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DOW JONES -45.23 10,811.63* US2-yr bond dn 1/32 4.41*
S&P500 -6.42 1257.28* US10-yr bond dn 8/32 4.52*
NASDAQ -8.74 2252.02* US30-yr bond dn 20/32 4.72*
NIKKEI +61.28 15,484.66 CRUDE Jan/\$US -0.73 59.21
HANG SENG +144.34 15,134.95 GOLD \$USoz +4.00 517.80
FTSE 100 -10.00 5528.80 SILVER \$USoz +0.085 8.877
NZSE-50 +2.41 3227.57 TIN/US\$ +25.00 6700.00
A/ORDS +7.60 4576.30 LEAD/\$US\$ +18.00 1104.00
S&P/ASX200 +7.90 4623.90 ZINC/\$US\$ +30.00 1825.00
DAX -34.10 5266.75 ALUMINIUM/\$US\$ +23.00 2246.00
CAC-40 -16.62 4660.58 NICKEL/\$US\$ +50.00 13425.00
\$/US/YEN 121.000* COPPER/\$US\$ +72.00 4446.00
\$/A/USD 0.7479*
\$/EUR/USD 1.1722*
\$/NZ/USD 0.7009*

**Preliminary closing figure

*Still trading

Crude oil is the January contract price on the NYMEX. Gold is the February price on COMEX. Silver is the March price on COMEX. Base metal prices are the three month PM curb close on the London Metal Exchange.

Overseas text sourced from Reuters and AP.

NEW YORK - US stocks fell as financial and home building shares declined amid worries about rising interest rates, while shares of energy companies fell as oil prices slipped below \$US60 a barrel. Also weighing on the blue-chip Dow average was General Motors after the company's chief financial officer John Devine stepped down on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 45.23 points at 10,811.63. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.42 points at 1257.28. The Nasdaq Composite Index was down 8.74 points at 2252.02.

LONDON - UK shares rose within 30 points of the 5,600 mark, boosted by heavyweight mobile phone firm Vodafone, but ended the session lower as oil-sector losses obliterated early index gains. The FTSE 100 closed at 5528.8, down 10 points.