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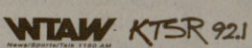
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## Friends, family mourn last 3 shooting victims

FORT WORTH AP) — Cassandra Griffin's 14-year-old life ended last week at Wedgwood Baptist Church after an apparently deranged gunman killed seven people attending a youth service, then turned the gun on himself.

A standing-room crowd packed the bullet-scarred sanctuary yesterday afternoon for her funeral, one of three marking a final day of formal mourning for victims of Wednesday's rampage by Larry Gene Ashbrook.

"What a special girl she was," Carolyn Jackson, a family friend, said after the service. "She was quiet, but she was powerful in her own right."

Jackson described the funeral, which was closed to the general public, as "powerful."

"I think everybody was affected by that service," she said. "I really believe God will use the situation for good."

Mourners have heaped flowers, stuffed animals, balloons and notes

around the permanent sign mounted on the church's lawn. Some people leaving the funeral signed a large poster that also rests there.

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Family friend of Fort Worth shooting victim Cassandra Griffin

Near the church, someone had parked a pickup truck and covered its windows with white-painted slogans: "Rule heaven, Cassie" and "Cassie always in our hearts."

Hundreds of people also gathered at the First Baptist Church White Settlement yesterday.

member Joseph Ennis, the only child who dreamed of playing in the NBA. Friends said he was serious, searching teen-agers recently joined the Baptist Church.

At a morning service at Community Church in Haltom City, Wedgwood pastor, the Rev. Al Merritt, a 14-year-old girl as a girl who loved "I Love to Run," volleyball and singing.

"We're crying, not Meredith said. "She is with She can spike every ball over the net now. She can if she wants to, and first Her joy is unspeakable."

At Wedgwood, where the congregation returned for the first time on Sunday, chairs replaced blood-soaked floors removed for repair. Bare floors lay exposed where stained carpet had been.

## Floods causing chaos for Lubbock

LUBBOCK AP) — As gray, misty skies loom overhead, residents of this usually arid West Texas city brace for another bizarre week of washed out streets, underwater parks and flooded car engines.

This year, Lubbock has received 18.5 inches of rain — more than most Texas cities have received this year and twice as much as the city received last year. The rain has caused several area lakes to flood repeatedly.

Officials said damage probably will exceed \$1 million. Residents believe rain is only part of the problem. Many blame the city's poor drainage system for the high waters.

"This shouldn't happen every time we have a little rain," Bonnie Parker, a 73-year-old Lubbock resident whose home has flooded twice in the past five months, said. "It started flooding after the first night of rain last week and the water hasn't gone down yet."

Residents voted last week to approve the construction of a new city drainage system.

Water levels in Lubbock's lakes have never returned to normal since storms in early spring, and rain causes them to flood. Forecasters predict it could receive 10 more inches before the year ends.

"Nobody said anything about our drainage for 20 years," Emergency Operations Center Greg Lee said. "I know of a church that was flooded for rain on behalf of the farmers and now the lot is flooded."

Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Bell Information, said flooding problems in Lubbock have been especially traumatic because most residents have no flooding coverage.

"If you do not have a flood policy, that loss would most likely have to be absorbed by property owner," Johns said. "That's why we encourage people to talk to their insurance agent about playing for coverage. If you get caught in a situation, you are left holding the bag."

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