

**Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - January 28, 2005**

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## **Houston Partnership Claims *Weekly Grand* Top Prize**

(Austin, January 28) - Mohammad Akif, member of Shahnaz Bano, LLC of Houston today claimed the 68th top prize – \$1,000 a week for 20 years – in the Texas Lottery® *Weekly Grand* scratch-off game. The total amount of the prize before taxes is \$1,040,000.

"Texas Lottery players have enjoyed playing *Weekly Grand* since it first debuted in 1995 and it continues to be one of our most popular games," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "I'm sure today's claimant will continue to enjoy it for at least the next 20 years."

The winning ticket was purchased at Sunny's Smart Store, located at 14702 FM 529 in Houston. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The winner requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*™ jackpot is an estimated \$18 million. Saturday's *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is worth an estimated \$4 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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