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Personal Notes

All Work and No Play...

From Doug Robinson -

For some reason January seemed to fly by. As I talked to other people, they had the same reaction. Nothing of particular note occurred personally that would have occupied our attention, so perhaps it's simply a sign of the times.

For those who live in the mid-Atlantic region, Snowmageddon has put a damper on everything. But the kids are loving the snow - building snow forts and sledding down the neighbor's hill. I am looking forward to the day when they can help me shovel though.

Economic Deja vu

We wrote an article last month for our clients. We believe it helps put the last decade into perspective and outlines a possible path for the future. We thought we'd share it with the MoneyWise readers. The first paragraph is below with a link to the entire document.

A classic trap that investors fall into is short-sightedness. It's so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day and month-to-month machinations of the stock market and economy. Certainly, if you're a trader - someone who holds a security for a very short period of time - your success or failure isn't dependent on long-term economic trends. But if you're an **investor**, long-term trends matter. And if you're a student of history (even marginally as we are), then it's plain to see that for hundreds of years there has been a cycle of revolutionary technological advances (which we'll simply call Revolutions). These Revolutions are "game changers". They occur over generations and alter our lives in unexpected and profound ways. Why is understanding Revolutions important to investors? Because there are stages to a Revolution and your investment success depends on recognizing which one you're currently in.

[Economic Deja vu](#)

Fourth Quarter 2009 Economic Discussion

Each quarter, every DouglasBradley client receives a personalized Portfolio and Performance Report. The Report provides details on portfolio values and information on how the client's investments are performing. A well-received and anticipated component of the quarterly package is a one-page, bullet-pointed Economic Discussion written by us. Many clients have complimented us on how we've been able to consolidate so much useful information into a succinct, insightful, and thorough piece. We have heard from more than one person that it is the single document they rely on to keep them apprised of the far-reaching economic and market conditions shaping the world. We are including it in MoneyWise for the first time and hope you take a moment to review it yourself. The link below will take you to the document.

[2009 4th Quarter Economic Discussion](#)

From Brad Loper -

December and January have been unlike preceding years. It is usually the case that business slows down dramatically during this period as people focus on the holidays and New Year. In fact, business slows to the point I worry each year that we are going to go out of business. This year, by comparison, saw no lull. In fact, it has meant six-day work weeks. I think I failed to appreciate years past.

From Mahesh Desai -

As someone who hates the cold, January was a tough month for me. Happily, I had a brief respite during a too-short trip to Florida. Unfortunately, all I am left with is memories of walking on the beach in the early morning and lunch outside by the pool. As far as I am concerned, summer cannot come soon enough for me.

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