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**VIRGINIA TECH MASSACRE**  
**State declares a day of mourning**

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*The Associated Press*

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The governor declared today a day of mourning for the victims at Virginia Tech as experts pored over Cho Seung-Hui's twisted writings and parents urged everyone else to focus on healing from the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

Churches around the country, from

California to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., planned vigils and prayer services for the 32 victims.

In Virginia, Gov. Timothy Kaine called for a moment of silence at noon. Before that, Virginia Tech alumni and supporters gathered at intersections in the Richmond area, waving maroon-and-orange flags emblazoned with the school logo, and carrying posters exhorting drivers to

honk for their school. The sound of the horns showing support around them was deafening.

"We want the world to know and celebrate our children's lives, and we believe that's the central element that brings hope in the midst of great tragedy," said Peter Read, whose 19-year-old daughter, Mary Karen Read, was killed. "These kids were the best that their generation has to

offer."

Peter Read and other parents urged television stations to stop broadcasting the hate-filled videos of Cho, the 23-year-old English major who carried out the killings, and several networks agreed to scale back.

As the families began burying the victims, investigators worked on the evidence and looked into the warning signs

in Cho's past, including two stalking complaints against him and a psychiatric hospital visit in which he was found to be a danger to himself.

Police filed a search warrant for a laptop and cell phone used by one of the first victims, Emily Hilscher, who was shot in a dormitory.

"The computer would be one way the  
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**A Taste for a Dream**



**Above:** Bowling Green Technical College culinary students Kendra Russell (left) and Abby Hatcher prepare Pavlova, an Australian/New Zealand dessert at A Taste of Bowling Green on Thursday night at the Sloan Convention Center. **Below:** Katie Jamiolkowski (left) and Brandy Woods serve chicken wings and ribs from Buffalo Wild Wings to Pippa and Dennis Stewart (right). The event raised money for the Dream Factory.

Photos by David W. Smith/Daily News

**Crowd trolls for food at fundraiser**

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Nearly 800 people swarmed the Sloan Convention Center on Thursday night to get a taste of the city's offerings and to benefit charity.

The Kentucky Restaurant Association's annual Taste of Bowling Green featured 39 vendors, live music by Skip Bond and the Fugitives, and an auction that raised \$800 for The Dream Factory, a national organization that grants dreams to chronically and critically ill children.

Proceeds from the \$35 tickets benefit the charity and the event has raised more than \$80,000 for it in the past five years, said Tyler Bronger, past president of KRA's southcentral chapter.

Although ticket sales weren't tallied by this morning, he said 28 patron sponsors each contributed \$200 and 11 table sponsors each gave \$1,000 for a total of \$16,600.

This year, Wha Bah Steelhorse Ranch won the best decorated booth contest among vendors, followed by the Hartland Cafe inside the Holiday Inn and Bowling Green Technical College's Culinary Arts Program.

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**Judge  
faces  
penalty**

Browning suspended for two weeks after denying bail for 17 Hispanics

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A judge for Logan and Todd counties waived formal proceedings and accepted a two-week suspension without pay for denying bail to 17 Hispanic defendants last year.

The Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission — the only entity authorized under the Kentucky Constitution to take disciplinary action against a sitting Kentucky judge — entered the order of suspension for District Court Judge Sue Carol Browning on Wednesday through a public order of findings and conclusions.

The order was based on an investigation that followed a complaint filed last year by Paul Witte, a pastoral associate for a Catholic church in Elkton. The action taken by the commission is final unless it's appealed to the state Supreme Court.

A special judge will be appointed to oversee Browning's docket during her two-week suspension.

Browning, 43, of Auburn is a graduate of the University of Louisville law school and said in a

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**WKU grade  
system nixed**

Provost rules to hold off on the change

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Western Kentucky University will not see a change in its grading system — at least not for now.

Provost Barbara Burch told the University Senate on Thursday that it should be done in a way to support the best interest of the students, and she didn't think now was "the right time to change the system."

The resolution to implement a plus-minus grading system passed the University Senate 36-23 in March. The new grading system would have started with new undergraduate and graduate students for the fall 2008 semester. That means students coming in would be on the plus-minus system, while current students could opt for the new system or stay on the traditional grading system.

With passage from the Senate, the decision

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