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### ***It's Not Just All About Jackpots; California Lottery Scratchers® Players Win Big, Too***

**SACRAMENTO** – This summer has been a lucky one for eight California Lottery Scratchers players who've all just claimed a combined total of \$13 million in winnings.



In Pasadena, **Lilia Gharbian** played a *Millionaire Bucks* Scratchers ticket from Liquor Mart and instantly won the top prize of \$5,000,000. Further south along the 110 freeway, **Miguel Hernandez** picked up an *Instant Crossword* ticket at the Y&K Jr. Market in Carson and scratched his way to \$2,000,000.

Also in Southern California, **Efren Figueroa** won \$1,000,000 playing a *Win Big* Scratchers ticket from the Albertsons in Highland (San Bernardino County). Back in Los Angeles County, **Dana Treadway** won \$1,000,000 playing an *Xtreme Multiplier* Scratchers ticket from Sunrise Liquor in Covina.

There have also been big wins in Orange County, as **Francisco Fajardo** picked up \$1,000,000 on a *Perfect Gift!* Scratchers ticket from Bob's Liquor in Fullerton.

Rounding out today's newly unveiled winners, three California Lottery players found luck with *Diamond 8's* Scratchers as they each won a million bucks. **Jesus Rojo** bought his winning ticket at Jolly Jug Liquor in Tustin (Orange County); **Thomas Bockover** found his winner at Alhambra Smoke Shop in West Covina (Los Angeles County); and **Larry Fox** got his top-prize-winning ticket at Minit Market in Santa Ana (Orange County).

The California Lottery debuts new [Scratchers games](#) each month in addition to the [eight draw games](#) players can enjoy. The highest available jackpot right now is [Mega Millions®](#), which currently has an estimated top prize of \$910 million. That drawing happens tomorrow night; if no one in the country wins the top prize, the estimated jackpot will likely roll to at least \$1,000,000,000 for next Tuesday.

As winners across California continue to take home big prizes, the California Lottery reminds players that these games should be for fun only. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money set aside for other things can lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery encourages them to take advantage of the free California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, 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 more than \$8.8 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. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.*

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