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# REP. GIFFORDS SHOT, CRITICAL

Judge Roll, girl, aide, retiree, 2 others slain



**Rep. Gabrielle Giffords**  
Giffords was talking with a couple with about 20 people in the audience, when she was shot.



**U.S. Judge John M. Roll**  
Roll, 63, attended Miss Saturday morning and then stopped in to see Giffords at the event.



**Christina Taylor Green**  
Christina, 9, was recently elected to her school's student council and wanted to learn about government.



**Gabe Zimmerman**  
Giffords' constituent services director, 30, accompanied his boss to events and worked with people who needed Giffords' help with an issue.

Medical personnel treat a shooting victim believed to be Rep. Gabrielle Giffords outside the northwest-side shopping center where she was meeting with constituents Saturday. A UMC surgeon said he was optimistic about her recovery, and noted she was following commands, which is a good sign.

## Two bystanders wrestle gunman to the ground, snatch weapon away

By Rhonda Beffell  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

The last tweet from U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said, "My 1st Congress on Your Corner starts now. Please stop by to let me know what is on your mind or tweet me later."

It sounded so innocuous. Minutes later, mayhem broke out and Giffords was critically wounded by a shot to the head. Six people were killed, including federal judge John Roll, who had recently worked with Giffords on court issues. A total of 13 people were injured.

Also among the dead:

- Christina Taylor Green, 9, who had recently been elected to student council and attended Saturday's event to learn more about government.
- Gabe Zimmerman, 30, Giffords' director of constituency outreach.
- Three retirees: Dorothy Murray, 76; Phyllis Schneek, 76; and Dorwan Stockard, 76.

The shooting drew stunned reactions across Tucson. Groups gathered to hold prayer circles, while an impromptu shrine with candles and flowers cropped up outside Giffords' midtown office.

It also drew immediate national reaction, with new Republican House Speaker John Boehner calling it "a sad day for our country" and the White House calling it an "unbearable tragedy."

"We do not yet have all the answers," President Obama said. "What we do know is that such a senseless and terrible act of violence has no place in a free society."

The bullet struck Giffords' head cleanly. Dr. Peter Iliou, a surgeon at University Medical Center, said he was optimistic about her survival, and noted she was following commands.

The shooting occurred at a northwest-side Safeway supermarket, at North Oracle and West Ina roads, where Giffords, a Democrat, was holding one of her regular "Congress on Your Corner" events, which allow her to speak directly with constituents.

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**UA-STANFORD BASKETBALL GAME TO BE PLAYED TODAY**

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