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## Jarvis deserved death penalty

Victim's family relieved it's over

by Shirley Shaw

Marge Harris opened the garage door and walked out into a chilly, dark January morning. Her daughter, Lillian, was moving to an apartment that day and she had to make room for the moving van to park in the driveway. She moved the car to the street and walked briskly back to the house. Nearing the front door, she was surprised to see a box on the porch, wrapped in brightly colored Christmas paper.



Lillian Ann Jarvis  
44 yrs. old

Picking up the package, she went inside and asked her daughter, "Were you expecting something?" Bernie, Marge's husband, is Jewish so they hadn't exchanged Christmas gifts during the recent holidays, and Lillian's response was, "It must be from one of my friends."

Taking the package to the bathroom where she had been packing personal items, Lillian set it down on the sink, pulled at the ribbon and removed the paper. Her friend, Dan Showalter, stood nearby, while Marge watched from the doorway. They were puzzled to see the package was a tackle box and, curious, Lillian lifted the lid.

The blast from the homemade incendiary bomb resounded throughout the quiet Southside neighborhood. Lillian lay burning on the bathroom floor between the sink and tub. Dan, blown backward by the force of the explosion, couldn't see what was happening because his face was shattered and burning. Marge was on fire, her face, arms and midriff burning, and she was bleeding from shrapnel wounds.

Lillian's son, Christopher Janes, tried to reach his mother, but the heat and flames from the fire were too great. Marge ran, still burning, to her next-door neighbor, seeking help. Lillian's daughter, Kathleen, 13, frantically called 911, screaming that her mother was on fire. Bernie helplessly watched the carnage as they all waited for emergency personnel to arrive.

By the time firefighters extinguished the blaze, Lillian's body lay charred and lifeless, her mother was en route by helicopter to the burn center at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, and Dan was being transported to a local hospital. Her children, Chris and Katy,

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## Over 1000 Fugitives Captured

Community partnership is the key

by Shirley Shaw

When Ted Hires was crawling on the floor like an animal while a cursing, crazed gunman threatened his life, his only thought was, "Why, Lord, why?" Moments earlier, two thugs had burst into his Sonny's Bar-B-Q corporate office, forced him and his staff to crawl to the back of the office, demanded their money and now held a cocked gun to his head. Only the providential arrival of an assistant manager from the next-door Sonny's restaurant saved their lives.

The story of his pursuit of the criminals, directing police by phone to their location where they were arrested and subsequently incarcerated, is well known in the Jacksonville community – mainly because Ted Hires decided to take action. He figured out the answer to his question, "Why?" America, formed to be governed by the people and for the

people, was now "out of control," and he, as a citizen, had not "gotten involved."

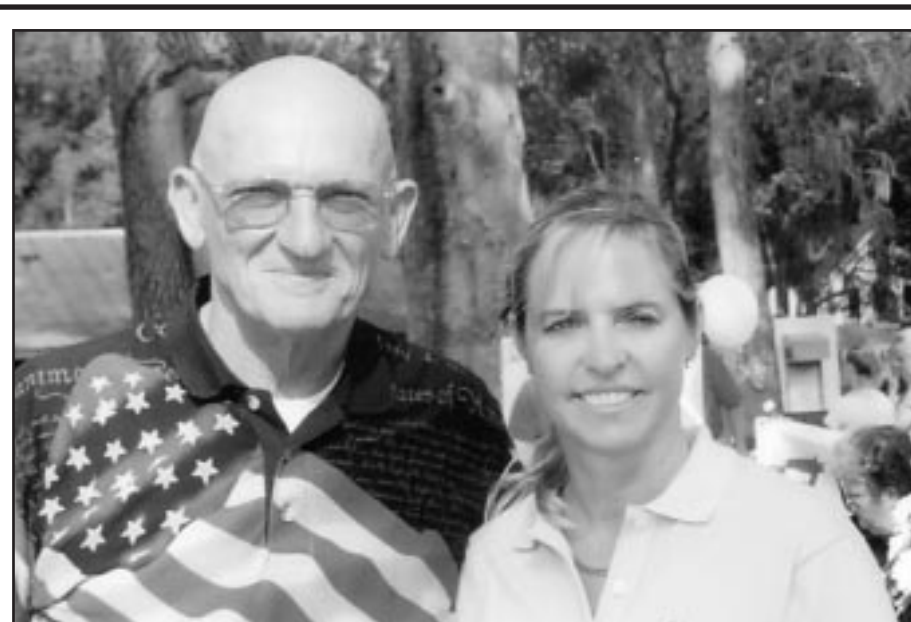
For months after the harrowing February 1995 event, Ted spoke with police officers, prosecutors,

judges and people who, like himself, were victims of crime. He observed in courtrooms that criminals sat beside attorneys who defended their rights, while the victims had no one. Prosecutors

represented the state, because crimes are no longer committed against innocent, law-abiding victims, but are considered to be crimes against the state. The state, he thought, has no name, no face, no heart and no personality.

So he decided to take action. Citing Edmund Burke's powerful statement, "the only thing

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Ted Hires, founder of the Justice Coalition, and Cathy Barco, owner of the Barco Brandy Ranch and Barco Duval Construction Co. — More, pages 10 & 11.

## 6th Annual Justice Jamboree

Annual Linda Barco Community Award presented to W.W. (Bill) Gay.