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### ***A Little Play Can Make Your Day: CA Lottery Names Five New Millionaires Thanks to Several Popular Scratchers® Games***

**SACRAMENTO** – The most common feeling California Lottery winners say they feel when they first see they’ve won a million bucks or more is, by far, disbelief. That disbelief often turns into shock and then eventually excitement.

That’s exactly what happened to **Manuel Lopez** when he won a cool million on an [\*Ice Cool Million\*](#) Scratchers game he got at the Save Mart on West Yosemite Blvd in Manteca.

“I just went to the store to buy groceries,” Lopez told the California Lottery. “When I saw I’d won on the ticket, I thought it was a thousand dollars at first. Then I realized it was a lot more than that. I got excited, a little shaking but nothing crazy. It felt really good.”

Elsewhere in northern California, **Thuy Ho** became an instant multimillionaire, winning \$2 million on an [\*Instant Prize Crossword\*](#) game from TPS Liquor in San Jose.

In the southern part of the state, **Nina Smith** won \$1.2 million playing [\*Decades of Dollars\*](#); that Scratchers came from the Food 4 Less on West Slauson Avenue in Los Angeles.

Rounding out the final two new millionaires are **Joan Hsia**, who fittingly won \$1 million on a [\*Millionaire Maker\*](#) game from Wines & Spirits of the World in Northridge, and **Tonya Powell**, who also won \$1 million with an *Xtreme Multiplier* game from the Fastrip Food Store on China Lake Boulevard in Ridgecrest.

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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](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person’s budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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