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Two Players Spend \$30 Each on CA Lottery Tickets, Both Land a Top Scratchers® Prize of \$10 Million

Plus. Six More Winners Join the Exclusive Millionaires Club

SACRAMENTO – When **Emilio Magdaleno** took a chance on a \$10,000,000 Super Bonus Scratchers, little did he know what was about to happen. This Scratchers is especially appealing because it offers the most bonus spots in a single game in California Lottery history. Bonus spots allow players a chance to win even more than the advertised top prize. In this case, Magdaleno didn't get any bonuses, but he did manage to scratch his way to the \$10 million top prize.

Magdaleno bought his winning ticket, pictured below, at the Agua Pura store in Huntington Park. The owner of this Los Angeles County business also got to join in on the fun after finding out they earned a \$50,000 bonus for selling this winning ticket.

Another California Lottery player also won a \$10 million top prize on a different \$30 game. **Ma Victoria Marfori** hit it big playing a <u>California 200X</u> Scratchers that was sold at a 76 gas station in Placentia. The owner of this Orange County business also got a \$50,000 bonus.

And then there's **Christina Chavarria**, who took home the top prize of \$7 million playing <u>Crossword Xtreme</u> – one of five \$30 Scratchers that are currently available at more than <u>23,000 locations throughout California</u>. Chavarria's lucky ticket was sold at Wyman's Liquor in Downey.

Chavarria has company in the \$7 million club. **Sok Yoon** hit that exciting top prize, also playing a lucky *Crossword Xtreme* Scratchers game. Her ticket came from La Paz Liquor on W. Magnolia Blvd. in Burbank, earning this retailer a \$35,000 bonus.

Elsewhere in Southern California, **Richard Tapia** took home the top prize of \$1.2 million on a <u>Decades of Dollars</u> Scratchers he bought for only two bucks. Sun Valley Fuel on N. Escondido Blvd. in Escondido gets a bonus check for \$6,000 for selling that winning ticket.





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Vaclav Cafourek walked away with \$2 million after scoring the top prize on a Cloud 9 Scratchers purchased at Marietta Liquor & Deli in Menifee. This Lottery retail partner earned a bonus check of \$10,000.

Martin Avalos won a cool \$1 million after scoring the top prize playing an *Ice Cool* Scratchers sold at Arroyo Liquors in San Lorenzo. That business also earned a nice bonus of \$5,000.

Lastly, Jose Alonso Guerrero Franco is \$2 million richer after matching 12 words on an Instant Prize Crossword – the Lottery's most popular Scratchers game. Foremost Liquor Mart on Monterey Road in Los Angeles scored a \$10,000 bonus for selling that lucky ticket.

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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 <u>Scratchers</u> games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, <u>retailer commissions and bonuses</u>, and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found here. California Lottery is also committed to promoting <u>responsible gaming</u>. 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

