

Mini Corvette practice

The Atmos Energy Mini Corvette team (from left) McKinley Coleman, Ryan Downing, Derrick Johns and T.J. Simmons change a tire while driver Jeff Morgan waits during Thursday's Junior Achievement Mini Corvette Challenge kickoff reception in the downtown U.S. Bank parking garage. The event is Saturday at Greenwood Mall.

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suspect could have communicated Several students and staff wore with the victim," the warrant said. but it offered no basis for a belief that Cho might have been in contact with her.

Investigators are "making some really great progress" into determining how and why the shootings happened, Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said today. She said they hope to have something to tell the public next week.

The governor also appointed an independent panel that includes former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to look into how authorities handled the tragedy.

Ridge said today that the group would look into the time lapse and how students were notified of the dangers, and whether privacy laws and the need to communicate for safety conflicted, among other

"This was out-and-out murder," Ridge said. "This was a horribly,

horribly deranged young man." At worship hall in State College, the family of shooting victim Jeremy Herbstritt sat quietly as students and staff lit candles Thursday and signed a condolence

Virginia Tech sweat shirts.

Private funeral ceremonies were Thursday for Egyptian Waleed Mohammed Shaalan and Partahi Mamora Halomoan Lumbantoruan of Indonesia. Engineering professor Liviu Librescu, a Holocaust survivor whose family says tried to save his students amid the shooting Monday, was buried in Israel.

Cho's videos, which were mailed to NBC the morning of the killings, revealed a man angry at the world but offered little explanation of why, other than rambling tirades against rich kids, snobs and people who had wronged him. As experts analyzed the disturb-

ing materials, it became increasingly clear that Cho was almost a classic case of a school shooter: a painfully awkward, picked-on young man who lashed out with methodical fury at a world he believed was out to get him.

"In virtually every regard, Cho is prototypical of mass killers that I've studied in the past 25 years," said Northeastern University criminal justice professor James Alan Fox, co-author of 16 books on banner about the graduate student. crime. "That doesn't mean, how-"We will remember" read a ever, that one could have predicted large sign near the front of the hall. his rampage."

When criminologists and psychologists look at mass murders, Cho fits the themes they see repeatedly: a friendless figure, someone who has been bullied, someone who blames others and is bent on revenge, a careful planner, a male. And someone who saw warning signs in his strange behavior long in advance.

Among other things, the South Korean immigrant was sent to a psychiatric hospital and pronounced an imminent danger to himself. He was accused of stalking two women and photographing female students in class with his cell phone. And his violencefilled writings were so disturbing he was removed from one class, and professors begged him to get counseling.

Cho rarely looked anyone in the eye and did not even talk to his own roommates.

He described himself in his video diatribe as a persecuted figure like Jesus Christ. Cho, who came to the U.S. at about age 8 in 1992 and whose parents worked at a dry cleaners in suburban Washington, also ranted against rich "brats" with Mercedes, gold necklaces, cognac and trust funds.

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Commission says 10 of 17 had no court date after being jailed

docket during her 15-day suspension, beginning April 28.

"I want the people of Logan and Todd counties to know that I was trying my best to deal with a difficult legal issue. ...," Browning wrote. "This has been very difficult for me, my family and my friends. I am very grateful for the overwhelming support which I have received and the assurance that everyone who knows me well, knew I was struggling to do the right thing in very challenging circumstances, and that I have never exhibited nor felt any bias or prejudice against any race or nationality."

The Judicial Conduct Commission found 10 of the 17 defendants weren't given a court date after being jailed without bail. Some of the defendants were released through the writ of habeaus corpus issued by Circuit Court Judge Tyler Gill soon after the incidents, which occurred in late August and September.

But "some had been held without bail for more than three weeks," the commission said.

The commission also said it was Browning's duty as district judge to give the defendants the anyone. right to bail, and that "it should have been obvious to Judge Browning as a judge sworn to support the Constitution that her denial of the right to bail in 17 cases was seriously wrong.'

Witte said Browning overstepped her authority, and that's what prompted his complaint.

"I felt like she was targeting the undocumented people in an unjust way and (the suspension) indicates that was true," Witte said. "She's not lost her job. She's been reprimanded and I think that will send a message to other judges that there are limitations in what you can do."

Witte has been in Washington this week lobbying for immigration legislation.

"It's a real problem that Judge Browning was trying to address – in the wrong way – but it is a last year against Allen and Simp-problem," Witte said. "I work son District Judge Frank Wake-

schedule to minimize the court panic immigrants. I know a lot of good people and when I saw a judge abusing them, I just could-

n't stand by it and do nothing." Bowling Green attorney Alan Simpson, who represented some of the defendants jailed last year, said Congress must take action.

"The lack of initiative on their part to deal with this is leading to problems all over the country, especially in border states," Witte said.

Simpson said it's unfortunate that it takes a complaint to gain someone's attention, but after seeing how Browning handled a recent case - involving Hispanic immigrant Miguel Abraham and a minor traffic offense – he's hopeful Browning's judicial behavior has changed its tune.

In Abraham's case, Simpson said his client was only a given a fine, and that Browning did not insist on incarceration.

In December, Simpson filed a motion for Browning to recuse herself from Abraham's case because of suspected bias against Hispanics. Browning overruled Simpson's motion, saying she didn't recuse herself because she had never discriminated against

"I am encouraged by my recent case in Todd County that Judge Browning will approach these matters in a different way, and I'm also encouraged that she has agreed to the suspension, ... she is acknowledging that her conduct went too far in detaining people without bail," Simpson said. "As long as a judge affords everyone the same constitutional rights, everyone will be treated equally. And if our judges will simply follow the constitution, they shouldn't find themselves in a similar

Another judge in southcentral Kentucky could be disciplined after two incidents in an Allen County courtroom left people outraged.

A complaint to the Judicial Conduct Commission was filed

statement that she rearranged her personally and directly with His-field, after Wakefield's "brow beating of one of the custodians, because the custodian could be heard cleaning the office next door," said Robert Pitchford, publisher of the Allen County Citi-

zen-Times. Former Allen County Judge-Executive Johnny Hobdy filed the complaint, according to Pitch-

Within weeks of the incident, Pitchford said Wakefield became "enraged" in court after hearing someone's cell phone power

Pitchford said a story published by the Citizen-Times described how Wakefield put an entire courtroom under arrest and ordered bailiffs to confiscate everyone's cell phones, which were held until the end of court that day.

'There are several different doubts of the constitutionality of this," Pitchford said.

Pitchford said there have been several letters to the editor concerning "Judge Wakefield and his antics," he said.

"He has publicly berated members of the state police, in his courtroom, in front of the very people the state police had arrested," Pitchford said. "He has questioned the ethics of members of the press - he continuously questions the first amendment."

The Judicial Conduct Commission can take action against a judge for "improper courtroom decorum," which means "improper conduct while on the bench, expressions of bias based on race, gender, or ethnicity and rude, abusive or otherwise improper treatment of parties, counsel, witnesses, jurors, court staff and others," according to the commission's Web site.

Jim Lawson, the spokesman for the commission, said this morning he couldn't verify that a complaint against Wakefield had been filed because of state Supreme Court rules. "Unless a charge is filed in a

case, or an order is released, everything else remains confidential," Lawson said.

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Great food, 'family reunion' atmosphere provide for fun evening

The contest is a way to reward had an "around the world theme," vendors that "go above and with foods from Germany, Italy, beyond" normal table decor, Bronger said. There is no best-said the school's goal was "to tasting food competition, he show off what we can do – a lot of added, because the restaurant association believes "everyone brings delicious food."

bit stressful because she couldn't secure a table, but this year she

made some strategic changes. "I use my husband to carry my

stuff around," Jones said. student, said his school's table

Greece, India and Australia. He people don't look at us like a top name" among culinary programs. Byron Palmiter, assistant man-Kristy Jones, 22, of Bowling ager of Tumbleweed Restaurant

Green noted that it's easy to & Grill, recommended that peoovereat at the event, as she ple pace themselves for a long returned to her table with a plate night of eating as they strolled stocked with food from the Culi- through a thick crowd. Admittedly biased about Tumbleweed, he She said last year's event was a said Wha Bah's food was also worthy of sampling.

Kevin Dillard, 32, of Bowling Green said while there was no shortage of food to forage, the event also represents a chance to Robert Douthitt, a culinary arts see people, such as old high school friends and family friends,

that he seldom gets to visit any-

"It's almost like a family reunion when you come here,' Dillard added.

Also on hand was Anne Bunger, national director of The Dream Factory. She called Taste of Bowling Green "amazing," as it compares favorably to other events she's attended in other places.

Bunger said 70 percent of children who the charity helps request trips to Disney World. Other popular wishes granted are chances to meet American Idol contestants and professional athletes. Some teenagers even opt to go on an electronics spending spree, she said.







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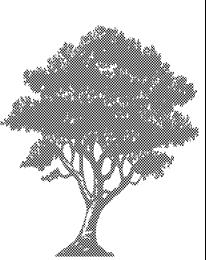
WASHINGTON (AP) The liberal group MoveOn.org is launching an ad against Republican John McCain and his joke about bombing Iran, arguing that the nation "can't afford another reckless president.'

McCain, campaigning Wednesday in South Carolina, answered a question about military action against Iran with the chorus of the surf-rocker classic "Barbara Ann."

"That old, eh, that old Beach Boys song, Bomb Iran," he said. "Bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb, anyway, ah ...'

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