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## 3 found slain in Albany shootings

Associated Press

ALBANY, Texas — Three family members found dead in their home apparently were shot with a semi-automatic pistol that appeared to have been wiped clean of fingerprints, an investigator said Tuesday.

The bodies of Dorothy Seedig, in her 50s; her daughter, Julie Dennis, 32; and Dennis' daughter, Melissa, 3; were found Monday.

Texas Ranger Sid Merchant said no arrests had been made Tuesday.

Merchant said all three had been shot in the head sometime Monday, and a .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol, belonging to Seedig's son, was found in another room.

The weapon was sent to a laboratory for ballistics tests.

A gas heater valve had been turned on, possibly in an attempt to make the house explode, Merchant said.

Merchant said several people were questioned and released, including Dennis' former husband and her brother. He declined to discuss any possible motive in the case, but said nothing was missing from the house and there was no sign of forced entry.

The bodies, which were found in a bedroom, were sent to Dallas for autopsies, Merchant said.

Two next-door neighbors said the Shackelford County sheriff's office was called when they found the doors to Seedig's red brick house locked, the shutters drawn and the smell of natural gas coming from the house.

## In Advance Shakespearean company will perform play in Rudder

By MARY McWHORTER  
Staff Writer

The Royal Shakespeare Company will perform "Measure for Measure" at Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

All 19 roles of Shakespeare's dark comedy will be performed by four actors and one actress, each of whom has a specialty or particular fame.

Company veteran Julian Curry, who has received critical acclaim for his interpretations of Shakespeare's work, is a specialist on Samuel Beckett, the Irish writer.

South African Joseph Marcell has gained acclaim for his interpretation of Othello, and Paul

Whitworth is known for his portrayal of Hamlet.

Stephen Jenn is noted for teaching for the British Actors Educational Tour.

Lisa Harrow is best known for her performances in "Twelfth Night" and "Othello," and her role in the British Broadcasting Co.'s production of "The Merchant of Venice."

The company was founded in 1960 and is based in London.

In addition to performing in troupe gives work shops for actors and students interested in Shakespeare's works.

Texas A&M is the only location in Texas and one of only two universities in the country where the company will appear.

## Country-western music stars to perform at A&M Thursday

Janie Fricke will appear along with four other country-western music stars as part of the American Music Tour's performance in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Also appearing will be Sylvia, Eddie Rabbitt, T. G. Shepard and the group Exile.

It will be Fricke's third visit to Texas A&M and just part of the hectic life she's made for herself.

Fricke, twice named Female Vocalist of the Year by the Country Music Association, recently

performed in a benefit concert for the United Farmers of Canada.

"I'm a farmer's daughter from Indiana, myself," Fricke said.

"I enjoy doing things for farmers," she said, "I tried hard to get Farm Aid, but they already had too many performers."

Fricke is perhaps best known for the hits "It Ain't Easy Bein' Easy" and "He's a Heartache."

The concert is sponsored by MSC Town Hall.

Tickets are available at the MSC Box Office for \$11.50.

## RHA program for freshmen sharpens leadership skills

By ANTHONY S. CASPER  
Reporter

The Texas A&M Residence Hall Association has come up with a way to help freshmen become campus leaders.

RHA Freshman Leadership, a pilot program launched during the fall semester, is helping freshmen who want to participate in campus leadership positions.

Debbie Caldarola, director of the project, says any freshman who lives on campus is invited to apply for membership.

"Last semester was our organizational period," she says. "This semester we are encouraging them to run for leadership positions on campus, not just in RHA, but in any organization or club they may be interested in."

"We basically try to teach them good, basic leadership skills while they're still freshmen so they can develop these skills to become good leaders."

She says that last semester RHA set up committees and had freshmen serve as the chairmen and subchairmen. Basically, the freshmen got an opportunity to set up meetings and fundraising projects and line up speakers for special events, she says.

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but Caldarola says this semester the freshmen will have more autonomy.

"This semester we'll be setting up president and vice president positions as well and let them go through the responsibilities of the office," she says.

She says the RHA mentor program gives the freshmen an edge when competing for leadership positions.

"What we do is have the members list at least two organizations in which they think they would be interested in pursuing a leadership position," Caldarola says. "Last fall we had a committee of freshmen who went out and found people like the president of the MSC Council and president of the Student Government and asked them if they would be willing to be a mentor to the freshmen."

"Basically what they're doing is being like their buddy. They're with them, they explain to them their duties in the organization, offer advice. The ideal situation is to have the mentor be open to member anytime," Caldarola says.

Caldarola says she hopes friendships and contacts made can make will help those who are campus leadership positions smooth over differences in leadership personalities.

"One of our goals is for these members to really get to know other people in the group before the time they're all seniors and the people in leadership positions around campus," she says.

It's always easier to work out differences with someone you know she says.

While membership is open to freshmen who live on-campus, Caldarola says the ideal group is about 50 members.

"This is a small enough group where they can get to know everyone in the group and really interact with the other members," she says.

"We ask what they want to get out of a leadership program here, what they want to do as far as a leader," she says. "This gives us a basic overview of their motivation."

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