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CARMEL MAN WINS \$1.2 MILLION JACKPOT AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Reno/Sparks, NEV - Just a few days ago, Christian Morgan hopped on a Nugget Air flight from Monterey to Reno for a bachelor party at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Today, the Carmel native will return home more than \$1.2 million richer!

Morgan started out playing the \$1 Wheel of Fortune slot machine with a twenty dollar bill. A few minutes later he could not believe his eyes as three Wheel of Fortune logos lined up in front of him. At, first he thought he won \$1,500. A John's Club player's card representative pointed out that he actually won the statewide progressive jackpot of \$1,243,477.47.

"I'm still wondering where Ashton Kutcher is," Morgan said in disbelief, as an International Game Technology (IGT) representative wrote his name on a giant check. "He's going to jump out and tell me I'm being punk'd!"

Morgan works as a caddie at Pebble Beach Golf Course and is an avid surfer. He is most looking forward to buying a new surfboard...and maybe a new car to carry it around with!

The \$1,243,477.47 jackpot was the largest progressive slot machine jackpot ever won at John Ascuaga's Nugget. The jackpot was verified and paid out by IGT since it was a statewide progressive machine.

John Ascuaga's Nugget is one of the few family-owned casino resorts left in the country. Founded as a coffee shop with a few slot machines on March 17, 1955, John Ascuaga has built the Nugget into a world-class, full-service gaming resort destination.