

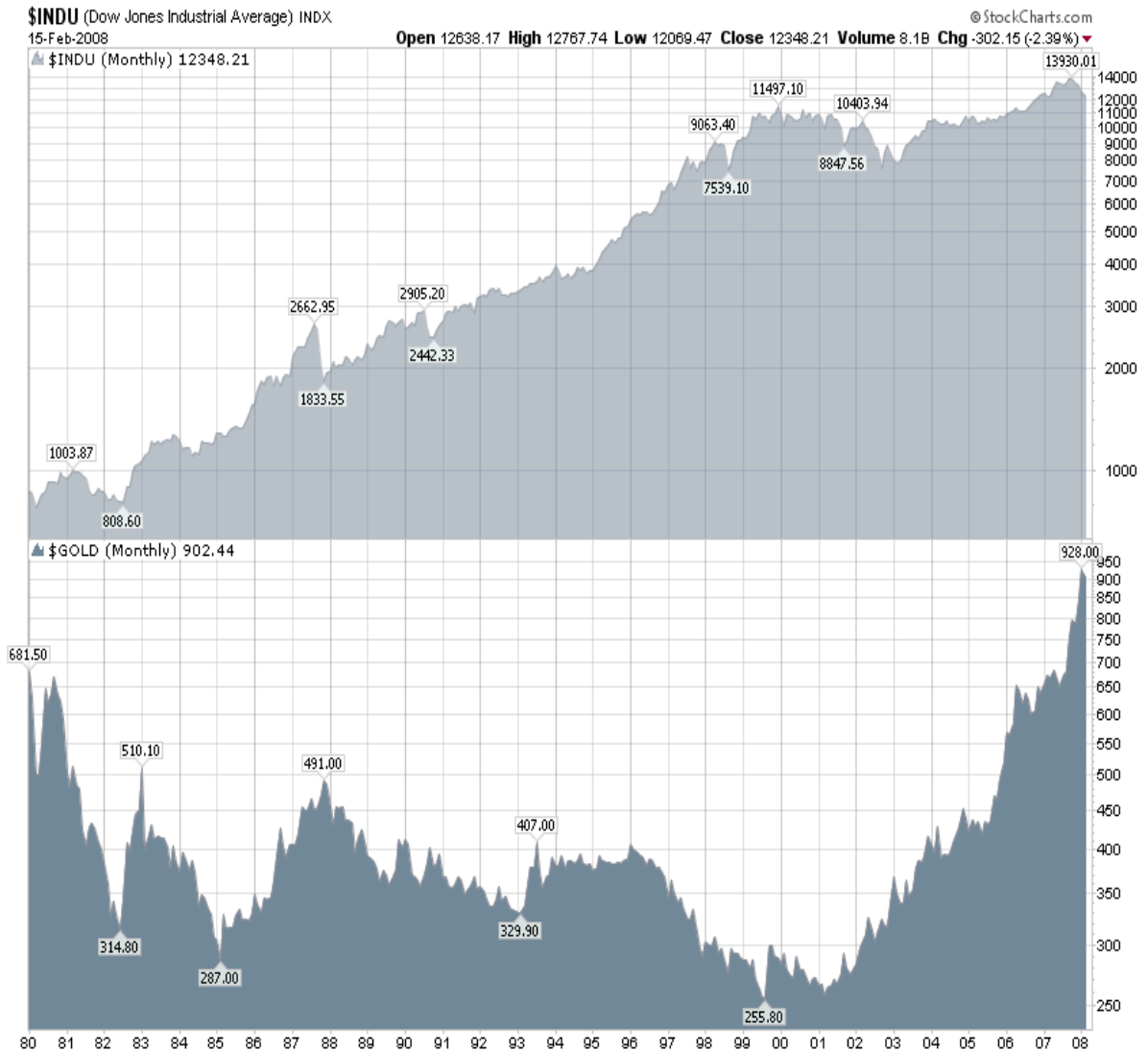


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Let's Review: Our Monthly Newsletter.....03/01/08

This month:



With all the talk of inflation and recession we thought it would be interesting to also include “volatility” as part of the discussion. Above is a chart of the Dow Jones Industrial Averages and Gold from 1980 – 2008. As we all know

investment returns are not a steady line straight up, however when the economy gets a bit shaky we almost always hear how we all should have been buying gold...and that it is the only “true” store of value. Well from our perspective we would rather have taken a ride with Mr. Market than on the Gold Train. Why you ask? Our experience tells us it is difficult to stay invested in a market with extremes in volatility...and Mr. Market is a walk in the park on a sunny day compared to the Gold Train ride!

A final thought on market timing and investor emotion: according to the National Bureau of Economic Research; since 1980 there has been 4 recessions each lasting about nine and a half months. If we are currently in a recession chances are we are closer to the end than the beginning.

Bob:

I have kept this bottled up as long as possible... Cole’s Little League team is officially 1-0. This may be the only time I can say this for the entire season; we are tied for first place! It also looks like we are a lock to make our league playoffs (every team makes it)...must be the Manager. Let’s hope Joyce and Cole are still talking to me in two months.

Ron:

Sunny and I went up to Mountain High to ski for the day...no kids just the two of us. We got up early and had the slopes to ourselves for a while on a beautiful day. I forget how close and easy it is to jump in the car and have so much fun...if you have not made the trip yet this winter, take our advice and GO! (PS: the “no kid’s” part is essential!)

Charity:

I know you have all heard that I got sick with “that flu” and infected the office...at least that is what Bob is saying. I don’t think so...he has all the kids, I think he brought it in the office! If you have avoided this flu season consider yourself very lucky...and I recommend you stay away from Bob for a while longer.

Bye

This month “Financial Topic”: One more cartoon!



“In the end, how your investments behave is much less important than how you behave.”

**Benjamin Graham
The Intelligent Investor**

The Numbers:

Closing Values / 02-29-2008

DOLLAR	weaker	NASDAQ	2,271.48	-60.09
10-YR YIELD	3.53%	S&P 500	1,330.63	-37.05
VOLUME	1,761,293,056	DJIA	12,266.39	-315.79

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