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Lottery Wins Throughout the Bay Area!

SACRAMENTO – California Lottery *Scratchers*® games are proving to be big winners this month all across the Bay Area. The prize money can mean very different things to each of these lucky players.

Nancy So, 53, scored a \$1 million win on a *MONOPOLY*™ *Scratchers* ticket she purchased at Stardust Market, which is located at 3801 Geary Boulevard in **San Francisco**. She said some health issues have left her mother feeling a bit down, so she began taking Mom out shopping for groceries and lottery tickets as a form of entertainment.

“To encourage her I said, ‘let’s play something,’ to give her some hope,” So said. The women never expected a huge jolt of excitement like this. The devoted daughter can now further encourage her parents with even bigger plans. “I want to treat them,” the lucky winner said. “I want to take them on vacation somewhere. We might be able to go back to Vietnam. My mom wants to go to Vietnam.” So also stressed the need to manage her money wisely so that she can continue to help her parents for the long run.

Arman Garil has other plans for the cool million he won on a *Win Big Scratchers* he bought at the Tully 76 service station located at 1152 Tully Road in **San Jose (Santa Clara County)**. “We cried. It’s a big help for us. We rent a house and it’s really expensive. Now we can buy a house of our own,” the 28-year-old said. And get this -- Garil said he was working the afternoon shift at work when he was asked to also cover the night shift. It was during a break between the shifts that he popped into the store and landed this massive lottery win.

Over in the East Bay, Rigoberto Solorzano-Angulo won a whopping \$5 million on a *\$5 Million Extravaganza* ticket. He picked up that lucky ticket at Harbour Way Mart, which is located at 1000 Cutting Boulevard in **Richmond (Contra Costa County)**. In addition to buying a home, he hopes to invest in a business to ensure a better future for his family.

Steven Edgar scored \$1 million playing *Mega 7’s*. He purchased his lucky ticket at Hillcrest Liquor and Food at 1107 East 18th Street in **Antioch (Contra Costa County)**.

Sherron Garcia is \$750,000 richer after playing the *Mystery Crossword* game. Garcia bought her winning *Scratchers* ticket at Guerneville Liquor. This lucky retailer is located at 16297 Main Street in **Guerneville (Sonoma County)**.

Jose Ayuso Hernandez also scored \$750,000 on *Mystery Crossword*. His ticket was purchased at a Chevron station located at 7000 Monterey Road in **Gilroy (Santa Clara County)**.

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 more than 23,000 local businesses 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 by entrepreneurs trying to stay afloat during these difficult times.

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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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