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Good times are yours

- **MOVIES:** The European Film Festival is coming.
- **MUSIC:** The Eagles fly into the AT&T Center.
- **EVENTS:** 'The Color Purple' at the Majestic.



You call him Mr. Touchdown

Making just his second varsity start, sophomore Aaron Green sets the S.A. single-game record with nine TDs to lead Madison past Kerrville Tivy, 69-56. **Sports, 1D**



YOUR GUIDE TO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCORES AND STATS



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Lineup announced

The next 18 stores opening at The Shops at La Cantera are named.

Business, 1C

Desktop cleanup

There are programs available to make your computer pretty.

S.A. Life, 1F

Weather today

Partly cloudy, hot

Forecast at selected hours

7 A.M.	NOON
73°	90°
5 P.M.	10 P.M.
94°	81°

For forecast highs, lows and more, see 12D



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CRITICISM OF OWN PARTY: "We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us."



CRITICISM OF OBAMA: "I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them."

McCain: 'I WORK FOR YOU'



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He suggests selection of Palin lets him run as a D.C. outsider

BY ADAM NAGOURNEY AND MICHAEL COOPER
New York Times

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain, whose bid for the White House appeared in complete collapse just a year ago, accepted the Republican presidential nomination Thursday with a pledge to move the nation beyond "partisan rancor" and narrow self-interest. "Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight for what's right for our country," he said in a convention crescendo.

He invoked a word — maverick

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— that he has sought to associate himself with over the years.

"You know, I've been called a maverick, someone who marches to the beat of his own drum," he said. "Sometimes it's meant as a compliment and sometimes it's not. What it really means is I understand who I work for: I don't work for a party. I don't work for a party. I don't work for a party."

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Republican presidential nominee John McCain on stage with the GOP VP candidate, Sarah Palin.

■ **TEXAN:** Michael Williams is a groundbreaker. **13A**

■ **POW:** Veterans are expecting empathy from McCain. **14A**

■ **JONATHAN GURWITZ:** On McCain. **14A**

Candidate casts a wide net for votes while walking a fine line in speech

BY RICHARD S. DUNHAM
Hearst Convention Bureau

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Republican presidential nominee John McCain walked a fine line in his acceptance speech Thursday night.

It was a fine line between distancing himself from an unpopular president who won a standing ovation from the partisan crowd gathered at the Xcel Energy Center and embracing the economic and military policies they share.

It was a fine line between accepting the conservative platform

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of his party and expounding his own maverick views on immigration, global warming, campaign finance reform and drilling in the Alaska wilderness.

And it was a fine line between reaching out to Democrats and Independents in front of a cheering audience of about 20,000 Republican partisans who'd rather defeat Democrats than work with them.

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STORMS LINE UP ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

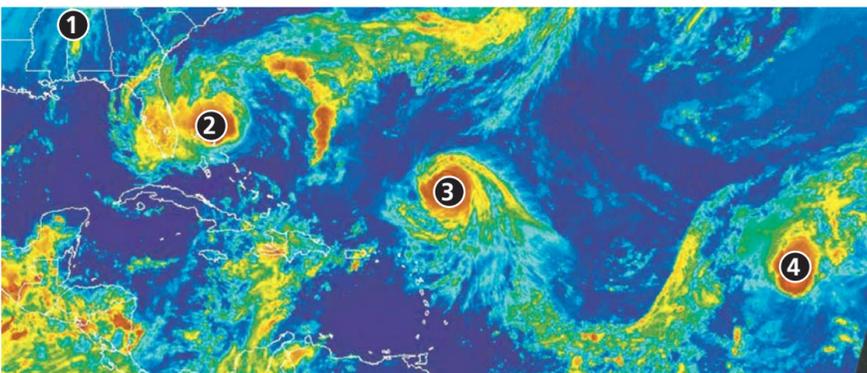


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As Gustav peters out, three other storms pose problems

1. The remnants of **HURRICANE GUSTAV** are over the South, where they're expected to dissipate late today or early Saturday. The storm killed 10 people along the Gulf Coast and 100 more in the Caribbean.

2. HANNA: The tropical storm is tracking northwest with landfall predicted early Saturday on or near the Carolina coast. The storm had sustained winds of 65 mph Thursday and has killed 137 people in Haiti.

3. IKE: This storm became a Category 4 hurricane on Wednesday. Predicted landfall is on Florida's Atlantic Coast late Tuesday or early Wednesday if it does not turn into the Gulf of Mexico.

4. JOSEPHINE: This storm is slow-moving, with sustained winds of 45 mph. It is predicted to continue tracking farther into the Atlantic.

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At the Alamo, they're brushing up on history

Painstaking process is cleaning away the oils visitors' hands have left on the shrine's walls.

BY SCOTT HUDDLESTON
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After some 250 years, the walls of the Alamo finally are getting a good scrubbing — one tedious, back-aching toothbrush stroke at a time.

Ron Lewis, seeing the Alamo for the first time, was amazed to learn that its iconic chapel didn't have a roof when wives and children huddled there during the famous pre-dawn battle in 1836. And when he saw the baptismal chamber from the Spanish mission era that was used to store gunpowder, he was glad to



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History interpreter Sherri Driscoll cleans the limestone walls inside the Alamo chapel.

see a crew wiping away oil and grime left by 2.5 million visitors a year.

"If it's going to preserve history, it's a good thing," said Lewis of Fresno, Calif.

Even if the work is arduous. "Anytime you deal with ar-

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