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Market Commentary: S&P Poised to Attack

I said <u>vesterday</u> that the **S&P 500** was one big day away from clenching a breakout over 1220 and signaling a new swing high for the year. For a while, it looked like Wednesday would be that big day.

The S&P traded briefly and marginally in the red Wednesday morning, making a first-hour low before towering higher convincingly above 1220 to 1226.60. However, the level could not be held as the index tailed off once again, closing around the 1220 level at 1220.55.

The S&P has been oscillating around this 1220 magnet for five days. A week ago, the S&P closed at 1219.95. Last Friday, the S&P closed at 1220.15. On Monday, the S&P closed at 1222.80. On Tuesday, the S&P closed at 1218.60. And then, of course, on Wednesday, the S&P closed at 1220.65.

The magnetism of this level is undeniable. As I have shown in the past, the 1220 level represents a downtrend line from September as well as a Live Angle up from the August/September low. I suspect that the S&P will resolve to the upside and through 1220, turning up the Monthly Swing Chart on trade over the October high of 1233.35. The behavior at that point will give us additional information as to the market's agenda. But the momentum and internals are too compelling here to suggest that a monthly turn up, being so close, will not be snagged.

Additionally, the fact that the S&P has consolidated at 1220, below the 1233.35 monthly turn-up level, as opposed to having made a line-drive stab at 1233, indicates that the index is winding up, coiling for an attack to higher prices.

Of course, the year's high of 1245.86 is just above 1233, indicating a possible upside cascade when and if 1233 is recaptured.

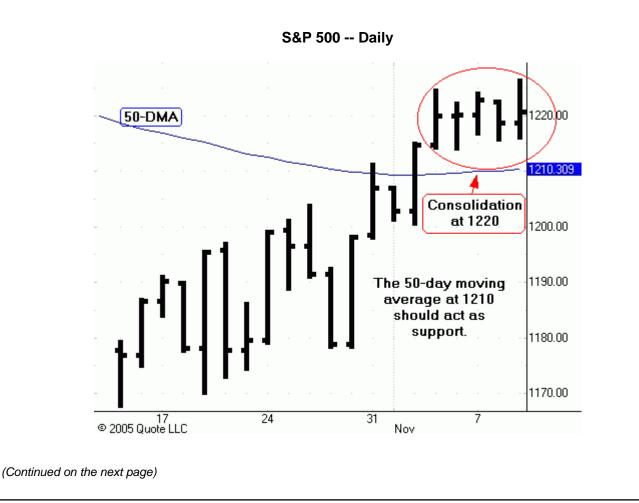
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Last week, I pointed to the bullish 1-2-3 Swing to a Test pattern on **Newmont Mining** (NEM:NYSE). It appears that this setup has triggered on Wednesday's price action, with NEM advancing to its 50-day moving average and turning up its Weekly Swing Chart on increasing volume. Gold itself was up a solid \$5. The chart of the **streetTRACKS Gold Shares** (GLD:Amex) ETF, which is a proxy for gold itself, shows a similar pattern to NEM.

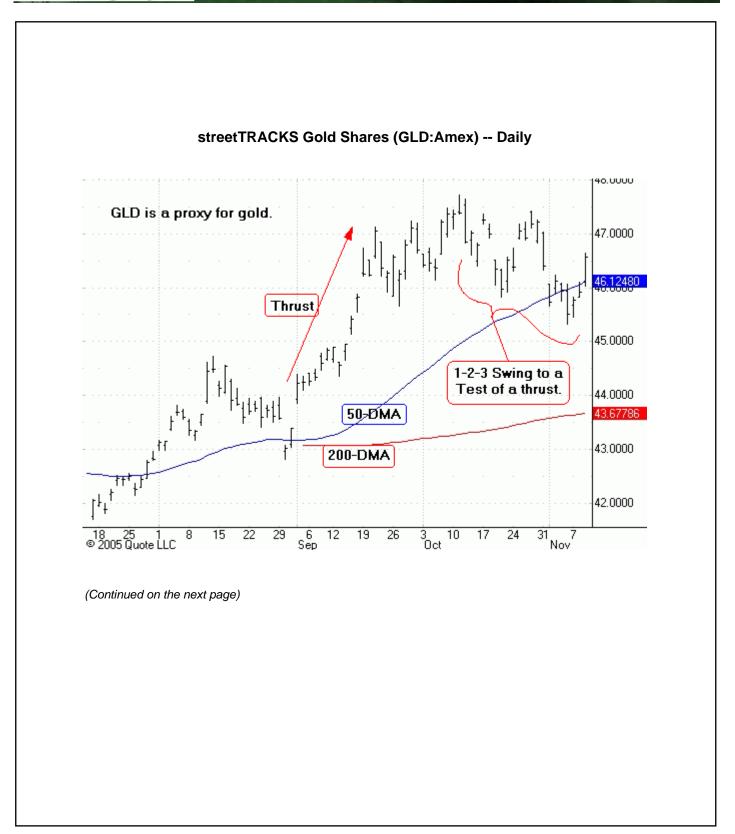
Remember that the important level on NEM is \$47, which is 180 degrees up from this year's low of \$35. Moreover, trade above \$46 on NEM will trigger a mini Angular Rule of Four Breakout. Such price action should catapult NEM over \$47. Follow-through from here on GLD and NEM would indicate a new leg up after a typical six- to seven-week consolidation.

Conclusion: On any pullback in the S&P, good support can be found at 1210, which coincides with the 50-day moving average on the S&P and, as you will recall, is 90 degrees down from this year's high. I believe that the recent move over 1210 signifies that the S&P will retrace the complete decline from 1245, and then some. Moreover, trade over Wednesday's "tail" would be bullish, as many traders will be temped to fade Wednesday's "tail."

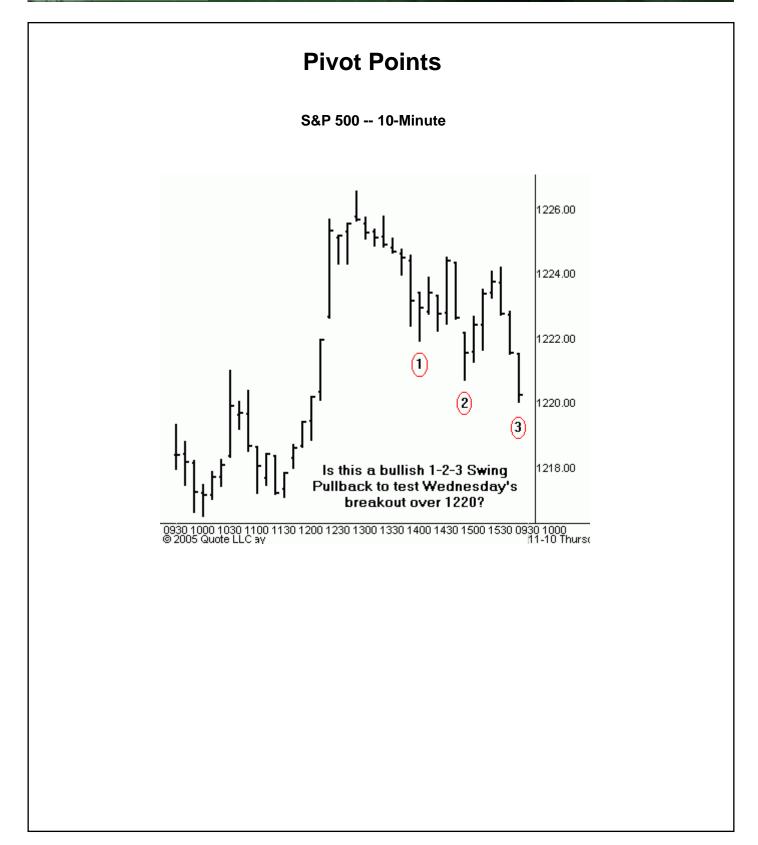


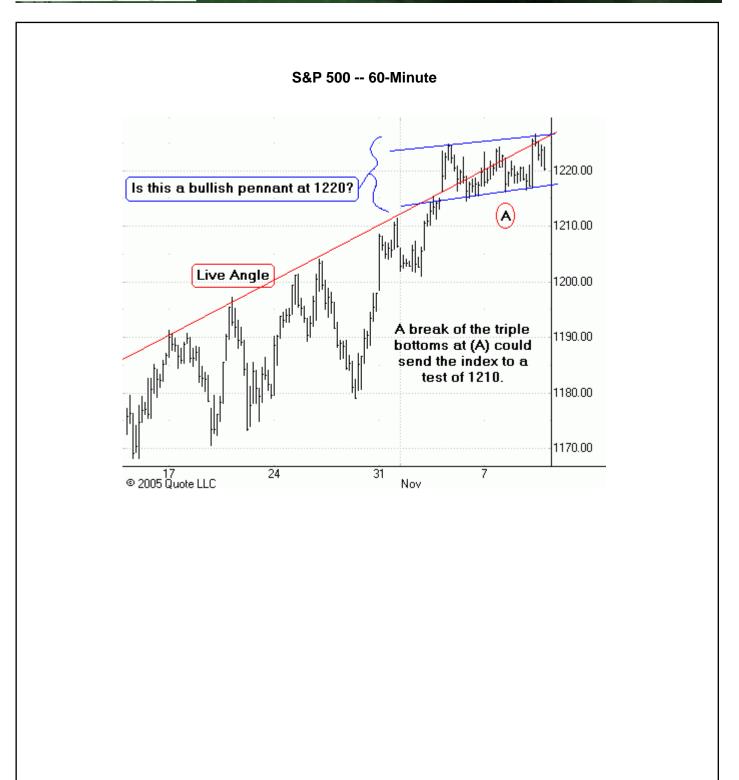
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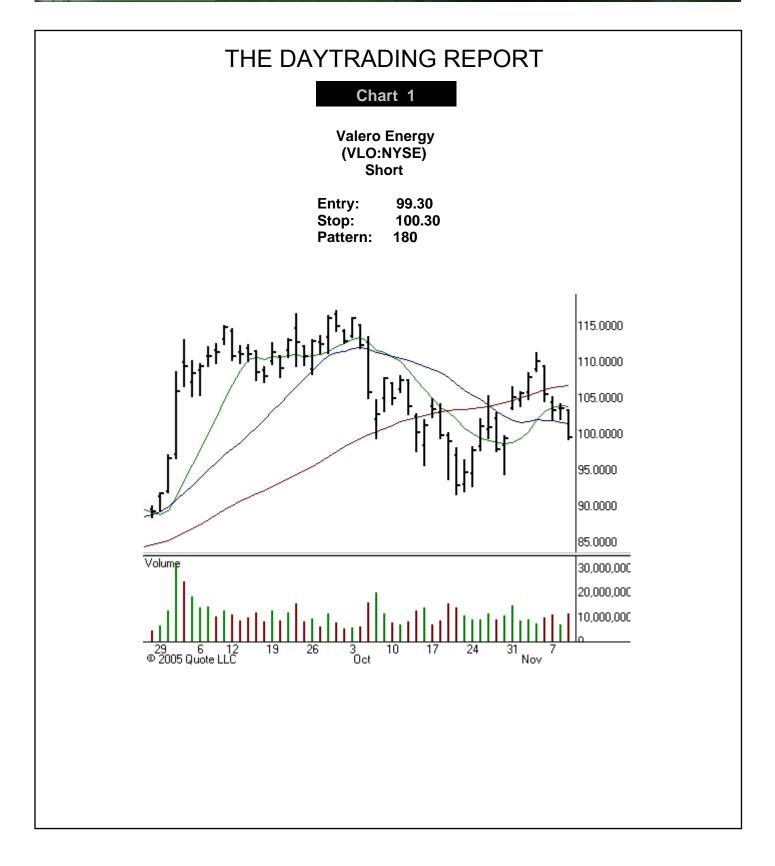


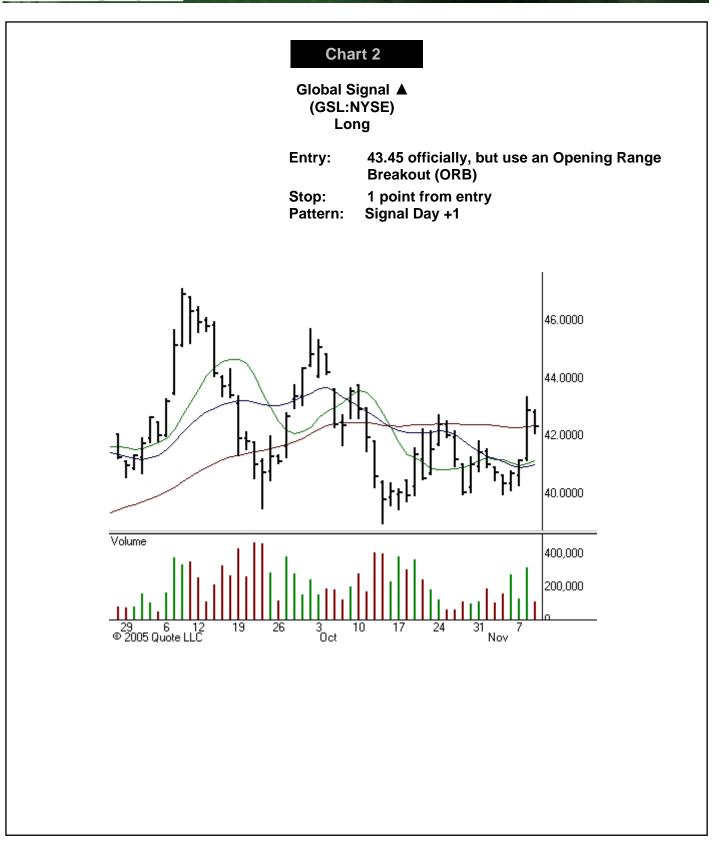


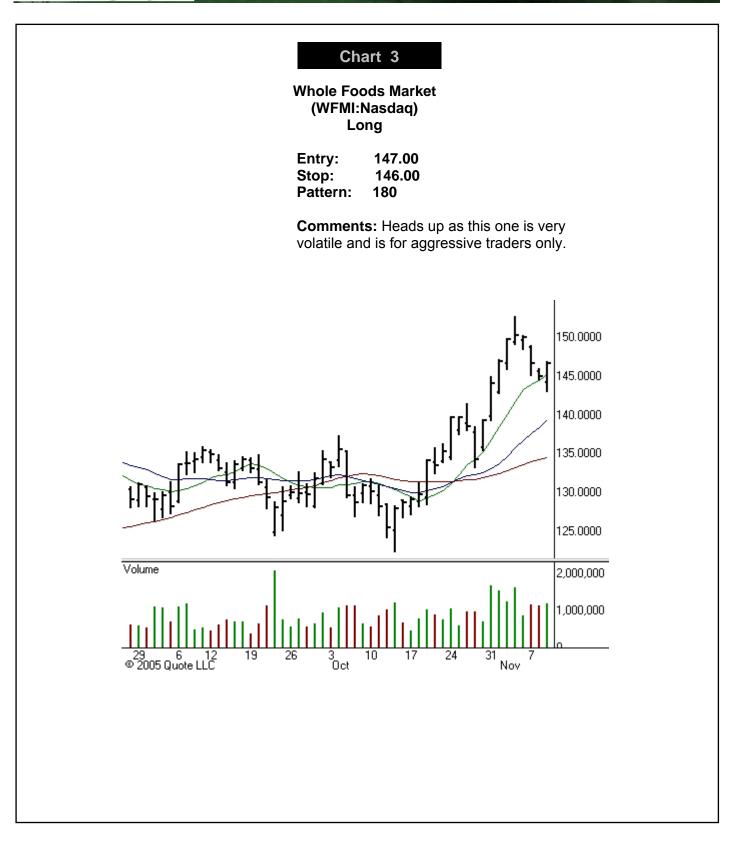


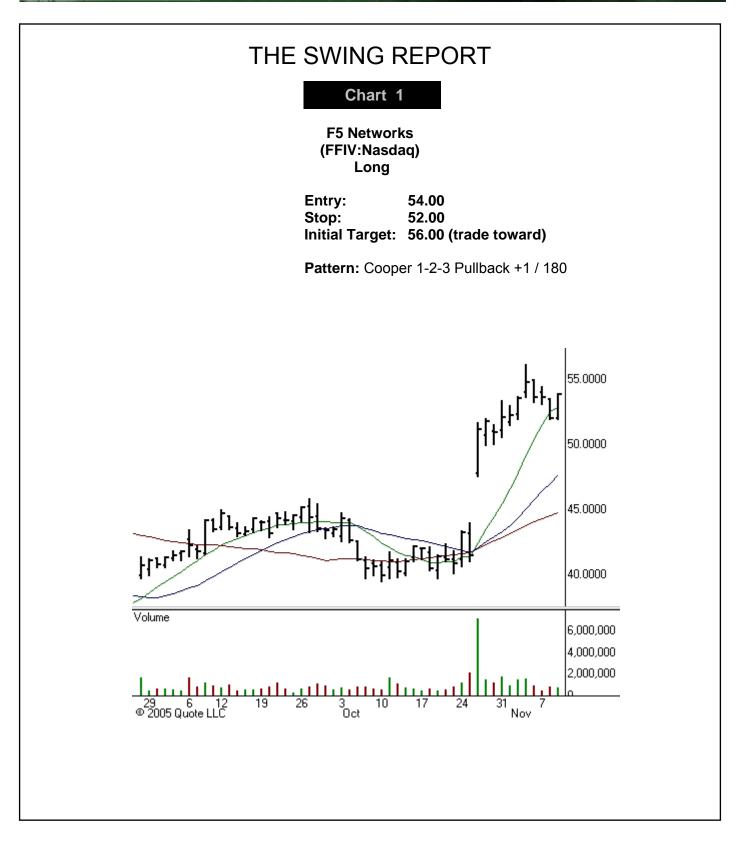


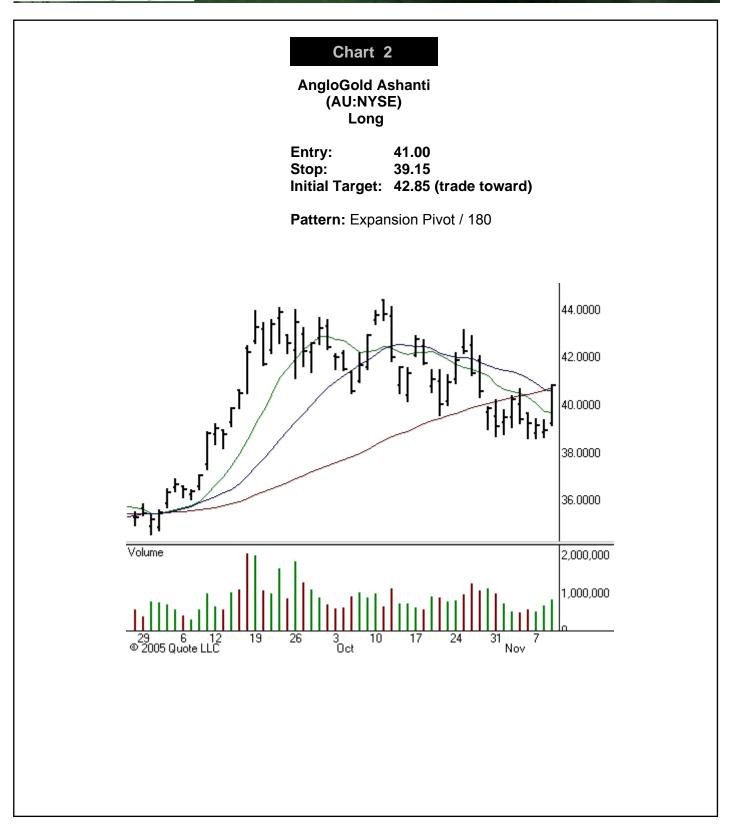


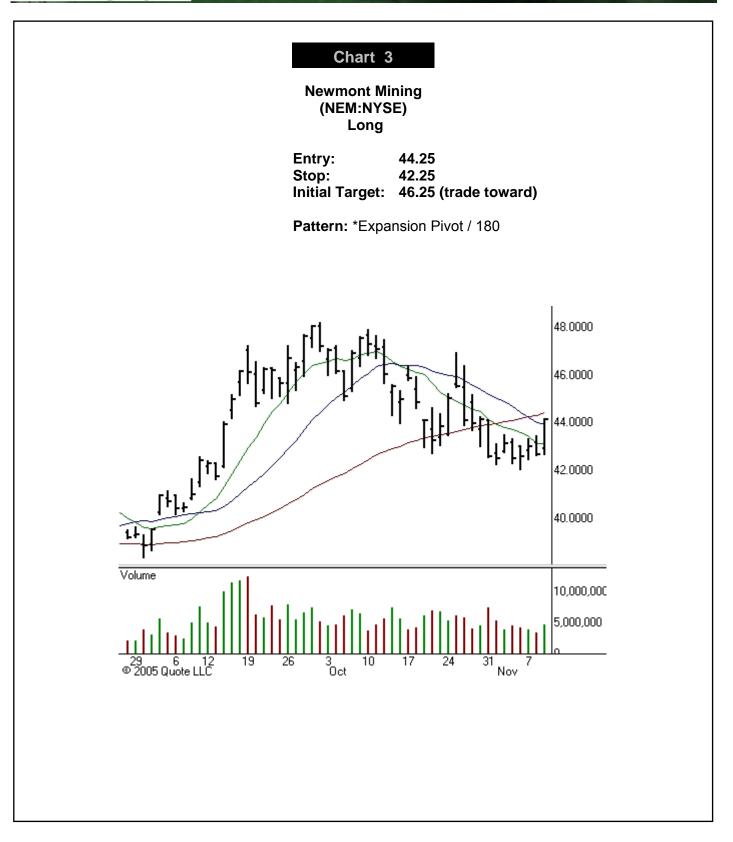












OBSERVATIONS AND TRAILING STOPS

-- Thursday is day two in **St. Jude Medical** (STJ:NYSE) (long). We are long from 50.00. Maintain the stop at 49.00 and the initial target on trade toward 51.90. As of Wednesday's close, we are down 60 cents.

-- Thursday is day two in **Websense** (WBSN:Nasdaq) (long). We are long from 58.90. Maintain the stop at 56.90 and the initial target on trade toward 60.90. As of Wednesday's close, we are up 12 cents.

-- SanDisk (SNDK:Nasdaq) (long) did not trigger.

-- On Wednesday in **Fisher Scientific** (FSH:NYSE) (short), we were stopped out at the open on a gap up at 63.00 for a 5.55 loss.

-- On Wednesday in **Navteq** (NVT:NYSE) (long), we were stopped out at 41.55 for a loss of 2.10.

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