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Colorful Surprise for Latest CA Lottery Instant Millionaire!

Plus, Three Additional Scratchers® Winners Join in on the Million-Dollar Fun

SACRAMENTO – Cornelia Treichel-Rocque says she loves playing California Lottery Scratchers games and admits to having a rather curious way of playing.



“I don’t scratch them. I scan them,” Treichel-Rocque told the California Lottery. “It’s just quicker that way. And that’s how I found out I won!”

The winner is referring to the Check-A-Ticket scanning devices at each of the more than 23,000 California Lottery retail partner locations.

That’s right – without scratching a single ‘cloud’, she won the top prize of \$1 million on a *Cloud 9* Scratchers game she picked out at the Raley’s on South Lower Sacramento Rd. in Lodi (San Joaquin County).

“It’s funny, and this is also going to sound weird, but I bought that game because I liked the way it looked. I buy the ones the catch my eye, and I don’t scratch them,” Treichel-Rocque said with a big chuckle. “Hey, what can I say, I’ve worked hard to get all my little quirks!”

California’s latest instant millionaire shared that although the Check-A-Ticket machine indicated she was an instant millionaire, it was still difficult to believe her eyes.

“I checked it three times,” she explained. “Twice one day and then I went back to Raley’s the next day and checked it again.”

Even though she finally won big, Treichel-Rocque said she’s going to keep playing Scratchers the same quirky way. “The one

I’m playing now is purple. That’s my favorite color. And no, I’m not scratching it!”

She's not the only California Lottery player to score big on a *Cloud 9* Scratchers. The California Lottery is also announcing the names of the following new millionaires.

Jaime Medrano also won the \$1 million top prize playing a \$10 *Cloud 9* Scratchers game purchased at the Vons on Woodruff Avenue in Lakewood (Los Angeles County). The stores each earned a \$5,000 bonus for selling the winning *Cloud 9* games.

Robert Linn took home a whopping \$5 million after winning the top prize on a *Premier 7's* Scratchers. That lucky ticket was sold at a Chevron gas station on Avenue L in Lancaster (Los Angeles County).

Alejandra Mendoza also hit the top prize of \$5 million playing *100X*. It was purchased at World Donuts & Ice Cream in Pomona.

Both Linn and Mendoza elected to receive the \$2.9 million lump sum prize. Both Lottery retail partners earned \$25,000 bonuses for selling those winning tickets.



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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 \$2.07 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 \$8.85 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.

