

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING



Sun Studies Will Jenkins, a junior marketing major, reads at Research Park Monday afternoon, when temperatures were unseasonably warm.

Lotto scratches ad

► College statistics students find mathematical error in advertisements.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Lottery has pulled printed ads for its Cash 5 game from stores after a college statistics class sent a letter claiming that possible winnings in the game were being exaggerated.

The class at San Antonio College, which was using Cash 5 data to practice statistical analysis, determined that someone who matches all five numbers in the game could win \$57,575.70.

In-store ads for the game, however, state that five-of-five winners can win \$75,000.

Lottery Commission spokesman Steve Levine said Cash 5 television ads will not be changed, and the decision to remove the printed ads is not an admission of error.

"The students just came up with a different way of finding their figures than we did; we're not saying their way is right," Levine said.

"We decided to pull the ads because that's the first thing we do when we get a legitimate and reasonable complaint about our ad-

vertising ... and we already thinking about renewing our

Gerald Busald, who teaches a 16-member, sophomore-level statistics class, said students sent their numbers before their complaint.

"We kept doing the math our numbers didn't change," he said. "I sent the Lottery Commission letter and our statistical analysis was correct," Busald said.

"The \$75,000 figure seems to be an estimate of the average of total winnings from the first 15 drawings, which averages out to \$76,943.79."

In their letter, the students argued that the lottery's figure was "analogous to saying that in a town of 100 people where one person earns \$101,000 annually, the other 99 earn \$1,000 each; the average income is \$51,000."

In Cash 5, players try to pick numbers out of 39. The odds of all five are one in 575,757.

Busald argues that, since 50 percent of the money bet on Cash 5 is awarded to people who have numbers, the expected distribution works out to \$57,575.70.

"It's not rocket science," Busald said. "Students figured it out with calculators."

► This day in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1997. There are 316 days left in the year.

In 1516, Mary Tudor, the Queen of England popularly known as "Bloody Mary," was born in Greenwich Palace.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1885, Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published in the United States for the first time.

In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1953, *Bwana Devil*, the movie that heralded the 3-D fad of the '50's, opened in New York.

In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard Nixon.

In 1970, the Chicago Seven defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert in southeast California.

In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

► Today's birthdays

Actor Jack Palance is 76. Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 75. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 70. Singer Yoko Ono is 64. Singer Irma Thomas is 56. Singer Dennis DeYoung (Styx) is 50. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 47. Singer Juice Newton is 45. Actor John Travolta is 43. Game show hostess Vanna White is 40. Actor Matt Dillon is 33. Rapper Dr. Dre is 32. Actress Molly Ringwald is 29.

► Weather

Today



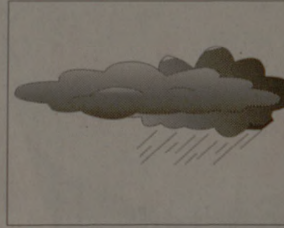
Mostly cloudy with winds from the south-east at 15 mph.

Tonight



Mostly cloudy with winds from the south-east at 10 to 15 mph.

Tomorrow



Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Gusty winds from the southeast at 15 mph.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected High 71°F

Tonight's Expected Low 56°F

Tomorrow's Expected High 68°F

Tomorrow's Expected Low 54°F

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Exhibit Hall of Rudder Tower
9:30 am - 4 pm

We're looking for FANTASTIC summer camp counselors!

MSC Visual Arts and MSC Literary Arts present

Layers of African-American History
The Works of Leamon Green and Phillis Wheatley

Tuesday, February 18
5 to 7 pm
Visual Arts Gallery
Memorial Student Center room 289
5 pm. Discussion with painter Leamon Green
6 pm. Reading of poetry by Phillis Wheatley
Refreshments provided

The Leamon Green exhibit is open until February 27

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Women In Science and Engineering (WISE), an organization of women graduate students, staff and faculty will host its fifth annual all-day professional and career development conference.

The conference "Adapting to a Changing World" which will take place on Saturday, February 22, 1997, at the MSC on the Texas A&M campus, will focus on giving participants the skills and insights needed to succeed in the scientific and technological workplace of the year 2000 and beyond.

Participants will select from topics such as:
A Room of Your Own: At the Top, How to Get Your Research Funded, Sex Differences and Evolution, Conflict Resolution, and others.

This year's keynote speaker will be the former Chief Scientist for NASA and current Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Dr. France Cordova.

Contact Nancy Magnussen at (409) 845-5587 or via e-mail at nancy@isc.tamu.edu for registration information. Free child care will be provided on site. Registration deadline is February 19.

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