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MOM'S POTS AND PANS TO HAVE MORE BREATHING ROOM, THANKS TO SON'S WIN OF \$30,000 PLAYING *TRIPLER*

(Austin) – Billy Gonzales of Sinton will soon embark on a revamp of his mother's kitchen, thanks to a \$30,000 top prize he won playing the *Tripler* scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery®.

"My mom has always wanted a bigger kitchen," Gonzales said. "With the \$30,000 I won, I can give that to her and also do some work on the exterior of her house. I'm not sure when she wants me to start, but it'll be soon."

Gonzales bought one *Tripler* ticket Thursday on his way home from work with a companion. The lone scratch-off ticket he bought spent the night in his truck.

"I wasn't planning to stop, but he wanted to, so I figured while I was in there, I might as well buy a ticket and get my *Mega Millions*, too," he said. "The *Tripler* caught my eye. I bought it and put it in the console of my truck and didn't think about it until this morning. Everybody's been asking me about leaving that ticket in the truck overnight, too."

Gonzales called his mother from his truck this morning immediately after scratching the ticket.

"I was kind of shocked because right before I scratched the ticket, I was thinking about breakfast," he said. "When I called, she told me not to spend it all in one place and to take care of it. But, she got really excited when I told her I was going to re-do her kitchen."

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“*Tripler* is a \$3-game that has been quite popular with our players,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “This is only the second of the six top prizes of \$30,000 offered in the game to be claimed.”

Gonzales purchased the ticket at the Oil Patch Express, 10446 Interstate Highway 37, in Corpus Christi.

Tonight’s *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$73 million. Tomorrow’s *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$33 million.

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

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