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October Turns Out To Be A Lucky Month For Southern California Lottery Players

Six California Lottery Players Take Home Big *Scratchers*® Wins!

SACRAMENTO – As the month of October comes to an end, the California Lottery is declaring a number of Hallo-winners. across Southern California. The Lottery is handing out treats to these lucky players:

Bette Stewart is indeed set for life after winning \$6 million on, what else, a *Set For Life Scratchers* ticket. Stewart picked up that lucky ticket at Vons (4705 Torrance Boulevard in Torrance in Los Angeles County).

Pedro Carrion took home \$5 million playing a *\$5 million Extravaganza Scratchers* ticket. Carrion's ticket came from My Market (6180 Riverside Drive in Chino in San Bernardino County).

Julia Martinez cashed in a \$1.2 million *Set For Life Scratchers* ticket. Martinez got his ticket at Food 4 Less (1651 East 103rd Street in Los Angeles).

Josefina Pesqueda scored \$1 million playing a *PAC-MAN*® *Scratchers* ticket. Pesqueda picked up that winning ticket at Yum Rich Donuts (20129 Vanowen Street in Winnetka in Los Angeles County).

Clifford Matthews also won \$1 million playing a *\$1,000,000 Bonus Multiplier Scratchers* ticket. Matthews' winning ticket came from Ziggy's Spirit Shop (345 West 6th Street in Beaumont in Riverside County).

Finally, Timothy Willis took home \$750,000 playing a *Mystery Crossword Scratchers* ticket. Willis got his ticket at G & M Liquor (2608 Normandie Avenue in Los Angeles).

The California Lottery and its employees continue to serve an essential government function, providing additional funding to the state's public schools, colleges and universities. The Lottery also provides essential revenue to local businesses trying to stay afloat in this challenging economic environment.

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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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