



**Improving the Home Fortress**

*Work Now to Better Prepare Your Residence For Trouble*

**- This Month: Lighting -**

By James L. Paris & Robert G. Yetman, Jr.

This month concludes our three-part look at better protecting your home from trouble. We've previously looked at enhancing the security of your doors and windows, and this month we want to take a look at lighting. As we've noted before, it's important to remember that beefing up the security of doors alone, or windows alone, or lighting alone...will not help you. The relationship between your home's access points to its interior and your property lighting is symbiotic, and failing to put in place proper security on behalf of all key components simultaneously will greatly diminish the protection you seek.

**Interior Lighting.** Lights that are on, even during daylight hours, convey the impression that some-

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**What to Do Before You Shoot**

*Pay Attention to Your Personal Profile Now, BEFORE Things Go Down*

By Robert G. Yetman, Jr.

Last month, we discussed the all-important steps you should take...and *not* take...in the first moments following an altercation in which you were required to defend yourself with deadly force. This month, we want to address some things of which to remain mindful regarding your life and your general deportment *before* trouble visits you on your doorstep.

If you're thinking this discussion will be about increasing your proficiency at self-defense, or ensuring you spend more time at the gun range, you're wrong; this is about examining everything you have done in your life up to this point to see just how sympathetic a victim you might be, given that we live in a world that is made up of politicians, prosecutors, and media personnel that don't seem to take care much at all about the natural rights of victims.

For starters, do you have a criminal record? Believe me, in these United States, which has a long and growing list of laws that make it easier than ever for citizens to become "criminals," it's not at all unusual for someone to find himself with a rap sheet of some length. In many places, it is against the law to even own a firearm if you've been convicted of a felony, without regard to the circumstances surrounding that

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## What to Do Before You Shoot

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conviction; right off the bat, then, if you happen to keep a firearm as a convicted felon in contravention of a law that says you shouldn't, it will be easier for the criminal justice system to portray you as a bad guy, and will certainly be able to see you convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm, even if you legitimately used it to defend your life.

Do you own a lot of guns? Gun enthusiasts are favored targets of the criminal justice system when they happen to use one of their firearms in self-defense. It's about perception; it is much easier for a prosecutor who's hungry for a conviction to portray a person who owns a lot of guns as someone who couldn't wait for an opportunity to actually use one against another person.

What are your political beliefs, and how vocal are you in expressing them? Politicians, prosecutors, and the so-called mainstream media prefer a citizenry that does not rock the boat in any way. If you are a libertarian, perhaps a Tea Party sympathizer, and have a record of writing letters, attending protests, meetings, and other events on behalf of politicians and referenda that are in line with liberty and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights, that philosophy can now easily be spun as indicative of a "shoot first and ask questions later" mindset.

What about your simple day-to-day interactions with other people? Do you enjoy off-color jokes, wear t-shirts that express politically-incorrect messages, or perhaps drive cars that bear bumper stickers that do the same? Following a self-defense stand, inves-

tigators, under the guise of seeking the truth, will talk to those who know you and ask the kinds of questions that will reveal information that can be manipulated in such a way so as to portray you in an unflattering light.

The Internet can be very unfriendly in this regard. Do a search for your name and see what comes up. You might be surprised what you find – even a few, seemingly-innocuous "letters to the editor" to your local paper can be manipulated to make you appear to be less of a victim than you really are.

So what am I saying you should do before you shoot? You won't like the answer, but the best one is to lay low and look as much like one of the "sheeple" that politicians, the criminal justice system, and the media love so much. In my case, I have chosen to put myself out into the public eye, so it's no longer possible for me to remain invisible. However, if it is possible for you, I'd suggest it. You can still harbor your beliefs, vote for whom you choose, even donate money covertly to people and causes in which you believe, but remember that the way in which you present yourself *publicly* can cause problems if you find yourself involved in a deadly-force situation. As for the Internet, if there are things out there you want to see suppressed, you can try one of the companies that helps do that very thing – Reputation Changer ([www.reputationchanger.com](http://www.reputationchanger.com)) is one such company. I don't have any personal experience with these places, but I am aware of their work, and it might be something you wish to consider.

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one is home, and is up and about. You should keep shades/blinds drawn as often as possible, and it is this combination of drawn blinds and interior lighting that works best; at night, the light from inside will be visible to someone creeping around outside, and during the day, when that same person is trying to get close to your windows to try to peer around your blinds, his notice of lights that are on will tell him that someone is home and doing something.

Consider using indoor light timers. With these, you can have a light, TV set, or radio turn on and off at whatever interval you select. Not only do these help to save money on electricity, but the sights and sounds associated with lights and TV sets going both off and on reinforce the impression that an actual person is inside.

**Outdoor Lighting.** Good outdoor lighting at night is exceptionally important. People with bad intentions, much like cockroaches, are inclined to stay away from well-lit areas. The most basic form of this lighting is that which already sits over your exterior doors. This kind of exterior lighting is OK, but what you really want are security lights that are positioned around the outside of your house and illuminate as much of the immediate, surrounding area as possible.

One popular way to handle the matter of turning outside lights off and on is with so-called dusk-to-dawn lighting, which controls your lights through the use of a light-sensitive photocell. Also, a lot of homes have security lights that are triggered by motion sensors, which means that the lights come on when movement is detected, and go off when it is no longer detected. Not only do these save money on electricity, as they

stay on constantly for many hours at a time, but the sudden illumination of an area in which a prowler is moving can have a startling effect and encourage him to withdraw quickly.

A few things to remember: Be sure to install exterior lighting in areas that you cannot easily see from the inside of your home. Intruders will often approach your residential structure in a way that deprives you from being able to easily see them from inside your home; it is those areas, in particular, that you want to be sure are exposed to security lighting. Not as many people think enough about that, and consider lighting only those areas they can easily see from inside—that's a big mistake. Also, as much as possible, install the lights so that they cannot be reached by someone standing on the ground. Depending on the nature of your structure, this will not always be possible, but when it is, be sure that your lights cannot be easily compromised by an especially-bold intruder. By keeping lights well-above ground level, you are ensuring that any intruder who is seriously interested in disabling them will at least have to make a bunch of noise in order to do so.

Think about the security improvements you've (hopefully) made recently: stronger doors and door frames, stronger windows, and strategic lighting of both the exterior and interior of your home during day and night. Your home is now much less vulnerable to penetration, whether by a garden-variety burglar or by a desperate gang seeking easy access to a residence. Your improvements, in sum total, may cost you a few thousand dollars, but the actual security that results, as well as the peace of mind you now enjoy, is priceless. Well done!

# **The Jim Paris Perspective**

## ***Notes and Thoughts on the Realization of Bible Prophecy in the Current Day***

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### ***Developments in Syria***

We see nothing but an escalation in the civil war in Syria. The international community is unable to intervene in this one as both China and Russia have blocked all United Nations attempts at intervention. Russia seems to be willing to back the Assad regime to the bitter end. Secretary of State Clinton was publicly critical of recent shipments of military helicopters from Russia to Syria. The Russians denied the shipment, but later admitted to it, clarifying that they were not new, but repaired units being returned after maintenance. In other developments, Syria downed a Turkish plane this week that was flying in international airspace. The action caused an emergency meeting of NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the reasons why we track developments in Syria is the expected fulfillment of the Isaiah 17 prophecy that Damascus will become a ruinous heap. While we don't know exactly how this will all develop, the war in Syria continues to take center stage in world news. Damascus is one of the nation's oldest cities, having been in existence for more than 5,000 years. The destruction of Damascus is considered a very major event in the biblical prophecy timeline.

### ***Muslim Brotherhood Takes Egyptian Presidency***

Many hoped that the so called Arab Spring (Arab Revolution) would lead to peace and democracy in the Middle East. Just as many predicted, the radical Muslim Brotherhood candidate won the recent Egyptian election. The new leadership in Egypt in the form of the Muslim Brotherhood represents no friend to Israel and will only cause its further isolation in the region. The toppling of Middle Eastern leaders seems to be leading to the evolution of even worse characters with which the United States and Israel will have to contend in the coming years.

### ***The Prophecy of the Popes***

I have just begun to read the book *Petrus Romanus – The Final Pope is Here*. It is important to point out that the Prophecy of The Popes is not a biblical prophecy. It is attributed to Saint Malachy, who was the first Irish saint to be canonized by a pope. He was attributed with many miracles and a vision which purportedly gave him the identity of the final 112 Popes. Since there is no biblical veracity that we can find to this prophecy, I can only chalk this up to something I find very interesting: First, if you do a little study of this prophecy, it does appear that there is at least enough accuracy to it to make one wonder. What Bible prophecy experts are really taking an interest in is the notion that the next pope will be the last. The backdrop of all of this is what appears to be a complete collapse in the power structure of the Vatican. Most people believe that not only due to his age, but also the growing number of scandals in the Catholic Church, that Pope Benedict XVI will not be in power for much longer. According to the prophecy, this, then, ushers in the final pope who is referred to as Petrus Romanus (Peter the Roman).

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Many believe that the final Pope will aid in the deception of the masses by the Antichrist (the false prophet Revelation 16:13, 19:20, 20:10). This is where us prophecy guys find a great interest in the topic. This is by no means meant to offend our Catholic followers. I honestly remain open-minded to this prophecy and very curious to see what happens here. If you are interested in this topic you can Google 'Tom Horn Prophecy Of The Popes' and you will find a lot of information on this from an Evangelical perspective.

### ***George Zimmerman – The Real Victim?***

As of the writing of this edition of the newsletter, George Zimmerman is being held in a Seminole County jail cell for the shooting of Trayvon Martin. More specifically, Zimmerman is incarcerated due to the revocation of his bail when prosecutors discovered that he had not disclosed substantial donations he had received via a Pay Pal account through his website. Now, this newsletter is on Bible prophecy and survival, and while I tend to devote my personal commentary mostly to the issue of Bible prophecy, this month I very much feel the need to address the George Zimmerman case. The Zimmerman case represents to me the very essence of one's right to self-defense in this country. The reality is that, based on crime statistics, most perpetrators have several things in common. First, they are usually male. Secondly, they are younger than 30. Lastly, they are most likely minorities. These are the crime statistics, plain and simple. George Zimmerman's situation aside, this case places me in a very vulnerable situation when it comes to my personal security and that of my family.

I am a white male and am also the leader of my neighborhood watch group (likely already guilty without any other evidence to consider). If confronted with someone breaking into my home or accosting me or a member of my family while I am out in public, I will now have to think twice before I decide to defend myself. I believe this what we have all lost in the Zimmerman case. It is not George Zimmerman that is on trial here, but the right of self-defense.

There has been enough evidence released up to this point to make the charge of second degree murder beyond ludicrous. Even a reliable liberal like Alan Dershowitz has come to the defense of Zimmerman. It should be noted that it was not a jury of his peers that indicted George Zimmerman, but State Attorney Angela Corey, sidestepping a grand jury, filed these charges against him (an option here in Florida except in cases involving a charge of first degree murder). After a recent critical article by Dershowitz Corey contacted Harvard Law School and threatened to sue them. When the dust settles and this case is finally litigated, I believe that Angela Corey will be historically viewed as Florida's own Mike Nifong (the disgraced prosecutor in the Duke Lacrosse case).

Prosecutors are have admitted into evidence a series of recordings of conversations between Zimmerman and his wife during visits while he was initially incarcerated. Using code, Zimmerman instructed his wife to use the money to pay off their bills, buy bulletproof vests for several family members, and use the money to be able to stay in hiding. Not only were there

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countless angry mobs assembling throughout Sanford, but one group put a bounty on the head of Zimmerman. Now, Zimmerman's wife has been charged for allegedly lying in the original bail hearing as well. Will there be no end to this?

Some have said that George Zimmerman will have his day in court and justice will win out. Even if Zimmerman is fully acquitted of all of the charges, his life will be in ruins. He will likely have to change his name and go into hiding, along with much of his extended family. His only chance to support his family may be a book and/or movie deal at some point. While I know we have not had a trial yet and 100% of the evidence is not out, everything seems to point to a clear cut case of self-defense. Every time I think about Zimmerman's predicament, being beaten and his head being smashed against the ground, I wonder what I would do in a similar situation? Could I pull the trigger? We should not have to ask such questions or second-guess our decisions when faced with deadly force.

### ***Tracking the Mark of The Beast***

I was listening to Jesse Ventura being interviewed by Alex Jones today. He was discussing an upcoming episode of his truTV show *Conspiracy Theory*. He described a new identification bracelet that the government is planning to offer to make it easier to get through airport security. The bracelet will be preloaded with all of your personal information.

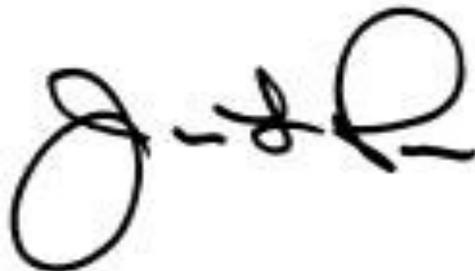
We continue to track the technological advances of PayPal and how they are ushering in a cashless society. We recently reported on an agreement between PayPal and Home Depot which allows shoppers to checkout without any identification or even a credit card. The service, call Intelligent Wallet, allows you to simply type in your phone number and PayPal pin and your account will be billed. It has just been announced that this program is set to go into use in 15 more major nationwide retailers.

### ***Breaking: The Bankruptcy of Stockton, California***

Stockton, California has filed for bankruptcy protection, making it the largest municipality in the country to do so. Stockton, which has been one of the flagship cities representative of the worst of the current and ongoing economic collapse, is the seventh municipality to file for

bankruptcy this year, which puts the U.S. on pace to beat last year's total of 13, the highest annual number in almost twenty years.

Don't be fooled by small pockets of good economic news that you may hear



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these days; America's economic problems remain substantial. The continued weakness in our financial infrastructure provides fertile ground for evil to take advantage of our misery and institute measures that enslave us, doing so under the guise of *aiding* us.

## Defending Yourself Against the “New” Epidemic

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There is an aspect of illegal immigration that has not been discussed very much, but is perhaps the most dire: the very real public health threat posed by illegals who enter this country while sick with infections and diseases that the U.S. had essentially eradicated over the last century. We are seeing a return, amazingly, of diseases like tuberculosis, polio, and even plague...and what's more, many of the infections that have normally been curable with antibiotics are coming back in forms that are highly drug-resistant.

The response from the bleeding hearts is to “raise awareness” among the infected (and infecting) populations, and encourage them to seek out publicly-funded health care... which, in addition to further straining our financial resources, will put some of these folks next to *you* in a hospital waiting room. We know the real solution is for the U.S. to clamp shut its borders, but also know that won't happen anytime soon. The responsibility to protect yourself falls to you alone; so how *can* you protect yourself from these “new” dangers?

Bottom line: do everything you can to strengthen your immune system. It is the compromise of your immune system that allows infections and diseases to gain the footholds they do – even if contracting one proves unavoidable, the highly-maintained condition of your immune system can help to greatly reduce the *severity* of your illness.

***Concentrate on eating and sleeping well.*** Eat foods that are natural and organic, and

get good rest. When we talk about avoiding garbage foods, we're not just talking about fast food. Sadly, much of what we've been buying for years in grocery stores and preparing at home has become practically toxic, so do your homework to be sure you're “eating as close to the source” as possible.

***Stick with a daily regimen of useful vitamins and supplements.*** Those who scoff at supplementation say we can receive all of the right vitamins and minerals from food sources, but that is often easier said than done, and even if it *can* be accomplished, many people still suffer from marked deficiencies. While you should be mindful of toxic levels of any substance, we would advise supplementation that helps you to make up any shortfalls, and if you have any health questions, always consult a physician.

***Wash your hands...a lot.*** According to the Centers for Disease Control, washing one's hands is the single most effective way to avoid bacterial and viral infections.

***Drink lots of water.*** Water is among the most essential of nutrients, and drinking a lot of it daily provides a variety of benefits. How much is enough? At least a gallon a day.

Don't read this advice and just yawn at it; take it. Remember what it is we're now facing. This is no longer about “feeling better” or “living longer” in the generic sense; this is now about survival in the face of an invading colony of dangerous diseases and infections.

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## This Month in Financial Roundup: Accessing Real Estate with an ETF

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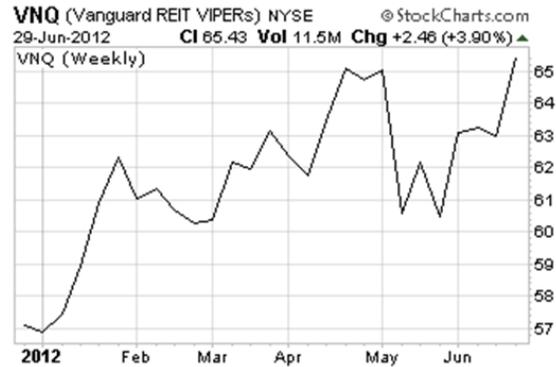
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To build a defensive portfolio, strategic diversification is key, and the asset mix may well include real estate. Problem is, real estate can be a pain to own directly. Besides the headaches that come with being a landlord, there are real challenges in buying right now; the residential real estate market remains unsettled, and financing remains a challenge. Commercial real estate is a better option, but who has the money for *that*?

If you *are* looking for a user-friendly way to gain access to the commercial real estate market, consider a real estate exchange-traded fund, or ETF; you're not dealing with any of the headaches associated with owning real property, and because the ETF is traded on the stock market, you can buy or sell it at any time during the business day, so liquidity issues don't apply. Additionally, because you're buying real estate in the form of an ETF, your entry point is cheap – no need to arrange financing for an expensive property.

Generally, real estate ETFs are comprised of the stocks of real estate investment trusts, or REITs. REITs are investment companies that buy and sell commercial (mostly) real estate and real estate-related interests, and so the ETF, then, is made up of various REIT stocks, usually mirroring a REIT index (like the MSCI U.S. REIT Index).

As a proxy, the Vanguard REIT Index ETF (Symbol: VNQ) is a good example. This ETF has motored along at better than a 40% annualized return over the last three years, and is expected to continue to do very well in the foreseeable future. The two charts fea-



*Graphical movement of Vanguard REIT Index ETF (above) in 2012, as well as same look at S&P 500 over the same period (charts courtesy of StockCharts.com).*



tured here show the performance of the S&P 500 Index (as proxied by the SPDR S&P 500 ETF), as well as the aforementioned Vanguard REIT Index ETF. Not only has the performance of the Vanguard ETF been superior thus far in 2012 (14.6% vs. 8.3%), but you'll notice the fund actually demonstrated greater resiliency during the month of May.

Still, real estate ETFs *can* give pretty bumpy rides along the way to respectable returns, so you might want to avoid them if you don't have the inclination to stay the course when the sailing gets a little rough.