

May 5: Few celebrate the holiday in Mexico

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because the battle represents resistance and affirmation for the Chicano culture.

"Just like Zaragoza, we are fighting to preserve our culture with few people," Barajas said. "We're trying to keep our traditions alive."

MEChA will sponsor a talent show and dance titled "Xicano Xplosion" on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Music will include Banda music, a sort of Mexican polka, salsa, merengue and hip-hop.

Barajas said the spelling of the event's title, using the "X" for a "ch" sound, uses language elements that can be traced back to Nahuatl, the language the Aztecs.

"It's like we're taking a step back, all the way back before the language was changed by Spanish

and English influences," he explained.

The Xicana Symposium and Banquet on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. will acknowledge indigenous ancestry. The event also will recognize the extent of Chicano women's struggles and accomplishments in the Americas.

Workshops will be held on race, class and gender. Elizabeth Martinez, a Chicana activist, teacher and the author of "500 Years of Chicano History," will speak during the banquet. All events are free and open to the public.

"These events convey the concepts of Chicano history, philosophy and culture, with an emphasis on our indigenous culture," said Alma Estrada, recruitment and retention coordinator for MEChA.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Repairs to close part of Country Club Road

Road construction will close the section of Country Club Road between Coburg and Club roads starting Thursday, May 7. The road closure will continue for about four to six weeks.

Warning signs will be posted on both Coburg and Oakway roads advising motorists that the Club Road/Centennial Boulevard exit is closed. Signs posted at the Coburg Road exit

from I-105 will advise motorists that choosing the exit will force them to drive over the Ferry Street Bridge. All motorists not wanting to cross the bridge will be detoured to the intersection of Oakway and Coburg roads.

For additional up-to-date traffic information, call the city's 24-hour traffic-relief hotline at 984-8484. Motorists can also call the Ferry Street Bridge Project office number at 682-8449, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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