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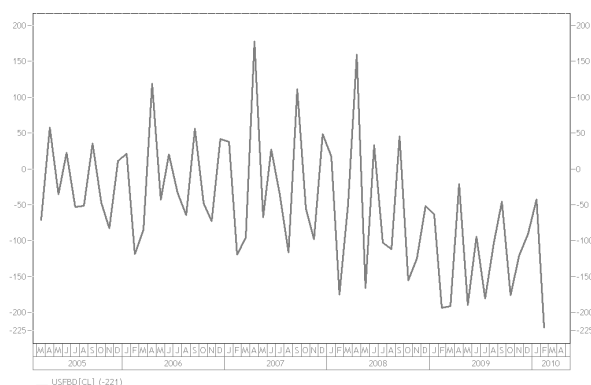
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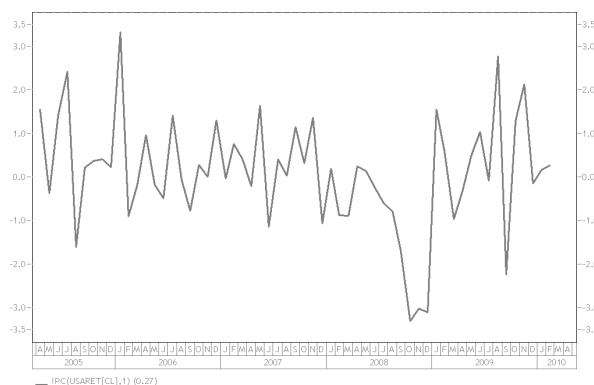
- Australia's unemployment rate rises but matches forecasts**
Australia's jobless rate rose to a seasonally adjusted 5.3% in February
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 10 Mar 10
- U.S. posts February budget deficit of \$221 billion**
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 10 Mar 10
- Old Mutual strategic shake-up disappoints**
Insurer Old Mutual said it would sell its life unit and list its funds operation in the United States as part of a strategic overhaul
Source: www.busrep.co.za. 11 Mar 10
- Swiss central bank repeats pledge to slow franc rise**
The Swiss National Bank plans to hold its official Libor target range between 0% and 0.75%, targeting the lower end of the range near 0.25%
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 11 Mar 10
- Chinese inflation keeps on climbing**
Consumer price inflation quickened to 2.7 percent in the year to February
Source: www.busrep.co.za. 12 Mar 10
- South African gold output falls 5.8%, making it fourth biggest**
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 12 Mar 10
- Fuld 'negligent' as Lehman hid leverage, report says**
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. used off-balance-sheet transactions to understate its leverage
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 12 Mar 10
- Greek budget deficit falls 77 percent in January-February**
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 12 Mar 10
- Greek GDP shrank less than initially reported in 4Q**
Gross domestic product contracted 2.5 percent from a year earlier
Source: www.bloomberg.com. 12 Mar 10
- Retail sales shake off the snows of February**
U.S. retail sales increased 0.3% to a seasonally-adjusted \$355.5 billion in February
Source: www.marketwatch.com. 12 Mar 10

Top Charts

US Budget Surplus/Deficit (bn), Monthly
Mar 05 - Feb 10



US Retail Sales, Monthly
Mar 05 - Feb 10



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