Weather Corner

National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around -9. Wind chill values as low as -23. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 13. Wind chill values as low as -23. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around -8. Wind chill values as low as -16. North wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 15. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 3.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 9.

Friday: High, 47; Low 12
Saturday: High, 37; Low 15
Sunday: High, 22; Low 7

Precip: Friday	0.00 inches
Saturday	0.00 inches
Sunday	0.18 inches
Month:	0.18 inches
Year:	0.18 inches
Normal:	0.45 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Tuesday	8:04 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Wednesday	8:04 a.m.	5:42 p.m.

First quarter moon
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Snowstorm makes roads dangerous Sunday

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westbound traffic. Wanjigi's car hit a 2000 Ford Taurus driven by Steven Barnes, 65, of Marietta, Ga. Wanjigi was taken to Citizens with possible injuries; Barnes was not injured.

• The third wreck happened just a few minutes later as traffic was slowing down near the second. A 2005 Chevrolet Impala driven by Zachariah Bates, 32, St. Louis, struck the rear of a semitrailer rig driven by James King, 49, of Thomaston, Ga. Bates was taken to Citizens, the patrol reported; King was not injured.

The Thomas County Sheriff's Department worked several wrecks Sunday, including a three-car accident at 4 p.m. on I-70 at milepost 57 and a slide-off at 1:47 p.m. on U.S. 83 near the elevator at Breton. Undersheriff Mark Finley said there were no injuries. No further accidents had been reported as of this morning.

Kansas Department of Transportation road condition maps showed snowpacked and icy roads throughout the state today, but no roads were closed.

Schools, however, were closed this morning and Meals of Wheels was not delivering food. Colby Middle School cancelled a seventh and eighth grade scholars bowl tournament that had been scheduled for today.

The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Chill Watch for today and Tuesday morning. A Wind Chill Watch means the combination of cold air and strong winds is enough to create dangerously low temperatures. The wind chill was anywhere from 10 to 15 degrees below zero this morning, but it improved during the day. The chill factor is expected to increase again as the sun goes down. The wind will also create areas of blowing snow, reducing visibility on the roads.

The service also issued a Winter Weather Advisory, meaning that snow and blowing snow could cause travel difficulties, in effect until 6 p.m.

The forecast predicted light or moderate snow in the morning gradually tapering off during the day.

The snow may be good news for farmers, though. Extension Agent Clint Milliman said that although the wheat crop is dormant, moisture from the snow will find its way into the soil, which will help the wheat grow when it comes out of dormancy in the spring. Thomas County and the rest of western Kansas are still under drought conditions, however, since total moisture is still below the normal amount.

Milliman said the snow also will be good for fall crops, since they need moist soil for planting this spring.

Governor's inaugural chilled by snowstorm

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inches of snow fell overnight, closing schools and slickening roads. Several inches more were forecast.

Spokeswoman Sherriene Jones-Sontag said the wind chill, hovering at or below 15 degrees, was bad enough to cause frostbite halfway through the planned hour-long event.

But the squall besetting the state's budget will last longer, with a projected shortfall of $550 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Brownback has said he wants to avoid cuts in education and to protect vulnerable Kansans receiving state services, but he and the legislative leaders are ruling out tax increases – and some lawmakers even want to pursue new tax breaks to prime the economy.

"It's going to be difficult," Brownback said as he mingled with other public officials and well-wishers before the start of Saturday night's traditional inaugural ball.

Brownback isn't the only conservative swept into high office in Kansas by last year's elections. Incoming Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a law professor now on leave, is known nationally for having helped write last year's Arizona law on illegal immigration and advising city officials and state legislators across the nation trying to crack down.

The new attorney general, Derek Schmidt, hasn't been identified consistently with the GOP right, but he's embraced a cause championed by the "tea party" movement, promising to bring Kansas into a legal challenge of the federal health-care overhaul approved last year.

Brownback, 54, gave up a U.S. Senate seat to become governor. Born in Garnett and raised on a family farm in eastern Kansas, he was trained as a lawyer and served as Kansas secretary of agriculture before being elected to Congress in 1994. Two years later, when GOP icon Bob Dole left the U.S. Senate to run for president, Brownback ran for Dole's seat and won the right to serve the rest of his term. He won two full terms after that, then fulfilled a promise to quit after two full terms.

He launched a campaign for president in 2007, hoping strong ties to abortion and gay marriage opponents and his visibility on other issues favored by social conservatives would give him a good chance at the GOP nomination. He dropped out after 10 months, but critics still think he harbors presidential ambitions.

Brownback has acknowledged that he's the most conservative Kansas governor in at least a generation. Outgoing Gov. Mark Parkinson, a Republican turned Democrat, successfully pushed a sales tax increase through the Legislature last year. GOP Gov. Bill Graves did the same thing in 2002, during another economic downturn, also to preserve aid to public schools and social services.

The state is facing a shortfall next year despite last year's tax increase largely because it used federal economic stimulus funds to postpone cuts in aid to public schools and social services, and the funds are schedueled to disappear in the next fiscal year. The gap between projected revenues and current spending commitments is about 9 percent.

Brownback has talked about making government more efficient and "sweeping" the state budget for savings. In his inaugural ball toast, Kansas House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, looked forward to a "permanent reset of state government."

"Sam has to deliver," said Mary Alice Lair, a long-time GOP activist and Brownback supporter from Chanute who served in the past on the Republican National Committee. "He maybe has to be not the most popular governor in the next two years."

Assassination attempt sparks debate on softening political party rhetoric

By Michael R. Blood
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TUCSON, Ariz. – Soften the political tone: that's been the message from lawmakers from across the nation since a gunman tried to assassinate an Arizona congresswoman and killed six people after posting confusing online rants about his views.

Yet as an image of the suspected shooter emerges, friends and online ramblings paint a picture of a troubled young man whose beliefs are unclear.

Some Democrats have suggested 22-year-old Jared Loughner was motivated by anti-government language from the tea party movement and rabble-rousing rhetoric from conservative figures such as Sarah Palin. The House temporarily postponed the debate over repealing the health care law.

But tea party activists in the state said the man identified as the suspect did not appear on mailing lists and did not appear to have attended any events in the state.

"I don't think his ideology is anything coherent," said Trent Humphries, co-founder of the Tucson Tea Party. "I just think he was a very, very disturbed individual."

The tragedy at a Tucson shopping mall has left behind politically tricky ground for both parties, which are maneuvering carefully as details from the shooting emerge.

The attack occurred after a turbulent political season marked by tea party energy that helped return control of the House to Republicans and bolstered conservative ranks around the nation. Arizona has been a hotbed of political strife, particularly over its tough illegal immigration law.

Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is a moderate Democrat who narrowly won re-election in November against a tea party-backed candidate who campaigned against the health care law. The suspected shooter registered as an independent in 2006, and he voted in the November 2008 presidential election, according to the secretary of state.

At an event about three years ago, Giffords took a question from Loughner: "What is government if words have no meaning?"

Loughner was angry about her response – she read the question and had nothing to say, according to two of his high school friends who spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they wanted to avoid the publicity surrounding the case.

According to his cryptic Web postings, Loughner feared he was the target of government surveillance and considered police authority unconstitutional. He railed against the Education Department and questions the value of U.S. currency not backed by gold or silver.

"I can't trust the current government," he wrote in one video posted online, one of several expressing deep suspicion of authority. "The government is implying mind control and brainwash on the people by controlling the grammar."

The postings suggest Loughner is "a person who doesn't have a very concrete ideology," said Frederic L. Solop, chair of the Department of Politics and International Affairs at Northern Arizona University. "I don't see any reflection of a political party or a specific set of ideas."

An official familiar with the investigation said local authorities are looking at a possible connection between Loughner and an online group known for its anti-government rhetoric. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The anti-government organization American Renaissance is connected to the white supremacist New Century Foundation, according to an analysis by the Southern Poverty Law Center, an Alabama-based group that tracks hate crimes.

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Tuesday Evening — January 11, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	No Ordinary Family		V		Detroit 1-8-7		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Million Dollar		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Once Upon				Once Upon				Quick-Dead	
ANIM	I, Predator		Human Prey		Maneaters		I, Predator		Human Prey	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		The Fashion Show		Matchmaker		Matchmaker	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		In the Army Now					Cribs		
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Daniel Tosh: Serious		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Onion	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Onion
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Auction	Auction	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
DISN	Shake it	Shake it	Sonny	Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Bridalplasty		Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA
ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Coast to Coast				Quarterback Kick-Off		Final	Nation
FAM	Remember the Titans				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Challenge		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Cakes	Cakes	Cupcake Wars	
FX	Iron Man				Lights Out		Lights Out		Two Men	Two Men
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Estate	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Selling	Estate
HIST	Top Gear		Top Gear		Ax Men		Modern Marvels		Top Gear	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier
MTV	Pregnant	16 and Pregnant			Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		True Life	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SCI	Hornet	Hornet	Hornet	Hornet	Hornet	Hornet	Requiem	Requiem	Gurren	Gurren
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Permanent	MANswers	UFC Unleashed	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Glory Daze		Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Thicker	Laurel	Laurel	LiveGhost	Laurel	Going Bye	Oliver8th	Laurel	Busy Body	Laurel
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		8 Royal Weddings		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
TNT	The Patriot				Southland		Memphis Beat		Southland	
TOON	Spy Kids 3-D		King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		When Vacations		Ghost Adventures		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Next Friday			
VH1	You're Cut Off		Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		Brandy	Chilli	Black to the Future	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Monsters vs. Aliens		Clash of the Titans				Taxicab Confessions		The Book of Eli	
MAX	Orphan	National Lampoon's Vacation			12 Rounds					
SHOW	Quantum of Solace				Californ.	Episodes	Shameless		Episodes	Family

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Wednesday Evening — January 12, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Better	Family	Cougar	Off the Map		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Live to Dance		Criminal Minds		The Defenders		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Chase		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Human Target				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog	Dog
AMC	Swordfish				The Specialist					Break-Bad
ANIM	Animal Nightmares		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Matchmaker	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Ace Ventura				Redneck Mom.		Smarter	Smarter
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama
DISC	Black Ops Brothers		MythBusters		MythBusters		Black Ops Brothers		MythBusters	
DISN	Adventures of Sharkboy			Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Kardashian		Born Different		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Flay	Flay	Worst Cooks		Dinner: Impossible		Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	
FX	Iron Man						Spider-Man 3			
HGTV	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters	Vanilla	Vanilla	Disaster	Disaster

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HIST	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Megaquake 10.0				Mega Disasters		Brad Meltzer's Dec.	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Mad Money				How I Met	How I Met	Frasier	Frasier
MTV	Jersey Shore		Teen Mom 2		I Used to Be Fat		I Used to Be Fat		Jersey Shore	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		The Cape	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	BlueMount	MANswers	UFC Unleashed	
TBS	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Are We Th	Are We Th	Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Rainer	The Good Earth					Rainer	The Great Ziegfeld		
TLC	Man-Half Body		Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras		Addiction	Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		Southland		CSI: NY	
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man v. Food		Carnivore	Man, Food	The Wild Within		Man, Food	Carnivore	Carnivore	Man, Food
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		The Dukes of Hazzard			
VH1	Music Moments		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		The X Life		Celebrity Rehab	
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	It's Complicated				The Informant!					
MAX	Whip It	Opportunity Knocks			Cop Out					
SHOW	Episodes	Californ.	Inside the NFL		Shameless		Inside the NFL		My Best Friend	

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