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Three More California Lottery Players Celebrating Big Wins, Including One \$10 Million Prize!

SACRAMENTO – The California Lottery hears from plenty of its loyal players that the various crossword-themed Scratchers® are unquestionably their favorites to play.

Lazaro Macias picked up an *Instant Prize Crossword* game at Bibo Liquor & Market in Westminster and turned a \$20 investment into a \$2 million payday, winning the game's top prize after matching a dozen words.

The image of the *Instant Prize Crossword* game posted below is the actual ticket Ambriz played to become one of California's latest multimillionaires. Bibo Liquor & Market earns a \$10,000 bonus just for selling that winning ticket.

Roughly 25 miles away from where Macias bought his winning \$2 million Scratchers ticket, another player walked into South Pacific Market in San Pedro to try his luck on a *10 Million Dollar Titanium Black* Scratchers game (image of ticket below).

Whether he knew it immediately or not, **Louis Farillas** walked away a very rich man, eventually scratching his way to the game's top prize of \$10 million! He selected the annuity option which means he will be receiving an annual check of \$400,000 for the next 25 years – not too shabby of a return on a \$30 splurge! South Pacific Market is a winner as well, collecting a very handsome \$50,000 bonus just for selling that winning ticket.

Last, but certainly not least, there's **Cesar Escamilla**. He became an instant millionaire after winning the top prize of \$1 million on a *Power 10's* Scratchers ticket (image of ticket below). The 7-Eleven in Los Angeles (5609 West Sunset Blvd.) that sold the lucky ticket gets a \$5,000 bonus.

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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 \$1.88 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely 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 \$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. As the jackpots continue to grow, the California

