

Warriors looking for shot at playoffs



Righetti High's baseball team has plenty of offensive power as the Warriors prepare another campaign to reach the CIF Southern Section playoffs. *Page B1*

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PG&E meteorologist John Lindsey gives you the full rundown on whether to expect more rain this week in his customized local forecast. *Page A3*



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» The new Chicano movement



Johnny Magaña, upper left, conducts a think tank meeting at the Santa Maria Public Library. Clockwise from left are Magaña, Josh Moussa, Jennifer Rico, Christopher Rico, Alma Ochoa and Crisoforo Hernandez, all of Santa Maria.

Frank Cowan photos, Contributor

Local man starts think tank to tackle issues of Santa Maria

New group emphasizes inclusion, intellectualism, communication, politics

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What started in living rooms could become a movement to affect cultural change in Santa Maria.

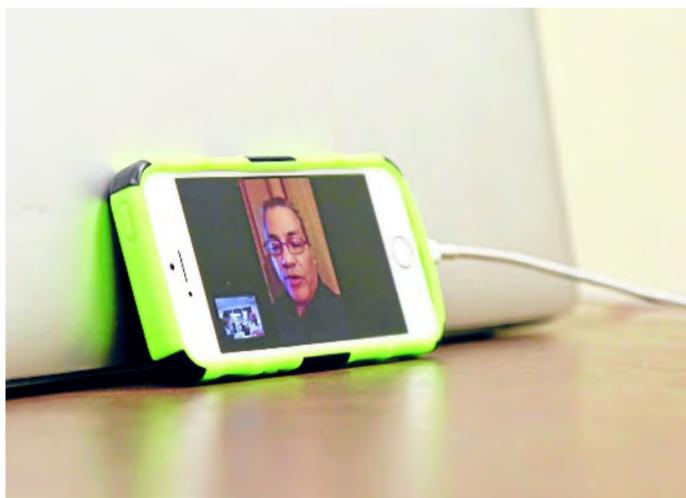
Johnny Magaña is hoping to bring elements of politics, globalization and intellectualism to what he describes as a much-needed "awakening" for the city.

LOCAL FOCUS

His first step has been to create what he describes as a think tank, or open dialogue, of Santa Maria residents gathering to discuss the city's biggest challenges, especially when it comes to crime and education.

"Growing up in this area, there were a lot of hardships that I faced, a lot of them political, economic, malnutrition, lack of support systems, poverty," Magaña said. "So I had that experience. I got that high school experience that all the kids go through in the city."

The group was created last summer with inspired talks among Magaña and friends at their various homes but now is holding official meetings almost weekly at the Santa Maria Public Library.



Emiliano Villa speaks via phone to the new think tank group during a meeting Thursday evening at the Santa Maria Public Library.

Crisoforo Hernandez, a student at Santa Maria High School, said he joined the group to gain more knowledge.

"We're off to a good start just with these talks we're having," Hernandez said. "It's very empowering and, I guess, in a way healing, to heal the empty space that there is that needs to be filled."

The son of Mexican immigrants, Magaña was born and raised in Santa Maria. His opportunity to attend UCSB to study global politics has inspired him to become a humanitarian and to bring what

he learned back to Santa Maria.

So far, that includes being a leader of the youth mariachi program of California Arts and Music Program Inc., among other activities to engage the city's young people.

He's inspired by the Chicano movement of the 1960s, which emphasized education, political representation and equal rights for Mexican-Americans, especially in California.

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Nancy Reagan dies at age 94

Christopher Weber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Reagan, the helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died Sunday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure, assistant Allison Borio told The Associated Press.

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Associated Press

Former first lady Nancy Reagan speaks in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, during a ceremony to unveil a statue of President Ronald Reagan, June 3, 2009. The former first lady has died at 94, The Associated Press confirmed Sunday.

Some in GOP see Cruz as best bet

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WASHINGTON — Republican leaders on Sunday grappled with the prospect that the best hope for stopping Donald Trump's march to the nomination may be Ted Cruz — the only candidate who causes as much heartburn among party elites as the billionaire businessman, if not more.

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New rancor, tough talk in Dems debate

Nancy Benac And Catherine Lucey
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FLINT, Mich. — Ratcheting up the rancor, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled aggressively in a Democratic presidential debate Sunday night over trade, Wall Street influence and more, with Clinton accusing him of turning his back on the auto industry and Sanders countering that Clinton's friends on Wall Street had "destroyed this economy."

It was a marked change in tone for the two Democrats, signaling Sanders' increasingly difficult effort to slow the

party's front-runner. Both candidates frequently interrupted one another and accused each other of misrepresenting their records.

"Let's have some facts instead of some rhetoric for a change," Clinton snapped at Sanders at one point.

"Let me tell my story, you tell yours," Sanders shot back at another. "Your story is voting for every disastrous trade amendment and voting for corporate America."

More than once, Sanders chafed at Clinton's interruptions, saying, "Excuse me,

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., argue a point during a Democratic presidential primary debate at the University of Michigan-Flint, Sunday.

COMING TOMORROW

Cabrillo time capsule

In celebration of high school's 50th anniversary, buried items will be unearthed.

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