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A Wave of Big Money Wins!

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery is thrilled to share two big wins in Northern California, resulting in a combined total of \$12 million in prize money for some very lucky players.

“Oh, OH!” Clem Lundie yelled after spotting a string of zeroes while using the Lottery’s mobile app to check a Scratchers® ticket he purchased in Santa Clara County. That wave of excitement has now shifted to extreme gratitude after discovering he had indeed won \$10 million (before taxes), which is the top prize on that \$30 ticket. “I am most humbled and blessed,” Lundie said. “My plan is to remain stable and focused. I aim to be a rising tide that lifts all boats in my family.”

The game he was playing is called *\$400 Million Money Mania*. He bought his winning Scratchers at the Rotten Robbie store at 605 South White Road in San Jose. The store will also receive a \$50,000 bonus from the Lottery for selling that very lucky ticket.

The tide has also turned for Tiffani Hill who won an incredible \$2 million prize on an *Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers*. That ticket was purchased at Valley Springs Mini Mart, which is located at 33 State Highway 26 in Valley Springs (Calaveras County). The lucky retailer in this case earns a bonus of \$10,000.

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing supplemental funding to the state’s public schools, colleges and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to the more than 23,000 local retailers in California that sell tickets. Based on sales levels during late March/early April of this year, retailers across the state received over \$7 million per week in commissions and bonuses from the Lottery. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned.

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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transfers to public education total approximately \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2018-19, which amounts to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely non-discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period the Lottery generated almost \$7 billion in sales, more than 95% of which goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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