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January Turns Prosperous as California Lottery Announces Four New Millionaires

Scratchers® Wins Aren't Always Small Change!

SACRAMENTO – It was a great end to January as four California Lottery players took home a collective \$6 million playing Scratchers®.

Nhan Huynh became instantly rich, winning \$2 million playing Instant Prize Crossword. That winning ticket was purchased at Castle Liquor on San Fernando Road in **Glendale (Los Angeles County)**.

You could say that Castle Liquor is California Lottery retailer royalty, as the family-owned store has been in Glendale for 45 years. “We have sold two other crossword Scratchers – each worth \$750,000 before,” co-owner Joseph Chon told the California Lottery. Castle Liquor will receive a \$10,000 bonus for selling this most recent winning ticket. True to the family nature of his business, Chon said he plans to share the money with his loved ones.

Elsewhere in **Los Angeles**, winner **Francisco Gutierrez** had a lot of luck playing Instant Prize Crossword. He bought his \$2 million winning ticket at Venice Shell on Venice Boulevard.

Over in the Inland Empire, **Luis Hernandez** found the money playing Plus the Money. That \$1 million winning ticket was bought at the Arco AM/PM on Bellegrave Avenue in **Riverside**.

And to the north, the California Lottery is unveiling one final \$1 million Scratchers winner. **Aaron Mahoney** picked up a winning ticket at River Park Food and Liquor on West Nees Avenue in **Fresno** playing Red Hot 10's

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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 transferred to public education totaled more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went 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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