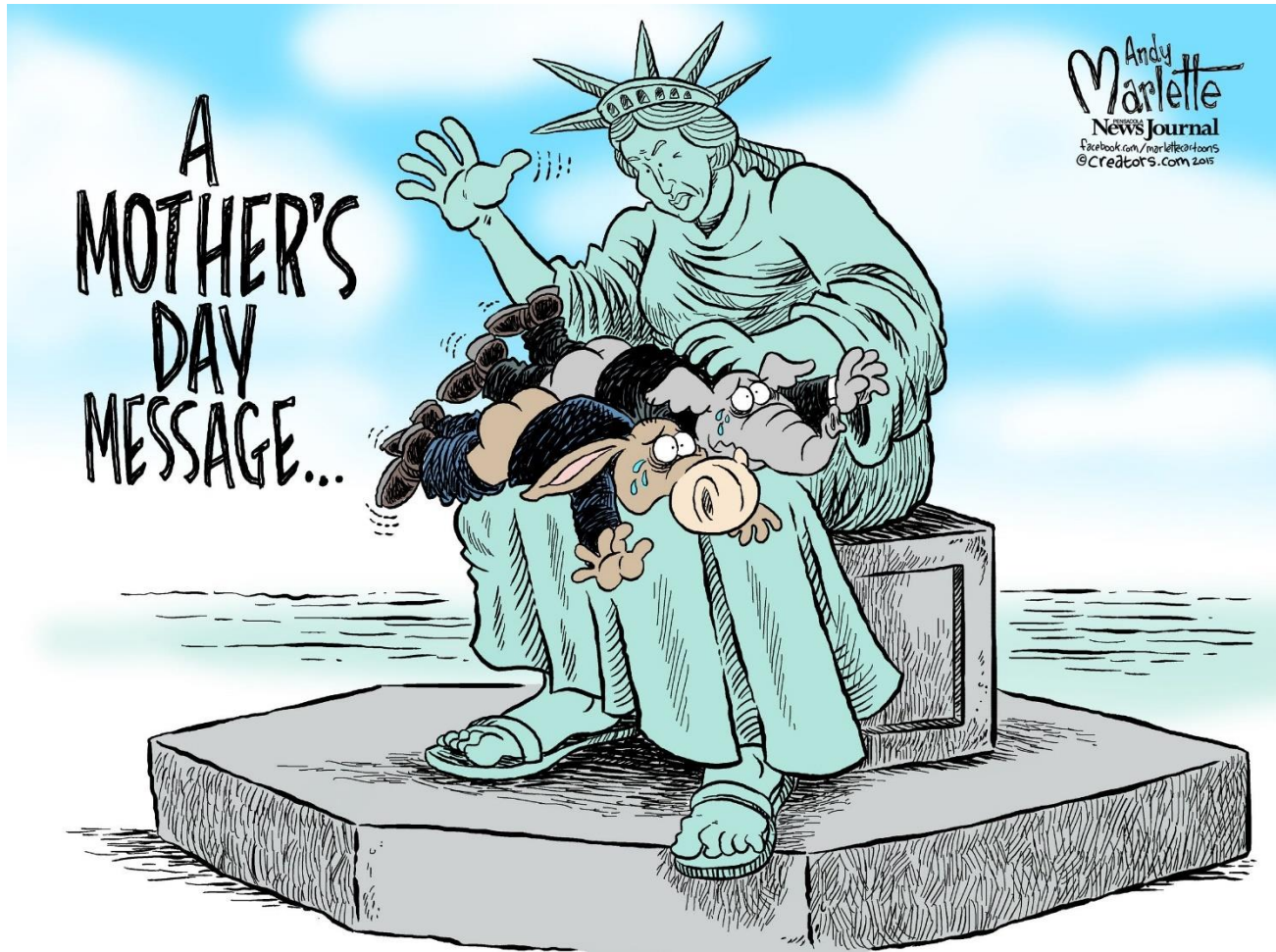


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*From IBD, as of 5/3/24:*

**Uptrend Under Pressure**

*Indexes extend rebound, as Nasdaq regains  
50-day moving average. Raise exposure to  
40%-60%.*

### Economic Calendar for Last Week:

Time	Cur.	Imp.	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Wednesday, May 8, 2024						
10:30	 USD	★ ★ ★	Crude Oil Inventories	<b>-1.362M</b>	-1.430M	7.265M
13:00	 USD	★ ★ ★	10-Year Note Auction	<b>4.483%</b>		4.560%
Thursday, May 9, 2024						
08:30	 USD	★ ★ ★	Initial Jobless Claims	<b>231K</b>	212K	<b>209K</b>
13:00	 USD	★ ★ ★	30-Year Bond Auction	<b>4.635%</b>		4.671%

## Economic Calendar for Next Week:

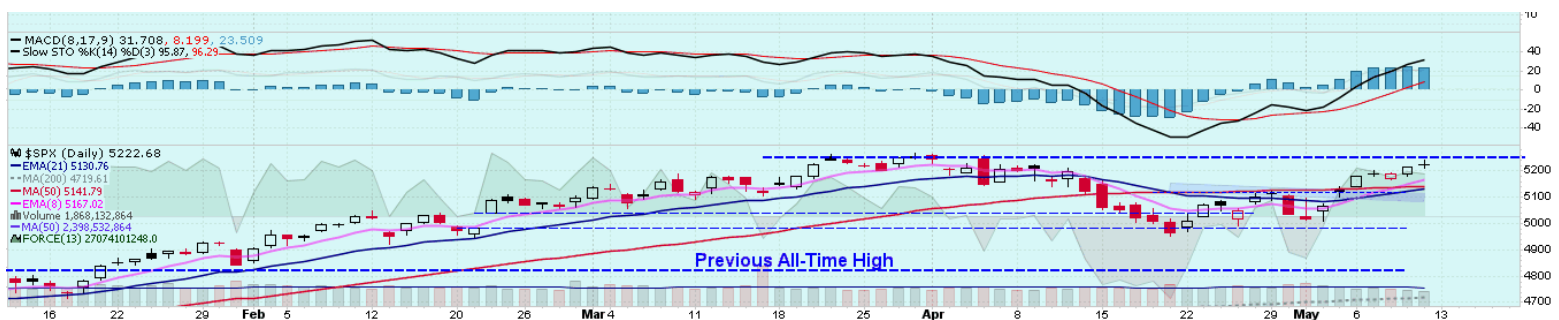
Time	Cur.	Imp.	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
<b>Tuesday, May 14, 2024</b>						
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	PPI (MoM) (Apr)		0.2%	0.2%
10:00	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Fed Chair Powell Speaks 🗣️			
<b>Wednesday, May 15, 2024</b>						
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Core CPI (MoM) (Apr)		0.3%	0.4%
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Apr)		0.2%	1.1%
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	CPI (YoY) (Apr)			3.5%
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	CPI (MoM) (Apr)		0.3%	0.4%
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Retail Sales (MoM) (Apr)		0.4%	0.7%
10:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Crude Oil Inventories			-1.362M
<b>Thursday, May 16, 2024</b>						
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Initial Jobless Claims			231K
08:30	🇺🇸 USD	★ ★ ★	Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index (May)			15.5

Quiet news week this week, but next week is an important inflation report on Wednesday.

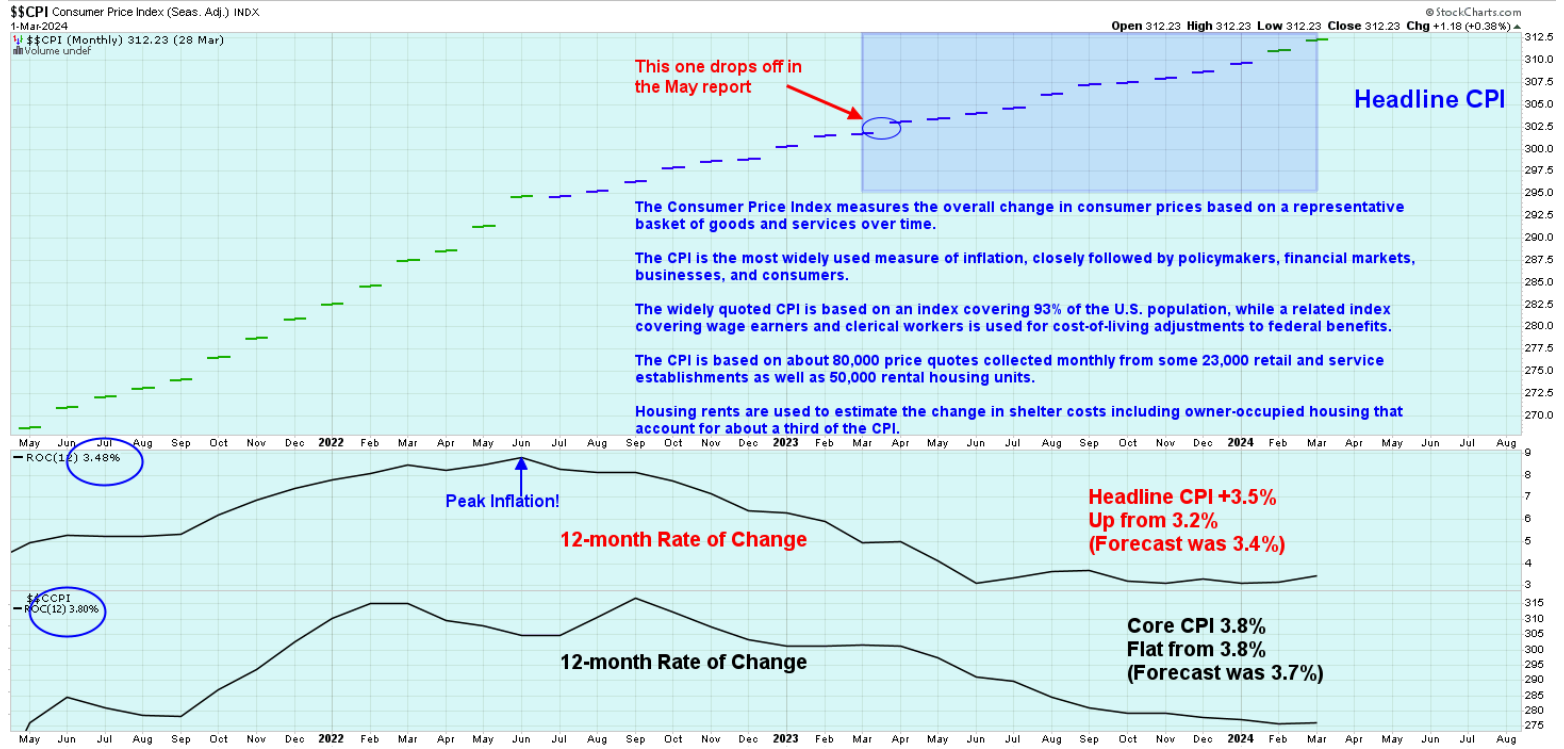
The CPI report above does not yet have a forecast YoY number, as of today, Saturday, 5/11. The MoM forecasts are lower, and I think there is a good chance it will come in below last month's 3.5%, perhaps around 3.4%. The following is why I think this.

After breaking out above the resistance level and the 50-Day MA, last week saw 2 spinning top dojis, which are signs of indecision. With CPI on Wednesday, I would not be surprised to see more sideways movement until then. If CPI does come in lower, then the market will take that as a sign that inflation is coming down, even though slowly, and the end of the week may see a rally above the very important all-time highs around 4,250.

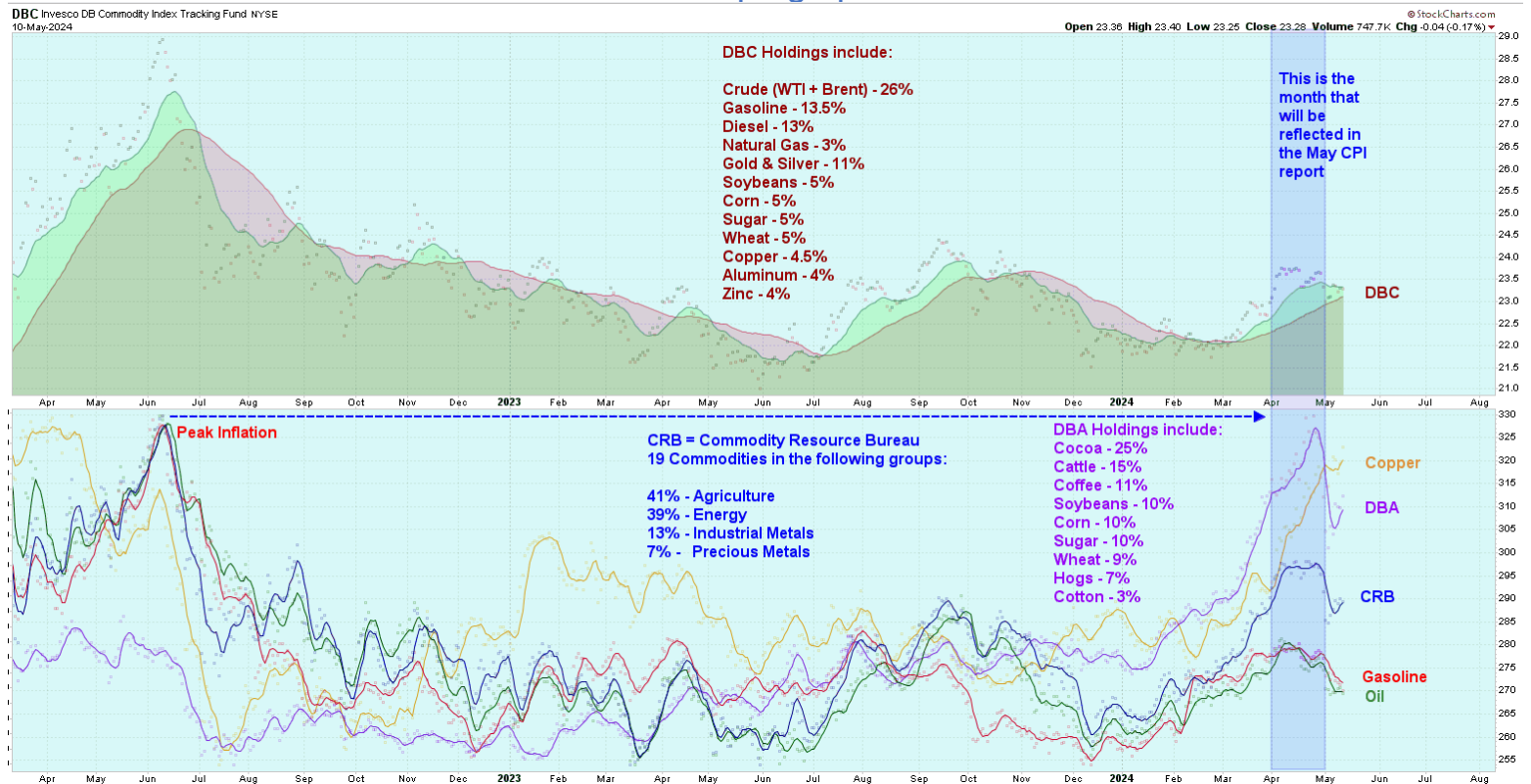
Here is the S&P with that key resistance level.



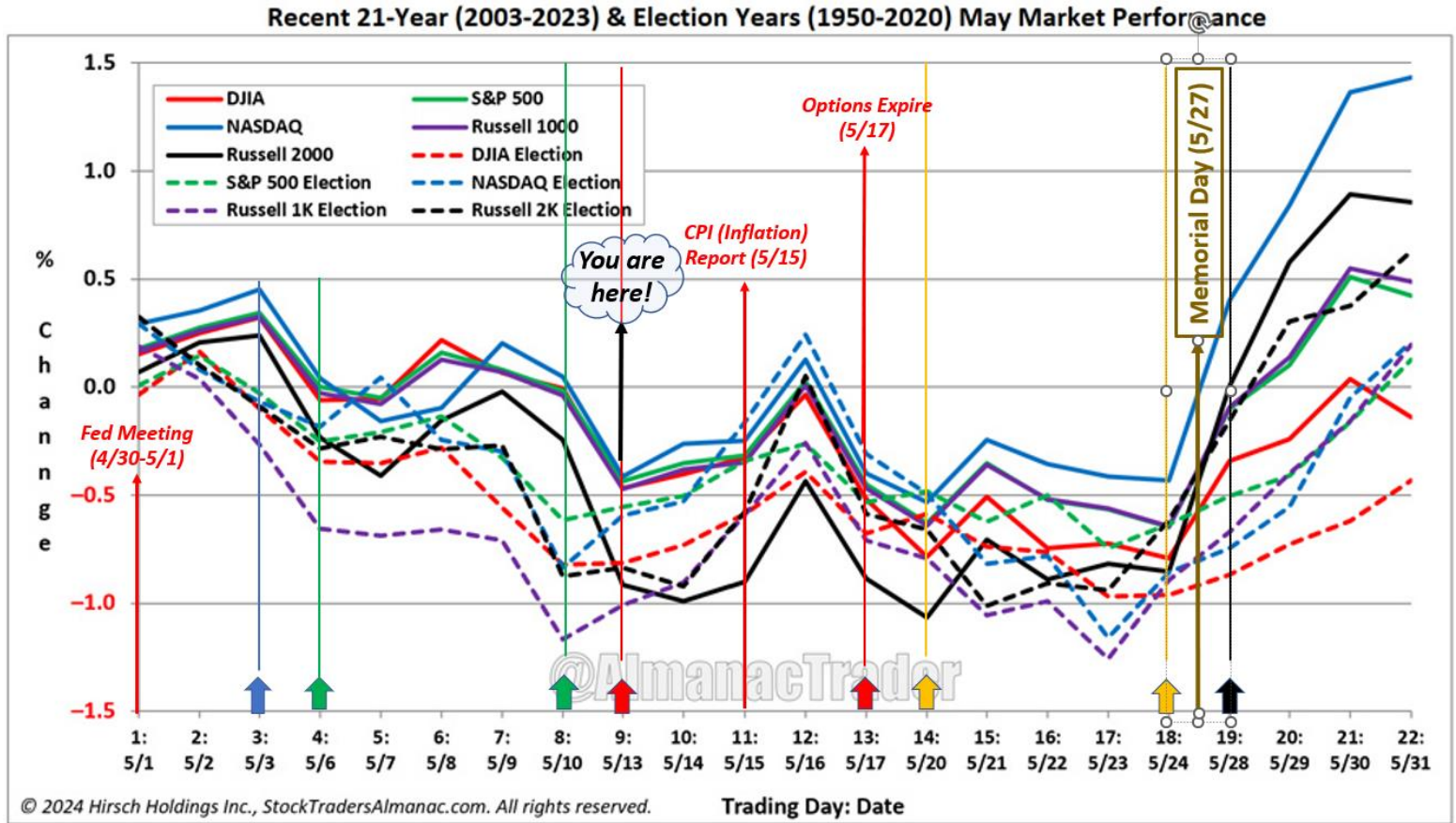
Here is the CPI chart. CPI is reported on a 12-month rolling window, and when a large gap rolls off, like it will next Wednesday, it actually helps the current CPI by looking like the rate of change is slowing. The following charts can be found on the BreakPointTrading.net website.



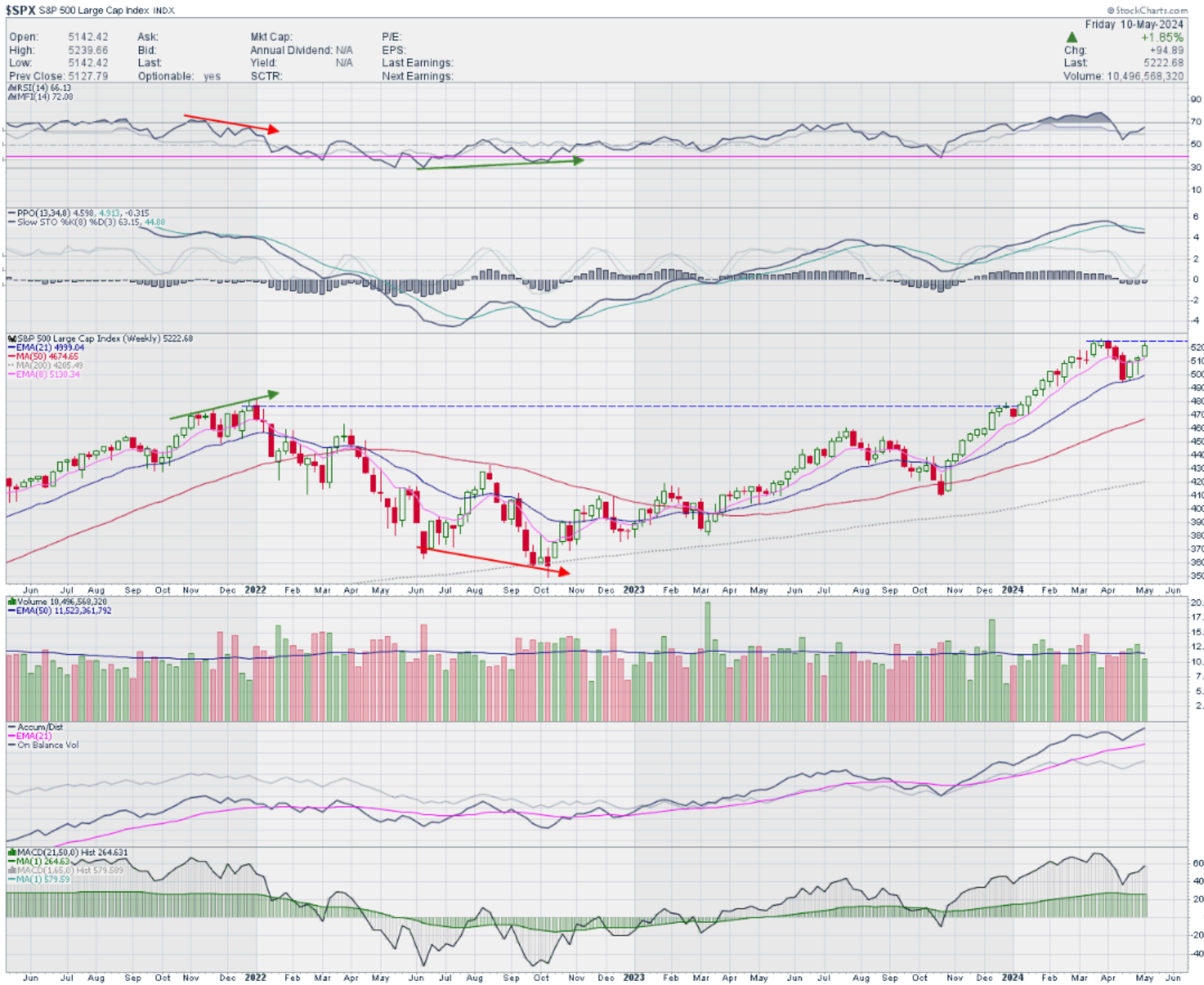
We also have to consider the rate of commodities in the equation. Here is what they looked like in April, that is reflected in next week's CPI report. Oil & Gas came down and the others were flat. Next month's commodities are shaping up to be even better for lower inflation!



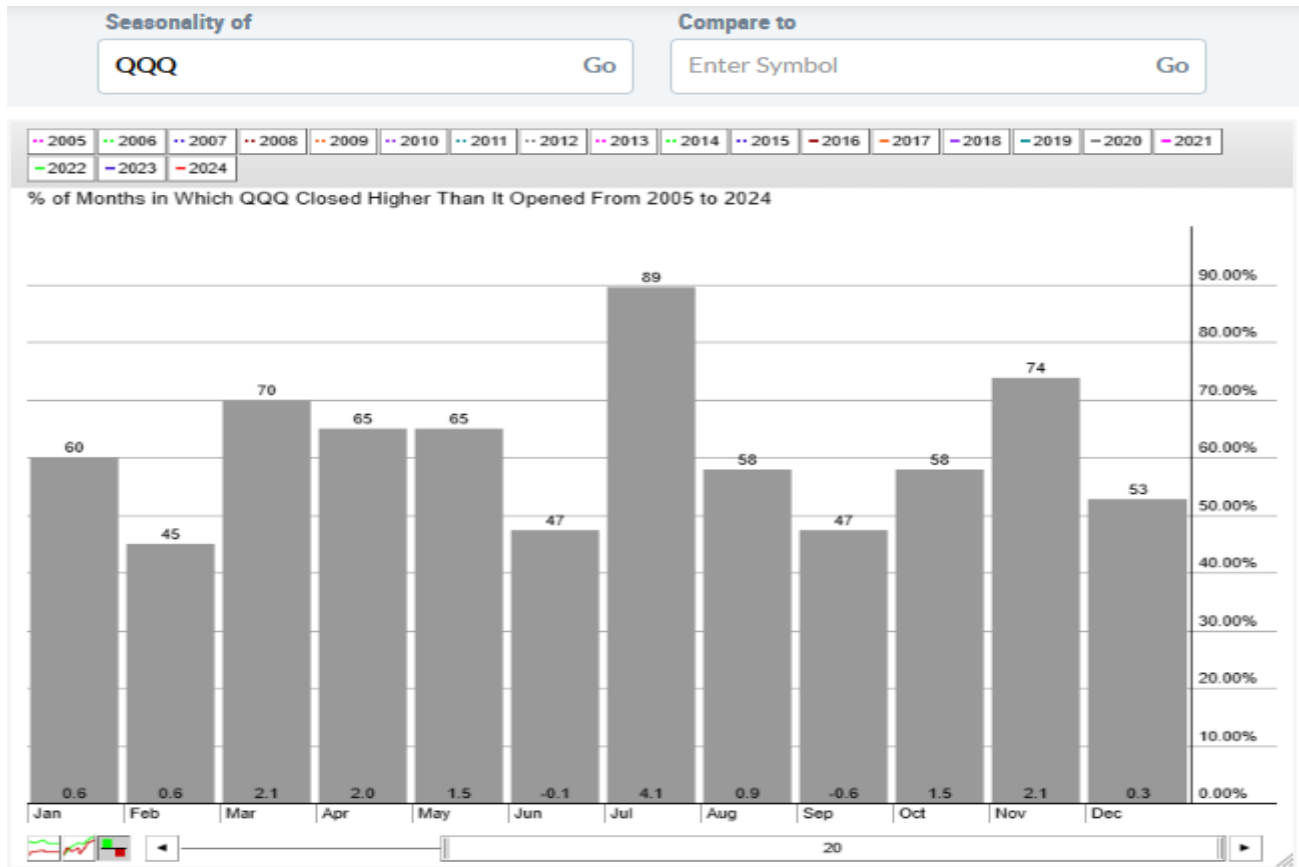
Here is the 21-Year trend from Stock Trader's Almanac. Maybe a slight rally next week, then a choppy sideways market until right after Memorial Day on 5/27.



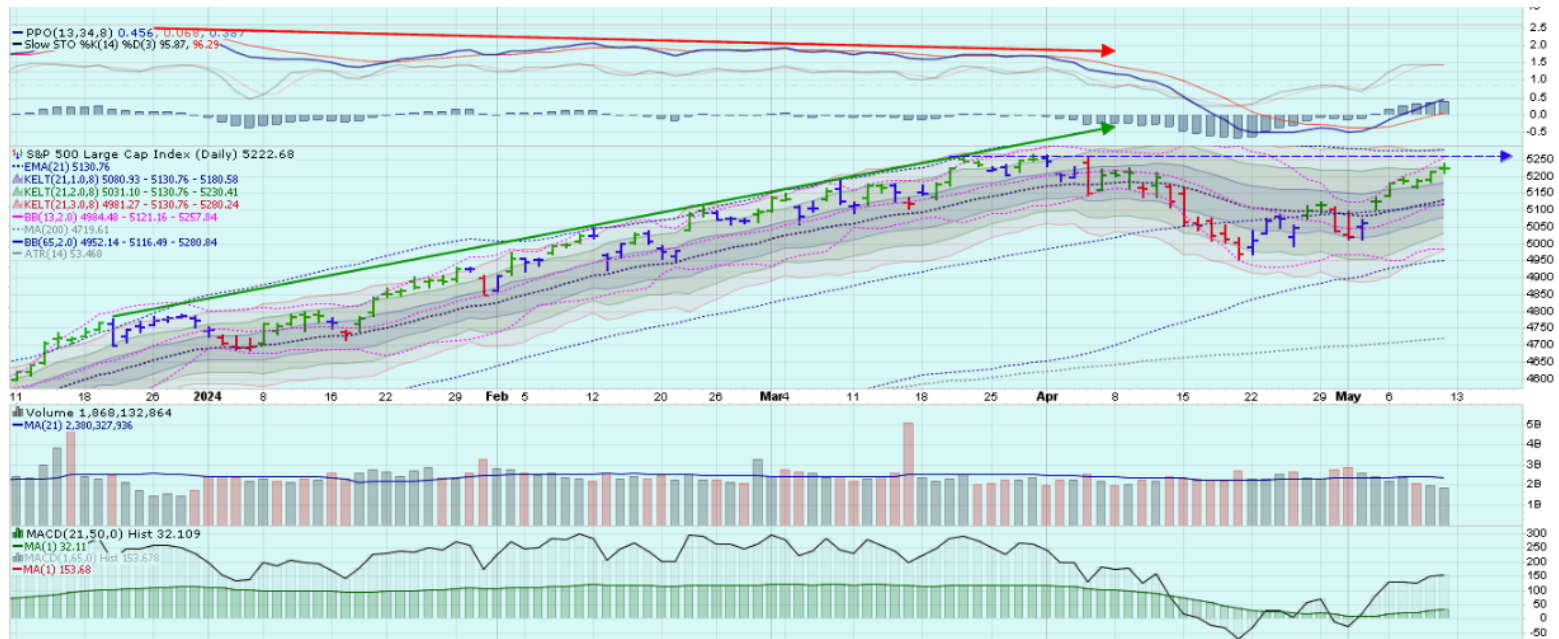
Here is the chart of the S&P on a Weekly basis. As it approaches the key resistance, you can see that the momentum indicators still have some room to move. I think there is a good chance that the market will continue higher right through June. Remember, this is a Weekly chart, so each bar represents a full week.



You have heard the old adage, “Sell in May and Go Away”, but let’s take a look at the seasonality of the Nasdaq, using QQQ, going back 20 years. You can see that the number of months it has been higher in May is 65%. While June does pull back with only 47% of months higher, look at July, coming in as the best month of the year over that 20 year period, with a whopping 89% of months ending higher!



Here are the Keltner channels for the S&P. They still have some room to rise into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ATR (Average True Range) extreme before reverting to the mean. If it does pull back at resistance, there is a chance to form the Handle of a Cup & Handle pattern.





From VectorVest: The Buy/Sell Ratio (BSR) needs to get above 1.00 to get a Confirmed-Up signal. It pulled back a bit on Friday. Price needs to be above the green line below.

Company Name	Symbol	Price	Change	% Change
V V COMPOSITE	VVC	66.0402	0.0007	0.00%
S & P 500	SPX	5,222.68	8.6001	0.16%
Nasdaq 100	NDX	18,161.18	47.7188	0.26%
DJ Indu Avg	DJI	39,512.84	125.0781	0.32%
NASDAQ Comp	IXIC	16,340.87	-5.3965	-0.03%

Sector Name	Price	Change	% Change	RT
Utility	42.04	0.07	0.16%	1.23
Paper	57.24	-0.39	-0.67%	1.18
Building	149.23	0.15	0.10%	1.15
Metal Products	89.52	0.41	0.46%	1.14
ETFs	52.54	-0.07	-0.14%	1.10
Insurance	116.05	0.32	0.27%	1.10
Market	542.59	0.73	0.14%	1.10
Petroleum	30.01	-0.26	-0.86%	1.09
Bank	47.33	0.15	0.33%	1.08
Mining	5.91	-0.03	-0.51%	1.08
Transportation	37.19	0.07	0.20%	1.08
Container	33.71	0.03	0.10%	1.04

Company Name	Symbol	Price	Change	% Change	VST
IES Holdings	IESC	182.30	4.10	2.30%	1.69
Sterling Infra	STRL	129.21	4.05	3.24%	1.64
Emcor Group	EME	380.74	-1.54	-0.40%	1.58
Comfort Systems	FIX	344.80	-2.41	-0.69%	1.58
N R G Energy	NRG	83.54	1.78	2.18%	1.58
Lifeway Foods	LWAY	27.00	-0.31	-1.14%	1.56
Galiano Gold	GAU	1.79	0.08	4.68%	1.54
NVIDIA Corp	NVDA	897.20	9.73	1.10%	1.54
Univ Stainless	USAP	33.24	2.43	7.89%	1.54
Virco Mfg	VIRC	12.51	0.06	0.48%	1.54
Miller Inds	MLR	57.70	-0.20	-0.35%	1.53
Tutor Perini	TPC	19.07	0.04	0.21%	1.52



Tracking 9,272 stocks		
<b>Buy</b>	<b>Sell</b>	<b>Hold</b>
1,659	1,928	5,685
(17.9%)	(20.8%)	(61.3%)

VVC Price: \$66.06    BSR: 0.86  
VVC RT: 0.97    MTI: 1.10

Date	Price	RT	BSR	MTI	Trend	Call
May 10	66.057 (G) ★	0.97 (Y)	0.86 (Y)	1.10	UpUp	C/Dn
May 09	66.039 (G) ★	0.98 (Y)	0.92 (Y)	1.10	UpUp	C/Dn
May 08	65.498 (Y)	0.96 (Y)	0.72 (Y)	1.04	UpUp	C/Dn
May 07	65.656 (Y)	0.96 (Y)	0.74 (Y)	1.04	UpUp	C/Dn
May 06	65.550 (G) ★	0.97 (Y)	0.75 (Y)	1.01	UpUp	C/Dn
May 03	64.874 (G) ★	0.95 (Y)	0.62 (Y)	0.91	UpDn	C/Dn



The 10-Day MA is above the 15-Day MA, which is the VV signal for their Market Timing Strategy. Their strategy moves them into the 1X ETF, QQQ. A Confirmed-Up signal would move them into either the 2X QLD (Turbo) or 3X TQQQ (Nitro). We moved into QLD on this signal last Monday.

## A TECHNICAL APPROACH TO TIMING THE MARKET

Written by: Angela Akers

The best way to make money in the stock market is to learn how to see through the market's daily ups and downs and stay with its prevalent trend. As we've been discussing, VectorVest can help. The VectorVest Market Timing Systems typically occur in a predictable series of events. Two weeks ago, I reviewed our most aggressive view of the market's trend, the Color Guard, and the Primary Wave. Last week, I reviewed a more prudent approach that looks for a Green light in the Price column of the Color Guard and, further, the confirmation of the Green light with the RT Kicker (the 10-15 Day MA of RT crossover). This week, I'd like to review the next signal, the VectorVest DEW Market Timing signal.

The DEW Market Timing System is a purely technical analysis approach to timing the market. The D stands for Detrended Price Oscillator (DPO). The E stands for Envelopes and the W stands for Weighted Moving Average.

An **Up** signal is given when:

1. The Price of the VVC is **above** the 30-day Weighted Moving Average
2. The DPO is **positive**

\*If the **lower** envelope is pierced in a **Down** wave, the Up signal only requires one of the two prior conditions to be met. (Rarely happens)

A **Down** signal is given when:

1. The Price of the VVC is **below** the 30-day Weighted Moving Average
2. The DPO is **negative**

\*If the **upper** envelope is pierced in an **Up** wave, the Down signal only requires one of the two prior conditions to be met. (Rarely happens)

To see this represented graphically, click on the Timing tab on the main VV7 toolbar and click on Market Timing Graph. Under Graph Layouts on the top right, select the ProTrader Timing DEW and at the bottom left of the screen, click on the dropdown arrow next to Confirmed Calls and select DEW.

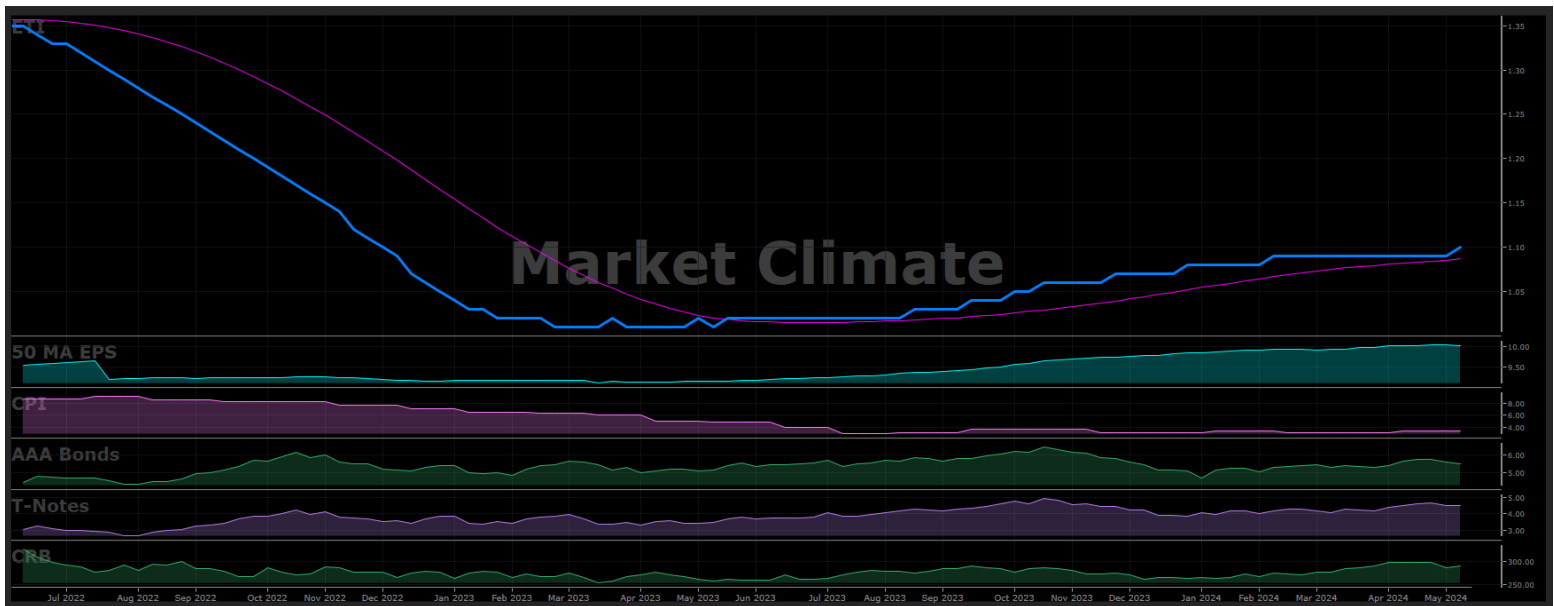


The DEW signal typically occurs after the shorter-term Market Timing signals, the Primary Wave, Green Light Buyer, and GLB/RT Kicker signals have happened and that is exactly how it has occurred in the current series. We received a DEW Up signal on Monday, May 6, 2024, when the DPO crossed above 0.00, confirming the signal.

The DEW Market Timing System is suitable for Prudent Investors who are looking for more confirmation of the uptrend than the GLB and GLB/RT Kicker provides. The DEW is also suitable for swing traders and options investors. It serves as an earlier entry point than our most conservative Market Timing System, Confirmed Calls, but is a more conservative entry point than the Primary Wave and GLB systems.

## EARNINGS UPDATE

According to FactSet, 92% of S&P500 companies have reported their Q1 2024 results with 78% beating their earnings estimates and 59% reporting revenues above estimates. As of tonight, our Market Climate Graph shows that the 50-Day MA of the VV S&P500 WatchList Average EPS, fell \$0.03 to \$10.02 per share (due to constituent changes in the S&P 500 this week), while forecasted average earnings growth remained unchanged at 9%/yr. The Market Climate Graph shows that the Earnings Trend Indicator, ETI, rose 0.01 to a level of 1.10. Since it remains above 1.00, the market is in a Bull Market Scenario. Stay tuned for our next Earnings Update.



## STRATEGY

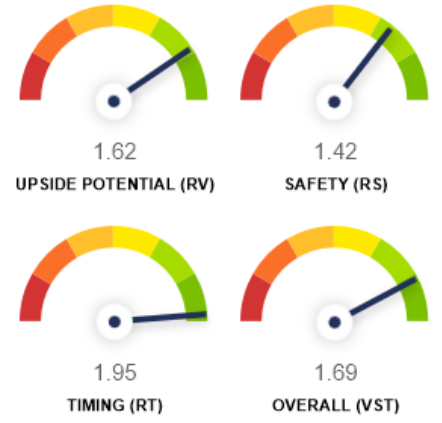
Continued hopes that April's not-too-hot jobs report could mean we'll see an interest rate cut this year and several upbeat earnings helped the Price of the VectorVest Composite (VVC) build on last week's rally. Overall, it rose \$1.19 per share over the last five trading days to end at \$66.06 per share. The Underlying Trend of the market also turned up this week, as represented by the MTI moving above 1.00. Nevertheless, we'll still need to see the BSR cross above 1.00 to confirm the uptrend. That could happen as early as next Monday if the market continues to move higher. Keep in mind, however, that the Consumer and Producer Prices Indexes for April are due out next week, and any hotter-than-expected readings could spark selling.

With one **green** light and an **UpUp** situation:

- **Prudent Investors** may buy stocks long only on up days.
- **Aggressive Investors and Traders** should play the market as it develops with a bias to the upside.

## TOP STOCK OF THE WEEK

**IESC**, IES Holdings, Inc. engages in the ownership and management of operating subsidiaries in business activities across a variety of end-markets. Annual sales increased 24% over the last 12 months to \$2.6 billion. Leading 12-month forecasted earnings are \$6.73 per share. Earnings are forecasted to grow at 34% per year. This stock closed today at \$182.31 per share, up \$20.92 per share for the week. We think it is currently worth \$197.94 per share. With an excellent combination of upside potential and financial performance, this stock is suitable for Prudent Investors. There are 20.2 million shares outstanding and its ticker symbol is IESC on the NASDAQ. You may call +1 (713) 860-1500 for more information.



Speaking of the BreakPoint Market Timing Strategy, it gave a "Long" signal also last Monday and it currently holding just above the buy level of \$85. The Stop (which is a personal preference, btw) is at \$81. Here is how it looks on the website.

# Market Timing Strategy

## Status

**5/6/24 Moved to Long @ the Open**

Trigger: VectorVest DEW & 10 MA x 15 MA

## Performance of Trend:

QLD 3/13/23 - 3/19/24 **+106.93%** @\$84.50  
 SSO 3/27/23 - 3/19/24 **+ 58.05%** @\$74.50  
 SQQQ 4/25/24 - 4/26/24 **- 8.00%** @\$11.43

Status (as of 5/10/24 ):

(Back Tested from "Start Date of New Trend")

**Start Date of New Trend: (\* = current position)**

\* QLD 5/6/24 **+ .61%**  
 TQQQ 5/6/24 **+ .72%**  
 SSO 5/6/24 **+ 1.49%**

## As of 5/10/24

Daily change is in		GREEN	or	RED	Square
Symbol (* = Active Position)	Early Signal	Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	MTS Strategy
QLD	BULL	BULL	BEAR	BULL	LONG
TQQQ	BULL	BULL	BEAR	BULL	LONG
SSO	BULL	BULL	BEAR	BULL	LONG
QID	NEUTRAL	BEAR	BULL	BEAR	CASH
SQQQ	NEUTRAL	BEAR	BULL	BEAR	CASH
SDS	BEAR	BEAR	BULL	BEAR	CASH

When a square is highlighted, the trend has changed on that day. Short Term is an "early warning" signal, Mid Term confirms the Short Term trend and Long Term is a sustained trend. MTS Strategy is the current strategy for the Market Timing System.

## Strategy

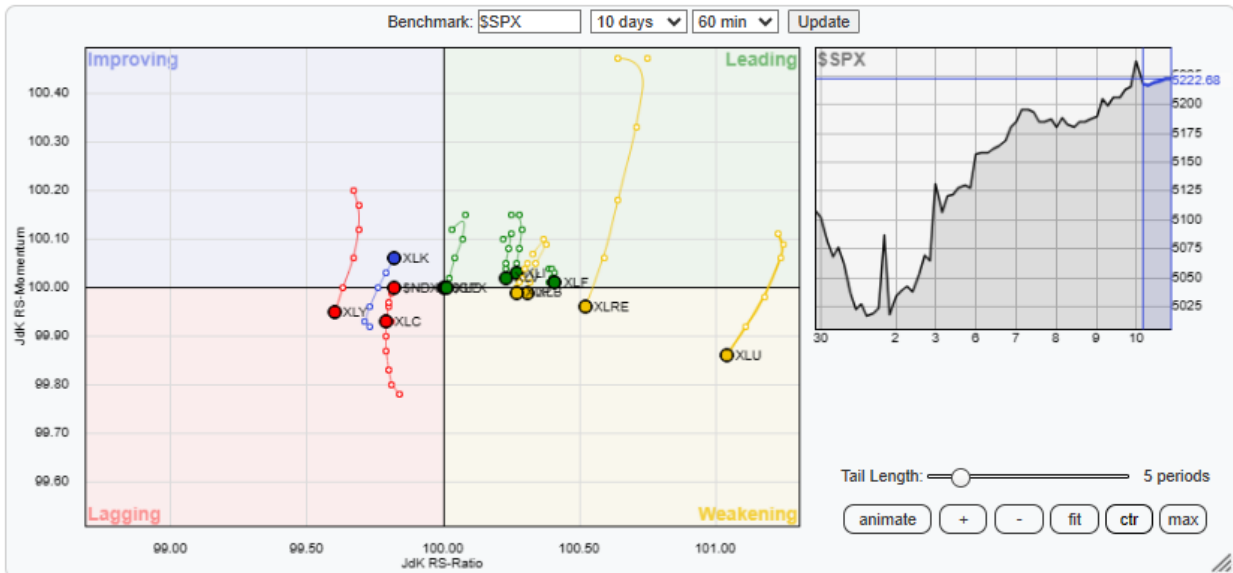
Early Signal	Daily	Daily Bar Changes Color
Short Term	Daily	5 EMA crosses 21 EMA
Mid Term	Daily	21 EMA crosses 50 SMA
Long Term (MTS)	Weekly	40 EMA crosses 50 SMA

## Weekly performance:



## Sector Performance:

SYMBOL	NAME	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	+/-	DATE
XLU	XLU - Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund	71.27	2.86	+4.18%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLF	XLF - Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	41.83	1.28	+3.16%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLB	XLB - Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	91.84	2.31	+2.58%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLI	XLI - Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund	125.68	2.91	+2.37%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLP	XLP - Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund	77.62	1.74	+2.29%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLRE	XLRE - Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund	37.81	0.79	+2.13%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLC	XLC - Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund	81.79	1.58	+1.97%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLV	XLV - Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	143.59	2.76	+1.96%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
\$SPX	\$SPX - S&P 500 Large Cap Index	5,222.68	94.89	+1.85%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
\$NDX	\$NDX - Nasdaq 100 Index	18,161.18	270.38	+1.51%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLK	XLK - Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund	205.54	2.99	+1.48%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLE	XLE - Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	93.83	1.26	+1.36%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00
XLY	XLY - Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund	178.10	0.19	+0.11%	<span style="color: green;">▬</span>	05-10, 16:00



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










Top & Bottom 10 Large Caps for the week:

SYMBOL	NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	+/-	DATE
CEG	CEG - Constellation Energy Corp.	Utilities	Conventional Electricity	214.93	20.07	+10.30%		05-10, 16:00
EMR	EMR - Emerson Electric Co.	Industrial	Diversified Industrials	115.55	9.01	+8.46%		05-10, 16:00
BKNG	BKNG - Booking Holdings Inc.	Discretionary	Travel & Tourism	3,805.75	228.37	+6.38%		05-10, 16:00
IDXX	IDXX - IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	Health Care	Medical Supplies	509.82	29.22	+6.08%		05-10, 16:00
COST	COST - Costco Wholesale Corp.	Staples	Personal Products	787.19	43.29	+5.82%		05-10, 16:00
MU	MU - Micron Technology, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	121.24	6.54	+5.70%		05-10, 16:00
NFLX	NFLX - Netflix, Inc.	Comm. Services	Internet	610.87	31.53	+5.44%		05-10, 16:00
VRTX	VRTX - Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Health Care	Biotechnology	422.78	21.70	+5.41%		05-10, 16:00
CAT	CAT - Caterpillar, Inc.	Industrial	Commercial Vehicles	354.79	18.04	+5.36%		05-10, 16:00
META	META - Meta Platforms, Inc.	Comm. Services	Internet	476.20	24.24	+5.36%		05-10, 16:00

SYMBOL	NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	+/-	DATE
ABNB	ABNB - Airbnb Inc.	Discretionary	Travel & Tourism	146.32	-13.39	-8.38%		05-10, 16:00
TSLA	TSLA - Tesla Inc.	Discretionary	Automobiles	168.47	-12.72	-7.02%		05-10, 16:00
DIS	DIS - Walt Disney Co.	Comm. Services	Entertainment	105.79	-7.87	-6.92%		05-10, 16:00
ILMN	ILMN - Illumina, Inc.	Health Care	Biotechnology	110.53	-7.40	-6.27%		05-10, 16:00
MRNA	MRNA - Moderna Inc.	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	117.31	-7.69	-6.15%		05-10, 16:00
DDOG	DDOG - Datadog Inc.	Technology	Software	118.97	-5.30	-4.26%		05-10, 16:00
PYPL	PYPL - PayPal Holdings, Inc.	Financial	Consumer Finance	62.93	-2.77	-4.22%		05-10, 16:00
WDAY	WDAY - Workday, Inc.	Technology	Software	246.34	-9.44	-3.69%		05-10, 16:00
WBA	WBA - Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	Staples	Drug Retailers	17.19	-0.62	-3.48%		05-10, 16:00
INTC	INTC - Intel Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	29.85	-0.93	-3.01%		05-10, 16:00



Top & Bottom 10 Mid/Small Caps for the week:

SYMBOL	NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	+/-	DATE
CCSI	CCSI - Consensus Cloud Solutions Inc.	Technology	Software	19.11	6.90	+56.51%		05-10, 16:00
PRFT	PRFT - Perficient, Inc.	Technology	Computer Services	73.60	25.49	+52.98%		05-10, 16:00
EMBC	EMBC - Embecta Corp.	Health Care	Medical Equipment	14.24	4.09	+40.30%		05-10, 16:00
TDS	TDS - Telephone & Data Systems Inc.	Comm. Services	Mobile Telecommunications	20.14	5.78	+40.25%		05-10, 16:00
SITM	SITM - SiTime Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	123.15	30.90	+33.50%		05-10, 16:00
KD	KD - Kyndryl Holdings Inc.	Technology	Computer Services	27.27	6.73	+32.77%		05-10, 16:00
MYGN	MYGN - Myriad Genetics, Inc.	Health Care	Biotechnology	25.47	6.00	+30.82%		05-10, 16:00
TRUP	TRUP - Trupanion, Inc.	Financial	Property-Casualty Insurance	25.80	5.95	+29.97%		05-10, 16:00
WWW	WWW - Wolverine World Wide Inc.	Discretionary	Footwear	13.49	2.74	+25.49%		05-10, 16:00
GMED	GMED - Globus Medical, Inc.	Health Care	Medical Equipment	64.72	12.77	+24.58%		05-10, 16:00
SYMBOL	NAME	SECTOR	INDUSTRY	CLOSE	CHG	% CHG	+/-	DATE
CRNC	CRNC - Cerence Inc.	Technology	Software	5.35	-4.80	-47.29%		05-10, 16:00
DV	DV - DoubleVerify Holdings Inc.	Technology	Software	18.89	-11.48	-37.80%		05-10, 16:00
BGS	BGS - B&G Foods Inc.	Staples	Food Products	8.01	-3.38	-29.68%		05-10, 16:00
TRIP	TRIP - TripAdvisor, Inc.	Comm. Services	Internet	18.18	-7.61	-29.51%		05-10, 16:00
FWRD	FWRD - Forward Air Corp.	Industrial	Delivery Services	15.44	-6.34	-29.11%		05-10, 16:00
MYE	MYE - Myers Industries, Inc.	Materials	Containers & Packaging	17.04	-5.78	-25.33%		05-10, 16:00
ODP	ODP - The ODP Corporation	Discretionary	Specialty Retailers	40.76	-10.98	-21.22%		05-10, 16:00
ZI	ZI - ZoomInfo Technologies Inc	Comm. Services	Media Agencies	12.76	-3.36	-20.84%		05-10, 16:00
GO	GO - Grocery Outlet Holding Corp.	Staples	Food Retailers	20.89	-4.82	-18.75%		05-10, 16:00
EHAB	EHAB - Enhabit Inc.	Health Care	Health Care Providers	8.34	-1.84	-18.07%		05-10, 16:00

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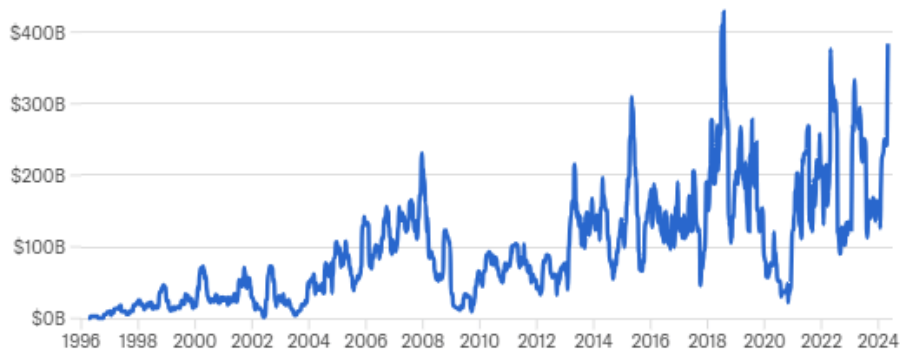
While the short-term technical setup suggests the recent correction is over, other factors could continue supporting further progress.

The first, as noted in [\*\*“Powell Sparks A Buying Frenzy,”\*\*](#) the window to resume corporate share repurchases (buybacks) has reopened. The window for buybacks will remain open until June 14th. As noted by [Yahoo Finance](#):

*“Companies have announced share repurchases of more than \$383 billion in the last 13 weeks, up 30% from the year-earlier period and the largest sum since June 2018, per research from Deutsche Bank. The total includes Apple’s \$110 billion plan, the largest buyback in history.”*

## BUYBACKS HIT HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 2018

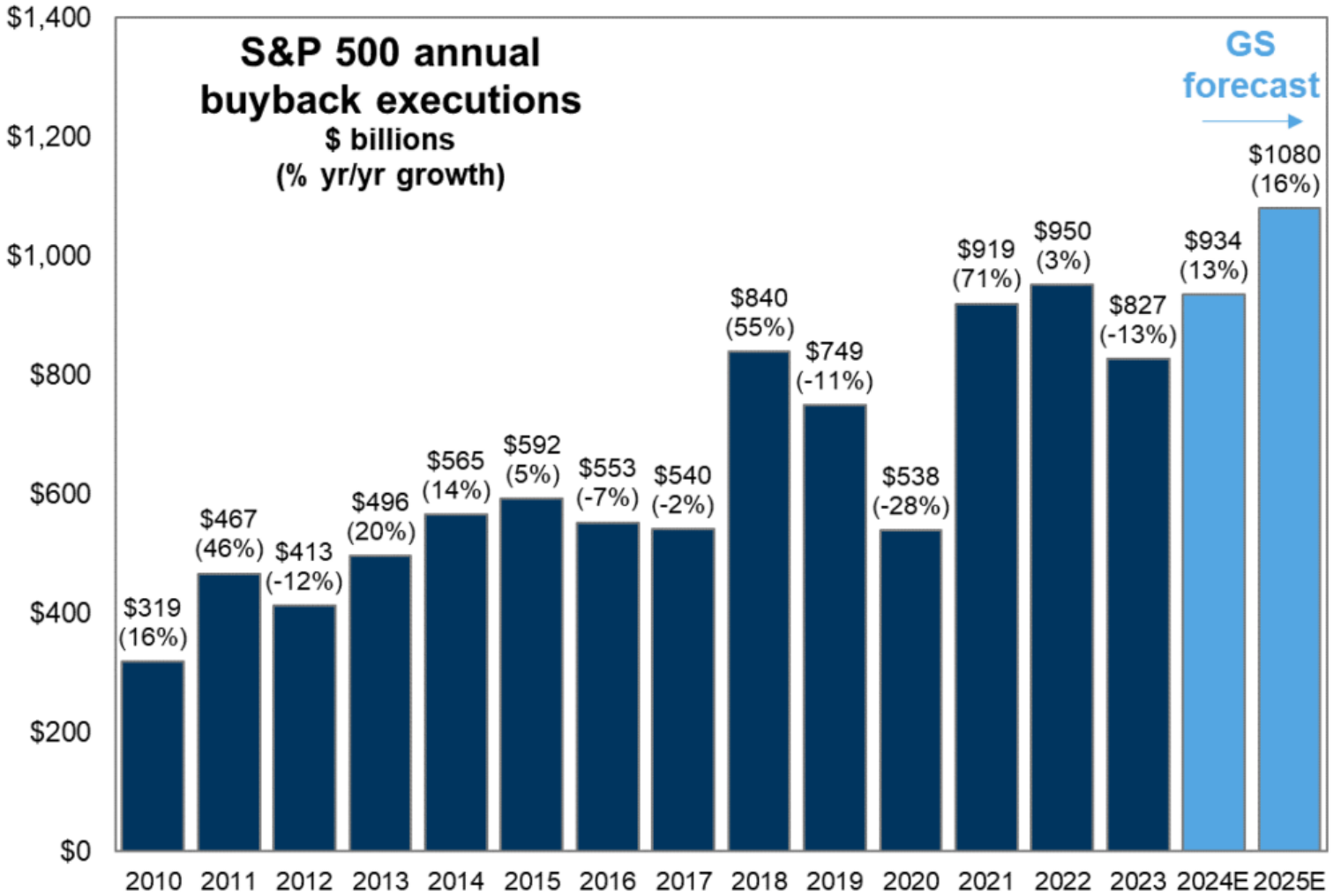
S&P 500 announced buybacks, 13-week sum



SOURCE: BLOOMBERG FINANCE LP, DB GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION

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Goldman Sachs recently noted that an estimated \$934 billion of buybacks is scheduled in 2024. This suggests that U.S. corporations will again be the largest purchasers of equities this year. **Critically, 17.3% of annual executions will take place between May and June 14th, or an estimated \$162 billion running at \$5.5 billion per trading day.**



But it isn't just corporations buying equities over the next few months. During the 5.5% correction in April, sellers exhausted themselves.

Good luck trading...