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### ***Laundry Time Scratchers® Stunner in Sacramento***

#### *Passing Some Time While Doing the Wash Turns up Millions*

**SACRAMENTO** – This past holiday season, **Ashley Eugene** got a \$20 *Maximum Millions* Scratchers game from her father as a Christmas gift. She didn't scratch it right away.

"I waited about a week and a half and just happened to be doing laundry," Eugene said. She sat down, scratched the ticket, and then the disbelief set in.

"I kept looking at it and making sure it was correct," Eugene remembers. "My dad happened to be there with me, so he looked at it and made sure it was correct. Then, a couple days later, we took it to the store, and they checked it and verified it was a winner. It was just a few days of being in disbelief."

As unbelievable as it was, everyone was correct – the *Maximum Millions* Scratchers game her dad purchased from A1 Mart at 2550 W. El Camino Avenue in Sacramento turned out to be worth \$5,000,000.

When it comes to the California Lottery's mission to provide extra money for California public schools, Eugene is a believer.

"I think it's awesome," said Eugene. "I have kids myself, four, and it's beneficial to them as well. We got a blessing, but so did the kids who really need it, too."

Ashley doesn't plan to quit her job just yet. Instead, she's focused on getting rid of what little debt she has, setting up her children's futures, and maybe taking a few more vacations than she'd originally planned.

### ***More Big Wins for California Players***

Eugene wasn't the only Central Valley winner with a stunning prize. In Merced County, **Delores Cesena** uncovered the \$10 million prize from the 200X Scratchers purchased from Shannon's Mini Mart at 1100 Shaffer Road in Atwater.



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'Twas a truly a fortunate day also for **Steven Muhlestein**, who uncorked a \$10 million prize with a *\$10 Million Super Bonus Scratchers* game procured from the Vintage Wine Shoppe & Liquor on the corner of Clayton Road and Roslyn Drive in Concord.

**Prakash Patel** found some unexpected winter magic in Southern California, with a \$1 million prize-winning *Winter Magic Multiplier* from the 7-Eleven at 3197 N. Glassell Street in Orange.

## ***Schools Win With Every Game***

California Lottery funds are used by public schools across California and at every educational level to provide [classroom technology](#), [hands-on materials](#), [professional development opportunities](#), and [more](#). To see how the money is allocated in a specific school district, [calottery.com/who-benefits](http://calottery.com/who-benefits) has an interactive map and [links to the most recent California Lottery quarterly financial reports](#).

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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 \$46 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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