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## County Celebrates 07 Earth Day with HUGE More Bark Chipper

report/photos by George Peabody

At the Landfill at Naiwa, a new recycling machine is in operation, chipping, shredding greenwaste material into useable garden mulch that is FREE to the public. The new chipper was brought to the landfill last week, and it has already created a huge mountain of recycleable greenwaste garden mulch. "Come and get some!" says Kawika Crivello who operates the dozer and the chipper while the loader is operated by Issiah Emmanuel. Crivello said they will load your truck free with the chipped material. Great for mulch to conserve water, keep moisture in the garden soil and recycle green material for compost.

The Opala Hill sight is managed by Rudy Cabanting and his bulldozer.

Dwayne Kala continues to manage the Recycling Center, and Laurence Kalilikani & Co. will soon be removing metals. Happy Earth Day Molokai!



## Are GMOs related to Bee Die Off?

Paul Joseph Watson • *Prison Planet* • Tuesday, April 10, 2007

The alarming decline in bee populations across the United States and Europe represents a potential ecological apocalypse, an environmental catastrophe that could collapse the food chain and wipe out humanity. Who and what is behind this flagrant abuse of the eco-system?

Many people don't realize the vital role bees play in maintaining a balanced eco-system. According to experts, if bees were to become extinct then humanity would perish after just four years.

"If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe then man would only have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man," said Albert Einstein.

Others would say four years is alarmist and that man would find other food sources, but the fact remains that the disappearance of bees is potentially devastating to agriculture and most plant life.

Reports that bee populations are declining at rates of up to 80% in areas of the U.S. and Europe should set alarm bells ringing and demand immediate action on behalf of environmental organizations. Experts are calling the worrying trend "colony collapse disorder" or CCD.

"Bee numbers on parts of the east coast and in Texas have fallen by more than 70 percent, while California has seen colonies drop by 30 to 60 percent," reports AFP.

"Approximately 40 percent of my 2,000 colonies are currently dead and this is the greatest winter colony mortality I have ever experienced in my 30 years of beekeeping," apiarist Gene Brandi, from the California State Beekeepers Association, told Congress recently.

The article states that U.S. bee colonies have been dropping since 1980 and the number of beekeepers have halved.

Scientists are thus far stumped as to what is causing the decline, ruling out parasites but leaning towards some kind of new toxin or chemical used in agriculture as being responsible. "Experts believe that the large-scale use of genetically modified plants in the US could be a factor," reports Germany's Spiegel Online.

Bee populations throughout Germany have simultaneously dropped 25% and up to 80% in some areas. Poland, Switzerland and Spain are reporting similar declines. Studies have shown that bees are not dying in the hive, something is causing them to lose their sense of orientation so that they cannot return to the hive. Depleted hives are not being raided for their honey by other insects, which normally happens when bees naturally die in the winter, clearly suggesting some kind of poisonous toxin is driving them away.

"In many cases, scientists have found evidence of almost all known bee viruses in the few surviving bees found in the hives after most have disappeared. Some had five or six infections at the same time and were infested with fungi -- a sign, experts say, that the insects' immune system may have collapsed."

A study at the University of Jena from 2001 to 2004 showed that toxins from a genetically modified maize variant designed to repel insects, when combined with a parasite, resulted in a "significantly stronger decline in the number of bees" than normal.

"According to Hans-Hinrich Kaatz, a professor at the University of Halle in eastern Germany and the director of the study, the bacterial toxin in the genetically modified corn may have "altered the surface of the bee's intestines, sufficiently weakening the bees to allow the parasites to gain entry -- or perhaps it was the other way around. We don't know."

Kaatz was desperate to continue his studies but funding was cut off.





### Molokai High School Honors Q-3

The Principal's Honors List are students who earned Mark Point Averages of 4.000 or above while enrolled in six or more courses, four or more of which are solid courses. For the third quarter of the 2006-2007 school year:

Grade 9: Courtney Albino, Sasha Ritte-Juario, Kealohapauole Will.

Grade 10: Estrella Madani.

Grade 11: Ayla Bicoy, Arian Blair, Tesia Hirose, Tierra Madani, Kelsy Takashima.

Grade 12: Tiana Conley, Ariel Keanini, Clinton Manley, Kimberly Mokuau, Anuhea Naeole, Allen-Marie Tancayo, Jeanette Tensfeldt, Zaneta Whitten, Hanson Wong.

The Honor Roll students who earned Mark Point Averages of 3.500 to 4.000 for the third quarter of the 2006-2007 school year are:

Grade 9: Leilani Ahina, Julien Bumatay, Kilohoku Dunnam, Ceriann Espiritu, Aulani Hiro, Danna-Lynn Hooper-Juario, Maluhia Mendes-Medeiros, Kerianne Mokuau, Cesar Navarro, Candice Pauole, Justine Sanchez.

Grade 10: Kailana Estrella, Ryan Johnston, Colton Manley, John Rosales.

Grade 11: Kristan Forsberg, Cheyanne Kelihoomalua, Jireh Torres-Umi.

Grade 12: Carl Adolpho, Aolani Ahina, Pualalea Alcon, Frank-Charles Borden, Kristina Cacpal, Dexter Candelario, Jaimie Casino, Henry Corpuz, Rayna-Mae Hiro, Matthew Kelly, Kirk Kiaha, Joseph Masui, Justin Neuhart, Deisha Pico.

The Honorable Mention students who earned Mark Point Averages of 3.000 to 3.499 for the first quarter of the 2001-2002 school year are:

Grade 9: Chenoa Ahuna-Kaai, Herbert Antolin, Lynsey Dudoit-Alapai, Jamie Duvauchelle, Jo Duvauchelle, Shae'lee Hirashima, Mason Horner, Kaprice Ingram Aki, Brennan Lee-Namakaeha, Jonathan Linkee-Espaniola, Jesse Lite, Kanahele Montizor, Alvin Ringor, Eric Sasada.

Grade 10: Josephine Adolpho, Joseph Akaka, Kuulei Alameida, Petrena Alvarez, Cristy Bali, Sabryna Corpuz, Alaysha Duvauchelle-Greenleaf, Courtney Keanini, Alanna Kong, Courtney Makaena, Dianna Ocampo, Chase Pico, Erial Puaoi, Kaohela Ritte-Camara, Micah Ritte-Manangan, Macy Simmons, Chentel Villa.

Grade 11: Whitney Apo, Alea Arce, Kaylene Bettencourt, Kuilauokalani Chow, Patty-Ann Copperfield, Rose Dudoit, Joseph Kahee V, Chelsea Kapuni, Christine Keliikuli-Peters, Donovan Keliipuleole, Nicolette Montizor, K-Cel Pawn-Kalilikane, Daniel Pelekane-Tamashiro, Poemaleilani Pescaia, Kian Phillips, James Puaa-Spencer, Nelson Rapanot, Adrianna Sibayan, Amber Sterner, Ashley Sullivan, Kegal-Joe Tancayo, Rusty Valdez, Chase Will.

Grade 12: Jose Alberto Clemente, Riley Domingo, Keoki Gramberg, Ricky Greenleaf, Mei-Lee Kahee, Joreen Kepa, Steven Likua, Punahela Luafalemana, Amy Luuloa-Kealaiki, Shardaie Maliu-Calaio, Vanalouise Montizor, Timothy Motas, Jonelle Nahoopii-Kauuwai, Jeremy Nakaza-Koizumi, Anthony Pineda-Akiona, Ashley Ponce, Chelae Primacio, Patricia Quintua, Coreyllyn Remegio, Kaenaokala Sproat-Albino, Tyler Sullivan, Corey Vianzos, Nickolas Woolsey.



### Birth Announcements

Baby girl **Skye Malia Hokulani Ka'awa-Caparida** was born on April 6, 2007 to Kristie Caparida and Lani Caparida. Baby Skye was born weighing 7 lbs. 7.5 oz and 20 inches, at Molokai General Hospital. Baby Skye's grandparents are Diane & Harvey Ahina, Sr. from Nanakuli, Oahu and Judy & Cappy Caparida of Moloka'i. She has five siblings, Precious, Kaipo, Noah, Hauoli and Shiloh.

Baby girl **Sadona Riley James** was born to Patricia Guay and Jonas James on April 14, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21.5 inches at birth according to Moloka'i General Hospital Certified Nurse Midwife Brigid Mulloy. Isla James, isbaby Sadona's big sister.

### OBITUARY

FLORA BINONGCAL CARRANCHO, 70, of Honolulu, died April 7, 2007. Born in the Philippines. Retired longtime care-home operator. Survived by children, Nanette Eleccion, Audie, Allen, Nora Asuncion, Aurora Sera and Elmer; 16 grandchildren; brothers, Artemio, George and Agustin Reyes; sister, Carolina Aranda. Visitation 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Kalihi Union Church; service 7 p.m. Burial 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Hawaiian Memorial Park.

### Molokai General Hospital Names New Medical Director

Molokai General Hospital (MGH) has announced that it is restructuring its medical leadership. Effective April 1, 2007, Dr. William Thomas has taken on the medical leadership of the hospital as Medical Director, Clinical and Internal Affairs. Thomas joined MGH in 2002 and has been the Chief of Staff since 2004. He staffs the MGH Rural Health Clinic as an internist. Dr. Thomas is a graduate of the John A. Burns School of Medicine and a recipient of the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship. He has been the medical director for Na Pu'uwai, Moloka'i's Native Hawaiian health system since 2002. He is on the faculty of the University of Hawai'i Department of Medicine and is a trustee for The Queens Health Systems.

Dr. N. Emmett Aluli, who has served as Medical Executive Director since 1995, has been named Medical Director, External Affairs. This restructuring will allow Dr. Aluli to devote more time to his private practice and to Molokai General Hospital's considerable external communication needs. He will continue to lead the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. He is also an active member of the Native Hawaiian Physicians Association (Ahahui O Na Kauka), the Kamehameha Schools and the Trust for Public Lands Advisory Boards.

This new model takes advantage of the considerable strengths of each of these extraordinarily talented physicians ensuring provision of the best health-care possible at Molokai General Hospital.

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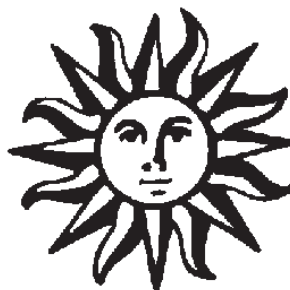
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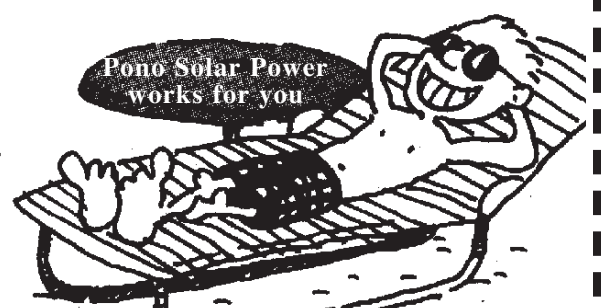
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## Molokai's Forum For Freedom Individual's Sovereignty vs Slavery

by George Peabody ph. 558-8253 email:

"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."—

**Bill of Rights 2nd Amendment:**  
**"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."**

**Wake up militia! Use it , or lose it ! Got your gun, yet?**

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, or fortunes and our sacred honor." (Decl. of Indep.)

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, and, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."- John Locke

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable." -- Robert F. Kennedy

"Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." T.J.

## Enforce the Bill of Rights !

### WACO 1993: Murder by Government. Special Place in Hell for MURDERERS!



## Notice to Police Officers: In memory of those 78 innocent men, women, children at Waco 1993, mass-murdered by "law enforcement" .....

by George Peabody

The Community supports Peace Officers, but such are hard to find these days since Law Enforcement Police Officers are trained to be para military soldiers without heads who execute without question as they are trained to take and follow orders from fascist Administrators and fascist judges against non-criminals.

Look what so called Law Enforcement people did at Waco in 1993: mass murder of mostly senior citizens, women, young children in an assault operation on the Davidian Church compound as a fund raising demonstration they called "Operation Show Time" that became the worst openly conducted mass murder by government in USA using the wrath of the full force of law enforcement BATF-FBI/military powers to show Congress they need more funding.

Then there is the lawenforcement collusion in Oaklahoma City Federal Building bombing with BATF et al behind the scenes. There the big one we now call "911" when military drone jets were crashed into Twin Towers, then bombs pre installed in them and Building 7 were detonated for controlled demolition and taking at least 3,000 innocent people to their death. The evidence presented in 911-Loose Change video documentary says Law Enforcement Bush etal did it in an act of TREASON and MASS MURDER.

Police Officers need to become Peace Officers to regain community support.

You had to take an Oath of Office prior to your assuming your position as a police officer, in which you solemnly swore to uphold and defend the Constitution for the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic. Did you mean that Oath, or were you perjuring yourself?

A soldier's Nuremburg defense, that he was not allowed to think for himself, just following Hitler's orders, doing my job when he is executing the orders given him by his superiors, is no defense against criminal acts you commit.

Likewise, in the Viet Nam war, Lt. William Calley was placed on trial for the March 16, 1968 My Lai Massacre in which numerous innocent women and children were slaughtered who had no part in the war. As his defense, he argued that he was just following orders. In both circumstances, this defense argument did not prevail. It was thus well established that everyone has an overriding duty to think for themselves and act accordingly based upon self-evident truth.

We hired you to keep your Oath, and to think Before you turn on your red lights and siren, ask yourself if the driver ahead of you committed a crime for which the victim must justly be compensated. And ask yourself if this person you are about to pull over will receive a trial by jury on what you are about to charge him with. If neither is the case, you have a constitutional duty and mandate to refrain from citing him. Remember, "Just doing my job," in contravention of the Constitution, is not the work of a police officer, but a terrorist overthrowing this country. This is America, and under your Oath of Office, you have a duty to defend the Constitution for the United States of America.

If Linda Lingle's State policy dictates that the person you are about to cite is not going to receive a trial by jury, you have a responsibility and a duty to defend that person against the sinister plot that has been perpetrated against every American in Hawaii, designed only to financially profit the politicians who created the policy to supersede our Constitution. We did NOT hire police officers on the road with instructions that it is their duty to uphold and defend departmental policy AGAINST the the constitutional provision that everyone is entitled to a trial by jury, or to arrest someone for exercising 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms for self protection.

If you police officers want to make a positive difference in Hawaii, uphold your Oath of Office as a PEACE officer, and refuse to arrest anyone for non-jury offenses, and sustain this practice until the legislators who devised this plot, reinstate the constitutional right of a jtrial by jury. May God give you the strength, fortitude, and courage to do what you know is right! The future of your children and mine, and the Freedom of all Americans, is at stake.

## Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights!

Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man.

**Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !**

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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## Who Could Stop the Virginia State Tech College Killer?

The answer: Any law abiding sovereign American Citizen exercising his 2nd Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and inalienable God-given Right to self protection recognized and protected by the Bill of Rights.

So, how is it that 32 people were murdered April 16, 2007 on the Virginia Tech campus, and no one had any effective self defense against it?

First, students and staff were DISARMED, the college declared a gun free zone. THEN, the conditions were inviting for a mass murder without resistance.

The students at Virginia Tech were literally sitting targets. Legislation that would have allowed students and faculty with concealed carry permits to have firearms on campus was rejected by the state legislature one year ago. Virginia Tech officials praised the legislature for rejecting the 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms on campus. They said this made the campus a safe place for students and faculty.

On April 16, a lone gunman managed to walk on campus safe in the knowledge that he alone was armed. His first shooting was at 7:15 am in a dorm. Two hours later, police had still not arrived, and on the opposite of campus, he killed the bulk of his victims, 30.

"Any politician who won't trust you with the weapon of your choice clearly cannot be trusted with the power he desires over your life." - Alexander Hope

"The Gun-Free-School law is a cruel hoax that costs lives," said Alan Korwin, author of Gun Laws of America. "Time and time again, psychotic killers are using the law to provide a safe haven, where they are the only people with guns."

It's no surprise these madmen never attack gun stores, police stations, military facilities or other places where people are known to be armed, and news reports tend to overlook this point. They don't even want to talk about students having the right to keep and bear arms on campus.

Emmanuel College professor has been fired for expressing his belief through a demonstration how an armed student could have saved some or all of the victims at Virginia Tech. I kid you not. The Adjunct Professor of Financial Accounting was terminated and barred from the Massachusetts campus when his superiors learned of Professor Nicholas Winset's skit demonstrating that a student, legally armed with a concealed handgun at Virginia Tech, might have saved lives.

Even the recent U.S. District Court ruling in Washington D.C. affirmed an individual American citizen's right to keep and bear arms under Article II. Indeed

Hoplophobic (gun-fearing) teacher's unions, school administrators and many legislators project their fears onto the system and disarm honest people, instead of taking prudent steps to protect the kids from a known menace.

Hoplophobia is a poorly understood morbid fear of weapons that afflicts millions of people worldwide, especially politicians and tyrants, dictators.

This VT gun free zone law is irrational, which is a sign of hoplophobic behavior. They have disarmed the wrong people and left our schools, and the children inside, vulnerable to this kind of atrocity.

"We need empowerment, not avoidance," Korwin says, who believes that properly trained and prepared teachers are at least one prudent step to take against a rash of homicidal maniacs preying on schools.

Several states have introduced Gun-Free-Zone-Liability laws, which would allow people to make the arbitrary and unenforced gun-free zones, but would hold them liable for any harm the zones facilitate. It is believed this would make people think twice about making the dangerous and negligent zones. Sample bill language is here: <http://www.gunlaws.com/GFZ/index.htm>

An unintended consequence of the federal gun-free-school-zones law, 18 USC 922(q), is to criminalize millions of citizens who travel near schools. Because the law stipulates a 1,000-foot gun-free perimeter around schools, virtually all private travel with firearms in American cities violates the law. The law is a travesty needing repeal.

### **Confronting Violent Criminals is YOUR Responsibility**

Unfortunately, Liberals have already disarmed the people, psychologically. People are afraid to defend themselves. The students at Virginia Tech were afraid to respond. They didn't know how to respond. They have been trained to think responding is wrong. Morally wrong.

Thus, they are totally weak, and unprepared. They can only be victims.

People are afraid to take the responsibility of owning and learning to use a weapon. That's a 'dirty job,' and we pay other people to do it, assigned to trained professionals, and most people deem themselves above such concerns, paying others to protect us— obviously, they can't. It is logistically impossible and irrational to think they can.) People have been liberally trained to think that owning a weapon, and knowing how to use it, is a heathen sort of thing. Liberals manipulate the conscience, and thus disarm the public. Thus liberals prepare the scene for murderers, terrorists, and other satanic perverts.

Instead of this, people need to be re-trained to respond immediately--with violence in taking the killer out, immediately. Respond to violence with violence--immediately, without hesitation, without thought, and without error.

The killer is expecting a free ride. Resistance would terrify him. In a group situation, someone might indeed get killed, but, if the group responded, the matter would be ended quickly. A whole new psychology needs to be put in place. People not only have the right to defend themselves--with force, but also people have the responsibility to defend themselves--and their fellow citizens.

We need to know that it is our right and responsibility to defend ourselves.

### **KENNESAW, Georgia STATE: GUNS REQUIRED**

This little town witnessed a dramatic plunge in crime and violence after mandating residents to own firearms. In March 1982, 25 years ago, the small town of Kennesaw unanimously passed an ordinance requiring each head of household to own and maintain a gun. Since then, despite dire predictions of "Wild West" showdowns and increased violence and accidents, not a single resident has been

involved in a fatal shooting as a victim, attacker or defender. The crime rate initially plummeted for several years after the passage of the ordinance, with the 2005 per capita crime rate actually significantly lower than it was in 1981, the year before passage of the law. Prior to enactment of the law, Kennesaw had a population of just 5,242 but a crime rate significantly higher than the national average. The 2005 crime rate is still much lower than national despite the population has skyrocketed to 28,189. People like freedom and personal security.

A recent Reuters story went on to report: "Since the Virginia Tech shootings, some conservative U.S. talk show hosts have rejected attempts to link the massacre to the availability of guns, arguing that had students been allowed to carry weapons on campus someone might have been able to shoot the killer."

Tennessee legislature moves to allow guns in public buildings at the April 18 House meeting the panel voted to repeal a state law that forbids the carrying of handguns on property and buildings owned by state, county and city governments — including parks and playgrounds.

"I think the recent Virginia disaster - or catastrophe or nightmare or whatever you want to call it - has woken up a lot of people to the need for having guns available to law-abiding citizens," said Rep. Frank Niceley, R-Strawberry Plains.

Why did it take police 2 hrs to respond in Virginia Tech case? Reports are that the Feds Ordered VA Police To Stand Down Local authorities were told to take no action to pursue killer, according to a report by Paul Joseph Watson.

Police and EMT workers at Virginia Tech tell us that campus police were given a federal order to stand down and not pursue killer Cho Seung-Hui as Monday's bloodshed unfolded.

Though wishing to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, we have received calls from police and EMT's who tell us that a stand down order was in place, and this is also confirmed by eyewitness Matt Kazee, who is a Blacksburg local.

Kazee talked to local EMT's and police who told him the same thing, that the order was to wait until federal back up arrived before any action was taken. This explains the complete non-response of the police in the two hour gap between Cho's first two murders and the wider rampage that followed without resistance.

Virginia is a concealed carry state and yet Virginia Tech campus recently enforced a policy prohibiting "unauthorized possession, storage or control" of firearms on campus. According to gun rights activists such as Aaron Zelman of Jews For The Preservation of Firearms, VA Tech has "blood on its hands" for disarming the victims who could potentially have defended themselves against the killer. These disasters happen BECAUSE of gun restrictions, and murderers are stopped by law abiding citizens with guns, sometimes cops, more often citizens.

In fact, pro-gun forces just last year tried to get the Virginia legislature to address the problem. The bill to allow permit holders to carry on state-supported college campuses died, due in no small part to rabid opposition from VT spokesman Larry Hincker put it this way after it became obvious that the bill would not pass: "I'm sure the university community is appreciative of the General Assembly's actions because this will help parents, students, faculty and visitors feel safe on our campus."

**ARMED college Students at nearby Appalachian School of Law managed to stop a gunman at that institution, just a couple years ago.**

The overall message that GOA is delivering is that gun prohibitions are part of the problem, not the solution.

### **Unarmed and vulnerable**

by Bradford B. Wiles, a graduate student at Virginia Tech.

On Aug. 21 at about 9:20 a.m., my graduate-level class was evacuated from the Squires Student Center. We were interrupted in class and not informed of anything other than the following words: "You need to get out of the building."

Upon exiting the classroom, we were met at the doors leading outside by two armor-clad policemen with fully automatic weapons, plus their side arms. Once outside, there were several more officers with either fully automatic rifles and pump shotguns, and policemen running down the street, pistols drawn.

I had no viable means of protecting myself. I am licensed to carry a concealed handgun in the commonwealth of Virginia, and do so on a regular basis. However, because I am a Virginia Tech student, I am prohibited from carrying at school because of Virginia Tech's student policy, which makes possession of a handgun an expellable offense, but not a prosecutable crime.

I had entrusted my safety, and the safety of others to the police. Now I never want to have my safety fully in the hands of anyone else, including the police.

Second, I considered bringing my gun with me to campus, but did not due to the obvious risk of losing my graduate career, which is ridiculous because had I been shot and killed, there would have been no graduate career for me anyway.

Third, and most important, I am trained and able to carry a concealed handgun almost anywhere in Virginia and other states that have reciprocity with Virginia, but cannot carry where I spend more time than anywhere, as if somehow, I become a threat to others when I carry my gun onto Virginia Tech's campus.

Of all of the emotions and thoughts that were running through my head that morning, the most overwhelming one was of helplessness.

I would also like to point out that when I mentioned to a professor that I would feel safer with my gun, this is what she said to me, "I would feel safer if you had your gun."

The policy that forbids students who are legally licensed to carry in Virginia needs to be changed.

I am qualified and capable of carrying a concealed handgun and urge you to work with me to allow my most basic right of self-defense, and eliminate my entrusting my safety and the safety of my classmates to the government.

This incident makes it clear that it is time that Virginia Tech and the commonwealth of Virginia let me take responsibility for my safety.

**YES! ENFORCE THE BILL OF RIGHTS, OR DIE !**