

## HUNTING

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Pennsylvania, Texas and Missouri, to name a few – industry and government officials point to other root causes, such as urban sprawl and poor weather.

Some industry officials say financial struggles might even act as a counterweight to these other forces, because the search for wild game in fields and forests can be soothing for the soul.

“Hunting is part of what you are. It’s a relief from all the stresses of society,” said Brent Lawrence, a spokesman for the National Wild Turkey Federation.

But just like leisure travelers in general, hunters are expected to stay closer to home and keep their spending in check when it comes to frills they might have splurged on in the past.

The wily Chinese ring-necked pheasant of South Dakota lures about 200,000

hunters every year. Many people fly or drive hundreds of miles to chase them through expansive fields of mostly harvested corn, soybeans and sunflowers, overgrown weed patches, and tall-grass prairie stretching to the horizon.

O’Jay Vanegas, 59, of Scottsdale, Ariz., visited South Dakota last week to hunt pheasants, just as he’s done for the past 12 years.

But Vanegas, an auto salesman who expects to earn about \$30,000 less this year, skipped the season’s opening day because the round-trip airfare from Phoenix had more than tripled from previous years. He predicts other hunters will cut back in similar ways.

“When money gets tight, something has to go,” he said. “Hunting is a luxury.”

Hunting license sales are flat this year in North Dakota, and down in states such as Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. But officials there blame bad

weather: torrential rains, flooding and hurricanes.

The economy also may be a factor in reduced sales of hunting licenses, says Jim Low of the Missouri Conservation Department.

“People may not balk at the \$10 price of a resident small-game hunting permit, but \$4 gasoline to get to and from hunting and fishing spots ... very likely did affect people’s recreational activities,” Low says.

In Pennsylvania, general hunting license sales through August were off 4 percent for residents and 16 percent for nonresidents, but Jerry Feaser at the state Game Commission says that may have little to do with the economy.

“We’ve been fighting a long-term decline in license sales, which has more to do with things like urban sprawl than the economy,” he says. “We have a lot of development on formerly huntable lands, and that’s a major obstacle.”

## CAMPAIGN

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Democrat Obama has exuded confidence in the campaign’s final days, reaching for a triumph of landslide proportions.

“The die is being cast as we speak,” says campaign manager David Plouffe.

Undeterred, Republican McCain vows to fight on, bidding for an upset reminiscent of Democrat Harry S. Truman’s stunning defeat of Thomas E. Dewey in 1948.

Looking back only to early this year, campaign manager

Rick Davis says, “We are witnessing perhaps, I believe, one of the greatest comebacks since John McCain won the primary.”

The odds for Republicans in 2008 have been long from the start: Voters often thwart the party that’s been in power for two terms. And this year, larger factors are working against the GOP: the war in Iraq, now in its sixth year, and the crisis on Wall Street and in the larger economy. Voters deeply distrust government and crave a new direction.

Republicans are girding for widespread losses.

“It’s a fairly toxic atmos-

phere out there,” said Nevada Sen. John Ensign, chairman of the Senate GOP’s campaign effort. Added his House counterpart, Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole: “We haven’t caught very many breaks.”

Democrats are looking ahead to expanded power.

“Things are looking very good,” said Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the head of the House Democrats’ campaign committee. New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, chairman of the Senate Democrats’ effort, predicted: “We’re going to pick up a large number of seats and that’s going to make Democrats very happy.”

## RACE

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6,033-vote margin, or 51.5 percent of the vote. This time, President Bush’s unpopularity and the severe economic downturn seem to be dragging even harder on a loyal lieutenant.

“It’s the cumulative nature of voting with George Bush” and a “go-along, get-along, good-old-boy” approach that put Kuhl’s political career in peril, Massa said, adding that it’s “very difficult” to find consensus with Kuhl on practically any issue from Iraq and health care to taxes, energy and immigration.

A fiscal conservative and a former Republican, the 49-year-old Massa spent 24 years in the Navy, survived a battle with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in the late 1990s, and talks up his independent streak – a customary stance for challengers of all stripes in upstate New York.

“I’ve been diagnosed with terminal cancer, I’ve been in combat theaters of operation,” he said during a recent visit to Rochester to accept the endorsement of the Veterans for Foreign Wars’ political action committee. “Can you kindly tell me what you’re going to do to make me toe the party line?”

Kuhl points out his frequent disagreements with Bush in recent months, including help-

ing Congress override a presidential veto of a \$290 billion farm bill and his support of a minimum-wage hike. In addition, he said he voted against the outgoing administration 34 percent of the time in 2007.

“It has nothing to do with” distancing himself from Bush – “I’ve voted the conscience of my district,” Kuhl said by telephone as he traveled between campaign stops in Rochester and Corning last week.

Besides, he said, Massa will have to shoulder public frustration with the inaction and “Democratically controlled nonsense” in Congress since Democrats gained the advantage in the House in 2006. “My opponent’s a Nancy Pelosi clone!” he hollered.

A 65-year-old lawyer-turned-politician with a laid-back style, Kuhl served as a New York assemblyman and senator for 24 years before being elected to Congress by a 10-point cushion in 2004. He succeeded Amo Houghton, a Republican multimillionaire who served nine terms in Washington.

Kuhl emphasized his ability to bring federal dollars to the Southern Tier, a conservative redoubt of rural counties dotted with small towns and more than its share of economic woes. It anchors a sprawling territory reaching from the Pennsylvania line to the suburbs of Rochester.

Among his successes, Kuhl

said, were funding interstate highway construction projects that will lure businesses to relocate in the Corning-Elmira region and funneling research money into the burgeoning Finger Lakes wine country. Foremost in his mind is creating and retaining jobs, he said, pointing out that his three sons have had to move away for lack of prospects.

When Kuhl claimed the underdog tag in launching his bid in March for a third term, “some people just laughed,” he said. But the 29th cannot be considered a surefire bet for Republicans with nearly 70,000 unaffiliated voters and the Democratic machine “pouring huge dollars in here, spewing mistruths and lies.”

Massa has raised \$1.66 million in campaign contributions to Kuhl’s \$1.25 million, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Bush’s coattails were tripping Kuhl up “even before the economic mess,” said Timothy Kneeland, a political science professor at Nazareth College in Rochester. “That doesn’t mean Kuhl can’t win. He’s the incumbent. He should probably spend most of his time in the core, rural counties ... going after his base.








“His problem is this is not a good year for Republicans. Will the Republicans decide to stay home because there’s less likelihood that their vote’s going to matter?”

## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST



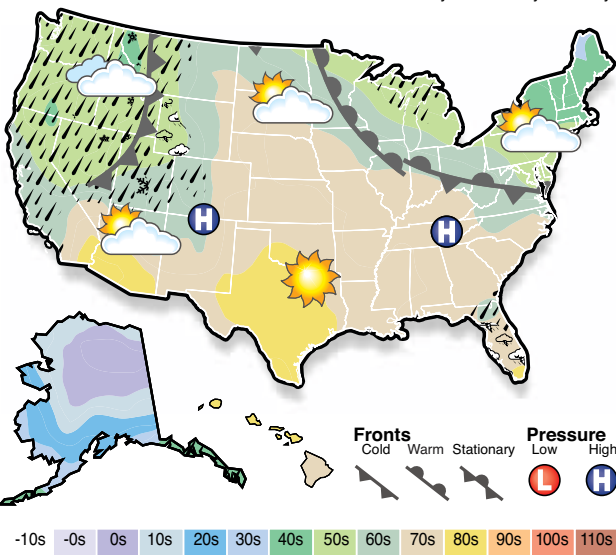
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<b>Today</b> Mostly sunny	<b>Monday</b> P. sunny, afternoon showers	<b>Tuesday</b> P. cloudy, mild	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly cloudy	<b>Thursday</b> P. sunny, poss. late showers	<b>Friday</b> P. sunny, chance of showers	<b>Saturday</b> M. cloudy, chance of showers
High   53 Low   26	High   60 Low   33	High   65 Low   37	High   63 Low   40	High   60 Low   39	High   55 Low   40	High   47 Low   35

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Nov. 2



	YESTERDAY			TODAY			TOMORROW		
	H	Lo	Prc	H	Lo	Odk	H	Lo	Odk
Albany	52	38		46	24	Clr	54	32	Cldy
Boston	61	50		48	33	Clr	59	37	Cldy
Buffalo	48	45		53	32	Clr	62	45	Cldy
Chicago	54	48		65	47	Rain	70	53	Clr
Cincinnati	71	40		70	48	Pcldy	72	47	Clr
Cleveland	56	49		58	39	Clr	67	48	Pcldy
Columbus, Ohio	71	45		66	46	Pcldy	70	50	Pcldy
Denver	75	46		76	47	Pcldy	86	45	Pcldy
Detroit	59	42		53	37	Pcldy	66	48	Pcldy
Honolulu	85	74	.01	85	73	Clr	85	72	Clr
Key West	78	70		79	70	Pcldy	81	72	Pcldy
Las Vegas	83	63		76	64	Pcldy	74	56	Clr
Little Rock	77	53		76	51	Clr	76	48	Clr
Los Angeles	79	66	.03	70	64	Cldy	68	55	Pcldy
New Orleans	74	50		74	52	Clr	77	53	Clr
New York City	66	51		53	37	Clr	63	41	Pcldy
Orlando	80	60		78	62	Rain	81	62	Cldy
Philadelphia	71	43		54	45	Clr	62	43	Pcldy
Phoenix	94	69		88	68	Pcldy	86	64	Clr
Pittsburgh	66	52		61	41	Pcldy	66	45	Pcldy
Portland, Maine	50	38		45	27	Clr	51	25	Pcldy
Portland, Ore.	61	52	.03	57	51	Rain	54	46	Rain
Providence	64	46		50	33	Clr	58	31	Pcldy
Raleigh-Durham	77	38		71	41	Clr	66	48	Clr
Sacramento	63	59	1.66	64	53	Rain	62	51	Rain
St. Louis	74	49		76	55	Pcldy	76	55	Pcldy
St. Petersburg	76	62		79	65	Pcldy	79	67	Clr
Salt Lake City	74	56		61	52	Rain	59	41	Cldy
San Antonio	81	54		84	57	Pcldy	83	62	Pcldy
San Diego	80	65		80	59	Pcldy	67	59	Pcldy
San Francisco	80	62	.82	62	56	Rain	62	54	Rain
Santa Fe	73	40		70	40	Pcldy	70	40	Pcldy
Seattle	65	50	.04	54	52	Rain	53	45	Rain
Shreveport	76	52		79	52	Pcldy	79	51	Pcldy
Sioux Falls	66	28		72	46	Pcldy	71	50	Pcldy
Spokane	55	40		49	35	Rain	49	35	Cldy
Syracuse	50	42		49	25	Clr	60	38	Cldy

### NEW YORK

**Today** will be mostly sunny with highs around 50.

**Tonight** will see increasing clouds and lows in the mid-30s.

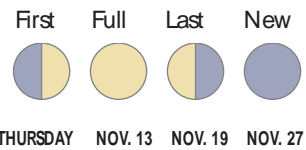
**Monday** will be mostly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s.

**Monday night** will be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s.

### WEATHER HISTORY

In 1946, a heavy wet snow began to cover the southern Rockies. Up to three feet of snow blanketed the mountains of New Mexico, and a 31-inch snow at Denver, Colo., caused roofs to collapse.

### MOON PHASES



### SUNRISE | SUNSET

Sunrise today	6:43
Sunset today	5:00
Sunrise Monday	6:44
Sunset Monday	4:59

1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT		JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (7th District) (Vote for any Two)		Representative in Congress (20th District) (Vote for One)	State Senator (53rd District) (Vote for One)	MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY (13th District) (Vote for One)	COUNTY JUDGE (10 Years) (Vote for One)	SHERIFF (4 Years) (Vote for One)
★ 1A Democratic Barack Obama FOR PRESIDENT Joe Biden FOR VICE-PRESIDENT	★ 4A Democratic James M. Winslow	★ 5A Democratic Paul M. Floriano	★ 6A Democratic Eric L. Massa	★ 7A Democratic John Tondello				
★ 1B Republican John McCain FOR PRESIDENT Sarah Palin FOR VICE-PRESIDENT	★ 4B Republican Robert Lunn	★ 5B Republican Eric M. Butler	★ 6B Republican John Tondello	★ 7B Republican George M. Winner, Jr.	★ 8B Republican James C. Scuderi	★ 9B Republican Joseph M. Latham	★ 10B Republican John M. Driscoll	
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