

Students say bravo to 'Frida'

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Last Wednesday, Clackamas hosted "Frida: un Retablo," a Spanish play based on a sorrowful heroine (Frida Kahlo) whose obsession with death provided her with an unquenchable thirst for life, which packed the house with over 200 people at both performances combined.

The play was open to everyone. Irma Bjerre, CCC Spanish instructor, encouraged her students to see the play. "I really think that providing the students with those types of opportunities makes them feel an appreciation for the Spanish language and culture," said Bjerre.

Students who attended the play on Wednesday expressed their feelings. Carrie Bailey said, "Frida was very interesting. Her life was very sad, but she took the best of everything. Her paintings were pretty and very moving."

"I really enjoyed the play on Wednesday," said Rebecca Neal. "I think the actors did a great job. I admire the work of Frida Kahlo. I believe it is very vivid and shows suffering and emotions. They are painted ingeniously and are very original. The majority of the people are incapable of doing something like that, but she is able to show her pain as something big in an ironic manner."

Tila Jimenez, student, added, "I was enchanted by the play 'Frida'. It was very interesting how they presented the three actresses, the different aspects of the life of Frida Kahlo. She had a very sad life and she died very young."

Student Roy Scheer summarized his feelings for the play in a poetic manner:

It was a life of suffering.
It was a life of Beauty.
It was a life of feelings.
It was a life of hope.
It was Frida Kahlo.



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Above: Frida Kahlo (Ina Strauss) meets Diego Rivera (Omar Vargas) who would later become her husband and inspire her art. A young Frida (Maya Linda Malan-Gonzalez) acts as a conscience to remind Frida of her past.

Left: Frida gives birth to a still-born child, one of the many experiences that shaped her life and art.



Left: After some persuasion, Frida weds Diego, an older mural painter, then together they move from their home in Mexico to New York.

Horoscopes

By Maggie Jirasek

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19):

Sudden good fortune will help you pay off your debts. You tend to analyze things too deeply. You must stop, or you will have a headache for weeks. Do not eat any fish this week or you will be bloated. Your lucky object of the week: doorknob.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 19):

Don't allow harsh words to upset you. If you feel like you are losing control over your emotions, just think of a ladybug. Someone is trying to spy on you. Don't allow that. Your lucky object of the week: lightbulb.

Aries (March 20-April 20):

It's your time to shine. You will have a fabulous week. There is only one problem: You will not get much

work done. Try to stay focused on the important things of life. Your lucky object of the week: rainbow-colored chopstick.

Taurus (April 21-May 21):

Take time to help those less fortunate. It is your turn to help out others. Look around and give the person next to you a big hug. You will be rewarded for being generous. Your lucky object of the week: picture frame.

Gemini (May 22-June 21):

You should go out and meet new people. Romance is quite possible if you are willing to go and approach someone you are interested in. Do not drive around without any gas in your tank. You will end up pushing your car. Your lucky object of the

week: thumbtack.

Cancer (June 22-July 22):

Your spitefulness is fogging your creativity. You feel stressed out—maybe it's time for a little break. You should consider a little session of meditation. Seriously! Your lucky object of the week: lighter.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

You might experience a boring week. But you can do something to fight your boredom: Read a newspaper. It will cheer you up. A friend needs your support. You should check your phone messages more often. Someone is trying to get a hold of you. Your lucky object of the week: bottle opener.

Virgo (August 23-Sept. 22):

You are looking for a scapegoat, but maybe there is no one to blame. Remember that making mistakes is a human trait. You suffer from sleep deprivation—you must get more rest. Your lucky object of the week: pillowcase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If you truly want a better world, it's time to break with the past. Sometimes, you have to start changing yourself before you want others to change. Friday is a good day to take a bath. Your lucky object of the week: rubber ducky.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

You can get the support you need if you recognize your true allies. Sometimes, people are not the ones they appear to be. Be careful whom you choose to be your friends. One of your

neighbors wants to steal your laundry. Your lucky object of the week: candle.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

It's never too late to get what you want out of life. The present time is perfect to start building your future. You should consider taking out the garbage more often. It can get pretty stinky. Your lucky object of the week: garbage can.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Today you are the cool voice of reason but tomorrow you might be a dancing squirrel. Try to be more balanced and you will find yourself in a much better mood. It's time to get rid of those old shoes of yours. Your lucky object of the week: battery.