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Trip to the Landfill Leads to a \$2 Million California Lottery Scratchers® Win and a Disbelieving Boss!

Plus, Another Batch of Happy Millionaires Celebrating No Tricks – All Treats

SACRAMENTO – Donald Simon knew his day was probably going to stink – literally. He didn't have to work, so he decided to make a much-needed trip to the dump to get rid of some junk.

Along the way, he stopped at My Good Market in Stockton to grab a drink and some Scratchers®.

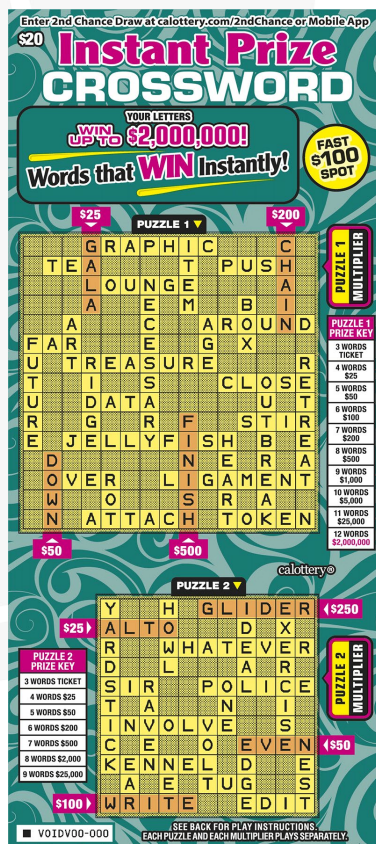
That decision paid off big time as Simon got the shock of his life. On a \$20 investment, Simon scored the \$2 million top prize on an *Instant Prize Crossword* game.

“At first, I thought I'd won two thousand. In fact, when I got home, I told my wife she could have half (if she went and cashed it in),” Simon said. “I've been trying to win for a long time.”

The following morning, Simon headed back to the office where his boss razzed him over taking the day off and earning no money. Simon, however, was ready with his comeback.

“I showed him on my phone that I actually did make money on my day off,” he said. “But he didn't believe it. He started laughing and said, ‘next time you want to prank someone, prank somebody else!’”

Simon told the California Lottery the most he'd previously won playing Scratchers was \$2,000.



He usually always invests whatever he wins into more games. And although he scored the \$2 million top prize, he's continuing to play.



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“I’m not going to let it slow me down. I’ve got Scratchers all over my front seat right now,” Simon said.

My Goods Market, on Country Club Boulevard in Stockton, is a winner as well. The owner receives a \$10,000 bonus for selling Simon his lucky game.

Simon is not the only player enjoying a recent big win.

Mustan Mahmud is a \$5,000,000 winner, thanks to winning the top prize on a *100X* Scratchers game. That winning ticket came from Kims Mobil Station on Manchester Avenue in Los Angeles.

Regino Meza is also taking home \$1,000,000 from a *Multiplier Craze* Scratchers. That lucky ticket came from the Chevron station on Temecula Parkway in Temecula.

Audrey Palacios De La Hoya rounds out this latest list of new California Lottery millionaires. De La Hoya won on a *\$1 Million Ultimate Cash!* Scratchers game that lived up to the name. This \$1,000,000 winning ticket was sold by the Stater Bros on Greenspot Road in Highland in San Bernardino County.

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