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happen to a Democrat? We finally got a Democrat in there."

A career Naval officer, Massa, 51, rode the 2008 Democratic wave and narrowly defeated Republican Rep. Randy Kuhl after losing to Kuhl just two years earlier. Massa, an energetic if sometimes quirky lawmaker, was highly visible in his district during his first year in office and appeared relatively well positioned for re-election.

But Massa announced last March he would resign his seat, claiming a recurrence of the non-Hodgkins lymphoma he had battled years before. Within hours, reports surfaced that Massa was being investigated by the House ethics committee on charges he had sexually harassed male staffers.

Massa went on national television to defend himself, telling Glenn

Beck of Fox News he had tickled and groped aides at a birthday party but claimed his overtures weren't sexual.

Massa, a married father, denied being gay and suggested former White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and other aides to President Barack Obama had conspired to drive him out of office.

"I am sitting there showering, naked as a jaybird, and here comes Rahm Emanuel, not even with a towel," Massa told an Elmira radio station, saying Emanuel jabbed "his finger in my chest, yelling at me because I wasn't going to vote for the president's budget."

Massa added, "You know how awkward it is to have a political argument with a naked man?"

Today, Massa is rarely seen on the streets of the district, which spans much New York's southern tier and climbs north to the Rochester suburbs. Residents still puzzle over the circumstances

of his bizarre departure.

Forty-four-year-old Chris Herman is an undecided Democrat who said Massa's fall from grace has intensified the Corning restaurant owner's growing disgust with politics.

"In a small little town like this, we all met Eric Massa. How did people not know stuff from his past?" Herman said. "Seems that politics, once people get into it, they start putting their own interests against the country's interests. I'm just over it."

Local talk radio personality Frank Acomb, 26, said Massa let down the district by leaving it with no representative in Congress for six months.

"You had a guy who said he was going to do his best for the community. And then what he did, he left midstream," Acomb said. "If it was because of the ethics charges, you could understand why he dropped out. But he said

it was health issues, then it was all of a sudden that he was intimidated by Rahm Emanuel. What is it? We never really found out."

Acomb, a Republican, described next month's election as "Tom Reed's to lose." A Siena Poll released Sept. 21 found Reed leading Zeller 44 percent to 30 percent among likely voters in the heavily Republican and conservative district.

Such predictions aren't fazing Zeller, 28, despite the daunting poll numbers and fundraising woes. His campaign had about \$50,000 on hand according to the most recent financial filing in August, while Reed had \$361,000.

"We've somehow correlated the ability to fundraise with the ability to govern, and it doesn't work. All we have to do is look at our slate of national leaders and our disgust with them to realize that," Zeller said in an interview.

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that began in northwestern Pennsylvania in small town Titusville.

"We did it once before," Perry said, "and it looks like we're going to do it again."

The gas riches of the vast Marcellus Shale – which underlies Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and part of Ohio – have attracted a rush of drillers and related operations to the region in the last two years. Tens of thousands of acres of Pennsylvania land have been leased and thousands of wells

have been drilled.

Some geologists estimate the Marcellus contains 500 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, of which 50 trillion cubic feet might be recoverable by hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" – enough to supply the entire East Coast for 50 years.

"The Marcellus is so big, so new and happening so fast," said conference presenter Bobby Huffman, project director for Houston-based Spectra Energy Transmission, a major natural gas infrastructure company. "I would say the rest of the industry is watching it because the potential ... is so big in Pennsylvania."

FUGITIVE

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east side.

According to scanner reports, police were searching for a suspect, Bradley Brown, 36, who was wanted in connection with a home invasion in Tompkins County. He was described as 5-foot-10 inches with brown hair and brown eyes with a cross tattoo and wearing a blue shirt.

Brown has ties to the Corning area, according to the police broadcasts.

According to WETM Channel 18 News, police attempted to pull over a vehicle they suspected Brown was driving. He crashed the vehicle in the vicinity of Church Street and escaped on foot, and was possibly armed, according to WETM. Area residents were urged to lock their homes and vehicles.

Law enforcement agencies across the area were still searching for Brown as of press time, and very few other details were available.

FIRE

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fire spread extremely fast. Arriving firefighters had little chance to save the home.

"I was the first firefighter on the scene, and it was fully involved when I got here. The house was filled with smoke and flames were shooting through the roof," said South Corning Fire Chief Fran Mayer, who coordinated efforts to battle the blaze.

"The wind was a factor in how rapidly the fire spread, but I'm not sure how long it was burning before it was called in," Mayer added.

Mayer said he didn't know how the fire started. Steuben County fire investigators were on the scene.

It took fire crews roughly a half-hour to 45 minutes to bring the fire under control. The heat was so intense that it cracked the windshield of a South Corning fire engine parked in the driveway.

Firefighters from the Caton, East Corning, Gibson, Big Flats, North Corning, Painted Post, Gang Mills, Lindley and Horseheads Town and Country volunteer fire departments assisted. Also responding were New York State Police, Steuben County sheriff's deputies, Rural/Metro Medical Services and NYSEG.

TAX

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Mike Edwards can recall.

The budget will likely include a 2 percent raise for town employees as well as some capital expenditures for the highway department. There will be no major cuts in services, Edwards said.

A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Horseheads Town Hall, 150 Wygant Rd.

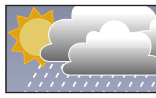
Al Curren, town board member and deputy supervisor, said not having a property tax is a rarity.

"As far as I know, we're the only town in New York state that doesn't have a property tax," Curren said.

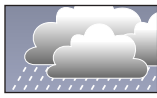
SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



Today
Partly sunny,
incr. clouds,
breezy
High | 59
Low | 35



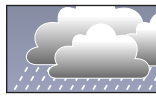
Monday
P. cloudy, then
incr. clouds,
poss. shwrs
High | 53
Low | 35



Tuesday
M. cloudy,
poss. early
showers
High | 56
Low | 34



Wednesday
P. sunny, then
increasing
clouds later
High | 58
Low | 32



Thursday
M. cloudy,
sct. showers,
breezy
High | 52
Low | 39



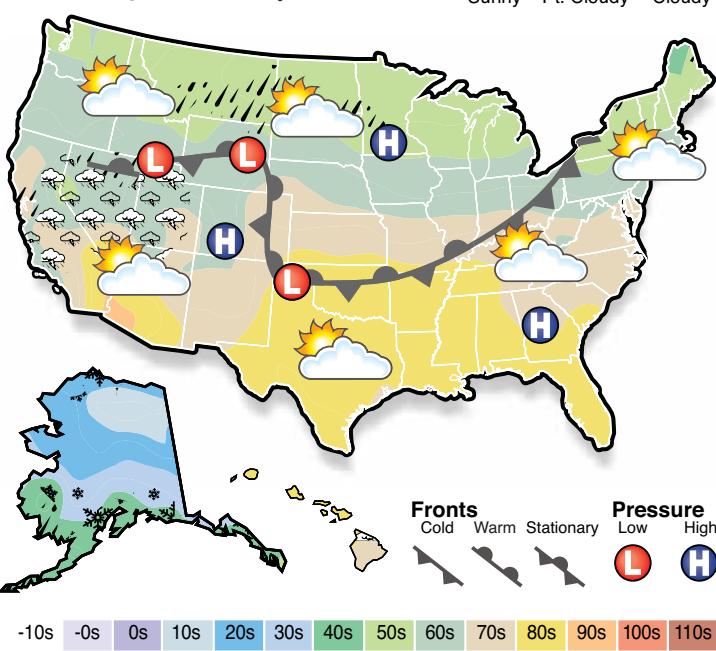
Friday
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poss. sprinkles
High | 48
Low | 33



Saturday
Partly sunny
High | 51
Low | 30

National forecast

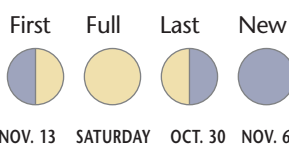
Forecast highs for Sunday, Oct. 17



WEATHER HISTORY

In 1984, a snowstorm struck northern Utah producing a record 18 inches in 24 hours in Salt Lake City.

MOON PHASES



SUNRISE | SUNSET

Sunrise today	7:23
Sunset today	6:23
Sunrise Monday	7:24
Sunset Monday	6:22

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