

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - March 23, 2001

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HOUSTON RESIDENT CASHES IN ON *WEEKLY GRAND*

(Austin, March 23) - The Texas Lottery Commission today presented the Willie C. Thomas Trust of Houston the first installment of the top prize in the Weekly Grand instant game.

After receiving today's installment of \$4,337.00, the trust will receive a monthly installment in the amount of \$4,333.00 for the next 20 years. The total prize after 20 years comes to \$1,040,000.

The winner purchased the ticket at Flying M Liquor, located at 3257 S. Gessner in Houston. The retailer is eligible to receive a bonus of one-percent - \$10,000 – for selling the winning Weekly Grand instant ticket.

This is the 47th Weekly Grand winner since the game began in 1995. Weekly Grand has been one of the most popular Texas Lottery instant tickets, and has been re-issued a total of six times.

The winner requested minimal publicity.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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