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January 5, 2009

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Monday, January 5th.

- Toronto Dominion Bank to raise \$300 million (CAD) in capital via common share issue
- U.S. construction spending falls by 0.6% in November
- Toyota U.S. vehicle sales declined by 36.7% in December
- Chrysler U.S. vehicle sales declined by 53% in December
- Ford U.S. vehicle sales declined by 32.4% in December
- General Motors U.S. vehicle sales declined by 31.4% in December
- Honda Canada auto sales down 41% in December
- Toyota Canada auto sales down 35% in December
- General Motors Canada auto sales down 19% in December
- Japanese auto sales fall to a 28-year low in December

Tuesday, January 6th.

- Toyota to halt Japanese auto production for 11 days
- Russia cuts natural gas supplies through Ukraine, affecting 6 European countries
- Canadian industrial prices fall 2.6% in November
- Royal Bank of Canada to raise \$200 million (CAD) of capital via sale of 8 million preferred shares
- Canadian raw materials prices fall 13.4% in November
- U.S. factory orders down 4.6% in November
- U.S. pending home sales fall 4% in November

Wednesday, January 7th.

- Alcoa cuts 13,500 jobs worldwide, representing 13% of its work force.
- Bank of America to sell a \$2.8 billion (U.S.) stake in China Construction Bank at a 12% discount
- U.S Congressional Budget Office forecasts U.S. deficit for fiscal 2009 to reach \$1.2 billion (U.S.)
- President Elect Obama's economic team predicts billion dollar deficits for years to come.
- Intel warns that its revenue will decline by 23% in the fourth quarter to \$8.2 billion (U.S.)
- Marks and Spencer announced it will cut 1,230 jobs and close 25 of its Simply Food stores and 2 of its smaller M&S branded stores
- The monthly ADP reveals that the U.S. private sector shed 693,000 jobs in December
- In Bangalore, India, Satyam Computer Services Chairman Ramalinga Raju has resigned and admitted to falsifying company accounts and inflating revenue and profit figures over several years; at which the company's shares plunged 78% on the Bombay Stock Exchange
- Time Warner takes \$25 billion (U.S.) write down and warns of lower revenues during 2009
- Canadian bankruptcy filings up 13.8% in November
- Merrill Lynch says many of its clients want actual physical gold not ETFs as they worry about what the world will look like in 2009



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Thursday, January 8th.

- Royal Bank of Scotland may raise \$3 billion (U.S.) via sale of its 4% holding in Bank of China
- Teck Cominco cuts 1,400 jobs and reduces coal production
- Toyota asks Japanese workers to take a pay cut
- Walgreens to cut 1,000 jobs, saving the company \$1 billion (U.S.) annually by 2011
- Dell cuts 1,900 jobs at Irish plant
- Bank of England cuts its lending rate by 50 basis points to an historic low of 1.5%
- U.S. retailers post disappointing same store sales for December
- Wal-Mart cuts earnings outlook for 4th. quarter by 12%
- Nissan to cut 1,200 jobs in Britain
- Germany's Commerzbank to receive \$10 billion (U.S.) in government aid

Friday, January 9th.

- U.S. non-farm payrolls declined by 524,000 in December, so job losses totaled 2.6 million for all of 2008, the most since 1945
- U.S. unemployment rate climbs from 6.7% in November to 7.2% in December, the highest since 1983
- Best Buy cuts 2009 profit forecast
- Canadian building permits declined by 11.8% in November
- Canada's unemployment rate rises to 6.6% in November
- Canadian housing starts fall to 177,300 units in December
- Chevron issues warning of lower profits in 2009
- Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin resigns from Citigroup, as it was revealed that Citi is in talks to cede control of its Smith Barney brokerage unit to Morgan Stanley in return for \$2.5 billion (U.S.) in cash
- DJIA closed the week at 8,599.18 down 435.51 points. The gold price closed the week at \$855.00 down \$24.50

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