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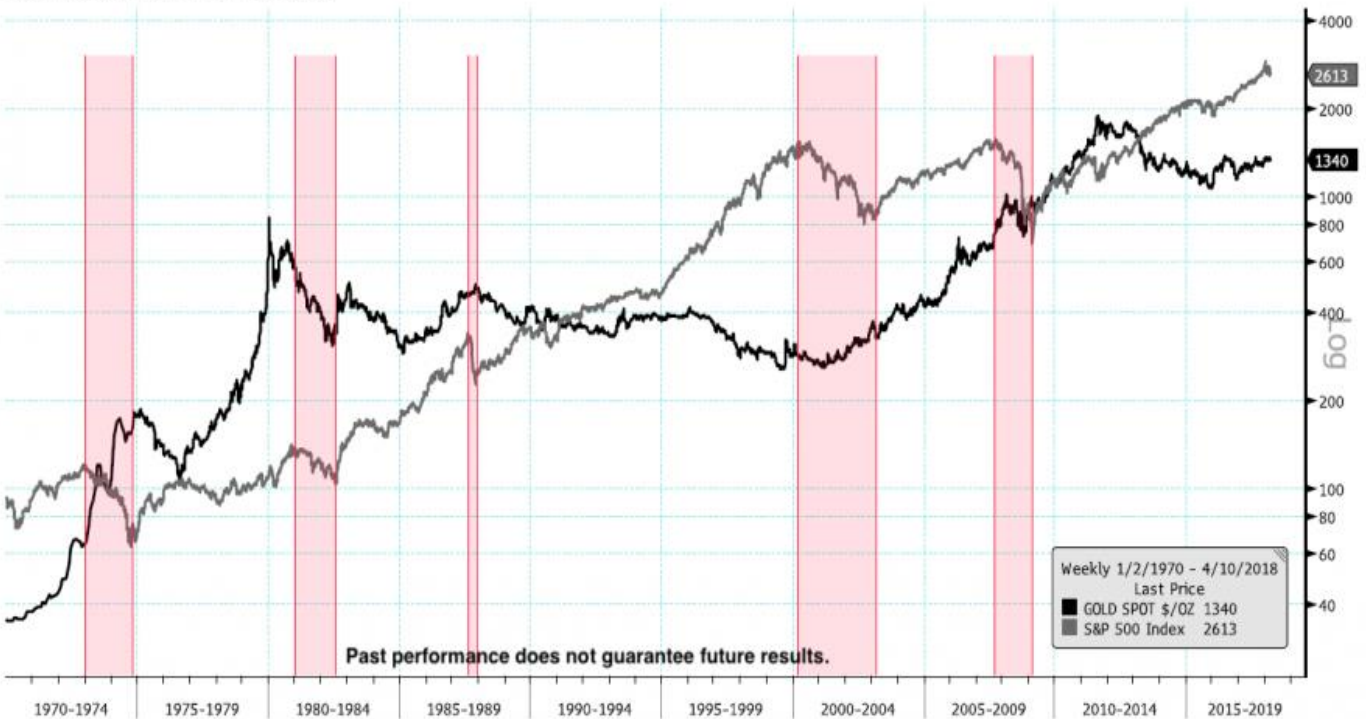
## Monthly Commentary and Update

October 2018

### Breaking Bad

First, a graph to remember. We displayed it in the August monthly report, and display it we will here again in October. And we are likely to continue to display it for emphasis as the months roll along. We state the facts again: In 4 out of the 5 Equity bear markets from 1971 to the present – the dawn of the “Untethered Central Banker” – Gold has rallied. The only exception was when the only decent Central Bank Chairman of this time, Paul Volcker, allowed the market to set interest rates based upon a stated amount of monetary aggregates. Here are the facts in graph form:

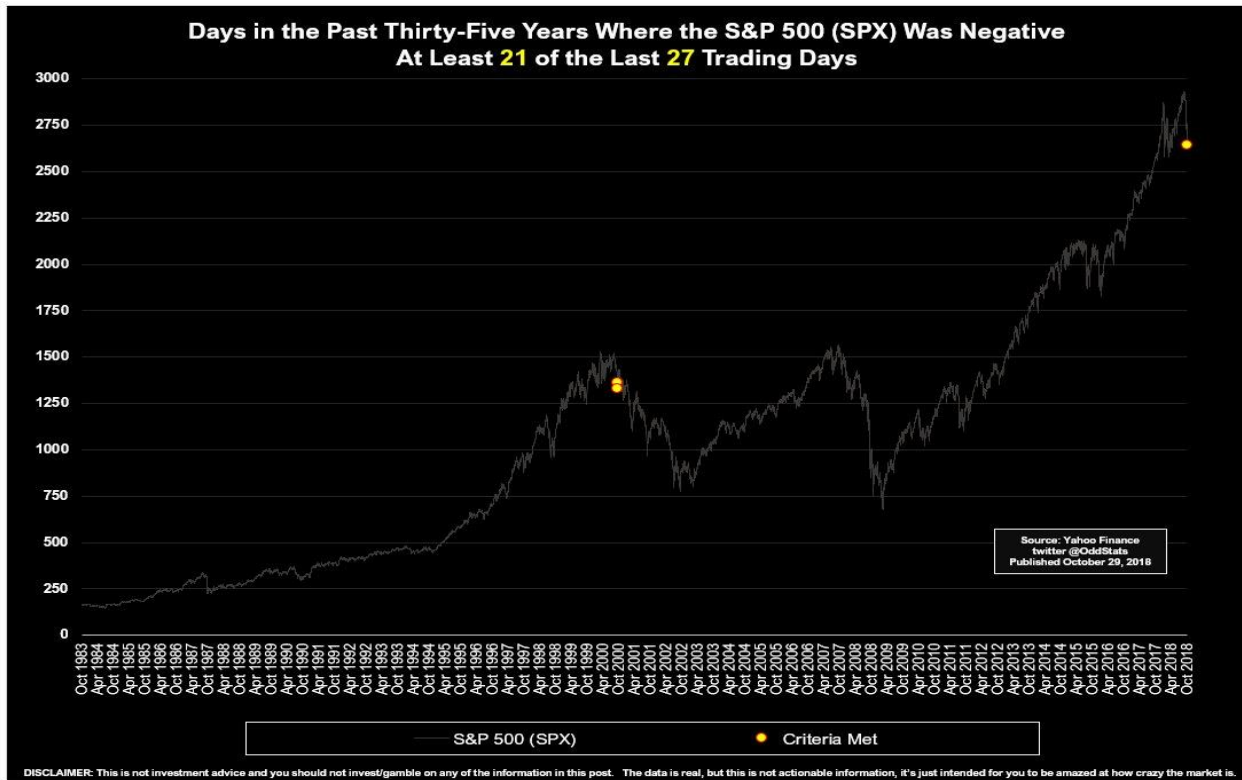
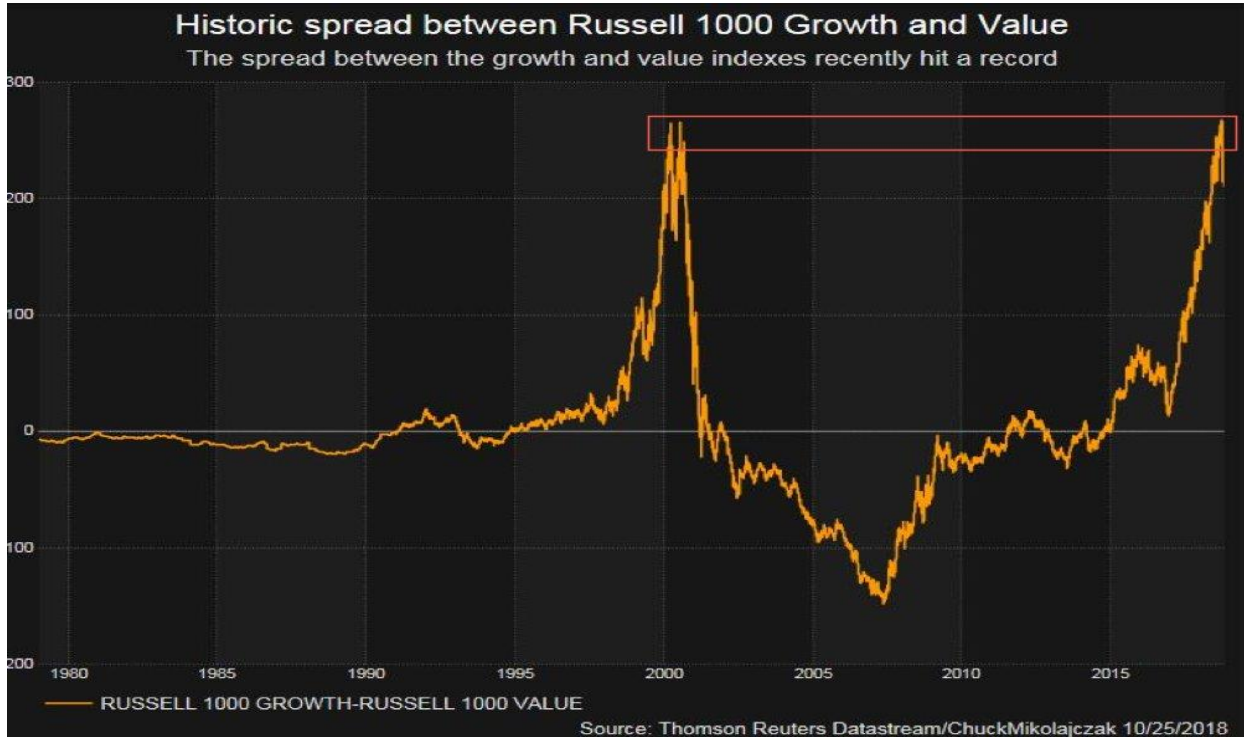
Gold vs S&P 500 Bear Markets



Source: Bloomberg \*Red shaded areas represent S&P 500 drawdowns greater than 20%\*

What has October of 2018 brought us thus far? An array of developments which are downright in keeping with the dread fear of Halloween. With apologies to T.S. Eliot, "...Let us go then, you and I, while the markets are spread out against the sky, like a patient, etherized upon a table...":

Two developments last seen in Y2K:



Source: *The Felder Report*; Bloomberg

Price of Google breaks below its all-time uptrend line:



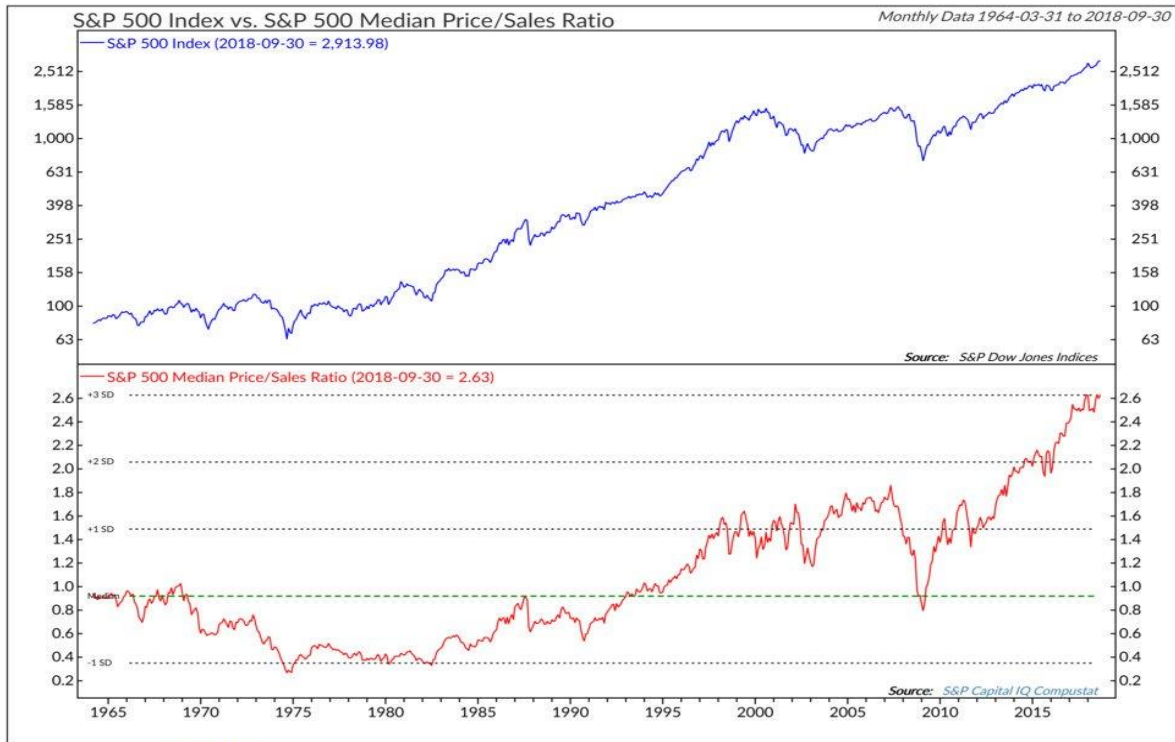
Source: The Felder Report; Bloomberg

Just as Consumer Confidence hits its "right before the Recession" peak:



Source: Zero Hedge

And in Median Stocks, an all-time high in its Price to Sales Ratio at the end of September.....



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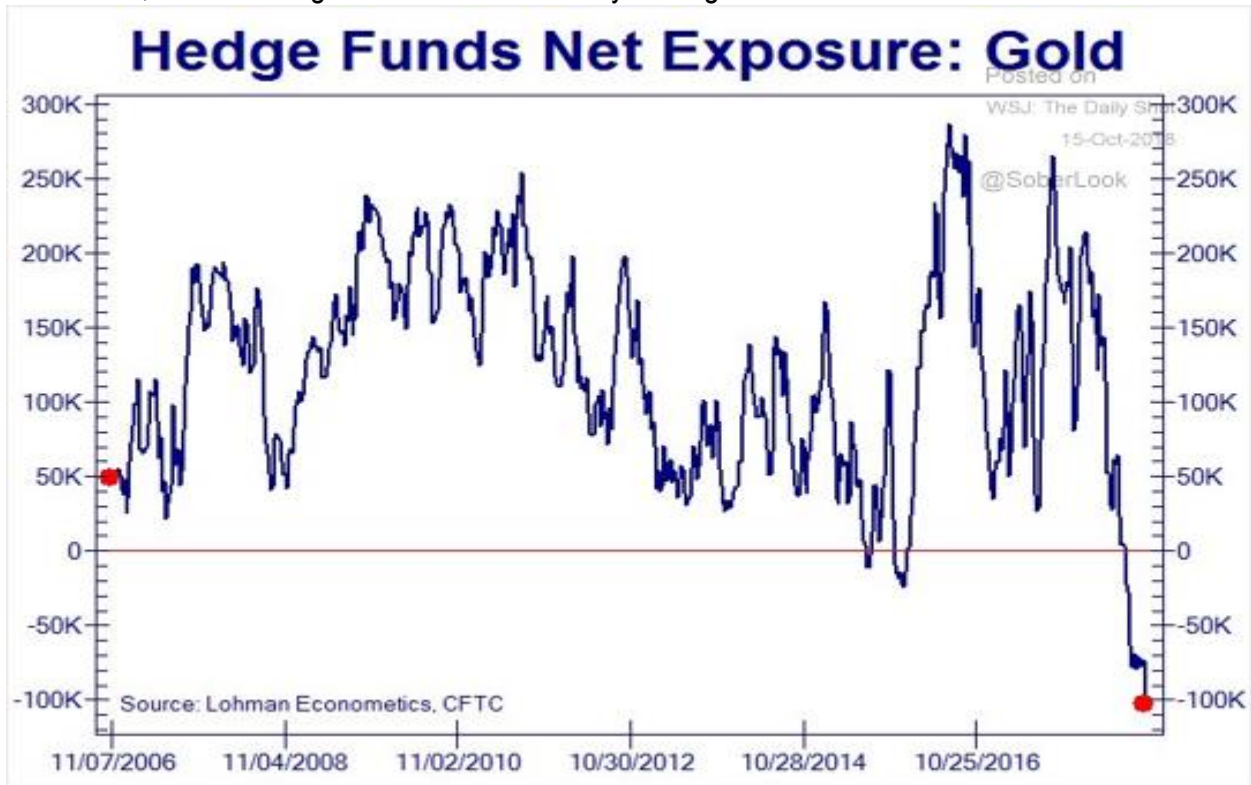
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.....Leads to an October fall in the Index to a level that \*REALLY\* needs to hold:



Source: Dana Lyons Tumblr

Meanwhile, who is selling Gold? Western Money Managers:



And who is buying Gold? Asian Central Banks:



In conclusion, we close this month's report in the tradition of Cato the Elder and his famously repeated phrase – "Carthago delenda est" – with our favorite graph. Though we do not wish for Carthage to be destroyed, we do wish for the deserved end of this dangerous experiment by Central Banks, and suggest that ownership of Physical Gold and Silver is one of the best means for navigating the coming carnage in the equity markets.

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