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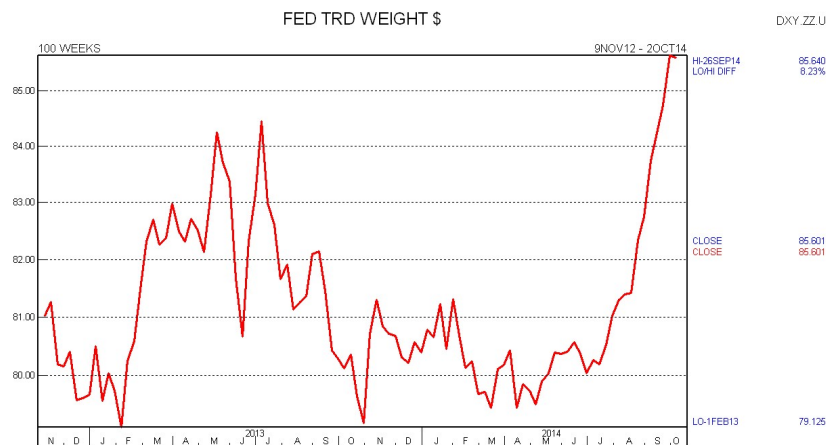
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September was unusually stressful at the office. The 4% decline in the Canadian stock market didn't help, although it is not unusual for stocks to be weak at this time of the year. Although I know I should be happy when they decline, it is somehow always more fun when they go up. What really ramped up the pressure at work was the introduction of some new software tools, especially new modeling tools. Associates Margarita and Isabelle had to work hard to customize our spreadsheets so that our stock selections could be applied at the portfolio level rather than at the standard account level. The work completed and well done, they both relieved the built up stress by running the half marathon on September 28th, in good time. As for me, I just try to keep an even strain.

A weak economy and easy monetary policy in Europe, slowing economic growth in China, and the prospect of tightening monetary policy in the U.S. have driven the U.S. dollar to new highs. The U.S. Dollar Index measures the U.S. dollar against a basket of other currencies and it has shot up since June:



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