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## Pesearch on textbooks aiding A\&M study <br> Prof working to end ethnic stereotypes

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been how textbooks portray differ-
ent societal roles, Garcia says.
"Sssentially what were trying to
do is reduce stereotypes by looking
to see if the books are multi-ethnic
and if that kind of book can reduce
some of the stereotypes and preju-
dices that students have," Garcia
says.
Garcia rates a textbook as multi-
ethnic if it portrays minorities as
equals in society.
A social studies textbook from 30
years ago might contain two pictures
oo blacks. he says, while today social
studies textbooks contain all kinds of
pictures of different minorities.
Although progress is being made

| gress to be made, Garcia says. <br> Few classroom teachers are taking conscious steps to reduce prejudice and stereotypes, he says. Teachers are putting more stress on teaching are putting more stress on teaching facts and skills than on changing attitudes, he says. <br> One solution is integrated classrooms where interaction between different ethnic groups is structured, Garcia says. <br> For example, in a science laboratory, the teacher could structure the experiment so a minority student and another student work together doing equal tasks. <br> Through his research, Garcia says he's hoping to find out if student in- |
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 children and he wanted to find out
why, he says.
Although Garcia's research hasn' been on a particular grade level, he
says he will be experimenting with
multi-ethnic textbooks and student multi-ethnic textbooks and student
interaction on several grade levels.
Schools are the starting place fo providing better communications
between ethnic groups, Garcia says. In the long run, prejudice could
cause a divided sociey with little
communication between groups, he Fontenot trial still drawing a lot of people

## uestions remaining about Dallas plane crash

| Katz, paralyzed from the neck down for a time after the crash, doesn't remember anything about the crash. Her last pre-crash before. <br> She doesn't want to know what happened that day, but she would like to know why it happened. <br> This would be my question if the pilot lived," she said. "What made him go through it (the thunderstorm)?" <br> Katz, who suffered a fractured neck, broken ribs and a punctured lung, lay near death in the wreckage for more than an hour before rescue workers could get her to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. <br> She was hospitalized for four weeks in Dallas and for three months in Florida. For the last two months she has been treated as an her home in a Fort Lauderdale suburb. |  |
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$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Recently Katz has been able to walk, and } \\ \text { just last week she was able to "run" after a } \\ \text { fashion for the first time. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { ( } 7 \text { a.m., although court rarely is } \\ \text { called to order before } 9 \text { a.m. }\end{array}\right\}$

## han recalls 1910 sighting of Halley's comet, hoping for 2nd glimpse



