Motherless children in relatives’ custody

By Albert Villagrasa
Staff Reporter

Three local children are now without their mother after the Alvin Police Department arrested the woman they believed she was connected to her death Saturday morning Oct. 18.

The killing of Edna Vez, 30, occurred at a motel in Manvel, a Marcello police official confirmed, and the man identified as Ramos, 30, has been charged with murder. He shared a common law marriage with Vez, police said.

At the time of her death, two of Vez’s children, ages 8 and 7, had been attending an Alvin SSD school in Manvel. A third child, who was around 3 years old, was staying with Vez’s mother in Mexico, during the weekend.

Ramos hails from Reynosa, which is across from McAllen, in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas. Capt. Todd Arendell, with the Alvin Police Department, said Ramos called police at 4:33 a.m. and spoke to a dispatcher who convinced him to pull his vehicle and speak to responding officers.

When Alvin police arrived at a convenience store in the 1900 block of East SH 6 at 4:37, they found Vez’s unconscious body in the front seat of the vehicle Ramos was driving.

No weapons were found in his vehicle, Arendell said.

“A preliminary investigation shows (Vez) may have been the victim of a murder-suicide and they were having an argument,” Arendell said. “Ramos later confided to killing (Vez) who he identified as his wife.”

Ramos was currently employed. Vez was killed in the room.

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Chamber showcase planned for Nov. 1

By David Money
Staff Writer

Members of the Alvin-Manvel Chamber of Commerce’s current Leadership class are planning something special for Nov. 1.

On that day they plan a celebration of talent, heart and determination in the Alvin High School gym beginning at 2 p.m. It will be a day to celebrate the accomplishments of area Special Olympians and watch them play basketball and present a halftime of singing during the fluorescing showman, according to the group’s news release.

The leadership class is participating in a campaign to raise the awareness that a certain word can be a battle in many special needs.

The group has been going around to various schools trying to get students to participate in the “R-word Special Olympics.”

I have attended a couple of schools to bring the awareness and encourage students to commit to spread the word to end “the word.” We can do that by signing our banner and have the option of purchasing a wristband,” said Alkina Martin, a leadership participant, and the director of the dual credit program at Alvin Community College.

Michelle Neesle, another participant and the recession manager for the city of Alvin, said, “Each Leadership Class has a project and this is the one we choose. We are trying to raise as much money as we can for the Special Olympics. We have gotten sponsors and are selling the bracelets to spread the word to end the word. “The bracelets serve as tickets to the showcase,” she said of the project.

“We encourage people to sign a pledge that they won’t use the word,” she added.

The funds the group raises will help the Special Olympians in a number of ways, she said.

“We started with the need for them just to have uniforms that the athletes could keep,” she said. “We need to get more money for a starting gun for their track practices and for whatever needs they have.”

Brett Oliver, who works in the city of Alvin’s finance department and another leadership participant, said he has been out

Periodic Table is an element of learning

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AmericanProfile

Cover Story: Spookiest Towns in America – Pollen of three of the spookiest towns in the U.S. including Anoka, Minn., Salem, Mass., and Independence, Kansas with a spotlight on people who make these

Credit cards taken from business

Alvin

A business located in the 900 block of SH 35 South reported a theft of multiple credit cards that occurred around 10:44 p.m. Oct. 19.

Laptop stolen

Police responded to the 900 block of Rice Street in response to a laptop theft that occurred around 3:34 p.m. Oct. 16.

The complainant said he left his Apple laptop on a picnic table while he walked a nearby convenience store to use the restroom.

When he returned within 30 minutes, his laptop worth an estimated $1,099 was taken.

Clothes, glasses stolen

A business located in the 400 block of SH 35 South reported a theft that occurred around 3:33 p.m. Oct. 19. The more lost around $100 worth of merchandise which included clothes, medicine, chargers and glasses.

Burglary of motor vehicle

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People associated with the Alvin-Manvel Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Institute met last week at an Alvin restaurant to discuss their project to benefit the AISD Special Olympics, pictured from left to right are David Brogan, Michelle Nesrsta, Tim Hubbard, Alkina Martin, Brett Oliver, Tim Salter, Cathie Woitena and Johanna McWilliams (Sun Staff photo)
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Custody

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that the children were sleeping soundly. The children were inter

viewed separately and it is not our

way to reveal to others what they

observed. The 6-year-old boy said:

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life for our athletes. The challenges

of the future are embraced with

and needs of our athletes are

support, to critically evaluate

in the sports,” according to the

AIDS website.

Beat

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will hold its Fall Plant Sale

be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Saturday, Oct. 25.

Bake loaf of breads,

and make a few fresh-

faced golden breakfast buns.

The Alvin High School Class

in North SH 35 in response to a

incident that occurred around 3:

Oct. 17. Police report that a

maker stole a computer worth

of belongings were stolen.

A burglary of habitation occ

around 3:15 a.m. Oct. 17. Police

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program begin at 7 p.m. Guests

Alvin Branch of the

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Sports Editor
By Stephen Collins
30 assists, 15 kills and 14 kills to playoff bid last weekend, saw all, 12-2 in 22-6A) clinched the 32, 29-27, 25-19 and 25-22 four victorious by a hard earned 30-to-toe for 2 1/2 hours with the Playoffs starting in a little over his ranches and knew his family. I also had per- Nolan's milestone games firsthand. I had visited ally struck a deal. inspired, and entertained and we eventu- taining his story. I wanted to do something that in- Goldman also interviewed Ryan's sister Mary and Goldman also came to Al- and spoke to his best friend George Pugh, for- mated and opponents, Goldman also came to Al- and delivered with his dad at the corner of Gordon and Sealy where Nolan and his...
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Goldman: One of my favorite scenes was the “Breakout,” which is the story of Nolan’s return to the majors. He was traded after he failed to cross with California; he would likely be forced to retire or be hampered by the bullpen.

The chapter begins with Nu-
lan, who had been a three-time Gold Glove winner and a national icon.

When Nolan got to the majors his ability to listen was a major reason for his success. No one had 27 years as the top of his game. He was the most patient man I’ve ever met.

I was a little bit stunned. It took me a few days to get over the whole horse thing. When I finally got back from the course, I went to the living room. My dinner plate was in the kitchen cupboard.

Nolan never mentioned another word about my misadven- tures with the horse. The lexicon learned he forget and... forget. He just sweated. Nolan's ride on the back of My Little Pony. Nolan was wearing a blue T-shirt and jeans. Nolan looked quite thin, but he was a good friend, a man of his word. If he tells you what you got, nothing phony... nothing you will follow through and he expects the same in return.

I was a great listener... When he was teaching me the importance of my life and all my decisions.

He is one of Nolan's greatest, great, great-grandfather.

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More than 100 medical professionals got a valuable opportunity to learn about advances in mental illness awareness through NAMI Gulf Coast’s 5th Annual Mental Illness Awareness Week Community Conference at Alvin Community College on Oct. 10.

Sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Gulf Coast Chapter (or NAMI) and the ACC Peer Educators Group, the conference helped provide information on several facing mentally ill patients today—day to day and year to year.

“As with any event, NAMI GC hopes to eliminate stigma and untrue portrayals that have led us down the road of shame in the past,” said Director Jeanette Taylor. “This can be done in so many ways that we can only begin to see in the future.”

Coast Director Jeanette Taylor

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“We are excited to partner with the Greater Pearland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in an effort to engage our students in STEM,” said Christi Groene Pearland Chapter President.

“Athletic Director and the Links,” said Dr. Cynthia Judice, “This is a tremendous success and we are thrilled to partner with NAMI Gulf Coast, visit www.namigulfcoast.org. To learn more about Peer Educators call 281-736-3530.”

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“You can see these opportunities for future careers and future education,” Taylor said. “This is needed in the Alvin community, where there is a great need for mental health professionals.”

During the Oct. 29 meeting, participants will have the opportunity to hear a special presentation on Rocket Science, led by Stephanie D. Wilson, UTMB’s division director of the ACC Peer Educators.

The program for seventh and eighth grade students is a required component of the Self-Motivation and Certification Program for seventh and eighth graders. It includes three presentations, college tours, and a 1-hour meeting on the last week of the program.

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Meetings will consist of 1 hour of enrichment and 2 hours of mandatory classes.

“Because of the success of the program, the participants will have the opportunity to hear a special presentation on Rocket Science, led by Stephanie D. Wilson, UTMB’s division director of the ACC Peer Educators.”

“Participants will receive course credit, and some of which will include student preparation for the National Civilian Spouse’s Bureau, a component of the Space Act.”

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Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Proverbs 18:21
second enrollment period for marketplace health insurance is just weeks away, but many consumers and advocates are still confused about what the marketplace does and what steps they need to take to make the right choice for their family.

Nine out of 10 uninsured Americans are answering the sec-

ond open enrollment period be-
gins in November, and the latest Kaiser Family Health Track-

ing Poll. The Medicaid Associated (TMA) warns that Tex-

as consumers understand what to look for and how to use the

marketplace. That’s why TMA is publishing its “Hey, Doc” edu-
cation campaign to offer clear steps, updated answers to the most fre-
quent questions asked about the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

This week, TMA’s “Hey, Doc” Answers Texas questions about what they can sign up for marketplace insurance, how to apply for coverage, and what to do after the application.

Therefore, the ‘special enrollment period’

visits was held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 24, 2014 at Froberg Chapel, 3711 N. Fwy. East, Houston, Texas. Arrangements under the direction of Froberg Funeral Home.

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Cardiovascular care at UTMB.

It’s about getting your life back.

John always enjoyed fishing with his kids and dancing with his wife. Coronary bypass surgery at age 42 did not stop either activity. Then 17 years later, he knew something was not right.

Tests confirmed John’s suspicion. The only option appeared to be getting on a heart pump and waiting for a transplant, but the cardiovascular team at UTMB Health saw another way. They recommended an aggressive bypass graft procedure. John benefited from the work of skilled specialists, sub-specialists, surgeons, nurses, and technicians. These gifted clinicians who teach others their art, using the very latest technology and techniques. Today, John has his full life back.

Cardiovascular care at UTMB is state-of-the-art and comprehensive, from heart rhythm studies to bypass to transplants to cardiac rehab. With more than 30 locations throughout Galveston and the Bay Area, we’re also close by, which makes visiting easy and appointments convenient.

Don’t let your heart hold you back. Take charge of your health and call us at 800-917-4806 or go to utmbhealth.com.