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Walmart Inc (WMT).

CrowdStrike Holdings Inc (CRWD).

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Geo Group Inc (GEO).

TJX Companies (TJX).

Hecla Mining Company (HL).

Electronic Arts Inc (EA).

Adma Biologics (ADMA).

Coeur Mining Inc (CDE).

Bearish



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that things are freezing up.**

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**Netflix Relative Strength Hits Highs. But Will Earnings Deliver Continued
Growth? See All Videos**

S&P 500 Set-Up

The S&P 500 rallied 1.8% on Friday, despite the University of Michigan consumer sentiment index showing economic expectations falling to the lowest level since 1980 and long-term inflation expectations jumping to the highest level since 1981. Markets also shrugged off a jump in the 10-year Treasury yield to 4.49%, which has pushed the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to around 7%.

The upshot is that the fallout from President Trump's tariff regime is putting a major squeeze on economic activity. That hasn't let up after Trump stepped back from the brink on Wednesday, walking backed his escalation of reciprocal tariffs even as he escalated his trade war vs. China.

Friday's action shows that markets are looking for a reason to rally, and Trump could provide one with a series of deals that resolve economic uncertainty by limiting tariffs on trading partners such as the European Union, Japan, South Korea, Mexico and Canada.

Late Friday, the **Trump administration largely exempted** the **Apple (AAPL)** iPhone and electronics products generally from the additional 125% tariff on Chinese goods and the 10% baseline levy on imports from other countries. Chinese-made electronics will still face a 20% tariff imposed earlier this year.

Investors should take their cue from market action, testing the waters if the S&P 500 or Nasdaq flash a **follow-through day**.

In the meantime, investors are advised to largely stay on the sidelines and focus on stocks that aren't especially volatile, with an **average true range** of around 3 or below. That metric is available on IBD's **MarketSurge**.

Trump Says This About Markets; Apple Gets Big Exemption

Spotify Stock

The streaming music giant has been benefiting from user growth as it pulls away from competitors, rising margins and anticipation of a new higher-priced service tier expected later this year.

Stockholm, Sweden-based Spotify's immunity to tariffs is another draw for investors, but it wouldn't be unscathed in a potential economic downturn.

Rosenblatt Securities analyst Barton Crockett wrote in a Monday note that Spotify's service "fall into a category of subscription-based cheap diversion that historically has held up well in recessions."

However, it also depends on advertising revenue. KeyBanc lowered its SPOT stock price target to 625 from 675 on Wednesday, keeping an overweight rating, saying that ad agency checks show a deteriorating outlook for marketing budgets.

SPOT slipped 1.7% to 543.66 on Friday, but ended up 8% on the week, though still below its **50-day moving average**. Spotify is 12% below an official **buy point** of 621.20 from a **double-bottom base**. That's a common pattern among this week's watchlist stocks, which are showing leadership in volatile markets.

A weekly MarketSurge chart shows Spotify's **relative strength line**, the blue line in IBD charts that tracks a stock's performance vs. the S&P 500, at a multiyear high.

SPOT has a 21-day ATR percentage of 6.45 points.

TJX Stock

TJX was featured as **IBD Stock Of The Day** on April 4. The off-price clothing and home goods retailer's business model is seen as a winner from tariff-related disruption and economic weakness.

If department stores and other merchants have too much brand-name inventory to sell, TJX benefits because it can find deals to acquire quality branded merchandise on the cheap. Retail inventories have been on the rise, as

firms have stocked up to avoid Trump tariffs. But there's a risk that suddenly downbeat customers will go on a buying streak.

The potential for store closures in a high-tariff environment could also provide a fertile merchandise buying climate for TJX.

Citi upgraded TJX to buy from neutral on April 3, boosting its price target to 140 from 128.

TJX stock rose 0.5% to 128.15 on Friday, nosing just above a 127.58 buy point from a double-bottom base.

TJX has a 21-day ATR percentage of 3.

Howmet Stock

Howmet supplies aircraft parts, including engine turbine blades, for both new commercial jets, and those already in service, as well as for military aircraft.

Howmet's **aftermarket sales have surged** in recent years, as turmoil at **Boeing (BA)** depressed production of new planes. An uplift in Boeing production would be positive, but Howmet is "well positioned across scenarios," including macroeconomic scenarios, BofA said in a March 25 note. BofA hiked its HWM price target to 140 from 135, keeping a buy rating.

Howmet does face exposure to tariffs, but it will likely try to shift cost increases onto customers such as Boeing and Airbus. Reuters reported on April 4 that Howmet had declared Trump tariffs to be a force majeure event, an attempt to protect itself legally if it doesn't fulfill contract obligations.

Providing turbine blades to power artificial intelligence data centers is a small but fast-growing business for Howmet.

Howmet rose 1.2% on Friday, closing 2.5% below its 50-day moving average and 9% below a 138.06 buy point from a double-bottom base.

HWM has a 21-day ATR percentage of 5.37.

Bowhead Stock

Bowhead Specialty was **IBD Stock Of The Day** on Friday. The May 2024 IPO is focused on providing Excess and Surplus, or E&S, insurance, which is shorthand for covering risks that traditional insurers won't. That market is about \$83 billion.

Gross premiums rose 26% to \$185 million in Q4, as adjusted EPS rose 75% to 42 cents.

Coverage categories include financial and environmental casualty, professional, cyber and healthcare liability. Last year, Bowhead launched a tech-based platform for small, distressed, and hard-to-place business risks, which generated \$1.2 million in premiums in Q4, up 175% from Q3.

Bowhead stock dipped 0.7% to 38 last week, closing just above a 37.81 buy point from a **cup base**.

BOW has a 21-day ATR percentage of 4.89.

Life Time Stock

Life Time Group, more a wellness retreat than a gym, was the focus of IBD's **New America** feature on Feb. 7.

Life Time operates more than 175 athletic clubs in the U.S. and Canada, including a club in Evanston, Ill., that opened in March. That club is just the second to include its MIORA Performance and Longevity Clinic.

In the news release, Life Time said the clinic reflects its multidimensional approach to "all aspects of health and wellness." It provides "a bloodwork and personalized assessment," hormone replacement therapy, infrared sauna, Cryo therapy and more.

Life Time posted 42% EPS growth on 19% sales growth on Feb. 26. Life Time's 10-K says it is "less susceptible to adverse economic conditions" due to its member base in affluent suburban and urban locations.

LTH stock rose 3.9% to 31.23 on Friday, retaking its 50-day moving average. LTH has a 32.85 buy point from a double-bottom base.

Its relative strength line is hitting an all-time high.

LTH has a 21-day ATR percentage of 5.57.

Why We Wait For A Follow-through Day Before Declaring An Uptrend

Tariffs, bonds, global economy, earnings season, etc. There are plenty of reasons that are leading to uncertainty for investors and that is playing out with big moves in the stock market indexes.

Just this past week, the Nasdaq composite saw a gain of 12.16% in a single day, the second highest gain going back in 50 years of history. So was that a buying opportunity? Not so fast. Many of the top gains historically don't necessarily pan out in the long run.

The Strongest Days Aren't The Best Days

Looking at the top 20 gains of the last 50 years on the Nasdaq composite, not including the most recent one on April 9, there is a noticeable pattern for when they happen. One was after the Black Monday crash in October 1987. Ten were from the time period after the dot.com bubble popped between March 2000 and the bottom in October 2002. Three were during the "Great Financial Crisis" in 2008-09. Three happened around the Covid crash in 2020 and one from the bear market of 2022.

The top 20 gains in the Nasdaq composite tend to happen during a crisis and are often surrounded by the 20 worst days. In fact, of the 20 best gaining days, half of them were undercut in less than 10 trading days.

Charts Over News Help You Focus During Market Volatility

That points to a strong danger zone, at least initially, when you see those big gains. Knowing that history, what action did we take on **SwingTrader** April 9 when the Nasdaq shot up over 12%? We didn't do a thing that day.

Case Study: 2020 Covid Crash

This historical example of 2020 illustrates the danger of getting excited from big up days. In late February, movement started getting larger on the downside **(1)** followed by big gains shortly after **(2)**.

As March unfolded the uncertainty whipped investors back and forth violently. Gap downs and huge losses **(3)** would flank strong gains **(4)**.

Since we keep our stops tight when swing trading any venture in on these strong up days would immediately get punished and trigger stops. Most likely well beyond the 3% level we like to keep as our maximum.

Within a week things got even worse with some of the biggest historical losses **(5)** surrounding some of the biggest historical gains **(6)**. Moves around

10% in either direction on a daily basis don't provide enough of a trend to go long or short.

How A Follow-through Day Acts As A Signal

So how do you know when you can get a tradable rally? One large day isn't enough. We also look for a confirmation of the strength by waiting for a follow-through day on the fourth day or later once a rally has started. In 2020, the first strong gain after the March 23 bottom was one of those historical gainers that saw a 8.1% explosive move up **(7)**. While it would be nice to be in one day off the bottom, that wasn't our signal to act.

Instead we waited to see another day of strength, at least 1% or more on volume heavier than the day prior. That day didn't come on the Nasdaq composite until April 6 two weeks later **(8)**. Notice how the index didn't go straight up immediately. Within those two weeks there was a lot of movement but much tighter than what was seen in the violent moves of the prior month. Plus, when the follow-through day happened, it was the first close above the 21-day line in six weeks.

It's important to note that not all follow-through days work. It's a big reason we go in incrementally instead of all in at once. When they don't work, you often get that evidence quickly. Our patience for the signal gave us one of our best years in 2020 and is the reason we didn't use April 9 as a signal for buying.

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Hi there!

Let's see what is upcoming in the markets this upcoming week, and what happened this week quickly before the week begins!

Before I begin, we are having an EASTER SALE that ends next Tuesday April 22nd. Get 15% off any Unusual Whales market subscription, or 20% off when you upgrade from monthly to annual. Link to the sale here: unusualwhales.com/settings

As a reminder, the market is closed on Friday! So spend some time with your family!

Looking at last week's markets, last week, the markets were insane, with S&P 500 up +6% last week, yet still down 9% on the year. The market has been reacting negatively to tariff news, and bouncing after the pause, having its best day since 2008 across numerous names.

Here is what that looked like in the heatmaps:

Trump announced a 90 tariff pause, you can see the full tariff breakdown here at

unusualwhales.com/trump-tracker. On that page we added a way for you to alert yourself on any TruthSocial post, without having to create a TruthSocial account.

It should be said, before the 90 day tariff paused, we highlighted numerous unusual trading, so much so, we made a post about it. You can find that here:

Unusual Options Trading Before Trump's Tariff Announcement Pause
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Now to earnings. Let's break down Netflix, NFLX earnings, before we break down all other company earnings. Netflix's earnings have a full breakdown on Unusual Whales at

<https://unusualwhales.com/stock/NFLX/earnings>.

Netflix earnings have been hard to predict, but it generally has a runup into earnings, and then it runs positively most days after earnings, with on average being up 7.5% 20 days after the earnings. Let's dig in.

For NFLX, you can see that Netflix generally over the last twelve quarters has come into earnings with its average move positively, but on average only one day before earnings is usually down. NFLX generally is an expensive stock, trading close to \$919 at the moment.

Over the last 12 quarters, NFLX has incredibly poorly-defined earnings with large implied moves (but expensive due to the price of the underlying), with market makers being very BAD at pricing the last moves - the last moves falling within the expected price move only 3 of the last 11 times! At the moment, the Implied Move (expected move) for NFLX is quite high, at 9.10% (or \$83.55 in dollar terms (which is an expensive move, due to the high stock price). The 917% move is the LARGEST implied move over the last 10 quarters! Due to the large expected move, you can see that there is a lot of premium in NFLX options right now, where buying contracts might pose a huge risk of IV crush. On the larger historical earnings expected moves, NFLX has generally finished close to bands, on the upside, while rallying significantly in the following days. Even on days when it fell, it generally was able to attain significant movement up after its drop.

You can see that overwhelmingly NFLX has outperformed in EPS and financials recently. Is Netflix tariff agnostic? Probably, but with current market volatility one can never know.

How would straddles have performed if you took them? Because Netflix has had poorly defined moves, generally, the one week long straddle has performed well, up an average of 43% in one week 8/12 times, meaning it was better to buy volatility into NFLX earnings and not short straddles. The one week short straddle worked 4/12 times, but the one day short straddle (selling immediately after earnings) worked 3/12, showing most whales actually hold a bit after NFLX earnings if they took a short straddle, hoping for the best.

If you are buying direction, generally up has worked, but NFLX has had volatile earnings (to the upside) so be careful with your wings, a broken butterfly might be effective here. Ratio spreads might work here, or selling diagonals might be a good idea! Generally though, selling volatility has NOT worked over the last 12 quarters on NFLX. You can see more option strategies at Unusual Whales and our

[options profit calculator by clicking here.](#)

You can once again see more at
unusualwhales.com/stock/NFLX/earnings

Here are the upcoming earnings this week, including the expected moves, EPS mean estimates, and notable details. See more at
unusualwhales.com/earnings.

For reference, there is a huge week of earnings ahead, as earnings season is starting again. Two semiconductor stocks, TSM and ASML, are both reporting this week!

Below you can see all company earnings at

https://unusualwhales.com/earnings?formats=table&order=report_date&order_direction=asc&min_options_vol=500

April 15, 2025

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Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) will report premarket with an expected stock move of **\$5.36**, EPS estimate of **\$2.57**, stock volume of **9.94M**, and total options volume of **33,543**.

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Bank of America (BAC) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$2.04**, EPS estimate of **\$0.81**, stock volume of **63.67M**, and options volume of **232,333**.

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Citigroup (C) also reports premarket, expecting a move of **\$3.72**, EPS estimate **\$1.84**, with stock volume of **24.78M** and options volume of **110,582**.

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United Airlines (UAL) reports postmarket with a projected move of **\$6.41**, EPS estimate of **\$0.80**, stock volume of **8.61M**, and options volume of **28,357**.

April 16, 2025

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ASML (ASML) will report premarket with an expected move of **\$48.60**, EPS estimate **\$6.12**, stock volume of **2.16M**, and options volume of **19,777**.

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Abbott Laboratories (ABT) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$5.87**, EPS estimate **\$1.07**, stock volume of **7.36M**, and options volume of **10,236**.

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US Bancorp (USB) also reports premarket, with a move expected at **\$2.24**, EPS estimate **\$0.99**, stock volume of **18.55M**, and options volume of **7,324**.

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Citizens Financial Group (CFG) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$2.44**, EPS estimate **\$0.75**, stock volume of **6.64M**, and options volume of **5,232**.

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Kinder Morgan (KMI) reports postmarket with an expected move of **\$1.35**, EPS estimate **\$0.34**, stock volume of **15.77M**, and options volume of **17,984**.

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CSX (CSX) will report postmarket with a projected move of **\$1.29**, EPS estimate **\$0.38**, stock volume of **15.00M**, and options volume of **8,577**.

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Alcoa (AA) also reports postmarket with an expected move of **\$2.61**, EPS estimate **\$1.73**, stock volume of **7.48M**, and options volume of **10,319**.

April 17, 2025

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Taiwan Semiconductor (TSM) reports premarket with a projected move of **\$10.56**, EPS estimate **\$2.02**, stock volume of **19.63M**, and options volume of **203,017**.

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UnitedHealth Group (UNH) reports premarket with a huge expected move of **\$26.51**, EPS estimate **\$7.27**, stock volume of **6.12M**, and options volume of **47,934**.

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Netflix (NFLX) reports postmarket with a massive expected move of **\$83.55**, EPS estimate **\$5.74**, stock volume of **4.07M**, and options volume of **112,493**.

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American Express (AXP) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$14.98**, EPS estimate **\$3.46**, stock volume of **4.41M**, and options volume of **12,865**.

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Charles Schwab (SCHW) also reports premarket with an expected move of **\$5.13**, EPS estimate **\$0.99**, stock volume of **14.85M**, and options volume of **28,062**.

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Blackstone (BX) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$9.01**, EPS

estimate **\$1.11**, stock volume of **7.81M**, and options volume of **11,943**.

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Truist Financial (TFC) reports premarket with a projected move of **\$2.12**, EPS estimate **\$0.86**, stock volume of **18.30M**, and options volume of **7,196**.

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KeyCorp (KEY) reports premarket with an expected move of **\$0.99**, EPS estimate **\$0.32**, stock volume of **15.72M**, and options volume of **7,595**.

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Ally Financial (ALLY) also reports premarket with an expected move of **\$2.76**, EPS estimate **\$0.46**, stock volume of **6.34M**, and options volume of **6,540**.

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D.R. Horton (DHI) will report premarket with an expected move of **\$7.68**, EPS estimate **\$2.69**, stock volume of **3.43M**, and options volume of **16,135**.

Here are the economic events for the week (reminder, we added a Trump calendar seen here:

<https://unusualwhales.com/trump-tracker>).

Here is the economic calendar this week. More at unusualwhales.com/economic-calendar:

Monday, April 14

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3:00 PM PDT – *Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker* speaks.

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4:40 PM PDT – *Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic* speaks.

Tuesday, April 15

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5:30 AM PDT – **Empire State Manufacturing Survey (April)**

Forecast: -10.0 | Previous: -20.0

Signals expected improvement in New York manufacturing activity, though still contractionary.

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5:30 AM PDT – **Import Price Index (March)**

- Minus fuel: No forecast | Previous: 0.3%
- Overall: Forecast 0.1% | Previous: 0.4%

Monitors inflationary pressures from imported goods.

Wednesday, April 16

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5:30 AM PDT – Retail Sales (March)

- Minus autos: Forecast 0.4% | Previous: 0.3%
- Total: Forecast 1.2% | Previous: 0.2%

Stronger sales expected, potentially reflecting consumer resilience.

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6:15 AM PDT –

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Capacity Utilization (March): Forecast 77.9% | Previous: 78.2%

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Industrial Production (March): Forecast -0.2% | Previous: 0.7%

Expected slight contraction in output, with capacity use easing.

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7:00 AM PDT –

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Home Builder Confidence Index (April): Forecast 38 | Previous: 39

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Business Inventories (February): Forecast 0.3% | Previous: 0.3%

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9:00 AM PDT – *Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack speaks.*

Thursday, April 17

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5:30 AM PDT –

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Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Survey (April): Forecast 3.7 | Previous: 12.5

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Building Permits (March): Forecast 1.5M | Previous: 1.5M

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Housing Starts (March): Forecast 1.4M | Previous: 1.5M

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Initial Jobless Claims (week of April 13): No forecast | Previous: 223K

Friday, April 18

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5:00 AM PDT – *San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly* speaks.

Themes to Watch:

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Retail sales and inflation will be in focus midweek.

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Manufacturing data (Empire State, Philly Fed) will give insight into regional activity.

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Fed speakers are active throughout the week, potentially signaling sentiment ahead of the next FOMC and tariff chaos

Once again, we realized a post and youtube video on the unusual trading on Trump's tariffs, which

You can also see the YouTube Video Breakdown of these trades by [clicking here!](#)

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