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From the Bay to L.A.: Three Players Spell Out Millions

Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers® Posts Three Prizes

SACRAMENTO – The latest release of one of the California Lottery’s most popular games, [Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers](#), wrote three player’s fortunes across the grid. Released regularly since 2019, the \$20 *Instant Prize Crossword* has remained a fan favorite with a top prize of \$2,000,000.

And The Winners Are

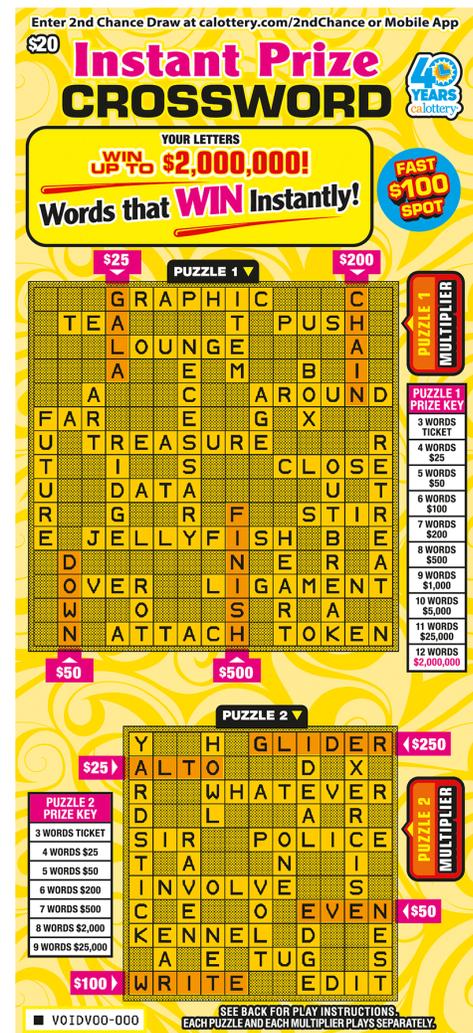
Putting a new twist on a pastry and morning crossword routine, **Sonia Santiago** revealed her \$2 million solution with an *Instant Prize Crossword* game purchased from Mimi’s Donuts in Downey, located at 10303 Lakewood Boulevard.

Helen Balaskas penciled in her \$2 million payoff with an *Instant Prize Crossword* from the Glendora CVS Pharmacy at 435 Arrow Highway.

Raul Tronco filled in the blanks for his \$2 million *Instant Prize Crossword* win with a game picked up from the [Roosevelt Liquor & Grocery at 1700 El Camino Real in Redwood City](#).

Every Play Comes With a Thank You

Every play of a California Lottery game comes with a thank you from California Public education. The sole purpose of the California Lottery is to provide extra money for public education in the state. Those funds support [materials](#), [sports equipment](#), [afterschool programs](#), and more. The



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Lottery website, calottery.com/who-benefits, hosts an interactive map showing funding by county. The page also hosts [the latest quarterly financial reports](#), as well as [links to videos showing the many impacts](#) that California Lottery players have across the state with every play.

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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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