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Horse-drawn wagon rides at 2003 Justice Jamboree

Seventh Annual Justice Jamboree

Barco-Brandy Ranch

November 6 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Make your plans now to attend the Justice Coalition's 7th Annual Justice Jamboree Lynda Barco Memorial fundraiser hosted at the beautiful Barco-Brandy Ranch in Bryceville. Fun-filled activities for every member of your family, bodacious BBQ with all the fixin's and good old-fashioned entertainment – all create a day to remember.

Featured again this year:

- Turkey Shoot'n Shindig
- Silent auction offering a wide variety of desirable items on which to bid
- Antique fire truck and horse-drawn wagon rides for the kids
- Clowns and face-painting
- Youth marksmanship course
- Egg scramble winner receives a fabulous piece of Underwood's jewelry.

Tickets are \$10 each (which includes the meal), available at the Justice Coalition or at the gate.



Crowd enjoys bodacious BBQ



Antique fire truck rides

Home Invasion Robbery

Victim injured with his own axe

By Shirley Shaw

Barry Marsh was sitting in his Callahan home last December, preparing a bank deposit for his recently cashed disability check. He had also tucked \$400 into his wallet – money he had saved, a few dollars at a time – and was planning to go Christmas shopping for his family later that day.

He had already been interrupted by four young men who knocked at the door and asked to speak to his son, Justin. When told he was asleep, they said they'd come back. The second knock on the door again disrupted his task and he saw that the young men had returned.

Justin's pregnant girlfriend, Crystal, and her 20-month-old son were in the room with Marsh when he went to the door and partially opened it. He saw three men on the porch; a fourth – out of his sight by the door – was holding aloft Marsh's own axe, taken from the front porch where he kept it for chopping kindling wood.

Before he could act, one man (later identified as Joshua Colby Brooks) hit him in the side with a Mag-lite. At the same time, he saw the axe



On 12/04/03 Jason P. Abad participated in a home invasion robbery at a residence off Lem Turner Road, in Callahan, FL. During the robbery, one victim was struck in the head with an axe. One of the participants in the robbery was armed with a .40 caliber handgun. Anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts is urged to contact Detective Jon Booth (904/548-4049) at the Nassau County Sheriff's Office.

Jason Abad should be considered armed - use caution.

descending and jumped back just enough to keep it from splitting open his head. The glancing blow hit his left eyebrow and he fell backward but did not lose his footing.

As Crystal ran with her child to the bedroom where Justin was sleeping, Marsh began yelling for his son to wake up. The thugs pushed past Marsh into the house, one still threatening him with the axe, while the other three followed Crystal into the bedroom. One grabbed her by the throat, choked her then threw her to the floor, where she fell between the bed and nightstand.

Justin awakened to blows

WANTED

JASON ABAD

Sex: Male DOB: 10/29/82

Ht.: 5'10"

VIOLATION: WANTED FOR HOME INVASION, ROBBERY, AGGRAVATED BATTERY, ATTEMPTED MURDER

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 8510 DANDY AVE. JACKSONVILLE 32211

on his head from the Mag-lite and the butt of a gun. When the intruders put a pillow on his head and threatened to shoot him, he lunged out of bed and was able to throw off his attackers.

"He's got the axe!"

Meanwhile, in the living room Marsh said he managed to wrest the axe from his assailant. Marsh grabbed him around the neck and said he was ready to bash his head on the fireplace when, in response to the crook's cries ("He's got the axe, he's got the axe!"), two of the men in the bedroom

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Voting – our privilege and responsibility



From the Director

by Ann Dugger

In just a few more days, all citizens of the United States of America will have the awesome privilege of selecting the leaders who will govern our country – and impact the world – in the years to come. Every election is important, but so many vital issues are at stake today, we must carefully and prayerfully choose leaders who will make decisions

that uphold the standards upon which this nation was founded.

Besides supporting legislation regarding the sanctity of life and marriage, protecting our country and promoting the general wellbeing of its citizens, one of the most important and far-reaching responsibilities of a President is to appoint judges. Judges have tremendous power – some are wielding more than was originally intended – and can literally change the course of our nation for generations to come.

Author Mark Twain, an avowed

agnostic, wrote one of the most profound essays I've ever read on the subject of voting. Published in *Collier's* magazine (Sept. 2, 1905), Twain's *Christian Citizenship* essay states (in part):

"It will be conceded, and with strong emphasis, that a Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them. Whenever he shall do that, he will not find himself voting for an unclean man, a dishonest man. Whenever a Christian votes, he votes against God or for Him... If

Christians should vote their duty to God at the polls, they would carry every election, and do it with ease. Can a man imagine such a thing as God being a Republican or a Democrat, and voting for a criminal or a blackguard merely because party loyalty required it? Then can we imagine that a man can improve upon God's attitude in this matter, and by help of professional politicians invent a better policy? God has no politics but cleanliness and honesty, and it is good enough for men..."

Someone recently sent me an email which contained the following

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