

# America's Going Out Of Business Sale, Part II

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Recently, a lot of people have been finding “Lawns to Gardens” by doing a search term of “Going out of business”, so it seems time to follow up with an article.

**The recession of 2007 is in full swing**, and people are calling their friends to line up prospective opportunities if/when they get laid off.

It's amazing to see the networking going on right now as top level and middle managers get sweaty foreheads. I'm sure linked-In is active as ever and demand for Starbucks will remain steady through the beginning part of the recession. After all, people are meeting up to talk about lining up that next job.

After a while though, they will start meeting at their houses and save money by serving home-brewed coffee. Maybe dinner with the missus, and lots of ideas being traded.

That's because no one's job is safe anymore. The ship is crashing, and people are starting to feel it. Kinda scary, isn't it? As [John Michael Greer](#) puts it:

“Debates about whether world petroleum production will peak before 2030 or not miss a point obvious to anybody who's looked at the figures: world petroleum production peaked in November 2005 at some 86 million barrels of oil a day, and has been declining slowly ever since. So far the gap has been filled with tar sands, natural gas liquids, and other unconventional liquids, all of which cost more than ordinary petroleum in terms of money and energy input alike, and none of which can be produced at anything like the rate needed to supply the world's rising energy demand. As depletion of existing oil fields accelerates, the struggle to prop up the current production plateau promises to become a losing battle against geological reality.”

Right now, people are starting to feel the big effects of peak oil and [global warming](#). Disguised as economic hardship, it really means we are using more energy than we can drill and the cost of living will only continue to rise. Man, that just sucks.

But we can fix this place. It will be hard work, but to secure America's safety and make sure your kids still eat, it's time to listen up.

We need to work together and get smarter. We need the thinkers to come out of the woodwork and help fix this boat, because the ship is sinking and you are starting to feel the cold water. Brrrrr!

Wake up! If you get laid off you need to learn skills in one of these areas:

- Small engine repair
- Small appliance repair
- [Small scale farming](#)
- [Small scale alcohol fuel production](#)
- Invention

That's right, you need to become more inventive, right now. Think of what you offer society, or what skill you can perform. Do you have enough money to learn what you have always wanted to learn how to do? Could that new skill help you earn money in a downward economy?

There are still many opportunities to live a happy, secure life. You just need to wise up and start listening to [folks who can help](#).

PS - If you are wealthy, consider using your wealth to improve the situation so that future generations remember your name with respect. There are some great inventions out there that can help with this mess and make you big money in the meantime.

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Without going into great detail, and just simply wanting to exdpress my opinion, I offer these words.

We are fast becoming a “service” society/country. We no longer lead the world in manufacturing, and even those companies that are based here in the U.S, manufacture their products overseas in order to increase profits. It all comes down to money and greed really, and those who can change our direction as a country simply don't care, as most of the economic realities most of us face are not “their” problem.

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- 2. [Robert](#) | December 3, 2007 at 10:28 am

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- 3. Robin Marie Ward | December 3, 2007 at 12:10 pm

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