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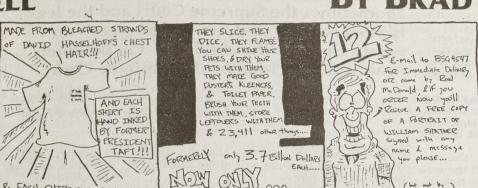




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Friday Mostly sunny with the high near 83. SE winds 5 to 10 m.p.h.

Friday Night Partly cloudy with a low near 61.



Saturday Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. High



By Alvaro Play explores what American Dream means to Mexican-Americans

DALLAS (AP) - On its surface, "Santos & Santos" is the story about an El Paso, Texas law firm gone bad, a sordid tale of sex, drugs and violence. Beneath it, it's the story of a crossroads.

The play, which makes its world premiere at the Dallas Theater Center Thursday, is loosely based on the events leading to the murder of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood and the Chagra brothers — El Paso attorneys linked to the plots to kill him.

"It was just a springboard," insists Solis, an El Paso native now living in San Francisco. "It's not about the Chagra family. It's my story.

Solis' story is one of internal and external conflict of Mexican-Americans living in the United States. Solis said that, as the son of Mexican immigrants, the story is something

he can relate to. The conflict between a history and culture rooted in Mexico and a lifestyle rooted in the United States is what tears at the play's protagonist, attorney Tomas Santos. When he finds out about his prominent family's drug-running ways, his loy-alties are put to a stern test.

He must choose between his corrupt kindred or his corrupt legal system. He loves both, but both eventually fail the selfrighteous Tomas.

Solis said it's a microcosm of the American ideal gone

The basic American dream is success - success at any he said. "America asks you to give up (cultural) things, yet it absorbs cultures as well.

That hybrid experience is what forms the precipice for Mexican-Americans, Solis says. The battle between Mexican and American sensibilities for Tomas Santos coincides with the literal battles that take place on the stage. Solis said the basic differ-ence between the cultures is

their attitudes toward how the world works. The Mexican view is one of fate, he says, and God's will dictates what happens. He said that tragic attitude is different from the American comic viewpoint.

"Americans see things gov-erned by fortune, not fate," he said. "If you're smart, clever and try hard enough, you can achieve anything. Americans

are suckers for happy endings." Neither "Santos & Santos" nor the Chagras' saga send the audience away smiling

There aren't many cheers in "Santos & Santos," but that's typical for the 37-year-old Solis. He said he'd rather paint his characters with negative brush.

"They're real people," Solis said when asked if his corrupt characters are difficult to fashion. "They're all around you. It's easy.

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ART A: "What Can We Learn From Each Other?" Vhen: Thursday, April 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Where: Memorial Student Center (MSC), Rm. 224

e Bus Reurpose: To provide an opportunity for Texas A&M University students & faculty to speak candidly on race relations, and to offer suggestions and alternatives for greater progress and improvement on campus.

May 4 What: * Keynote Speakers: Dr. Patricia Larke and Dr. Greg Moses

* Panel Discussion, * Entertainment, * Art Exhibit

PART B: B/CS Town Meeting "Race Relations in Our Public Schools" Thursday, April 27, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

College Station Conference Center urpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the B/CS community to speak candidly on race relations, and to offer suggestions and alternatives for greater progress and

improvement in the community schools. MATH 15 What: Three panels, including: School Administration and the Clergy, * Parents, * Students Each panel will be followed by audience questions and dialogue.

Final Review Outcomes: (1) To encourage all participants to assume ownership of the ues and challenges identified at the meetings. (2) To initiate, continue FINC 341 or expand upon efforts and strategies to implement effective change. (3)

communicate and work extensively across boundaries. Please feel free to attend one or both parts of the conference! For more information, call or fax:

Dr. Gail E. Thomas or Ms. Judy Roessner Phone: 845-0966 Fax: 845-0696 Co-sponsored by The Race and Ethnic Studies Institute and the Texas A&M University students in Minority/Majority Relations (Sociology 317.501)

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Dr. Philip Cohen, M.D., Lecturer

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> Dr. James Olsen, Lecturer Professor of History, Sam Houston State University

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