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California Dad Delivers Maximum Mommy Time

Prize Hits Close to Home for Teacher's Family

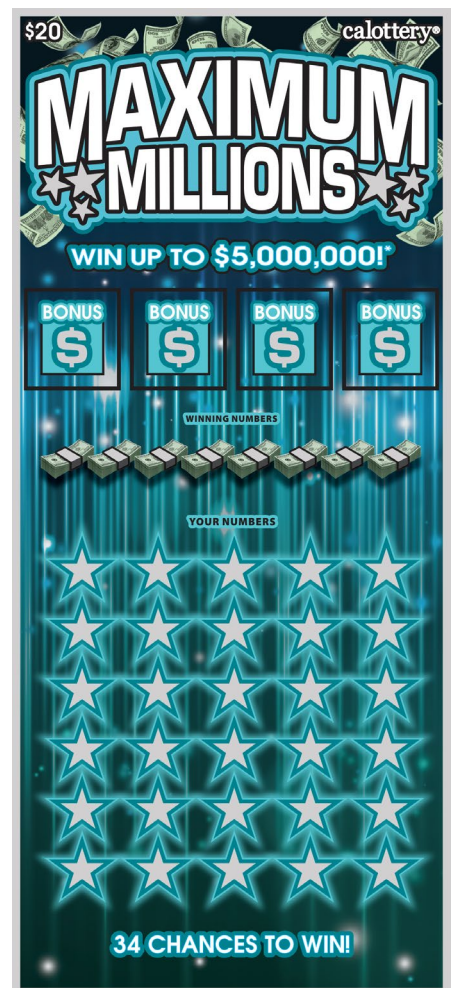
SACRAMENTO – Eugene Brown has pulled off some pretty good pranks on his wife over the years. But this time, becoming a millionaire was no joking matter.

When asked about his history of pranks in his relationship, Eugene was emphatic, “All the time, all right, all the time. One time I told her one of her favorite singers had passed and then recorded her reaction.”

This one would have been the perfect setup. Brown was asked to provide his wife with some much-needed respite, and he obliged. He took their toddler out for breakfast and a walk, and on the way, stopped by the ARCO ampm on the corner of Newport and Menifee Road in Menifee to pick up two *Maximum Millions* Scratchers®. It's a stop he considers regular entertainment, and today it just happened to line up with his wife's request for some relief.

“If she hadn't asked me to go out, I might not have gone to the store,” Brown said. “Or I would've gone later, and somebody else would've gotten the ticket. But everything lined up in the universe.”

Brown returned home, and his wife took over childcare duties again. Indisposed for a moment, he scratched his games upstairs. First, he won \$75. Moving on to the next game he was soon met by his own disbelief scratching the second ticket. Was it \$5,000? Was it \$50,000? He wasn't sure. He went downstairs to his spouse for confirmation.



“Babe,” said Brown, “could you take a look at this?”

His wife looked at the game and replied, unmoved, “It’s \$5 million. Could you please take the garbage out? I’m not in the mood right now.”

“No, I’m serious,” Eugene replied. “We won \$5 million!”

“You’d better not be lying,” Mrs. Brown said.

But Brown, who may be an unrepentant prankster most days, was not lying this day. They had won the top prize, one of only three, for the *Maximum Millions* game.

Eugene is also well aware of the California Lottery’s mission of providing extra money to public schools, and that hits close to home for him and his wife. “It’s all part of giving back,” he said. “My wife is a teacher, and education to me has always been paramount.”

In the end, for his win, Brown credits his faith.

“I’m not lucky. I’m blessed,” he said. “I’m going to invest my winnings, pay off my house, and put it all in a trust to work on creating some generational wealth for my children.”

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