

-TEXAS LOTTERY-

WINNING!

News about Texas Lottery® winners, scratch-off prizes, new games and more!

QUICK AND EASY CLAIMS!

There's nothing like scratching your instant ticket and realizing that you've won! You're excited and want to cash in that ticket to get your money, right? Texas Lottery retailers may, and are encouraged to, pay prizes up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 up to \$1 million may be claimed at any of the 16 Texas Lottery claim centers across the state. Prizes of more than \$1 million, all *Lotto Texas* and *Mega Millions* jackpot prizes, and all prizes that are paid out in annuity payments must be claimed at the Texas Lottery Commission Headquarters in Austin. Here are some tips to avoid delaying payment of your prize:

- Sign the back of the ticket. If you lose it, someone else may claim it.
- Use your legal name. The name you write on the back of your ticket should match your current ID. Nicknames, maiden names, and previously married names may cause delays in the claim process.
- Provide only one signature, name, address, and phone number. Multiple entries bring up questions of the true owner of the ticket, and may require an investigation. This could definitely delay your payment.
 - Avoid making changes to the claimant information area. Scribbles, correction fluid, and other such changes also lead to questionable ownership and a possible investigation.
- Submit a claim form with your ticket (if the prize is \$25 or more). This is valuable information the claim center needs to start processing your claim. The sooner it's started, the sooner you get your money!

*Don't forget to
SIGN
YOUR
TICKET
upon receipt!*



Following these few simple tips can get your claim in and out of the claim center, and your money in your pocket in no time!

Texas Lottery claim centers are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To find the claim center nearest you, visit our Web site at www.txlottery.org or call our Customer Service hotline at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

WINNERS SPOTLIGHT!

In August, a new Texas Lottery® game came to the Quick Stop Grocery, located at 1216 N. 1st St. in Timpson. It was the \$1 Million Double Action scratch-off ticket, and local resident **Leonard Hughes** of Timpson quickly became a fan.

"I've been buying it regularly," said Hughes. "I've won \$20 here and \$30 there."

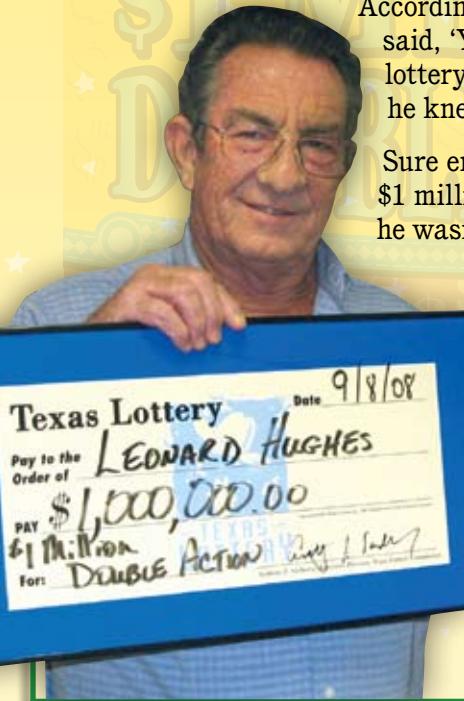
Then his grandson made a strange prediction.

According to Hughes, "He crawled up in my lap and said, 'You're going to win a million dollars in the lottery.' He doesn't know about the lottery, but he knew I was going to win."

Sure enough, Hughes scratched his way to the \$1 million top prize on the \$20 ticket, although he wasn't completely convinced he'd won.

"I scratched the ticket there at the store, but I couldn't believe it," Hughes explained. "Then I asked them to scan it, and it said to go to the claim center. That's when I told them I might have won \$1 million."

Hughes is retired from UPS and says he doesn't need much money for himself. Instead, he plans to use the winnings to help out his family, including the grandson who predicted this lucky day.



According to **Lorene Baker** of Lufkin, she and her husband play Texas Lottery scratch-off games once or twice a week. She enjoys checking the Texas Lottery Web site to see what games are available and recently noticed *King Tut's Treasures*.

"I liked this game because it was different and new," said Baker.

She kept thinking about the game, not realizing her husband had "treasure" on his mind, too. When the two finally mentioned their preoccupation to each other, they made a firm pact.

"We decided to play again, and if we didn't win anything, we wouldn't buy any tickets for a year," Baker explained.

The nagging feeling paid off. Baker's husband noticed the \$50,000 prize first. Baker said, "We couldn't wait to claim the prize."

We've already started planning what we'll do with it."

Baker purchased her winning ticket from the Polk Pick It Up #14, located at 1004 S. John Redditt in Lufkin.



You might call him the man who cried "jackpot." **James Hahn** of **Yoakum** often teased his wife as a practical joke that he'd won big money playing the lottery. It's understandable that his family didn't believe it when he finally won a \$20,000 top prize in the *Monster Money* scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery.

"I called home and told my wife and daughter that I won \$20,000 dollars, but my wife said she wouldn't believe it until she saw the ticket," he said.

Of course, Hahn couldn't pass up one more joke.

"I showed her the wrong ticket and said I must have thrown the winning ticket away," he explained. He eventually came clean because, as he said, "I know she would have driven back up there to find that ticket."

He purchased his winning ticket from the Highway 21 Truck Stop located at 2714 Highway 21 West in Bryan.



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Drawing results are available right after the Day and Night draws at

www.txlottery.org



Webcast link on www.txlottery.org

Watch live streaming video of *Lotto Texas* Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:12 PM CT, and see past drawings through our "on demand" feature.

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE WON?

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 over \$1 million
- a possible winning instant ticket paid as an annuity
- a possible winning instant ticket valued at over \$1 million

Please call 1-800-37-LOTTO prior to traveling to Austin for processing.

PRIZESPAID

IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

Scratch-Offs	\$280,808,095
Pick 3™	\$22,043,264
Daily 4®	\$3,165,178
Cash Five®	\$6,193,190
Texas Two Step®	\$4,761,284
Lotto Texas®	\$25,010,709
Mega Millions®	\$7,942,095

TOTAL: \$349,923,815

NOTICE: Game closing procedures will begin when all top prizes have been claimed. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. For current information on prizes remaining in a scratch-off game, call 1-800-37-LOTTO. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed.

See your local Texas Lottery retailer for more details or visit the Texas Lottery Commission's Web site at www.txlottery.org.

PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

WINNERS!

Region 1



Jody Beavers
Colorado City
Millions & Millions
\$20,000



Gayno Smith
Amarillo
\$50 Solid Gold
\$50,000



Timothy Sillett
Killeen
Mega Millions®
\$250,000



Curtis Williams
Ft Meade, FL
Daily 4™
\$5,200



Jazzica Hood
Abernathy
Pick 3™
\$660



Rudy Rivera
Odessa
Jewels of the Nile
\$2,000



Helen Jodoin
San Antonio
\$250,000 Bingo
\$750



Dolores Reyes
San Antonio
Slingo®
\$1,000

Region 2



Terry Mathew
Plano
Lotto Texas®
\$2,682



Eldren Brown
Dallas
Wild Cherries
\$1,000



Remona Grant
Dallas
9's In a Line
\$900



Moses Sifuentes
Bedford
\$1 Million Double Action
\$1,000



Lonnie Gilley
Arlington
King Tut's Treasure
\$1,000



Michael S. Smith
Justin
Super Set for Life
\$1,000



Sam L. St. Romain
Quitman
Lotto Texas
\$1,712



Donna Grant
Tenaha
Bonus Cashword
\$5,000

Region 3



Eva Gibbs
Port Arthur
Daily 4
\$2,500



Chris Pressley
Alice
75,000 Pinball Wizard
\$75,000



Mario A. Quezada
Laredo
Lucky Dice Doubler
\$2,000



Jessica Garcia
Brownsville
Slingo
\$1,000



Wilmot J. Barnett
Edna
Lotto Texas
\$2,063



Quiroza Grimes
Houston
Loteria® Texas
\$3,000



Kenneth Hoffman
Houston
Cash Five®
\$31,487



Randy Laird
Kingwood
9's in a Line
\$900