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## Conference on Latino Issues



Lynn Stephen

for the Study of Women in Society's Gender, Families, and Immigration Project and distinguished professor of anthropology. "In addition, we are interested in exploring how these issues can provide opportunities for alliance building for immigrant rights."

The event will be free and open to the public, beginning Thursday evening, May 22, and continuing all day Friday, May 23. It will be held at the UO William H. Knight Law Center in Eugene. Advanced registration is not required.

"I see this conference giving the Latino community a sense of hope in the midst of a lot of negative publicity focused on immigrant legal status," said Patricia Cortez, president of the board of directors of the Amigos Multicultural Center in Eugene and member of the conference's advisory board. "This is important work, especially from my perspective as an immigrant."

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More than 30 community leaders and advocates for immigrants' rights will be at the University of Oregon to take part in the Conference on Gender, Families and Latino Immigration in Oregon.

"We are providing a unique forum on immigration by focusing specifically on how immigration politics and policies affect Latino immigrant women, men, families and youth," said Lynn Stephen, director of the Center

## Deceptions and Disguises



Clara Weishahn (from left), Jamie M. Rea and Dennis Kelly star in *Labyrinth of Desire* at the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St.

### Fuses romantic intrigue, comedy

Milagro Theatre, the Northwest's outstanding Latino arts-and-culture organization, is presenting an English-language comedy during the month of May that explores romantic intrigue and the delightful and essential mystery of love.

The *Labyrinth of Desire*, a world-premiere play by Caridad Svich, adapted from Lope de Vega's "La Prueba de los Ingenios," challenges the boundaries and fluidity of human desire.

When Florela's fiancé decides to leave her and compete with other suitors for the hand of the rich and beautiful Laura, Florela goes undercover to keep her man. The story is filled with clever deceptions and hilarious disguises.

A special preview is scheduled Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. with opening night Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m. Milagro Theatre is located at 525 S.E. Stark St.

Tickets can be purchased online at [milagro.org](http://milagro.org) or by calling 503-236-7253.

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## Migrant Rights Law Applauded

### Mexico moves to remove penalties

(AP) -- Migrant-rights activists applauded a vote by Mexico's Congress to remove long-standing criminal penalties for undocumented migrants found in the country.

The measure passed unanimously in the lower house last week, a day after Senate approval. President Felipe Calderon's office declined to say whether he would sign the popular measure into law.

Mexican lawmakers saw the harsh penalties as an anachronism, and some noted Mexico also owes migrants better treatment.

Immigrants here, mostly Central Americans trying to reach the U.S., are often



Mexico has its own illegal immigrant population and, until recently, dealt with them using very harsh penalties.

robbed, mistreated and subject to extortion by bandits and even police.

"It is very positive that they have removed the criminal penalties from the current law," said Karina Arias, the spokeswoman for Sin Fronteras, a Mexican group that promotes rights for migrants in Mexico.

"It is a big step forward."

Current law lays out punishments of 1 1/2 to 6 years, while the new measure makes undocumented immigration a minor offense punishable by fines equivalent to about \$2,400.

Some Mexican officials acknowledged that the current harsh penalties weakened

Mexico's position in arguing for better treatment of its own migrants in the United States.

Arias said Mexico "is in a much better position" after voting for eliminating prison terms that are seldom enforced anyway. Most undocumented migrants caught in Mexico are simply deported.

## Have you seen me?

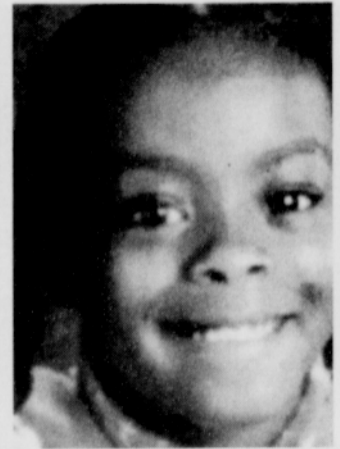
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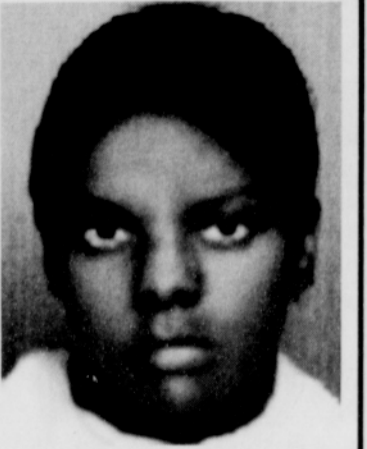
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