Have you ever wondered what would happen if you “hit the jackpot” on a Texas Lottery® game? If you were to unveil a big prize on a scratch-off ticket or match the numbers on an on-line game, do you know how you would claim your winnings? (And by “big prize,” we mean a prize that is worth $1 million or more, or is to be paid as an annuity.)

The first step is for a potential claimant to call in and speak with a Claim Center Specialist or a Product Specialist in order to conduct an “initial inquiry” on the ticket. From this point on, the Product Specialist will be the claimant’s primary point of contact.

“We’re here to walk them through the whole process, which can be a life-changing one for the claimant,” said On-line Product Specialist René McCoy. “They’re almost always excited and/or nervous, but we stick with them, and obviously there’s a pretty good payoff at the end!”

The next step is to schedule a time for the claimant to come to Austin to have the ticket validated and claim their prize. Sometimes, that means the next day, or the claimant may wait weeks. Many claimants use this time to seek legal and/or financial advice, and many form a legal entity rather than claim the prize as an individual.

Another decision claimants have to make is what level of publicity they’re willing to do. It’s the commission’s policy to release the name of the claimant, their hometown, the amount of the prize, the name of the game and retailer information. It’s up to the claimant to decide if they want to provide the public with more information.

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There are some new multi-millionaires in Texas! The **Crump, Allen & Lewis General Partnership**, Ronald Crump, general partner, of **Amarillo**, claimed the January 9 $122 million **Mega Millions®** jackpot. The Cash Value Option amount of the advertised jackpot was $73,572,690—the largest **Mega Millions** prize ever claimed in Texas!

Ronald Crump, along with his wife, Clara; Donald Crump; Kenneth Crump and his wife, Peggy; Kelvin Allen and his wife, Cindy Crump Allen; Dean Crump and his wife, Nicki; and Rita and Gary Lewis are all related, at least by marriage, if not by blood.

The morning after the drawing, Ronald Crump was reading his local newspaper and checked the numbers on the two **Mega Millions** Quick Pick tickets he had purchased.

“For some reason, the paper did not have the Mega Ball number, so I called the 800-number to get the information,” he said. “When I hung up the phone, I must have walked around my kitchen table 10 times holding that ticket and just looking at it. When I called the rest of the family to tell them what happened, I got a lot of ‘uh-huhs,’ and ‘yeah, right’ thrown back at me,” he said. “Still, I did convince them to come over that afternoon.”

As far as the plans that members of the partnership have for their winnings, Clara knew right away what they would do.

“This is for our kids and grand-kids,” she said. “Now they won’t have to struggle to go to college. We plan to help our church, too.”

Ronald Crump purchased his winning ticket at Taylor Petro Co., Inc. #80, 3400 Coulter Dr. in Amarillo.
The Hanson Family Trust, Curtis Wayne Hanson, trustee, collected the top prize of $10,000 per month for 20 years in the Monthly Bonus scratch-off game. Hanson, a resident of Gallatin, said “I called my wife on the phone and told her I had something very serious to tell her,” he said.

“When I told her what it was, she didn’t believe me, she kept saying, ‘Stop teasing me,’ but she paid attention.”

“My husband’s always kidding and joking, and he’s known for it, so, no, I didn’t believe him,” said Darnell Hanson. “He made me guess the amount he’d won, and as I kept going up from $100 to $500 to $1,000, then from that to $5,000, he said, ‘Try $10,000 a month for 20 years.’”

Hanson says the funds in the trust will be used to plan for the lives of his children and grandchildren. He also plans to help out his church. Hanson bought the ticket at the Thompson Oil/Fas-Fil #1, located at 1517 E. Rusk in Jacksonville.
A plan that he devised about five years ago for buying on-line Texas Lottery tickets has paid off for Ronald Gifford of Arlington. Back then, he decided he would create a list of numbers he was going to use every time he wanted to buy Cash Five® or Texas Two Step® tickets, his favorite on-line games. “I went through the frequency charts on the Texas Lottery Web site and came up with my own list of numbers to play,” Gifford said. “I’ve been playing them ever since and they have paid off.” Gifford won a prize of $15,041 in the December 8 Cash Five drawing.

“I checked my numbers right before my wife and I went out to breakfast,” he said. “I told her we were going to have more than enough money to pay for breakfast. Then, I showed her the ticket and we both just stood there shaking.” Gifford took his family to dinner that night to celebrate the win.

Gifford purchased the tickets at Texas Food, 1101 California Ln., in Arlington.

“I really like playing the Sizzlin’ Sevens scratch-off game,” said Jessica M. Welty of Placedo. And she has good reason. Welty won $700 on a Sizzlin’ Sevens ticket, which made her Christmas all the merrier. “I was sitting in my vehicle on Christmas Eve with my husband,” Welty said. “We were driving home from Houston. I started yelling with joy when I scratched the very last part of the ticket!” Last October, Welty won $350 on another Sizzlin’ Sevens ticket. No wonder she says the first ticket she would buy with her winnings would probably be another Sizzlin’ Sevens!

Welty said she planned to save the money for a down payment for a house. She purchased her ticket at TNW Shell #21 located at 3535 FM 726 Rd. in Richmond.

Ernest Delapaz of Hockley was sitting in the parking lot of the store where he had just bought a Break the Bank ticket when he scratched it and uncovered a $7,500 prize. Needless to say, Delapaz was excited. “I jumped out of my truck and ran inside and gave the cashier a hug, and told her that I was a winner,” Delapaz said. “Then I called everyone that I know!” Delapaz had special plans for his winnings. First, he planned to buy his girlfriend an engagement ring. Then, he was going to go hunting. Delapaz bought his lucky ticket at the Spring Creek Country Store located at 20022 FM 2920 in Hockley.
Total: $381,068,307

Call Date: 2/1/07  End of Game: 4/2/07
End Validations: 9/29/07

#633 Bonus Cashword  Odds: 1 in 3.20
#670 Cool Millions  Odds: 1 in 2.45
#680 Luck Of The Draw  Odds: 1 in 3.71
#682 Two For $1  Odds: 1 in 4.76
#687 $50,000 Payday  Odds: 1 in 3.41
#691 Star Of Texas  Odds: 1 in 3.21
#740 Wild Doubler  Odds: 1 in 4.72

Call Date: 3/1/07  End of Game: 4/30/07
End Validations: 10/27/07

#602 Bonus Break The Bank  Odds: 1 in 3.23
#604 Monthly Bonus  Odds: 1 in 3.61
#605 Break The Bank  Odds: 1 in 4.94
#655 Payday  Odds: 1 in 4.35
#663 Super Bingo  Odds: 1 in 3.61
#665 $250,000 Bonus  Odds: 1 in 2.96
#668 Club Casino  Odds: 1 in 3.59
#672 Sizzlin’ Sevens  Odds: 1 in 3.40
#684 Icy Cash  Odds: 1 in 4.86
#699 Weekly Grand  Odds: 1 in 4.56
#755 Holiday Treasures  Odds: 1 in 2.72

#653 Bonus Blackjack ($2) Top Prize: $25,000
#671 Scratch Happy ($1) Top Prize: $1,000
#694 Double Doubler ($1) Top Prize: $1,000
#745 7-11-21® ($1) Top Prize: $1,000
#757 Mega Slots ($5) Top Prize: $50,000
#782 The Game Of Life™ ($3) Top Prize: $35,000
#792 Platinum Payout ($5) Top Prize: $50,000
#826 $250,000 Bingo ($10) Top Prize: $250,000

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If you believe you are holding any of the following:

- a possible Lotto Texas or Mega Millions jackpot ticket
- a possible winning on-line ticket valued at $1 million and above
- a possible winning instant ticket paid as an annuity
- a possible winning instant ticket valued at $1 million and above

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Scratch-Offs .......................................................... $333,532,147
Pick 3™ .......................................................... $25,814,000
Cash Five® .................................................. $7,300,416
Texas Two Step® ........................................... $4,784,992
Lotto Texas® .................................................. $3,026,082
Mega Millions® ............................................. $6,610,670

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