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Three Lucky California Lottery Players Win Over \$12 Million

SACRAMENTO – With spring in full swing, a trio of California Lottery players are celebrating as they have sprung into newfound wealth, becoming California’s newest multimillionaires. Interestingly, two of these lucky players have one number in common that netted them \$5 million each.

Luis Castaneda Esparza is taking home \$5,000,000 after winning the top prize on a *Year of Fortune* Scratchers® ticket. That ticket was purchased at a Chevron station in Brea (Orange County).

Baltazar Hernandez-Jimenez is another \$5,000,000 top-prize winner. He won that prize playing a *Neon Cash Party* Scratchers ticket purchased at a 7-Eleven in San Leandro (Alameda County).

Both players matched the same number, 36, on their Scratchers tickets to win their \$5 million prizes.



(Images of actual winning tickets: Year of Fortune Scratchers and Neon Cash Party Scratchers)

Rounding out today’s announcement, **Ali Dib** won \$2,082,652 playing Mega Millions®. That ticket matched five of the six winning numbers for the November 15, 2022, draw and was purchased from a Shell station in San Bruno (San Mateo County). Tonight’s Mega Millions jackpot is worth an estimated \$83 million. For more information on the game, including the odds and how to play, visit the [California Lottery’s website here](https://www.calottery.com).

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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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