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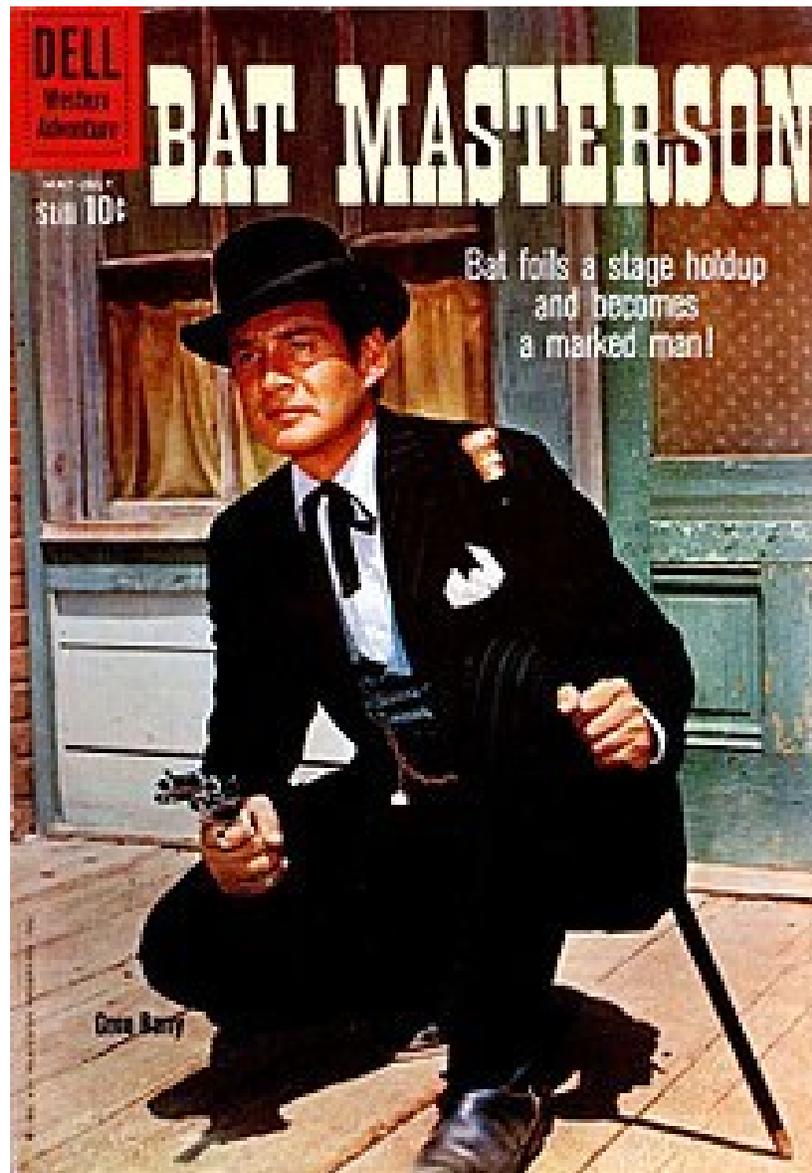
TAKE A FLYER: Take a chance, risk,
or gamble (on something)



There are many in this old world of ours who hold that things break about even for all of us. I have observed, for example, that we all get the same amount of ice. The rich get it in the summertime and the poor get it in the winter.

— *Bat Masterson* —

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Bat Masterson

The average citizen may believe that investing in the stock market is equivalent to heading to Las Vegas (a.k.a. Lost Wages). I beg to differ (unless you are "Day Trading or Playing with the Options/Futures markets).

Stock Market. I admit that the daily gyrations of the equities markets being dominated by "**Automated Trading**" can make the markets seem like they are rigged or being manipulated by machines. However, over the long run, the "cream rises to the top," with successful companies being rewarded with higher share prices and laggards punished. On the other hand, we have Professor Malkiel's "**Random Walk Theory.**" which certainly doesn't say much for all those highly paid money managers, analysts, investment letter proprietors, and T.V. financial gurus.



The random walk theory is the occurrence of an event determined by a series of random movements - in other words, events that cannot be predicted. For example, one might consider a drunken person's path of walking to be a random walk because the person is impaired and his walk would not follow any predictable path.

Applying the random walk theory to finance and stocks suggests that stock prices change randomly, making them impossible to predict. The random walk theory corresponds to the belief that markets are efficient, and that it is not possible to beat or predict the market because stock prices reflect all available information and the occurrence of new information is seemingly random as well.

The random walk theory is in direct opposition to technical analysis, which contends that a stock's future price can be forecasted based on historical information through observing chart patterns and technical indicators.

Academics cannot conclusively prove or agree on whether the stock market truly operates via a random walk or based on predictable trends because there are published studies that support both sides of the issue.

We, at **The Prizant Group** realize the trepidations of our retirement plan participants in the investment arena. We show the historical investment returns of the equity/bond markets and seek to steer our clients down the middle. "**Dollar Cost Averaging**" is the mantra in 401(k)/403(b)/457 investing. **DCA**

Little bites at a time eventually add up to a full stomach!

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