

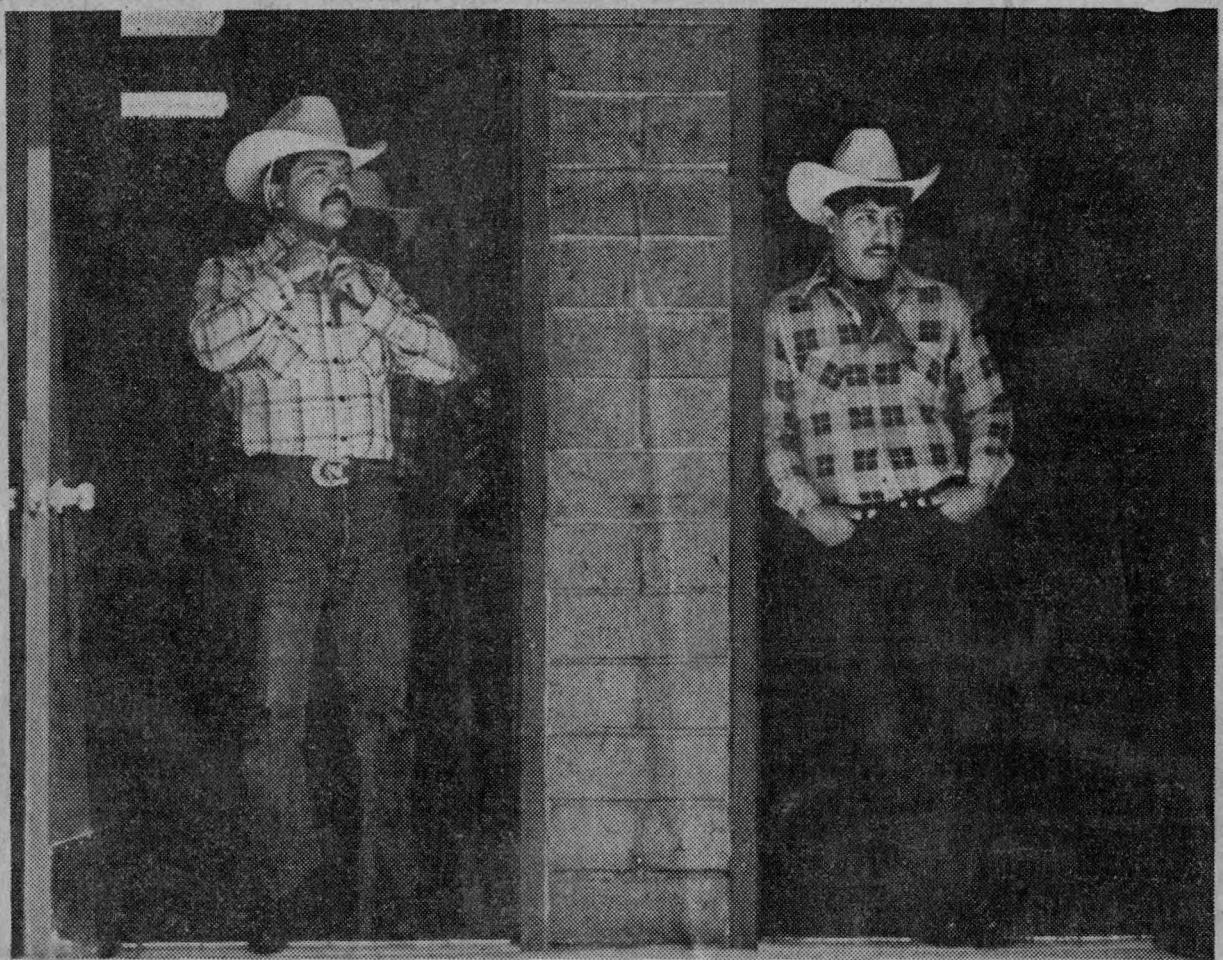
year after the developer submitted the application.

"State law says you must make a decision on a project within a

Many residents opposed the proposed rezoning of the land, which also would permit the development of 304 houses and

medium development to 180 units, including 30 moderate-income units.

In addition, the commission



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Ruben Avelar (left) and Dionicio Lopez wait for their turn on stage during Cinco de Mayo festivities Saturday at the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City. The two are members of a local dance troupe, Raices de Mexico.

Peninsulans enjoy Cinco de Mayo

By Robin Reynolds
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There was a taste of Mexico in back of the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City, as more than 100 people gathered Saturday to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Redwood City resident Gonzalo Nabarrite said he thinks of Cinco de Mayo as the day "we beat the French."

Cinco de Mayo honors the victory by the small Mexican town of Puebla over troops from the French army on May 5, 1862. At the time, France

was considered to be the strongest military force in the world.

Scattered about the lawn area behind the center were families, groups of teen-agers and young adults, and children running about.

The crowd was a mixture of cultures that had come to enjoy the bright sunshine and entertainment.

"It's a nice day, so we came out to enjoy it all," said Nabarrite.

"We're able to share part of their culture," said

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