Lake Somerville drowning accident claims lives of 5 family members

SOMERVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Somerville Sunday.

father of two of the children dived in to help. to try to save them, as did his brotherin-law, said Burleson County Sheriff Gene Barber. All five died.

Elasar Manzanares, 37, jumped Southeast Texas lake outing took a in after his daughter, Lupita tragic turn when five members of Manzanares, 11; son, Jorge a family drowned at Lake Manzanares, 8; and nephew, Kevin Manzanares, 9, got in trou-When three young cousins ran into ble. Jose Rangel, 22, the children's difficulty staying above water, the uncle, also jumped into the water

Rangel went under about 100 yards from shore. He was taken to St. Joseph Regional Health Center

"We would have liked to have found them (Sunday), but dark came on us."

> — Gene Barber **Burleson County sheriff**

in Bryan, where he died in the found them (Sunday), but dark at about 4 p.m. and the child intensive care unit.

Manzanares' body was found on Sunday within 50 feet of his daughter's body. Dive teams from the Texas Department of Public Safety and neighboring Washington ing her hands in the water and hol-Manzanares and Kevin Manzanares Monday morning.

"We would have liked to have

came on us," Barber said.

A third unidentified man tried to help, but had trouble swimming and returned to shore, Barber said.

"He said the little girl was wav-County found the bodies of Jorge lering for someone to come help," Barber said. "The little boys were already in the water."

The family came to Welch Park

began wading in the lake, the she iff said.

said. Water depths range from on to 30 feet.

Barber said the reservoir been the site of numerous drow ings in recent years.

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Logan Youree, program con dinator for campus tours for the Aggie Orientation Leaders and: senior speech communication major, said the campus tours a a way to make incoming fresh men feel comfortable on campus

make students familiar wit buildings on campus, so they do not feel so lost," Youree said.

Youree said the tours also give students background about some of the landmarks around campus

about some of the traditions that

go along with statues and some of the buildings," Youree said. Along with the campus tour the Department of Student Life

"We have the respect program CIS argues that during the conference, which Center Fee beca introduces topics such as hazing date violence and drinking here er, comparing o at A&M," Clark said.

There are also activities for parents who are on campus dur will not be char ing the new student conference. Clark said the parent pro-

grams help prepare them for the Center services change their families will experience when school begins. "We try to connect with them about letting go and getting

The last day of the conference is scheduled for students to meet with departmental advisers and register for classes.

"It is impossible for us to address everything in the short amount of time we have, so we address the major issues at

> — Vanessa Clark Coordinator of Student Life Orientation

Dr. Edward Walraven, director of undergraduate advising for the journalism department, said advisers give students information about what their respective

dents plan out their first semester at A&M. "Generally, we give them instructions on how to formulate their schedule and enroll themin

his questions about his first semester. "The person who answered the most questions for me was

said. Clark said although it is difficult to address every issue, students leave the conference with most of their questions

answered. "It is impossible for us to address everything in the short amount of time we have, so we address the major issues at con-

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