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California Lottery Players Put the W-I-N in Winter

SACRAMENTO – Six lucky California Lottery *Scratchers*® players were able to win big just before winter comes to an end this weekend.

Guillermo Ceja purchased a *\$10,000,000 Bankroll Scratchers* ticket at Kelso Ranch Market located at 601 West Kelso Street in **Inglewood (Los Angeles County)**. That ticket lived up to its name, as Ceja took home the \$10 million top prize.

Roger Vannavong hit it big when he purchased a *Ca\$h Bonus Scratchers* ticket and won \$1 million. Vannavong purchased his ticket at the 7-Eleven located at 2538 East La Palma Avenue in **Anaheim (Orange County)**.

Wrapping up the Southland lucky streak is **Victor Navar**. He bought a *Mystery Crossword Scratchers* ticket at Covina Donut located at 1007 North Grand Avenue in **Covina (Los Angeles County)** and won \$750,000.

Taking the end-of-winter winning extravaganza up north, we have news of a large win in Monterey County. **Stella Ramirez** won \$1 million on a *Merry & Bright Scratchers* ticket purchased at West Market Valero. This lucky retailer is located at 633 West Market Street in **Salinas (Monterey County)**.

Another winner is now hoping to fulfill a dream after winning \$1 million on a *California Dreamin' Scratchers*. **Cristoval Montejano-Rocha** purchased his lucky ticket at Pajaro Valley Chevron located at 200 Lee Road in **Watsonville (Santa Cruz County)**. "It means a lot. We have an apartment, but we want to get a house. It would be the biggest present for my family," Montejano-Rocha said.

In San Leandro (Alameda County), **Oscar Ramirez** scored a \$750,000 prize. This win came on a *Mystery Crossword Scratchers* ticket. It was purchased at Town & Country Liquors located at 16211 East 14th Street.

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. This money directly helps local businesses – most of which are independently-owned by entrepreneurs trying to stay afloat during these difficult times.

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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