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Grand Prairie Resident Claims Final Top Prize For Texas Lottery® *Viva Las Vegas* Scratch Game

(Austin, December 15) - Bernadette A. Jones of Grand Prairie today became the third and final top-prize winner for the Texas Lottery® *Viva Las Vegas* Scratch-Off game. The \$1 million prize, before taxes, was paid in a single lump-sum payment.

"The Viva Las Vegas game has been one of our most popular Scratch-Off games," said Robert Tirloni, products manager for the Texas Lottery Commission. "And even though all the million dollar prizes have been paid, there are still lots of second-tier prizes left unclaimed. That means the next *Viva Las Vegas* ticket our players scratch could have them seeing green, \$10,000 worth of green."

Jones purchased her winning ticket at Kroger's, located at 2525 West I-20 in Grand Prairie. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the ticket. The same retail location received a bonus of \$250,000 in January 2003 for selling a *Lotto Texas*® ticket that matched all six numbers for a \$53 million jackpot. The ticket was one of two for the jackpot drawn on January 22, 2003.

As of today, there are still 18 second-tier prizes of \$10,000 left unclaimed. Other cash prizes in the *Viva Las Vegas* Scratch-Off game range from \$20 to \$1,000. The overall odds of winning a prize, including break-even prizes, are 1 in 2.79.

The winner has requested minimum publicity.

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

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