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It's A Big Money Week At The Texas Lottery®; Two Big Grand Prize Winners In Two Days, And High Jackpot Prizes Up For Grabs

(Austin, March 29) - The Texas Lottery® is cranking out some big grand prize winners so far this week. Yesterday, Cary Beason Jr. of Houston claimed the top-cash prize for the Texas Lottery *Monthly Bonus* scratch-off game, \$2.4 million, before taxes. Today, the commission handed out the \$1 million top prize for *Big Money Bonus Spectacular* to Kelvin Johnson of Dallas.

"We're on a roll with handing over some big money this month," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director, Reagan E. Greer. "So far this month, we've paid out more than \$270 million to prize winners across the state."

The *Monthly Bonus* scratch game pays out \$10,000 a month for 20 years, up to \$2,400,000. The *Big Money Bonus Spectacular* scratch game pays the \$1 million prize in a single lump-sum payment. As of today, there is one top prize unclaimed in each of the scratch games.

"Tonight there's another big *Mega Millions* jackpot up for grabs, \$63 million," said Greer. "And tomorrow, the *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$31 million. We have the first and third highest jackpots offered in the nation, right now."

Today's *Big Money Bonus Spectacular* winner has requested minimum publicity. The winning ticket was purchased at Tetco #659, located at 2435 W. Miller Road in Garland. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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