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A National Lottery Week Story: Routine Stop, Life Changing Moment

Vacaville Dad Fast-Tracks His Dream After Big Scratchers® Win

SACRAMENTO – A routine morning stop at a familiar ARCO ampm station turned into a life-changing moment for **Michael Wright** of Vacaville. With one simple decision, Wright fast-tracked a dream years in the making—and it all started with a Scratchers ticket and a father's hope for something more.

Wright, a hardworking father who spent over three years committed to a job where he never missed a day, was quietly planning to start a new chapter that morning. But after scratching off a [Triple Red 777](#) Scratchers game, he uncovered what would become a \$1 million win, and his timeline changed.

"I got to scratching how I scratch. I start from the bottom right corner and work my way up," said Wright outlining his meticulous play style. When faced with multiple zeros and confirming his major win, he exclaimed, "Am I seeing things? Is this a dream? Oh my gosh and I lost my mind in the store. I started pounding the little Lottery desk."

That ARCO ampm at 199 Elmira Road in Vacaville wasn't just a store to Wright—it was part of his daily rhythm. Located across the street from his former workplace, the store had become a reliable stop over the years. But this time, it marked the beginning of something entirely new. He'd already been planning an exit—one rooted in hope, grit, and fatherhood. His Scratchers win just accelerated a plan in motion.

"I told my son, 'We're going to transition. I'll find something else for us. We are going to exit gracefully,' he shared. "This win came at the right time and if you don't believe in a higher power when this type of stuff happens, you've got to!"

With this prize, he's focused on building a stable future. His priorities?



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Launching a family business with his wife, securing a new home, and continuing to lead by example.

Wright was not alone in his *Triple Red 777 Scratchers* win. **Larry Goodman** also scratched the top prize of \$5 million playing a \$20 *MONOPOLY Scratchers* game picked up from the G & J Liquor Mart in Fiesta Plaza on San Felipe Road in Hollister.

It's National Lottery Week

In addition to celebrating [40 years of the California Lottery](#) and [National Lottery Week](#), it's fairs and festivals season for the California Lottery. A list of [CA Lottery Live! Events](#), including the California State Fair, can be found on the [Lottery Events page](#).

Anyone can see how much has been raised for schools in California by county or by school district at www.calottery.com/who-benefits.

Supporting Student Success in California

California Lottery games create more than just winners—they help fund public education. Every ticket sold, every dream won, contributes to a larger mission that benefits millions of students statewide.

The California Lottery helps launch and grow career technical education programs at the [elementary school](#) to the [community college level](#). Schools use these supplemental funds to provide essential resources that strengthen educational programs and help relieve financial pressures, [making it easier for students to focus and achieve their educational goals](#).

To learn more about the funds distributed by the California Lottery to public education across the state, visit www.calottery.com/who-benefits.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions](#) and [bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery



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