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TEXAS LOTTERY® CELEBRATES 17TH BIRTHDAY WITH FOUR WINNERS OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE

(AUSTIN) – On this day in 1992, the Texas Lottery Commission sold its first lottery ticket, but the agency isn't alone in celebrating this week. Although Monday was a holiday, four days allowed time for four Texans to claim Texas Lottery® prizes of \$1 million or more.

Two scratch-off games paid out top prizes this week. On Tuesday, Cynthia A. Wells of Pearland collected the *Monthly Bonus* top prize of \$10,000 per month for 20 years, not to exceed \$2.4 million. Then the Mesquite-based Martinez Perante Living Trust, Benito G. Lozano, trustee, claimed a \$5 million prize in the *\$130,000,000 Platinum Payout*, on Thursday.

On Tuesday, two second-tier prizes of \$1 million each were awarded. Jeffrey A. Fugitt of Cedar Park claimed the second of 40 prizes of \$1 million in the newly-introduced *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* instant game. That game also features 10 top prizes of \$2.5 million, all of which remain unclaimed.

Bridge City resident Dennis Moore Jr. won big as well, thanks to his decision to Megaply® his ticket. Because the Megaplier® 'four' was selected before the drawing on May 19, his \$250,000 *Mega Millions*® second-tier prize became \$1 million.

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“This has been an exciting week for our players and the agency, as we commemorate our 17th ‘birthday,’” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “With the help of our outstanding network of retailers, we have paid out more than \$31 billion in total prizes since May 29, 1992, and that is truly something worth celebrating.”

The Texas Lottery has also contributed a total of more than \$16 billion in revenue to the state. From 1992 to 1997, proceeds were allocated to the General Revenue Fund. Since a change in law in 1997, all net revenue has been transferred to the Foundation School Fund (FSF) to support education in the state. Total contributions to the FSF currently exceed \$11 billion.

Tonight’s *Mega Millions* jackpot is worth an estimated \$35 million. Tomorrow’s *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is worth an estimated \$10 million.

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

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