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CA Lottery Player Stops for Coffee, Walks Away a Millionaire

California Lottery Announces Two New Millionaires in the Golden State

SACRAMENTO – Nabi Hasani said he couldn't believe his eyes when he stopped at an Arco ampm minimart in Chula Vista (San Diego County) to grab a cup of coffee and walked back to his car a millionaire.



Something prompted him to buy a \$10 *The Perfect Gift* Scratchers® ticket, and he ended up winning the top prize of \$1 million.

“It was just a random pick. I asked the cashier if it was true that I won,” Hasani told the California Lottery. “I still went home and showed my children and asked them to confirm it, too.”

Hasani had 20 chances on *The Perfect Gift* ticket to try to uncover a box showing a bell and the **\$1,000,000** figure.

Running low on squares with only three left to uncover, Hasani then scratched box number 17.

“What a surprise,” he exclaimed. “To know I’m helping schools and the children... It’s the best thing, actually.”

California Lottery’s sole mission is to raise additional funding for public education. The sale of every ticket – win or lose – helps with those contributions.

The owner of the minimart, located at 407 East Street in Chula Visa, earns a \$5,000 bonus for selling Hasani his winning ticket.

Hasani wasn’t the only player in California Lottery’s latest batch of new millionaires who received a \$1 million check this month.

Ajay Shah won the \$1 million top prize playing the *Bonus\$ Money* Scratchers game. He bought his ticket at Empire Liquor in Empire (Stanislaus County). The owner of that business also gets a \$5,000 bonus.



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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.8 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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