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# **Latin Dance Masters Set to Thrill**

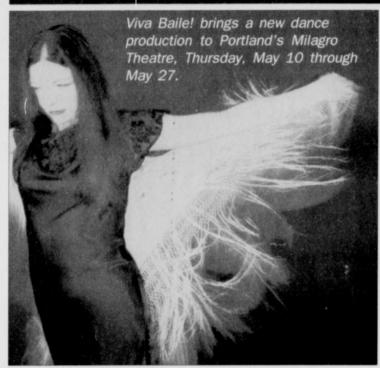
#### A flamenco tango fusion

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 Berretín. Together, with world-renown Buenos Aires dancer/teacher Luciana Valle, guitarist Daniel Goméz and pianist Claudio Méndez, 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."





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.

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### **Artifacts Linked to Ancient Civilization**

(AP) -- Archaeologists have uncovered the 1,300year-old skeleton of a ruler or priest of the ancient Tiwanaku civilization, together with precious jewels inside a muchlooted 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

The corpse was found in ruler or priest.



Archaeologists unearth a 1,300-year-old skeleton believed to be a

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.

a niche carved inside the

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

States than death since 2000, there were 501,000 deaths. according to a government re-

Mexico's demographics of 6.4 million since 2000. agency found that an average of 2005, compared to 495,000 lived north of the border. To-

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and more Mexicans traveling ille-from 2001-2005, mostly because

In 1993-1997, 48 percent of to the Sept. 11 attacks.

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