



The Week of April 21st to April 27th, 2012
'A Brief look Back Into Tomorrow'

Good Afternoon

Following a mixed week of trading that saw the major North American markets react positively to better than expected first quarter financials while gold bullion led the resource issues still lower, the weekend media reported that -

As the brokers and traders reviewed the week's activity they were pleased that for the most part, the markets seemed to be focusing less on sovereign economics and more on better than expected North America corporate earnings, in that for the 16th week of the year, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 1.40%, with the S&P 500 Index up by 0.60% and the NASDAQ Exchange off on the week by a marginal 0.36%. North of the border, the **TSX Composite Index stopped its weekly string of losses at seven** by gaining 0.89% on the week while the resource centred TSC Composite Index lost a disappointing 4.25%.

Some of the 29 new TSX 52-week trading highs established in last Friday's mixed day of trading include Absolute Software (ABT-T) at \$6.54, Bauer Performance Sports (BAU-T) at \$8.70, Canadian Helicopters Croup (CHL.A-T) at \$33.37, Dollarama Inc. (DOL-T) at \$24.05, Enbridge Inc. (ENB-T) at \$39.76, Intertape Polymer Group (ITP-T) at \$5.22, Novadaq Technologies (NDQ-T) at \$7.28, Opta Minerals (OPM-T) at \$2.60, Pure Technologies (PUR-T) at \$5.05, Richelieu Hardware (RCH-T) at \$33.20, SXC Health Solutions (SXC-T) at \$99.56, TAG Oil (TAO-T) at \$11.12 and Westaim Corp. (WED-T) at \$0.68, while some of the 51 new 52-week trading lows were Alliance Grain Traders (AGT-T) at \$11.61, Barrick Gold (ABX-T) at \$39.92, Centerra Gold (CG-T) at \$12.15, Equal Energy (EQU-T) at \$3.03, Fortuna Silver Mines (FVI-T) at \$3.76, Golden Predator (GPD-T) at \$0.48, Int'l. Tower Hill Mines (ITH-T) at \$3.62, Jaguar Mining (JAG-T) at \$3.02, Kinross Gold (K-T) at \$8.93, Loblaw Companies (L-T) at \$32.25, Mirabela Nickel (MNB-T) at \$0.48, Pan American Silver (PAA-T) at \$19.03, Rainy River Res. (RR-T) at \$4.46, SMART Technologies (SMA-T) at \$2.66, United Silver (USC-T) at \$0.23 and Witwatersrand (WGR-T) at \$3.97.

BMO Capital Markets - "Equity markets were mostly higher last week as solid earnings results offset a continued run of softer-than-expected U.S. economic data."

PNC Wealth Management - "On the back of some weaker recent economic data, the earnings story continues to showcase that companies can wring out profits here. Most companies now understand the environment, so they've acclimated to a fairly modest recovery, but a recovery nonetheless. They've figured out how to manage their businesses accordingly."

RBC Capital Markets - "We not only lost open interest in gold but also volume, and a lot of that has to do with the sustained upward move of the U.S stock market."

U.S. market notables General Electric (GE-N), McDonald's (MCD-N), Microsoft (MSFT-Q) and Schlumberger (SLB-T) all reported solid first quarter financials last Friday.

Similarly, Thomson Reuters reports that so far, 77% of S&P 500 companies have beaten the street's top-line expectations with their first quarter financials.

New Zealand Energy (NZ-V) shares' gained \$0.25 or 8.77% to \$3.19 last Friday as investors positioned themselves for continuing results from the company's Taranaki Basin oil & gas play in New Zealand.

Raymond James estimates that U.S. gasoline demand is down by 6% so far in 2012 from the same period one year ago.

Randall R. McBride - "Success will not lower its standard to us. We must raise our standard to success."

And then on Monday, April 23rd -

Whatever hopes investors had that last Friday's market gains may carry over to the current week were quickly dashed on reports of continued Spanish debt issues, the uncertainty of the French federal election and more signs of an economic slowdown in China.

China reports that while its Purchasing Manufacturer's Index or PMI rose by 0.8-points in April to 49.1, it was still the sixth consecutive month the closely watched index was below the expansionary level of 50.

Statistics Canada reports the country's wholesale sales increased by a better than expected 1.6% in February to \$48.5-billion.

On its 100-year anniversary, the Association for Mineral Exploration (AME) reports that mineral exploration and mining have contributed over \$700-billion to the economy of British Columbia.

Wal-Mart (WMT-N) shares' help to drag the markets lower on allegations the giant retailer used its influence and treasury to expedite the permitting process for its store openings in Mexico.

The shareholders' of Barnes & Noble (BKS-N) are please to see their investment rise by \$2.20 or 19.40% to US \$13.54 on word that hedge funds were vying for interests in the book seller.

Baja Mining (BAJ-T) shares' plunge by \$0.36 or 39.46% to \$0.55 when the mineral developer reports a \$246-million construction cost override on its \$1.143-billion Bolero copper/gold project in Mexico.

The share price of Nautilus Minerals (NUS-T) gain \$0.14 or 6.28% to \$2.37 when the underwater miner announces an off-take agreement with China's Tongling Nonferrous Metals Group for minerals extracted from its Solwara-1 deposit in the Bismark Sea, Papua New Guinea..

The shares' of Pitchstone Exploration (PXP-V) rise by \$0.03 or 26.32% to \$0.12 when the junior uranium explorer agrees to a takeover by Fission Energy (FIS-V).

Zig Ziglar - "We generally get from ourselves and others what we expect. It is a huge fact that you will either live up or down to your own expectations. If you expect to lose, you will. If you expect to be average, you will be average. If you expect to feel bad, you probably will. If you expect to feel great, nothing will slow you down. And what is true for you is true for others. Your expectations for others will become what they deliver and achieve."

Tuesday, April 24th -

Monday's triple digit market loses leaves Canaccord's Morning Coffee to report 16 new 52-week trading highs to go along with a swollen 97 new 52-week trading lows. Four of the new highs of note were Becker Milk Co. (BEK.B-T) at \$13.00, Chartwell Seniors Housing REIT (CSH.R-T) at \$9.40, K-Bro Linen (KBL-T) at \$23.20 and Maple Leaf Foods (MFI-T) at \$12.84, while a number of the new lows of interest includes Allana Potash (AAA-T) at \$0.46, Baja Mining (BAJ-T) at \$0.55, Coeur D'alene Mines (CDM-T) at \$20.50, Detour Gold (GDE-T) at \$22.35, Enerplus Corp. (ERF-T) at \$17.53, Fairborne Energy (FEL-T) at \$1.38, Goldcorp (G-T) at \$39.12, Iamgold Corp. (IMG-T) at \$11.73, Labrador Iron Mines (LIM-T) at \$3.90, Mercator Minerals (ML-T) at \$1.17, Newmont Mining (NMC-T) at \$49.01, Pengrowth Energy (PGF-T) at \$8.43, Queenston Mining (QMI-T) at \$3.78, Rubican Minerals (RMX-T), Sabina Gold & Silver (SBB-T) at \$2.43, Transat A.T. (TRZ.5.4), While Tiger Gold (WTG-T) at \$0.34 and Yellow Media Inc. (YLO-T) at \$0.06.

BMO Capital Markets - "Political wrangling over budget cuts unsettled the markets as investors worried about sovereign credit ratings. After France and Austria were downgraded earlier this year, Canada is among a select group of about a dozen countries that are deemed triple-A by all three major rating agencies."

BMO Capital Markets - "The preliminary reading for the euro-area PMIs fell sharply in April, suggesting the region remained in recession in Q2."

Statistics Canada reports the country's retail sales fell by an unexpected 0.2% in February.

Under the heading of 'Turning The U.S. Housing Ship Around' - The S&P/CaseShiller Composite-20 Housing Index rose by 0.2% in February while the U.S. Commerce Department reports their new home sales in March were a better than expected 328,000 units.

BMO Capital Markets - "While there's little urgency, now is likely a good time to buy U.S. real estate in regions with relatively low foreclosure rates, as conditions should improve enough to put a floor under prices this year."

Canfor Pulp Products (CFX-T) shares' fall by \$1.48 or 10.42% to \$12.71 when the wood products company reports lower than expected first quarter financials.

The shares' of Gold Canyon (GCU-V) gain \$0.13 or 12.38% to \$1.18 when the mineral explorer reports encouraging drill hole gold assays from its Springpole Gold Project in the Red Lake District of Ontario.

Netflix (NFLX-Q) shares' tumble by \$14.40 or 14.14% to US 487.44 when the internet and mail order movie house failed impress the street with its 1st quarter financials.

Mark Sanborn - "Your goal should always be to remain in people's minds - to leave them always wanting more of whatever job you do, or whatever product or service you provide."

Wednesday, April 25th -

Yesterday's mixed day in the markets leaves the TSX to report 18 new 52-week trading highs and a reduced 74 new lows. Six of the new highs of interest were Alimentation Couche-Tard (ATD.A-T) at \$41.45, Calian Technologies (CTY-T) at \$20.95, DirectCash Payments (DCI-T) at \$24.59, Harvest CDN Income & Growth (HFC.U-T) at \$13.04, First Asset REIT Income Fund (RIT.UN-T) at \$11.83, 20-20 Technologies (TWT-T) at \$4.12 and Valeant Pharmaceuticals Int'l. (VRX-T) at \$55.30, while a number of the new lows of note include Akita Drilling (AKT.B-T) at \$10.00, Bonavista Energy (BNP-T) at \$16.66, Cline Mining (CMK-T) at \$0.81, Dalradian Res. (DNA-T) at \$0.89, Elemental Minerals (ELM-T) at \$1.04, Faircourt Gold (FGX-T) at \$7.90, Golden Queen Mining (GQM-T) at \$2.41, Ivanhoe Mines (IVN-T) at \$11.56, Keegan Resources (KGN-T) at \$2.90, Lake Shore Gold (LSG-T) at \$0.74, Newcrest Mining (NM-T) at \$27.00, Orezone Gold (ORE-T) at \$1.57, Paramount Resources (POU-T) at \$23.97, Royal Nickel (RNX-T) at \$0.44, Sulliden Gold (SUE-T) at \$1.04, Tiger Resources (TGS-T) at \$0.28 and Western Copper & Gold (WRN-T) at \$1.18.

Canaccord's Junior Mining Weekly - "The selling pressure associated with mining equities, particularly the juniors, is in part due to a rash of political news events that have added new risk to what is already one of the riskier business practices. With elevated metal prices usually come improved producer margins, and with that, politicians and local interest groups often endorse change that is designed to divide the economic pie more evenly. Unfortunately, the combination of capital and operating cost creep, along with new political stresses, alters the financial potential of a project and increases the risk potential, further eroding investor confidence, in our view."

U.S Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke reports the American economy is advancing, all be it, at a slower pace than expected, that the Fed has the arsenal needed if necessary to stimulate the economy as needed, and that interest rates will remain low through to 2014.

Britain's Office of National Statistics reports the United Kingdom is officially in recession as its economy shrank by 0.2% in the 1st quarter of 2012 after contracting by 0.3% in the last quarter of 2011, for two consecutive quarters of economic decline.

Apple Inc. (AAPL-Q) shares' surge up by \$49.72 or 8.87% to US \$610.00 when the world's largest company by market cap handily beats the street with its first quarter revenue of US \$39.2-billion and EPS of \$12.30.

The shares' of Belo Sun Mining (BSX-T) climb by \$0.10 or 11.365 to \$0.98 when the mineral developer updates the measured and indicated resource at its Volta Grande gold project in Brazil.

Boeing Inc. (BA-N) shares' rise by \$4.00 or 5.46% to US \$77.21 when the world's largest aerospace company reports better than expected 1st quarter financials.

The shares' of Nabors industries (NBR-N) gain \$1.03 or 6.46% to US \$16.98 when the oil & gas driller reports better than expected 1st quarter financials.

Natural gas gains \$0.10 to once again cross above \$2 and close at US \$2.08 per billion cubic feet (BCF).

The NASDAQ Exchange advances by 68-points to once again move above 3,000 to close at 3,030.

The TSX Composite index rises by 118-points to once again rise above 12,000 and finish the day at 12,098.

The Dow Industrials gain 89-points to once again rise above 13,000 to close at 13,091.

Steven Horowitz - "Free trade enables capital to come to those who need it most."

Thursday, April 26th -

Wednesday's 'the Fed says we're OK' positive day in the markets leave the TSX to report 22 new 52-week trading highs to go along with a reduces 55 new 52-week trading lows. A few of the interesting new highs were ATCO Ltd. (ACO.X-T) at \$71.98, Canadian National Railway (CNR-T) at \$82.95, First Asset REIT Income Fund (RIT.UN-T) at \$11.85, Gibson Energy (GEI-T) at \$21.79, Onex Corporation (OCX-T) at \$38.30, Points Int'l. (PTS-T) at \$11.90 and Wajax Corp.(WJX-T) at \$50.73, while a number of the new lows of note include AGF Management (AGF.B-T) at \$13.87, Colossus Minerals (CSI-T) at \$4.15, Fortress Paper (FTP-T) at \$23.50, Great Basin Gold (GBG-T) at \$0.61, Kirkland Lake Gold (KGI-T) at \$11.80, Moly Mines (MOL-T) at \$0.20, NovaGold Resources (NG.W-T) at \$5.01, Petaquilla Minerals (PTQ-T) at \$0.38, Rio Novo Gold (RN-T) at \$0.39, SNC-Lavalin Group (SNC-T0 at \$34.92, Treasury Metals (TML-T) at \$0.73 and Winstar Recourses (WIX-T) at \$2.34.

Red Sky Capital Management - "What you're generally seeing is a bit of bounce back after a few days of selling. Earnings season seems to be in decent shape. The majority of companies are coming in better than expected, which is certainly helping sentiment today."

TD Securities - "The Fed sees the U.S. economy as making progress, and is prepared to embark on more unconventional monetary easing, but only if the unemployment rate starts to stray from its downward path."

Technical analysts Dave Harder & Ron Meisels - "The long term trend for U.S. markets is solidly green. After a sharp rally since mid-December, a short mild correction was needed to enable markets to reload for another advance. The TSX has sold off slightly since the end of February. The TSX could perform better after this dip is over."

The U.S. Commerce Department reports their pending home sales rose in March by a better than expected 4.1%.

Standard & Poor's downgrades Spain's sovereign credit rating by 2-notches from 'A' to 'BBB+'.

Under the heading of 'Where The Money Comes From' – The Bank of Nova Scotia estimates that as of 2010, **oil & natural gas accounted for 39.9% of Canada's net exports of all commodities and resource based manufactured goods.**

The shares' of Equinix (EQIX-Q) gain \$19.81 or 13.25% to US \$169.28 when the telecommunications company reports better than expected 1st quarter financials.

Goldcorp (G-T) shares' fall by \$2.92 or 7.21% to \$37.57 when the giant gold miner once again fails to meet the streets expectations with its 1st quarter financials.

Conversely, the share price of Gold standard Ventures (GV-V) surge up by \$0.91 or 51.12% to \$2.69 when the mineral explorer reports encouraging drill hole gold assays from its North Bullion Fault Zone in Nevada.

The shares' of Le Chateau surge up by \$0.57 or 52.78% to \$1.65 when the struggling clothing retailer reports better than expected 4th quarter financials.

Donald Cooper - "We have thousands of businesses bragging about being 'lean and mean'. What would be wrong with being 'lean and kind'?"

Friday, April 27th, Short Strokes –

Yesterday's across the board market gains leaves the TSX with an improved 46 new 52-week trading highs and a reduced 19 new lows. Some of the new highs of note include Allied Properties REIT (AP.UN-T) at \$27.49, Badger Daylighting (BAD-T) at \$26.95, Canadian Utilities (CU-T) at \$68.40, Gamehost Inc. (GH-T) at \$11.82, High Liner Foods (HLF-T) at \$19.29, InterRent REIT (IIP.UN-T) at \$4.30, Killam Properties (KMP-T) at \$13.40, Morguard North American REIT (MRG.UN-T) at \$11.20, Primaris Retail REIT (PMZ.UN-T) at \$22.80.

Ridley Inc. (RCL-T) at \$9.73, Tim Hortons (THI-T) at \$55.58 and Xceed Mortgage Corp. (XMC-T) at \$1.56, while some of the notable new lows were AGF Management (AGF.B-T) at \$13.85, Espial Group (ESP-T) at \$0.37, Goldcorp (G-T) at \$37.57, INV Metals (INV-T) at \$-.13, Lipari Mines (MOL-T) at \$0.19, Oromin Explorations (OLE-T) at \$0.75, Rainmaker Entertainment (RNK-T) at \$0.26, Scorpio Mining (SPM-T) at \$0.91, Wesdome Gold Mines (WDO-T) at \$1.25 and Zincore Metals (ZNC-T) at \$0.17.

BMO Capital Markets – “The 4.1% jump in U.S. pending home sales in march to 2-year highs flags a bounce in existing home sales this spring, even if many buyers renege on their offers.”

Thomson Reuters reports that that with 254 of the S&P 500 companies so far reporting their 1st quarter financials – **72% of them have topped the streets expectations.**

The U.S. Treasury reports that their gross domestic product or GDP grew in the 1st quarter by a less than expected annualized 2.2%.

Waste Management reports that about half of its 266 landfill sites in Canada and the United States collect enough methane gas to light up over 1-million homes.

Forrester Research estimates that global annual tablet sales will increase by some 320-million units in the next 4-years to 375-million units and overtake personal computers as the world’s primary computing device.

Under the heading of ‘Winning The Lottery of Winning Lotteries’ - Bloomberg reports that a Berryville, Virginia woman just won \$2-million of a single lottery on...now wait for it...two separate \$1-million lottery tickets.

Bloomberg reports that South Africa admits that a few of its prized Krugerrand gold coins have been found to be up to 5% short of...well....gold.

Wall Street 24/7 reports that Detroit, with a median home list price of US \$84,000, is \$13,000 cheaper than any other city in America.

The shareholders’ of Trelawney Mining & Exploration (TRR-V) are pleased to see their investment surge up by \$ 0.95 or 40.95% to \$3.27 when the Ontario mineral developer agrees to a \$3.30-a-share or \$608-million all cash buyout from intermediate gold miner Iamgold (IMG-T).

The S&P 500 Index gains 3-points to once again climb above 1,400 to close at 1,403.

The TSX Venture Exchange gains 20-points to once again rise above 1,400 and end the day at 1,413.

Canaccord's Debbie Lewis - "I should run for political office just to see what kind of scandalous dirt they dig up. It would be nice to piece together my twenties..."

For the Week-

The DJIA gained 199-points to 13,228, the S&P 500 gained 24-points to 1,403, the TSX gained 91-points to 12,238, the NASDAQ gained 69-points at 3,069 and the JVX gained 15-points to 1,413.

Gold up \$19.80 to \$1,663.40, Silver lost \$0.37 to \$31.35, Crude Oil gained \$0.78 to \$104.77, Natural Gas gained \$0.26 to \$2.19 and Copper up \$0.13 at \$3.83.

The CRB Commodities Index followed gold bullion, base metals, crude oil and natural gas higher to gain 4.31-points to end the week at 305.51.

The Canadian dollar gained 1.17-cents against its American counterpart to close the week at US \$1.0194 and the Euro gained 0.26-cents against the greenback to end the week at US \$1.3239.

And Finally -

A Marist survey finds that 27% of Americans admit to hiding money by keeping it in their freezers, while 17% of them keep their stash in a dresser drawer. A further 11% of them bury money under a mattress, 10% keep their dough in a cookie jar and another abstract 9% keep cash in some other part of their home.

Interesting Times.....and thanks.

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