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Stocks-Fed Comments-Sober Up



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On Tuesday's QUICK ALERT; we spoke of a REVERSAL off SPX 4050 (failure to close ABOVE 4025 was important).

TODAY; the big news is that Bullard (Fed boss out of St Louis) floated the idea of 5% Fed Funds & 7% potential.

Not exactly what markets have been pricing into the short covering, speculative, wishful thinking euphoria of late.

AGAIN Our view is this is a DERISKING OPPORTUNITY whether we already hit the top at 4050 or 4100-4175-4350.

The JOB MARKET is NOT backing off despite media hype on tech layoffs (did you know that META is really just cutting the excessive hires during COVID) and many others follow suit. Not to say that ultimately the layoffs will become pronounced BUT even TARGET who's falling apart said NO LAYOFFS because you CAN'T FIRE WHAT YOU CAN'T HIRE!

TARGET should hire more store cops as LOSS FROM THEFT was \$400 Million!. Shoppers must be wearing loose clothes:)

Here's a question for you?? If we are so short of Crude Oil (yearly high is 130 we are now at 82+) and Natural Gas (yearly high is 10 we are now at 6+); why are prices tanking and why are the ENERGY SHARES (heavily promoted) fading??? REMEMBER US...we encourage investors to LEARN how to HEDGE against DECLINES & UPSIDE Surprises.

Energy shares like CVX XOM COP and MANY others have had HUGE RUNS this year AND may continue BUT on XLE we made a new high by a tad ABOVE 94 and now have lost altitude while XOP essentially filled a GAP at 160 (failed to take out former high of 170 and has faded a bit. OUR OPINION is XLE at 195 and XOP at 160 are REASONABLE areas of resistance to consider HEDGING some exposure and values. To get another MAJOR advance; they need to be exceeded. It is possible a RECESSION looms ahead and maybe these COVID CASES jumping globally could turn problematic.

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OUR VIEW is that no matter where we stop on this rally; If the FED HIKES more & Q4 EARNINGS hit-REPRICING ahead.

Have you priced out the RISK REWARD on these strategies? Do you know how to adjust them? WE can help EXPLAIN it.

GOING INTO THANKSGIVING is historically BULLISH; let's see if SUPPORT on SPX 3905 & MAJOR 3800 holds and we'll see if SPX takes out RESISTANCE on SPX 3960-3980-4025 (Close). BUT Learn How UMBRELLAS work before it RAINS.

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