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Routine Errands Lead to Lucky Million-Dollar Win as CA Lottery Players Scratch Their Way to \$21 Million in Prizes

SACRAMENTO – Three lucky California Lottery Scratchers® players are enjoying their summer with newfound riches, including one person who was simply running routine errands when something truly out of the ordinary happened.



Saul Montero stopped by Prime Liquor Mart in Whittier and became an instant millionaire after purchasing a [Multiplier Craze](#) Scratchers game. Montero uncovered the top prize, earning him an incredible \$1,000,000.

“It was a pretty impressive moment. I wasn’t expecting that,” Montero said. “The lucky number was eight. I saw the zeros and thought I might have won \$100. I’ve never won anything large like that. It took a minute for it to really settle in.”

Montero says his million-dollar windfall will go toward paying off a house and maybe even toward a new car.

In Dublin, **Janet Coppedge** secured a massive \$10,000,000 top prize playing a *California 200X* Scratchers. Coppedge bought her winning ticket at A&A Gas and Food Mart.

Meanwhile, in Costa Mesa, **Phong Nguyen** also hit the top prize of \$10,000,000 with a *Super Bonus* Scratchers from Manneh’s Alta Dena Dairy.

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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](#). 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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