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**Tax deal: Americans get gift that keeps on giving**

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Congress passed a last-minute tax-cut extension for 160 million Americans on Friday in what ends up as a major year-end political victory for President Barack Obama and a big slice of humble pie for House Republicans.

The payroll tax cut was the centerpiece of Obama's three month drive for jobs legislation that also seems to have contributed to a rise in his poll numbers.

So what does it mean for the average American? About $20 a week for a typical worker making $50,000 a year - from a continued break in the Social Security tax - and about $300 a week in jobless benefits for 2 million unemployed people.
Personal Yearly Income, US 2010

Fraction of the population

Lower bound of category (dollars)
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Support Among Registered Republican Votes

5-day Rolling Average

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx
HOLMDEL, June 20 (AP)—
The odds were estimated at 324 trillion-to-one, but that didn’t stop Don Heasley.
The 40-year-old Levittown, Pa., service station owner overcame the stupendous odds when he won not only the $1-million top prize in the New Jersey millionaire lottery today but also a “consolation prize” of $10,000.

According to Ralph Batch, executive director of the New Jersey Lottery Commission, Mr. Heasley’s chances of winning the $1-million prize were 18 million to one.

Lottery officials came up with the 324-trillion figure as the odds Mr. Heasley had to overcome to take two prizes.

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ODDS-DEFYING JERSEY WOMAN HITS LOTTERY JACKPOT 2D TIME
By ROBERT D. McFADDEN
Defying odds in the realm of the preposterous - 1 in 17 trillion - a woman who won $3.9 million in the New Jersey state lottery last October has hit the jackpot again and yesterday laid claim with her fiance to an additional $1.4 million prize.... For aficionados of miraculous odds, the numbers were mind-boggling: In winning her first prize last Oct. 24, Mrs. Adams was up against odds of 1 in 3.2 million. The odds of winning last Monday, when numbers were drawn in a somewhat modified game, were 1 in 5.2 million. And after consultation with a professor of statistics at Rutgers University, lottery officials concluded that the odds of one person winning the top lottery prize twice in a lifetime were 1 in about 17.3 trillion - that is, 17,300,000,000,000.
What Are The Odds? Montebello School Employees Hit Lottery For A 2nd Time

Alan Carter, CBS Local - Los Angeles-4 hrs ago

MONTEBELLO (CBS) — Improbably, amazingly, happily, for the second time in almost a year, a group of Montebello school employees (and the same group to boot) have hit it big in the lottery.

Last February, the group of 11 co-workers hit it big and won a $12 million SuperLotto prize.

This week, they claimed a prize from a Dec. 2 MegaMillions draw and added $262,743 to their winnings.

The employees, mostly clerical workers, told Lottery officials that a portion of the previous jackpot was donated to purchase a new sound system for the school, and that their campus will get a donation from the latest prize as well. The exact identity of the school has not been disclosed.

Previous to the first win, the group had been playing like clockwork for two years. Their first and biggest win before the 2011 jackpot: $20.

It is not known how many of the original group of 11 still work at the school or how many are currently in the group.

Some of the first jackpot was set aside to buy more tickets, and group spokeswoman Deanna P. was quoted by the California Lottery as saying the group is not done playing, they intend to go for a third prize.
Breathalyzer

1 minute

Device 1
0.088%

Device 2
0.084%

2 minutes

0.080%
**Clinical Research Shows Sport Beans Work**

Sport beans performed as well as gels and sport drinks in a simulated 10K cycle race following an endurance ride, and significantly better than water alone.

**Summary of the study:**

- 16 healthy non-smoking, male and female cyclists and triathletes participated in the study and varied between the ages of 23 and 45.

- The participants completed a series of four 10-kilometer time trials while ingesting one of three different kinds of carbohydrate supplements (including Sport Beans) or water alone.

- The athletes achieved 32-38 second faster times in the trial with Sport Beans rather than water alone.

- In addition, the athletes completed the time trials with the highest average "power outputs" with Sport Beans Energizing Jelly Beans.

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La Paz, Arizona has the highest mortality rate of any city in the US. Castle Rock, Colorado has one of the lowest. Just based on this, where would you like to live?
Most traffic accidents happen close to home...why?
People who control their diabetes through insulin don't live as long as people who control through diet alone.
Murder rates in New York City correlate strongly with ice cream sales.
1) What are all the possible answers to your question? Can you describe them in some succinct way?

2) Describe what you think the data would look like.

3) Why do you think it will look that way?

Choose a secretary – enter your group’s survey question along with answers to the three questions about into a form on the website. If you really like more than one, feel free to submit them both. This will be active by this afternoon.