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Lottery Player Finds Luck in Long Beach

Two More Big Wins in Sacramento and Rocklin

SACRAMENTO – What started as a weekend stop at a neighborhood liquor store turned into a big surprise for **Bernardo Escobedo**, a California Lottery player who recently scored a major win with a [\\$1,000,000 Money Mania](#) Scratchers® game.

“I’m the type of person who buys one ticket at whatever liquor store I go to,” said Escobedo. “I go to different ones and say, ‘Let me try here, see if this place gives me luck.’”

It turns out that LB City Market, at the corner of Orange Avenue and 10th Street in Long Beach, was the place to give him luck, where his playful ticket purchase turned into a \$1 million prize.

“When I realized I had won, I was outside the store where I bought the ticket,” said Escobedo. “Winning that kind of money from a \$10 ticket is unbelievable. I went back inside and scanned it again because I still couldn’t believe it.”

A longtime California Lottery player, he enjoys trying his luck at various games. Prior to this win, he says his biggest prizes were modest, ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Now, with this significant win, Escobedo is taking a thoughtful approach to what comes next. “God will decide what comes next,” he shared.

He’s not alone when it comes to his [\\$1,000,000 Money Mania](#) win. Two more players join him in a mini mania of wins across California:

- **Cynthia Bravo**, who won with their game from the Chevron station at 4200 Norwood Avenue in Sacramento.
- **Metta Barone**, who scratched the top prize with their game purchased at the Safeway at 4805 Granite Drive in Rocklin.

Every Time You Play, Students Win

California Lottery games do more than create winners – they help fund public education. Established by voters through Proposition 37 in 1984, the California Lottery offered its first



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Scratchers game on October 3, 1985.

From the beginning and by statute, California Lottery funds are available for instructional use. Schools all across the state have used the extra money to [improve athletics programs](#), [support arts programs](#), [support career-focused programs](#), and [even train firefighters](#).

Since its inception, the Lottery has helped raise more than \$48 billion for California's public schools. An interactive map and the latest financial reports are available on the California Lottery website at calottery.com/who-benefits, where the public can view funding information by school and district.

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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 \$48 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](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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