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Latin Dance Masters Set to Thrill

A flamenco tango fusion

In May, Portland's premier Latin dance masters will thrill Milagro Theatre audiences with Viva Baile! – the sensuous moves and passionate music of tango and flamenco, Thursday, May 10 through Sunday, May 27 at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St.

The first weekend features international teacher and musical director Alex Krebs of Portland's Tango Berretin. Together, with world-renown Buenos Aires dancer/teacher Luciana Valle, guitarist Daniel Gomez and pianist Claudio Mendez, Krebs will showcase the social, improvised form of tango old and new — focusing on the foreign language of body movement, where every slight, subtle movement provokes a response.

During the second weekend, award-winning Flamenco dancer Laurena Marrone, director of Portland's Flamenco Arts Academy, will offer a traditional flamenco performance featuring the dance of Mitsue "La Pura," one of the region's finest emerging artists. The flamenco concert includes four dancers, song, guitar and percussion influenced by the style of Jerez de la Frontera, "The City of Flamenco."

Viva Baile! creates a flamenco/tango fusion, with the sensuous moves and passionate music of both Spanish art forms.



Viva Baile! brings a new dance production to Portland's Milagro Theatre, Thursday, May 10 through May 27.

For the finale weekend you'll be treated to a unique melding of the forms when Krebs, Marrone and special guests, including Vicente Griego and Rebecca Smith, meet to explore the roots of their dances, their musical dialects and the fusion of raw energy that thrives in nostalgia, melancholy and hope.

Performance times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$20 each or \$15 each for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased online at milagro.org or by calling 503-236-7253.

Artifacts Linked to Ancient Civilization

(AP) -- Archaeologists have uncovered the 1,300-year-old skeleton of a ruler or priest of the ancient Tiwanaku civilization, together with precious jewels inside a much-looted pyramid in western Bolivia.

The tomb — containing a diadem and a fist-sized carved pendant of solid gold — survived centuries of looting by Spanish invaders and unscrupulous raiders who depleted Tiwanaku of many precious treasures.

The corpse was found in



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a niche carved inside the 15-yard-high Akapana pyramid, which was built around 1200 B.C. and is described by experts as one of the biggest pre-Columbian constructions in South America.

At its peak, the city of Tiwanaku stretched over 1,480 acres and had a population of more than 100,000, according to chief archaeologist Javier Escalante, who presented the findings at a news conference near the pyramid.

Migration to Tops Deaths in Mexico

(AP) -- Mexico has lost more people to migration to the United States than death since 2000, according to a government report.

Mexico's demographics agency found that an average of 577,000 people moved to the U.S. each year between 2000-2005, compared to 495,000

deaths a year in the same period. In 2006, 559,000 migrated and there were 501,000 deaths.

Mexico had 104.9 million residents as of last year, an increase of 6.4 million since 2000.

Immigration to the U.S. has increased drastically since 1970, when 800,000 Mexicans lived north of the border. To-

day, there are about 11 million Mexicans living in the U.S., both legally and illegally, the report found.

The study also showed more and more Mexicans traveling illegally to the United States.

In 1993-1997, 48 percent of

Mexicans who traveled to the United States entered the country illegally. That percentage jumped to 68 percent between 1998-2001 and to 78 percent from 2001-2005, mostly because of stricter security measures tied to the Sept. 11 attacks.

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