What do I do now? 08-20-2012 by Harry Zirkelbach

The day began as did as did all previous ones. The sun rose in the east, bringing its energy producing sunlight.

For much of the western United States this was a blessing. At a time that later was nailed as 2:03:44 PST, a catastrophe struck parts of California which destroyed their electrical grid. As Electrical Power companies interrelate in support, computers throughout much of the states west of Missouri were unable to protect their power supplies, and immediately more than 100 million Americans were without electricity.

Accustomed to local outages for limited duration, those awake at the onset, were not alarmed. Light a candle, go back to sleep, because there was nothing an individual could be expected to do except to await power up, re-set the alarm clocks.

With sunlight in these western effected states, acceptance seeped to concern, then a thirst fort reliable information, then the onset of panic.

Rumor became everyman's friend, enemy. What would be believed? There was no radio, TV, reliable source of any concrete fact. Regular phones were useless, soon cell phones were obsolete junk.

Go to work? And do what? Besides, gasoline could not be pumped, credit cards worthless. This sense of helplessness that began in Central United states, moved west with the rising sun. Only then could survivors of the damage in California and Oregon that caused the electrical outage assess the destruction, take first steps to restore services, order, law. And in every first step, there existed the need for information outside the local confusion.

Heroes existed everywhere. It would be months before the remainder of the nation would hear of them, for interdependence was needed on a national scale, the onset beginning with a small group doing the work of titans, little recognition. Windsor Gardens, Denver Colorado, was not unique.

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And now dear reader, you may ask, Where did that dumb idea originate?

Investment in Stocks, Bonds and the related financial World has created an army of Advisors for those who know little of how that world works.

Around for years, they solicit money for advise. The question always, if these advisors were so unerring, why not just invest and keep all the profit.

In their world, anyone recommending investing in 100 companies a year is bound to have successes and failures. Then pump this advise, the successful nuggets found. Ponzi at his best.

One such service has created a booklet, "The End of America", a collections of dire predictions. The most dire, money will become worthless. Owning guns and gold is essential. Another, In Sept 2012 issue, urges readers to "learn how to survive in tough circumstances, increase preparedness, for without electricity, if not prepared, your goose will be cooked." (Kind of like his unintended humor, no electricity, yet your goose is cooked.) Yes this also advisers, keep some gold, water, guns, food.

Are you prepared?