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THE CONSERVATIVES AND THE COALITION (Length: 14:46)

In early December, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government found itself fighting for its political life. Three opposition parties formed a coalition and announced that they were ready to topple the Conservatives and form a new government. To avoid being defeated, the Prime Minister asked the Governor General to shut down Parliament until late January. In this *News in Review* story we'll look at how the crisis developed and at what could happen next.

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For years many Canadians have been on a credit card binge. Now, as the economic crisis deepens, a lot of them find themselves struggling with high levels of personal debt. In this *News in Review* story we'll look at why so many Canadian households are overextended. We'll also examine why it's so easy to fall into the credit trap and what can be done to get out of it.

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In late November, a group of gunmen launched a terrorist assault on the Indian city of Mumbai. The gunmen fired indiscriminately into crowds and seized several buildings and luxury hotels. By the time a furious four-day battle with police and soldiers ended, at least 170 people had been killed. In this *News in Review* story we'll look at Mumbai's days of terror and at the political repercussions in the region.

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WHEN IT'S COOL TO BE KIND (Length: 16:31)

Every year an army of volunteers contributes time, effort, and money to try to make Canada a better place to live in. They organize all kinds of events to raise money for charity and help less fortunate Canadians like poor children and the homeless. In this *News in Review* story we'll look at some of those volunteers and what they are doing to try to make a difference.

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