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TAKE 5 PRIZE OF \$50,000 SURPRISES VIDOR RESIDENT

(AUSTIN) – When she purchased her *Take 5* ticket, Dina Ewart didn't realize it would take her all the way to the Texas Lottery® Claim Center in Beaumont. Ewart and her husband were riding together when they stopped at the Country Pantry #10 located at 990 E. Railroad in Vidor. Inside, she bought a \$5 *Take 5* ticket to play in the vehicle.

"I started scratching and realized there was a five," said Ewart, explaining how she uncovered the winning number on her ticket. "So, I looked to see what the prize was."

Still, she didn't realize what she had right away.

"I scratched it and saw the 5 and thought, 'Oh, I won \$5.' Then I saw the zero and thought it was fifty. Then I saw the \$50,000."

"I immediately started shaking and screaming," she said. "Then I called my mom and told her, and she didn't believe me."

Ewart won the fourth of eight \$50,000 prizes in the *Take 5* game. Odds of winning any prize are one in 3.88, including break-even prizes.

"Since its introduction in July, the *Take 5* game has paid out four prizes of \$50,000, nine prizes of \$5,000 and 98 prizes worth \$1,000 each," said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief.

"Still, with more than \$11 billion dollars contributed by the Texas Lottery

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Commission to the Foundation School Fund, Texas education remains the big winner.”

Tonight’s *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is worth an estimated \$49 million.
Friday’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is worth an estimated \$28 million.

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

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Note to Editors: To request a photograph of Dina Ewart in jpg format, please contact Robyn Smith at (512)344-5477 or Robyn.Smith@lottery.state.tx.us.