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FINAL \$1 MILLION *MERRY MILLIONAIRE* TOP PRIZE CLAIMED BY HOUSTON SCRATCH-OFF PLAYER

(**Austin**) – Last Friday, Alvin R. Heggs of Houston claimed the third of three \$1 million prizes in the Texas Lottery® scratch-off game *Merry Millionaire*.

With more than \$31 million in total prizes, the \$20 *Merry Millionaire* features overall odds of winning any prize of one in 3.07, including break-even prizes. Though Heggs claimed the final \$1 million top prize, six second-tier prizes of \$10,000 currently remain unclaimed.

Heggs purchased his ticket at Shop N Go #9 located at 1999 FM 1960 West Rd. in Houston. The retailer is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The claimant requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$20 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$8 million. Friday's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$12 million.

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