
Subject: Martha Stewart is out!

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 12:02:07 GMT

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But her stock is in!

Martha's Stock More Than Doubled

Subject: It's hard to fault Martha

Posted by [wunhuanglo](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 13:59:06 GMT

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As an article in Salon said today "Stewart is prosecuted for smudged ink in her datebook while Enron execs roam free over the Texas tundra." I really think there's a large dose of successful-woman-as-a-bitch working here, not to mention the undeniable fact that she's a big Democratic donor prosecuted by a GOP Atty Gen'l.

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!

Posted by [Bill Wassilak](#) on Fri, 04 Mar 2005 15:42:29 GMT

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Maybe she should hook up with Ebberts that ran World Com or the execs from Enron, they can cook the books while Martha manipulates the stock to see how many billions she can make before she gets busted again

Subject: Re: It's hard to fault Martha

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 13:09:13 GMT

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Gee; could that be?? Naah; the Republicans would never be so vindictive. Easy target while their friends at Enron stole how many peoples retirement funds? Lesson for all the Personal Savings Account crowd.

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2005 13:11:14 GMT

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Chance is gone the value is already priced in the stock. I shoulda bought when they announced the indictment.

Subject: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [rnhood](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2005 21:01:20 GMT
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Clearly our economy has been perculating right along just as expected. Part of Stewart stock evaluation has to be tied to the general positive economy. There are things that are never going to happen:1. I am not going to live forever.2. I will never understand how anyone would have predicted doom and gloom a couple years ago when it was clear where we were heading with the policies at play. Yet just look around at the various forums - like the outside. People everywhere were preaching the end was imminent and running for cover. Go figure...People can bitch and spit all they want on our administration - all the while the intelligent investor continues to amass wealth and prepare for their retirement, exactly like they should. Even today there is a small amount of excess valuation in stocks. But, investors are not likely to let that get out of hand again. The market is exactly where it should be today. And, it will be rising looking through the remainder of this year. Look at the construction index and capital purchasing indexes - the GNP...see, see....

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 03:58:35 GMT
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I thought it was pretty cool. Funny too! Martha was no doubt horrified to go to prison, and it had to have been a bad experience for her. She probably really suffered, if you think about it. Definite culture shock and probably a lot of fear as to what her future would bring. But talk about bouncing back, that stock did better than any insider trading or planning could have caused. I can just see Bernie Ebbers changing his strategy and asking for 6 months in...

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 04:01:29 GMT
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I have a bunch of Worldcom stock, you think maybe it'll bounce back?

Subject: Re: It's hard to fault Martha
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2005 04:06:23 GMT
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I just get a big smile seeing how that stock bounced back. Disregarding any politics, it's amazing, both humorous and good fortune! She probably made more money in prison than she did before she went in. I'm gonna start calling her Godmother Stewart!

Subject: Re: It's hard to fault Martha
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 19:55:29 GMT
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Her company was well run and generous; there was never a problem with them. She should have just told the truth and said to hell with it. They would have cut her a deal and all would be happy. Strictly a personality clash. Like my mom always said; tell the truth and it will be hard on you; lie and it will be murder!

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 11 Mar 2005 19:15:31 GMT
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Sure; anything can happen. You never really wanted to retire anyway; right?

Subject: Remember the movie "Wall Street"?
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 12:13:52 GMT
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"Blue Horseshoe loves Anacott Steel"

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 12:39:34 GMT
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I don't see she manipulated the stock; she acted upon information a little ahead of schedule. Grey area.

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 12:41:28 GMT
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The intelligent investor? Any tips?

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 12:57:25 GMT
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Just spread out your investments. That way, the only way you can lose overall is if the whole country goes down the tubes. Mutual funds, that sort of thing.

Subject: Re: Martha Stewart is out!
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 13:03:44 GMT
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Yeah, that whole deal is kinda funny to me. I mean, if you have intimate knowledge about a company, it seems like it would only be natural to use that information to invest wisely. Sort of like knowing how cars work and checking under the hood when deciding what car to buy. But in the world of financial speculation, that's insider trading. You shouldn't invest blindly but if you're too clever and know too much you're a crook. The whole business seems unnatural to me.

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2005 15:58:06 GMT
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The average rate of return on mutual fund investments over the past 30 yrs; which would be the life work history of an average person; is approx. 5.5% annually. Inflation runs about 3%; so you get 2.5% on your money. If your average salary over the 30 yrs equals 20% over the mean average for the country; you would need to put 30% of your income every month into the mutual

fund; every month w/o fail, for the entire 30 yrs. to enable you to live at your current level for 20yrs. Assuming you retire at 67 and don't get sick or anything you can expect to run out of money at age 87. Unless of course there is a run up of inflation like we had in the 80's in which case you lose. Remember; once Social Security goes so goes medicare. So don't get sick. SS allows for inflation by the increasing income from salary deductions; since salary goes up during inflated times. That's why it works so well; higher productivity = less workers for the same input. A perfect system that maybe needs to be tweaked occasionally, but then the stock market sharks cannot get their hands on your money so they get anxious and mad. Great Britain tried a personal account system, and now they are trying to figure out how to fix it because it doesn't work; so they are examining our SS system for some help. I know you know this, but it is so obvious of a money grab with no benefit to the working people that I am astounded anyone tries to sell it to reasonable people with a straight face.

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 13 Mar 2005 07:37:01 GMT
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I just don't know how the baby boomers can be supported by a transfer payment system from shrinking labor pool, especially as the tail end of the boomers goes into retirement age in about another quarter century. So I dunno. I'm a lot more comfortable putting some back, just in case.

Subject: Re: Ahhh, how could you miss it
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Sun, 13 Mar 2005 18:11:07 GMT
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Well; that's what the productivity increase does; less people more output. The figures for this year alone are up .9%, pretty amazing considering. Remember when 401k's first came out? Every co. offered matching funds and it looked like a great deal, soon the matching funds disappeared from the landscape. Next people said well, it's a tax write off at least; except now for the Alternative Minimum Tax rule, which basically nullified that benefit. So this wonderful program of personal investments now equals a low paying savings account. What do you think will happen with the new plan? Same thing. When big business wants something; you can bet it ain't for your benefit.
