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Range Asian Hours (from Globex open)

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
OPEN	1957.60/8.60	24.45/48	954/57	2257/07
HIGH	1963.40/4.40	24.50/53	959/62	2262/12
LOW	1948.00/9.00	23.93/96	936/39	2245/95
LAST	1952.30/3.30	24.23/26	937/40	2250/00

MARKETS/MACRO

US equities were lower as consumer confidence falls. The Dow lost 205.49 points, or 0.77%, to 26,379.28, the S&P 500 fell 20.97 points, or 0.65%, to 3,218.44, while the Nasdaq shed 134.18 points, or 1.27%, to 10,402.09. Materials (-2.18%) and energy (-1.75%) led the losses. European equities were mostly higher, the EuroSTOXX added 1.53 points, or 0.42%, to 367.68, the German DAX edged lower 3.38 points, or 0.03%, to 12,835.28, and the London FTSE 100 rose 24.38 points, or 0.40%, to 6,129.26. It was a very quiet session for currency majors ahead of tonight's FOMC announcement out of the US, the US dollar index firmed slightly to 93.72, the EUR was at 1.1720, while USD/JPY was at 105.07. US treasury yields were lower, the 2 year yield slipped 0.8 bps to 0.141% while the 10 year yield eased 4.8 bps to 0.577%. Oil prices were lower, Brent lost 0.3% to \$43.27 while WTI fell 1.1% to \$41.04. Base metals were mostly higher, with copper (+0.9%) leading the gains. In US economic data, the Conference Board's consumer confidence index fell to 92.6 in July from a revised 98.3 in June. The Case-Shiller national home price index rose 4.5% over the past year. In Asia today, as I write the Nikkei is at -1.27%, the Shanghai composite is at +1.21%, the Hang Seng is at +0.00%, and the ASX S&P 200 is at -0.20%. Tonight we have the FOMC rates announcement, advance trade in goods, and the pending home sales index out of the US.

PRECIOUS

Crazy session for the precious as gold saw wild swings and traded a near \$80 range. Gold opened at \$1942 and surged almost \$40 to print the all time spot high at \$1980 in early Asian hours. The metal traded \$1970-75 for about an hour after the initial rise before it was dumped to \$1934 in a matter of minutes. Volatility continued through London trading as another sharp drop during the London AM session saw the market as low as \$1907 before rebounding above \$1930 by the time NY came in. We saw a steady bid tone through NY hours and the yellow metal climbed to a close at \$1958. Silver was even more volatile, the grey metal surged to a high above \$26 At one point dropping \$1.50 in 5 minutes. The metal was sold to a low of \$22.34 in London, an incredible 14.7% off the earlier high. Silver recovered to close only modestly lower on the day at \$24.40. The Philadelphia gold and silver index fell 0.59% to 157.28. Things are certainly much quieter in Asia today, gold has traded a \$15 range and is sitting at \$1952.30 as I write. Silver dipped to a low of \$23.93 before recovering, the grey metal is currently trading at \$24.23. Have a god day ahead.

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