Daily "Idealized Trades" Report
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Major Companies Reporting Earnings

Pandora (P)

Major Economic Reports for Tomorrow...

US Home Sales (9:00am)

Quotes from Last Night's Planning

It's the 61.8% "final" Fibonacci Pivot and a simple price reference level.

Don't get fancy - price "should" trade (retrace) down from this pivot but if it does not, keep playing the ALTERNATE (bigger bullish move) thesis if it occurs above 2,750.

At the moment, we're seeing exactly what "should" be occurring - it's the movement DOWN away from the 2,750 level at least toward the overlap (confluence) of the 50% Fibonacci Retracement and 50 hour EMA at the current 2,715 level.

While we keep the same/similar game plan while price is between the Fibonacci Levels best seen on your hourly chart, today again gave us a chance to play both sides (bull and bear) of the market.

Initially, the bullish gap gave us a trend day expectation that ended into our session high and afternoon breakdown where bearish intraday plays developed.

Note the set-ups, triggers, and outcomes that developed within our game plan framework.

February 20 Power Trenders Strong Stock Scan
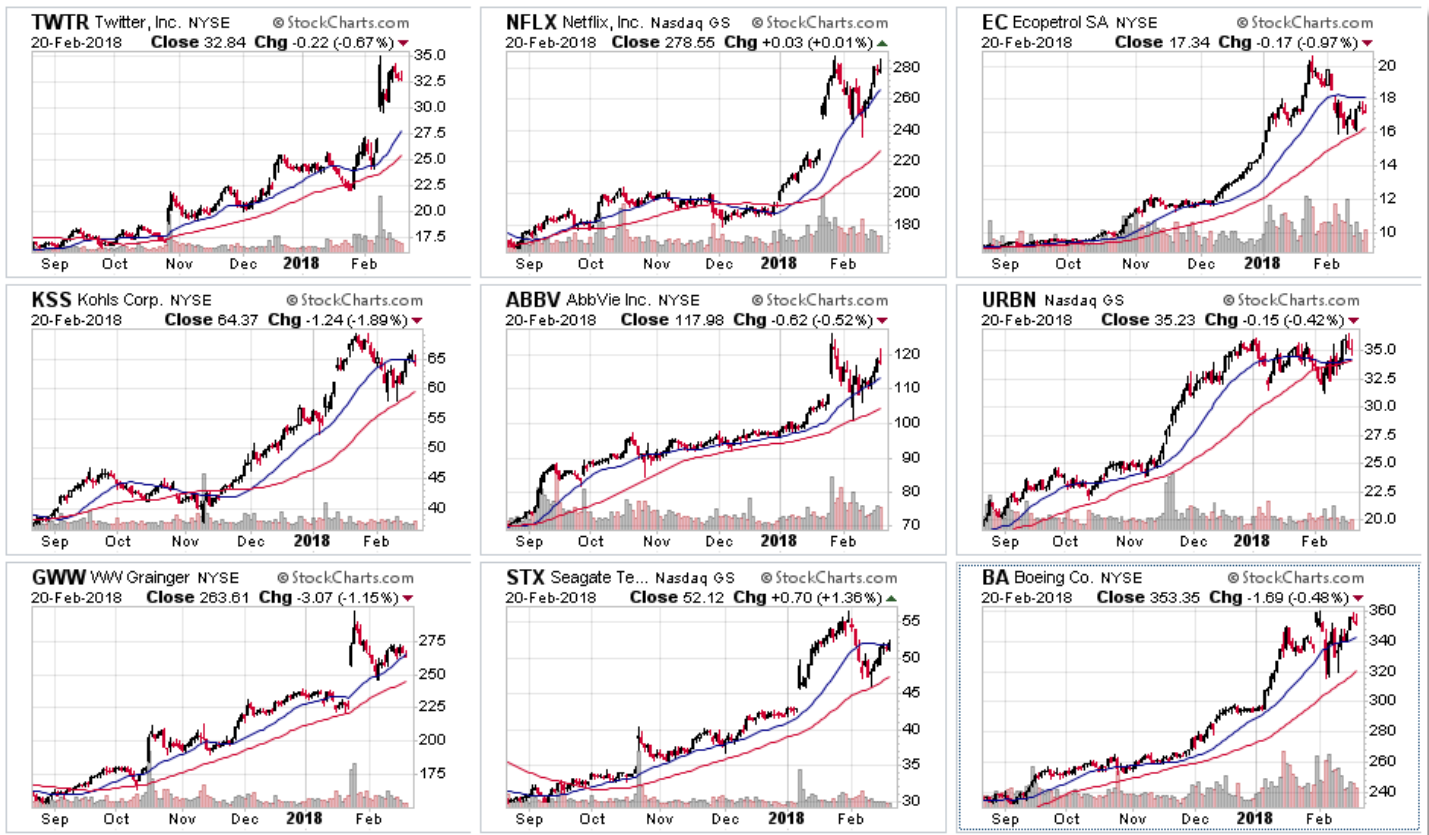
We're seeing the NEW top twelve relative strength leaders (via algorithm) in trending markets and the general expectation is to buy retracements or breakouts in these strongly trending names. The logic is that what is strong tends to get stronger (stocks attracting money flow tend to continue attracting additional money flow). Right now these would be the names and thus candidates above for you to do additional research and add these to your stock-scan list for possible inclusion into a swing trading portfolio on pullbacks or outright breakouts.

HOW WE USE THESE STOCKS:

I write the Power-Trending Stock Section for Swing Traders looking for candidates that complex stock scans will likely miss. The scan targets strongly trending stocks and the expectation is that price will continue trending higher, though of course additional analysis is required rather than just buying these names collectively. To participate in these stocks, we typically wait for a pullback/retracement to a rising moving average or Fibonacci/Trendline level to put on a buy/retracement where the stop is trailed under the average. These would be similar to how I describe intraday 'flag' retracements on a developing Trend Day.

FinViz "S&P 500 Performance" View

This chart and sector comparisons are useful two ways:

First, we get a broader sense of what's going on beneath the market subdivided into sectors.

Second, if you trade beyond the S&P 500 or futures/ETFs, you can pinpoint bearish/weak stocks by starting with bearish/weak sectors.

The idea is out outperform the market via short- selling a weak stock(s) in weak/bearish sectors on a down trend day (or vice versa).

Planning the 30-min Intraday @ES Futures Chart

There's no major change in our higher frame planning given the bounce between levels:

While it was a bullish session in the morning and a very bearish session in the morning, look closely to see that the session high was our 61.8% and prior high target (into 2,750) and session low was just beneath our 2,704/2,700 target.

In other words, active and aggressive traders had a chance to play the expected move UP AWAY FROM the 2,700 level UP TOWARD 2,750 and then BACK TOWARD 2,700.

We'll continue playing the intraday range and reversals UNTIL we get a breakout (which eventually we will!).

Planning the Next Day (Daily S&P 500 Cash Index)

The HOURLY chart levels are effective in planning your short-term trades and intraday strategies.

The DAILY chart reminds us that price "should" retrace or at least consolidate - which is occurring - between the 2,700 and 2,750 levels. At this point, we're favoring a dominant thesis SELL SWING down away from this pivot - the 2,750 and 2,700 level - but be cautious if we get the bounce or alternate thesis (bullish swing up away from 2,700).