



Run away with me. Senior Kendall Morales and Junior Zach White get too close for comfort as they share mutual feelings but cannot act on them for fear of being killed for their actions. menefee photo



Let's get outta here! Sophomore Lilah Adams and senior Kendall Morales get ready to leave and flee the evil to come. Adams encourages Morales to leave the book and scrolls to save their lives. menefee photo



She will pay! Senior Clay McGill pins Kendall Morales to the floor during an intense moment in the play. The students spent hours working on the timing for the violent scene. menefee photo

Very well. Actors Miryam Zapata and Evan Grisham look over manuscripts during a scene in *Rivers of Ink*. Miryam played multiple roles in the play. menefee photo



Just hanging out. Seniors Kendall Morales and Logan Freeman share a scene at the beginning of the play. Kendall was awarded Best Actress at District competition. menefee photo



You may not have her hand in marriage. Junior Evan Grisham plays a small part as a mean father during one of the mini-stories inside the play. Evan was also the father in the main storyline. menefee photo

One Act Play hits competition season, advances to Area contest

To be or not to be ... as the 2016 OAP, *Rivers of Ink*, moved on to Area competition, the pressure was high to stay in the running. Rehearsals continued through the night before in the hotel hallway to fine-tune every possible movement. For students who enjoy the rush of being on stage and pulling off a great show, it was time to work their magic.

"To be able to do what I like and compete in it excites me," freshman Noah Rubel said. "It pushes me to be the best I can be."

Even with two wins under their belt, the actors and crew knew that anything could happen, especially with several actors not arriving back in Houston after baseball and softball games until after 1:00 am, with *Rivers of Ink* scheduled to compete first. The actors were not the only ones under pressure,

though.

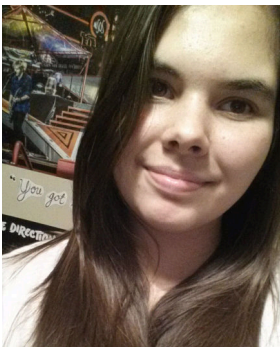
"Whenever something goes wrong you think you have no way of fixing it," crew member Stefani Trejo said. "If we mess up, the cast gets messed up, and then the whole play has gone astray. So there is a lot of stress on tech and that is what keeps me going. To work as a team to make our plays the best."

While the play did not advance to regional competition, the students did not quit acting for the year, performing *The Sound of Music* in May for two community shows.

"It's really fun we did our OAP competition and a musical this spring," sophomore Lilah Adams said. "Both performances were really important to me, and I'm excited that I had good roles in both plays." - by *Melanie Slay*



Magical. Freshman Macky Morales plays her part as the narrator of the play. Morales received an individual acting award at Bi-District competition. menefee photo



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"I stand out at BHS because I am the Bison Belle captain, I have unique life philosophies. I'm a trustworthy person and I make the best of bad situations."

- Kaci Allen, 12

