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CA Lottery Players Scratch Their Way to \$22 Million in Prizes

SoCal Store Continues Its Lucky Streak

SACRAMENTO – Six lucky California Lottery Scratchers® players are taking home some sizzling top prizes this summer.



Image of Tomas Garcia's winning
Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers ticket

Tomas Garcia won \$2,000,000 playing an *Instant Prize Crossword* game he purchased at Pat Holden Liquor in Oxnard. George Jobeh, who owns Pat Holden Liquor, was excited about the store's most recent big win.

"We found out from the customer (he had won). Our customers love it. We are one of the lucky spots," Jobeh explained.

This was the third big winning Scratchers the store's sold, with two \$1,000,000 winning tickets previously.

"We have a friendship with the customers. We appreciate them, and they appreciate us," Jobeh said.

That same game was a lucky one for two other California Lottery players. **Miguel Barrera-Caro** also won \$2,000,000 playing an *Instant Prize Crossword* from South City Gas in Cudahy. **Debi Nguyen** won that same sweet top prize of \$2,000,000 on an *Instant Prize Crossword* Scratchers ticket she got at Tuong Vi Ice Cream and Café in San Jose.

David Rodriguez won a whopping \$10,000,000 on a *California 200X* Scratchers game purchased at 7-Eleven at 4436 Sepulveda Boulevard in Culver City.

A *California State Riches* Scratchers game lived up to its name for player **Calvin Smith**.



That ticket won Smith \$5,000,000 and was purchased at Joe's Market in Victorville.

Rounding out the new winners being unveiled today is **Hector Guarchaj**, who won \$1,000,000 on a *Power 10's* Scratchers from Lee's Liquor on 6th Street in Los Angeles.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight draw games and dozens of new instant Scratchers games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found here. California Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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