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## FIRST-TIME TEXAS LOTTERY® PLAYER WINS WITH *WEEKLY HALF GRAND SCRATCH-OFF*

*Winning ticket purchased in Houston*

(AUSTIN) – Call it beginner’s luck. Heidi Jo Love was on her first trip to Texas when an empty gas tank put her unexpectedly in a Texas Lottery® retailer, and she decided to try the [Weekly Half Grand](#) for the first time and won \$520,000 before taxes.

Love purchased her winning ticket at the Westheimer & Chimney Rock Chevron located at 5660 Westheimer Road in Houston.

“I was in town for my niece’s fourth birthday,” said Love. “My dad and I like to play scratch-offs when we are out of town, and it was our first visit to Texas.”



The serial number on the ticket seemed to match up with her niece’s birthday, so she thinks the luck may have been in those numbers. Love is currently engaged to be married and may use some of her winnings to travel. “I’m going to save some, invest some and give back to some people a bit,” she said.

The *Weekly Half Grand* is part of a suite of games based on the popular *Weekly Grand* scratch-off. Love won the last of four top prizes in this game. She will receive \$500 per week for 20 years, or a total of \$520,000, before taxes.

### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$21 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$42 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$16 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public

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education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*®, *Lotto Texas*®, *All or Nothing*™, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).

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