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Two Scratchers® Tickets Bring Home \$5 Million Each!

SACRAMENTO – With spring starting yesterday, two California Lottery Scratchers players have made it a winning season so far. That is because two tickets bought in Los Angeles County are worth a whopping \$5 million each.

Walter Amaya is \$5 million richer after hitting the top prize on a 100X Scratchers ticket. That ticket was purchased at Famous Ed's Liquor in El Monte (Los Angeles County). "This is the biggest ticket I have sold so far. We are very excited and are very happy for the winner. We have never had a big winner like this," Brian Hanna, owner of Famous Ed's Liquor, told the California Lottery. Hanna said he has owned the store for 11 years and has seen an increase in sales recently due to this big win.

Paul Coggins is having a great year so far after winning \$5 million playing a 2023 Scratchers ticket. That top prize-winning ticket was bought at M & A Tobacco in Santa Monica (Los Angeles County).

Both those stores will receive \$25,000 each just for selling those winning tickets.



(Image of a 100X Scratchers ticket and Famous Ed's Liquor in El Monte)



(Image of a 2023 Scratchers ticket and M & A Tobacco in Santa Monica)

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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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