

Dawn Does it All

I had a knock down blow out with my mom when I was a little kid. I of course knew everything!! She told me to wash my hands, I thought they were clean because they were uniformly dirty. I wouldn't wash my hands so she pulled my silly little behind to the sink and washed them for me while I resisted and blubbered like an infant. She used Dawn dish soap to get my grimy baseball field infested hands clean as a whistle and it was a traumatic experience. After that event washing my hands was never an issue. It only took a look from mom and bam my hands were as clean as could be with Dawn.

I knew how well it cleaned my hands but then in the 80's after the Exxon oil spill to see emergency personel washing birds covered in oil with Dawn was a surprise. Fast forward 30 more years and now I realize there is much more this cool blue mix does. Pop used to tease me and say if I were to use Dawn to wash too much I'd turn into a Smurf. He also told me to go and find the monkey in the mirror. Mom didn't appreciate his antics.

What else can Dawn do?

- Entertain the kids by mixing with water to blow bubbles. You can blow massive bubbles if you add in some glycern. The exact recipe is ½ cup Dawn soap, ½ gallon of warm water and 1 tablespoon of glycern. You could use a hoola hoop to blow bubbles with a fan, truly entertaining for the kids.
- Get anything greasy out of the kids hair – baby oil, gum, silly putty, vaseline, grease, oil from the garage, none of it is a match for the smurf making stuff.
- Dry out your hair and get excess hari products out of your hair. When you're bald skip that step body wash does your head too! ☺
- Clean your windows with a mix of 3 drops of dawn and a gallon of water in a spray bottle. Spray and wipe as you would with windex. This is a monster savings you could make a few hundred bottles of window wash with this mixture. Windex is awesome but pricey in

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Fibonacci Beauty!

Fibonacci was an Italian mathematician from the Republic of Pisa. He was considered to be the most talented Western mathematician of the middle ages. He was born in 1170 and passed in 1250. He popularized the Hindu-Arabic numeral system in the western world through his composition. He's the founder of a sequence of numbers that have become to be known as Fibonacci numbers. He's used them as an example in his Liber Abaci works. Fibonacci traveled extensively with his father Guglielmo who was an Italian merchant and in their travels he discovered what a superior way to do math for business would be if instead of using Roman Numerals one used Hindu Arabic numerals. That was transformational and the city of Pisa paid him a salary to help them as an advisor on matters of accounting and instructions to citizens on using this systems. They recognized the value of the system and it of course changed the course of the world in numbers.

He's of course Italian (My mom's maiden name is Petti) ☺ and if we could just get the leaders of Italy today to focus on math rather than political promises they wouldn't have their continual and never ending budget problems. History is a powerful thing, if you learn the lessons from others mistakes.

Fast forward in his life and he was studying the mathematical relationship of rabbit reproduction. He found that the solution to this problem was a sequence of numbers that ultimately became known as the Fibonacci numbers. It's a sum of the previous two numbers starting with 1. So we have a sequence. Like every sequence defined by a linear recurrence with constant confidents, the Fibonacci numbers have a closed form solution. This is also known as Binets Formula. We follow this path of math down to certain ratios that come up time and time again in nature and in financial markets. In financial markets the numbers that pop up most are 9, 13, 23.6%, 38.2%, 50%, 61.8%, and 100%. Next we'll show you how these targets typically tend to end patterns and cause exhaustion and change directions.

Unemployment Bottoming?



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comparison. Keep it in the old Windex bottle and you'll never know the difference.

- Forget rock salt or chemicals to keep your driveway and walkway ice free. Here is the mix, 1 teaspoos Dawn, 1 tablespoon rubbing alcohol and ½ gallon hot/warm water will keep your walkways clean and they won't refreeze. This mix will not eat away at your sidewalks either.
- For the ladies soak your fingers in a dish of Dawn and it'll make your cuticles soft and easy to work with. It removes the natural oil from the fingernails which will allow the nail polish a better surface to adhere to. Think of it as cheesecloth used in auto body for fingernails.
- Clean the kiddie pool with Dawn and a scrubbie sponge. Bleach will weaken the plastic while Dawn only cleans.
- Make a multi purpose cleaner with a drop fo Dawn in 8 ounces of water drop it in a spray bottle and go to town. Clean your floors, bathroom, shelving, tub, toilet go nuts!
- Repel pesky bugs from your houseplants with a mix of a drop of Dawn in a spray bottle of water. Bugs apparently only like dirty plants, not clean ones. ☺
- Keep poison ivy at bay with Dawn, it will not spread nor will it hurt others and it'll get dried out
- Clean oil and gas stains off of your driveway and garage floor. The mix is, use kitty litter to soak up the wet stuff, then put Dawn and warm water mix on the stain and with a little elbow grease that stubborn stain will be gone.
- Clean your dogs and cats to kill the bugs and prevent fleas and ticks. A far more natural alternative than the chemicals sold at pet centers.
- Rub a tiny drop of Dawn on your glasses or inside your windshield and wipe it dry. The thin film will prevent fogging and keep the glass truly clear.
- Clean up greasy tools from the garage or the cellar
- Pre treat oil stains on clothes, rub Dawn directly into the stain and it'll do a great job of taking out lipstick, grease, butter, motor oil, cooking oil and ink. When Dawn will not cut it, Gojo often will.
- Use it as a stick lubricant to ease the friction between sliding doors, hinges, knobs, etc. It's a lot sticker than oil and cleans while it lubricates!
- Make an ice pack with a strong Zip Lock bag filled with Dish soap. It'll flex to your face or whatever else you're trying to cool off.
- Repel Ants from your home, they don't like a solution of water and Dawn.
- Unclog your toilet by pouring a cup of Dawn into the bowl and letting it stew for 15 minutes. (Pun intended) ☺ Follow with a bucket of hot water poured from waist height and that problem will go septic!

The trade levels between various currencies in the world tell us an awful lot about what is going on in the world. These currencies literally speak to us about the interrelationships between various economic powers in the world as well as various asset classes.

We are at a point today where the dollar has been the dominant currency of the world for decades and the most liquid currency on earth. We've gone so far off the deep end as a society in printing money and accumulating debt the world is moving away from the dollar based everything. We're losing faith in government and people are trying to find ways to find more balance and other options.

Enter cryptocurrencies as well as regions where they're trying to make alternative options such as in the Middle East in the oil trades. Some currencies tend to move with certain assets. When the dollar is weak metals tend to be strong, but not always so don't expect this to be every time just use it as one of many indicators.

We think there is value in things that the government cannot manipulate. The big question is what will this tool ultimately be? Will it be a new invention such as a cryptocurrency or the like or will something simple like a precious metal or other asset become the new standard to pin values to? Will there ultimately be a new global currency? We don't know just yet and speculation abounds on all sides of this conversation.

We're watching it very carefully as we know the current debt bonanza cannot last forever so it'll be a fun drama to watch unfold. There are other relationships between currencies and assets that are normally intertwined. The Japanese Yen typically moves in tandem with precious metals as does the Aussie dollar. We see below courtesy of Chris Kimble a pattern of the Aussie dollar. It's been weak for years as Australia is a natural resource rich economy and the world has been focused on tech and finance for the last 8 years. Is there a turning point very close to us?



Noteworthy News!!!

- Congratulations to Alix Tercius on his new job with Knox Community Hospital
- Congratulations to Jim Zotta on his new job with Wheeler Clinic!
- Our condolences to the Mancini family on the passing of Robert, a wonderful man, husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, person and friend.
- Our condolences to the Main family on the passing of Kathleen, a wonderful woman, wife, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, person and friend.

Question & Answer

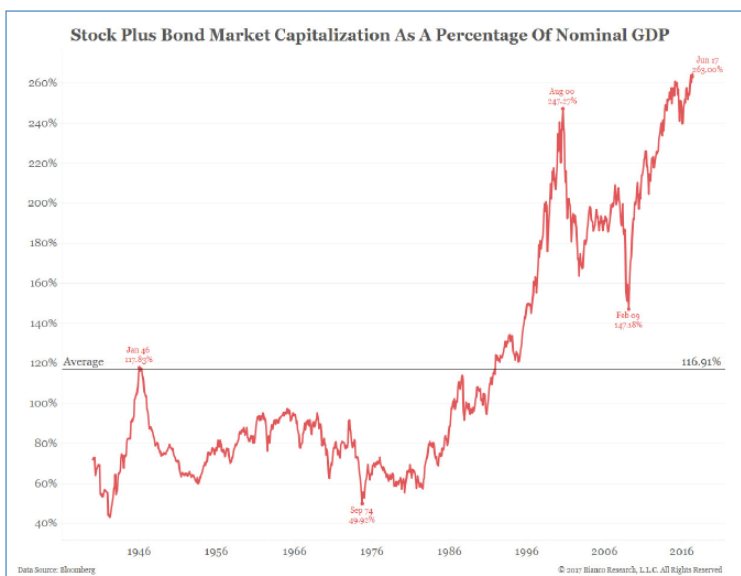
Ask any financial question you have and we'll address it here.

Q: People are talking about dangerous levels of the stock market, is there any truth to that?

Best question we've fielded in many months! There is a plethora of truth to that. We've been screaming from the mountaintops for some time about the nosebleed levels of the stock market in general and it's been such a persistent thing for several years now that it "feels" normal to many. This is exactly when the problems arise, when abnormal feels normal. The best analogy I can make is when a addict is trying to quit drug addiction they experience withdrawal. The world is on the precipice of experiencing a liquidity withdrawal at some point in the near future.

The Oracle of Omaha had created many years ago what has become known as the Buffet Indicator. His measure was if the stock market capitalization was below 50% it's way too low. At 75% - 90% it's about right, over 115% we've got an overvalued situation on our hands. Look at the below, the current stock market is valued at a breath grasping 260%+ value of GDP.

Look out below is about all we can say the big question is when.



Fibonacci Beauty! (cont'd from page 1)

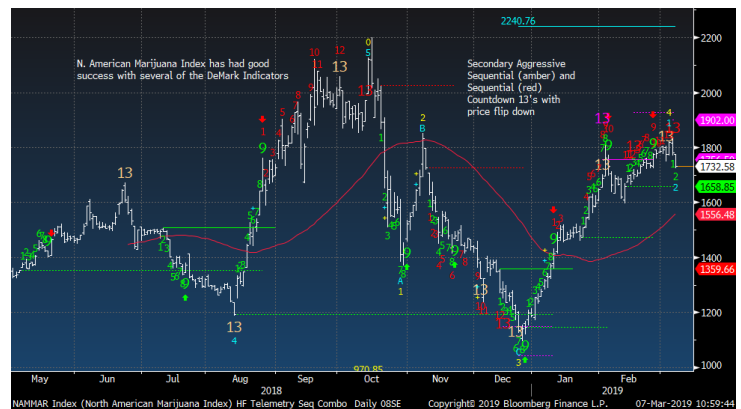
Vix bottoming?



Semi's topping?



High index going lower?



Euro 50 getting tired?



Money Quiz



This month's challenge is on youth priorities. What percentage of 1000 millennials surveyed in July 2018 spent more on coffee each month than they set aside for savings? ☺ Last month's quiz was won by Tara White, patients who receive a referral from a general practitioner wait on average 5 months before seeing the specialist in Canada's publicly funded health care system. Be careful what you wish for! Winner goes to Ruby Tuesday on us! 02:04:19:8

STIF Fund in Connecticut

This isn't a stiff in any way it's a very unique thing that the state created for the benefit of state treasury, state agencies and authorities, municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state.

The STIF is a cash management pool and the title is an acronym that stands for Short Term Investment Fund (STIF.) It's a pool of high quality short term money market instruments that various government agencies can use for short term cash flow needs. This fund was created in 1972 and has an average maturity of under 60 days.

The goal of this fund is to provide a higher level of current income than can be had in a bank and is consistent with the safety of principal. It also provides liquidity and is appropriate for various cash flow requirements of various state and municipal organizations.

The STIF isn't a guaranteed fund in any way but an option for a better way to manage cash on the government level. Not all towns or agencies are aware of STIF and some use it while others do not. There is no requirement to use STIF yet it is a tool all should know about. STIF allows for complete same day liquidity of the pool and is well diversified.

When STIF was created in 1972 a reserve was created to enhance the primary objective of safety. The reserve today is 59.6 million and is added to daily at the rate of one tenth of one percent of the funds value until it reaches one percent of the value of all investments in the fund.

Here are a few of the highlights of the STIF pool as of 09/30/18 as reported by the state on the website www.ott.ct.gov.

Fund Highlights

STIF Facts as of September 30, 2018

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| Inception date | 1972 |
| Total Investor deposits | \$7.2 billion |
| Reserve balance | \$63.1 million |
| S&P rating | AAAm |
| Weighted average maturity | 36 days |
| Quarterly yield | 1.98% |
| One-year total return | 1.63% |
| Five-year total return | 0.61% |
| Ten-year total return | 0.49% |

Doves & Hawks

Gorgeous animals of course and very different types of birds. We have the gentle dove who is peaceful and often released at weddings and other celebrations. The Hawk although a bird as well is nothing like the gentle dove instead the hawk is an aggressive predator who will consume a dove, rabbit, snake, squirrel, cats and even small dogs. Hawks are not on top of the bird food chain as they can be taken out by Owls and Eagles.

Of the 9722 types of birds I find it comical that the financial world has adopted those two to represent the actions of fiscal policymakers.

The Fed is often referred to as Dovish if they are easing monetary conditions and Hawkish if they are tightening monetary conditions. The news of the past few years go so far into the details of every word that comes out of any Fed spokesperson in an attempt to read between the lines and see where the Fed may be taking the fiscal policy next.

The Fed has a mandate of trying to accomplish three objectives which are maximum employment, stable prices and moderate long term interest rates as stated in the Federal Reserve Act.

Part of this mechanism is to clearly communicate to the world what it is going to do and where it is going moving forward. They take in a lot of data and assess it, then turn around and tell the world what moves they'll be making. They try to communicate as clearly as possible so well informed households, businesses and the public can erase uncertainty from financial markets. This communication isn't often clear, could be clear as mud too many but the pundits are all out there disseminating the data as either dovish or hawkish.

The most recent fed readings of inflation being "subdued" signals dovish information in that the rate hikes may slow or even reverse and turn into rate cuts. We see a dramatic shift in tone from this last communication to those of the past year or so. Historically the Fed is late to raise rates and late to lower them. We all know that inflation in reality is much higher than what is published by the government because they take so much out of the calculation of inflation. How have your insurance premiums gone up in the last 10 years? How is the cost of natural food gone in that same time period? We all know that living in reality and reading federal data is two different worlds.

The doctrine of primum non nocere, meaning first, do no harm should apply to the Fed as it applies to our medical practitioners. Does a zero bound policy for a decade really help the overall global economy or does it mask much larger problems that still exist that were not solved in the 08 financial crisis? We see many problems that are much more acute today than they were in 08 as the Fed backstopped everything and everyone while nothing was allowed to fail. Greece just began issuing bonds again and they were bailed out by the ECB for 8 years. Doves and Hawks leaning dovish has essentially enabled a lot of poor behavior by the political class. The day of reckoning is coming and it'll be a cleansing event. We're watching closely to see when it arrives. ☺

Inspirational Quotes

- Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all, Aristotle
- IN the process of letting go you will lose many things from the past, but you will find yourself, Deepok Chopra
- To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage, Confucius
- He who gives to me, teaches me to give, Danish Proverb
- No wise man ever wished to be younger, Jonathan Swift
- Scared is what you're feeling, brave is what you're doing, Emma Donoghue
- The reverse side also has a reverse side, Japanese Proverb
- Only bad writers think that their work is really good, Anne Enright



We can piece the puzzle together and make your money work for you!

Have your kids or grandkids taken a stand and made their own brand in any way? Do they believe in something so passionately they won't let anyone change their mind or distract them from their missions or beliefs? Those are really great things if they're productive passions, video games and bad habits won't count here.

There is a ton of pressure on kids today to conform to the "norms" and many of these norms are off the charts in many ways. The concepts of political correctness and a pathetic lawsuit culture have raised a generation of youth who think that everything is okay and they're always right and if you disagree with them its offensive and needs to end so schools and colleges now have safe spaces. You can't make this up folks its real and we need to get back to basics and let the reality of life and common sense come back to ground this generation. We know better as adults, parents and grandparents, life has beaten us up many times and this thing we call wisdom only comes from screwing things up yourself or watching someone close to you screw them up. Either way watching those screw ups is painful and the wisdom comes with gray hair, no hair, wrinkles and whatever else afflicts us as we get older.

We're watching things unfold on the global stage that are beyond belief and if you told us this is where the world would be in 2019 ten years ago I doubt anyone would believe you. I don't think it's going to get worse, the pendulum swings in different directions and this may be the moment of awakening for a generation as we move forward and reality hits them smack in the face.

Opportunity exists in many moments in life that allow us to teach the youth how the world really works. Take a stand, encourage them to take meaningful and productive stands themselves. We'd love to hear stories of what has worked for you and how you keep the kids in line and out of trouble. 😊

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