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Conviction clouds future of Martha Stewart's company

By Erin McClam THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> NEW YORK — Martha Stewart's felony conviction rattled through her rapidly eroding business empire as shares of her namesake company continued to fall, Viacom canceled her syndicated television show and she quit the board of cosmetic giant Revlon.

The big question that remained was the future of the domestic diva's bread-and-butter job as a leader within the company that bears her name.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc.'s board met Monday to discuss Stewart's future, according to a source close to the company who spoke on condition of anonymity. Company officials would not comment and it was unclear whether the board took any action. Company officials did not return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Stewart stepped down from her roles as chairman and chief executive after being indicted in June but remains as a board member and chief creative officer. With her conviction, the government will likely press to have Stewart removed from the board.

Stewart was convicted Friday, along with stockbroker Peter Bacanovic, of lying about why she sold 3,298 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative report from government regulators.

false statements and obstruction of justice. Bacanovic was convicted of conspiracy, false

statements, obstruction and perjury. Both are expected to get 10 to 16 mon

prison when they are sentenced June 17.1 have said they will appeal. Stewart briefly addressed a horde of co

crews Monday outside a courthouse where spent about an hour with probation officials will make a sentencing recommendation.

"I want to thank my readers, my viewen the Internet users," Stewart said as she step into a sport utility vehicle. "I just want tot everyone for their support."

Shares of Martha Stewart Living Omning fell 96 cents to close at \$9.90 Monday on the York Stock Exchange - adding to a nearly percent tumble on Friday after the verdica midday Tuesday, the stock down 38 cents at a fall of 3.8 percent from Monday.

Stewart's syndicated television show, " Stewart Living," was taken off the air Mond Viacom-owned CBS and UPN stations. She stepped down from the board of cosmetics Revlon Inc., Revlon spokeswoman Cath Fisher confirmed. Stewart had served on Rev board since 1996.

The New York Times said Monday that columns its syndicate distributes would renamed and written by people other than Star starting immediately.

In the parking lot of a Kmart store in Ken N.J., Rasheedah Norton had a shopping cat of Stewart products carried by the retaild "As you see, my whole cart is Martha," she "I love the styling, and everything matched love Martha.

Norton said she would continue buying Martha Stewart brand "as long as they sellil"

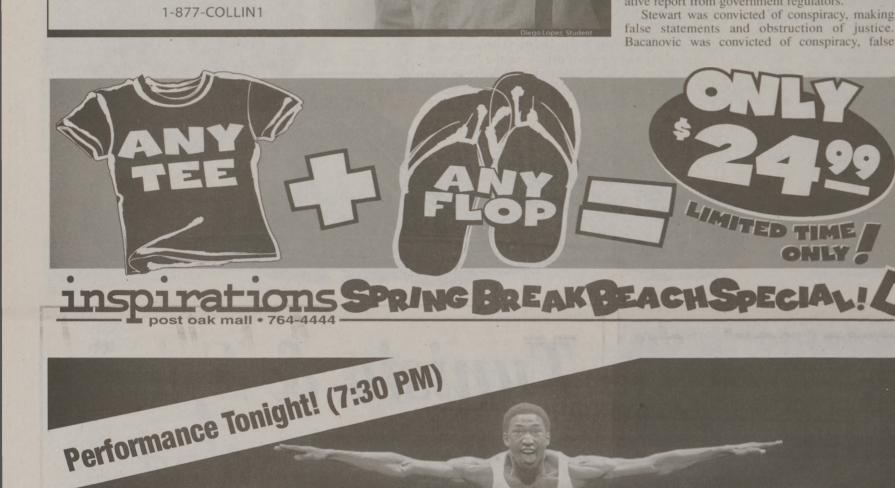
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tonya Hardingt play ice hockey

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Disgraced former U.S. fi skating champion and asp boxer Tonya Harding has an goal: minor league ice hod The Indianapolis loe of Central Hockey Leag announced Monday that it signed the 33-year-old Hard to join the team

It's been 10 years sin Harding's ex-husband him hit man to attack rival N Kerrigan at the 1994 nat championships. Harding always denied knowled the attack, but pleaded gu conspiracy and was ba from amateur figure ska competition.

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NEW YORK (AP) -Winfrey - talk show actress and magazine ed has a new title to add to resume: one of the wo most fashionable women Winfrey appears for the time on Vanity Fair's International Best-Dre List, which is being rel Wednesday.

The host of "The Winfrey Show" says Onassis and Coco Chan her fashion icons, and Gianfranco Ferre favorite designer.

Not surprisingly, soccer er David Beckham - an national fashion icon style has inspired Dol Gabbana — made the top 10 list. Among those him are actors George Cl and Jude Law and anchors Brian Williams of and Anderson Cooper of The annual list - which

inated in the '20s and ga prominence under the ance of fashion maven E Lambert, who died in 00 - will now appear in Fair magazine, starting w April issue.

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