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\$1 MILLION TOP PRIZE IN *MAXIMUM MILLIONS* SCRATCH-OFF GAME CLAIMED BY SANTA FE PLAYER

(AUSTIN) – Sharon L. Grounds of Santa Fe claimed a \$1 million top prize from the *Maximum Millions* scratch-off game yesterday at the Texas Lottery® claim center in Houston. The winner requested minimal publicity.

Two \$1 million *Maximum Millions* top prizes and 11 prizes of \$10,000 each remain unclaimed. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 2.81, including break-even prizes.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Super Kwik Pantry located at 11830 Highway 6 in Santa Fe, making the store eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

Tonight's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$50 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$11 million. Thursday's *Texas Two Step*® jackpot is an advertised \$1.15 million. Friday's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$200 million.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*, *Texas Two Step*, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit www.txlottery.org.

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