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\$425M lottery  
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Now that's how you ring in the new year.

The winning ticket for the \$425 million Mega Millions jackpot — the largest lottery prize in state history — was sold to a lucky, but yet unknown, individual at a convenience store on Nassau County's North Shore.

The grand prize for the New Year's Day jackpot, which amounts to the eighth largest in the game's history, was purchased at Brookville Auto Service Shop on Northern Boulevard, the New York Lottery said Wednesday. The mailing address for the shop is Glen Head, but the location is in Upper Brookville.

The winning numbers are 34, 44, 57, 62 and 70, plus the Mega Ball of 14.

Shop owner Jay Huang initially thought the worst when he arrived at his store Wednesday morning to find television news vans and police vehicles in the parking lot. But Huang said he was ecstatic to learn that one of his customers hit the jackpot.

"I hope whoever won needs the money and helps people with it," said Huang, who has owned the shop, which has four employees, for 10 years.

Huang said he feels that his shop — which, while located in a wealthy enclave also serves blue-collar workers such as drivers and landscapers — may be lucky. "I feel like we're really

## IF THAT'S YOUR TICKET

- First, sign the back of your winning ticket and keep it safe because you'll need it to claim your prize.
- Now download and fill out the official New York Lottery claim form. Prizes over \$500,000 must be claimed at a Customer Service Center, and they'll send your claim to the Prize Payment Unit in Schenectady for payment. The two service centers on Long Island are **45 South Service Rd. in Plainview** and **Jake's 58 casino at 3635 Express Drive North in Islandia**.
- Winning tickets for all amounts may also be mailed to **New York Lottery; PO Box 7533, Schenectady, NY 12301-7533**. All prizes must be claimed within one year of the drawing.

Source: Mega Millions

lucky given that it happened at the beginning of the new year," he said. "It's a good start to the year."

New York Lottery officials said his store will receive \$10,000 for selling the ticket. Huang said he plans to use the money to take his wife and four children on a family vacation.

Throughout the morning, regulars came into the shop to check their numbers and lament about a lost opportunity to become a mega-millionaire.

"I had to check for myself," said Joe Sadkowski, a tow-truck driver from East Northport. "I am happy it's in this neighborhood but I wish it was me. But whoever won, good luck to them. I hope they need it."

Shortly before 11 a.m. a pair of New York Lottery employees arrived at the shop to hang a banner outside announcing that the store had sold the winning Mega Millions ticket.

The winner, who has yet to come forward, has one year to collect the prize, lottery officials said.

Andrew Ross of West Babylon said he plays Mega Millions every day hoping to hit it big.



Jay Huang owns the Upper Brookville store where the winning Mega Millions ticket was sold.

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