

>: Editor's Picks: Tycoon's Best of '08

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It's the last day of 2008, and I'm sure the investing community is only too happy to close the door on this doozie of a year. We've seen the Dow drop a whopping 35% ... the economy mired in recession for a year ? billions of taxpayer dollars go toward bailing out the nation's financial system ? and, on a positive note, the first African American elected President of the United States. But before we say sayonara to 2008, let's take a look back at Tycoon's best and most prophetic articles that you've written, I truly appreciate your guts on speaking your mind with conviction on sensitive issues. ? Louis

Without further ado, here are our year-end awards:

?Chris, I have only one word that fits your article. EXCELLENT. ? Harry P.

The **Stick-in-the-Hornet's-Nest** Award, which is given to the writer whose article generated the highest volume of reader comments, goes to Chris Rowe. His [Know What You're Really Voting For](#), which was published on Election Day, generated the most reader feedback like the following (this is the stuff we can re

Honorable mention goes to Ethan Roberts who supplied more than a few articles that elicited a great deal of response from readers, including [Does it still pay to excel in America?](#) and [Is Greed Still Going to Save the USA?](#)

We always appreciate your feedback ? positive or negative ? so please keep your comments coming in 2009.

The **Best-Use-of-the-Term-?Cankle?** Award, which is awarded to this year's most humorous article, goes to Dylan Jovine. Dylan's, [Top 10 Ways to Spot a Run on YOUR Bank](#), poked a little fun at one of Tycoon's (and Warren Buffett's) favorite banks, **SunTrust (STI)**.

The **Nostradamus** Award, which goes to the year's most prophetic article, goes to Teeka Tiwari who started warning Tycoon readers about a recession in the first week of this year. Teeka's, [Your Guide to Making Money During Stagflation or Recession](#), was published on Jan. 4, 2008 and points out that a recession would present a unique opportunity for Tycoon readers who conserve cash. We hope you heeded Teeka's advice because 2009 should bring a wealth of profitable opportunities.

The **Best Global Series**

Award goes to Chris Rowe for his ?very long-term? recommendations of several China stocks. In fact, many of them are already profitable if you had taken his advice over the past couple of months. Here are the articles in Chris' ?Sleeping Giants? series:

[Sleeping Giants: 3 Chinese Stocks to Buy](#)

[Sleeping Giants Cont.: How to Get Rich in China](#)

[More Sleeping Giants: 2 Chinese Stocks to Buy](#)

[Two Chinese Stocks Set to Multiply 20 Times Over](#)

[1000% Profits with Two Asia ETFs](#)

Wishing You a Happy and Health New Year

We've tried to do our best to guide you through this year's extraordinary market activity. And we will strive to do even better in 2009. We'll be back on Friday to kick-off the New Year. In the meantime, enjoy the parties tonight and drive safely!



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