

Botsford employee wins millions in lottery 'easy pick'

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A Redford man, who works at Botsford Hospital, is \$43 million richer after matching all six numbers in the multi-state Big Game drawing.

The winning "Easy Pick" ticket was purchased 7:44 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Kwiky Liquor Party Shop, 26825 W. Seven Mile. The winning numbers were 16, 18, 30, 48, 49 and Big Money Ball number 8.

News of the win quickly spread through Redford, and brought increased lottery business to the store, said owner Joe Ayiar.

"Our Lottery business has increased," he said. "Ticket buyers are hoping lightning will strike twice. My Big Game sales have increased more than anything."

The winner, Eban Cooper, a corporate buyer/analyst at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, is the first big winner to have bought tickets at this store. He took his time claim-

ing the prize, waiting more than a month to visit Michigan Lottery headquarters in Lansing.

A friendly reminder from his wife prompted him to check his ticket.

"I forgot all about the ticket until my wife called and told me to check it," Cooper said. "One of my wife's co-workers told her that someone who purchased a Big Game ticket at Kwiky Liquor Party Shop had won the jackpot. I checked the ticket right away and was

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Eban Cooper
lottery winner

shocked to see that I had matched all six winning numbers."

He looked up the numbers on the Michigan Lottery Web site, www.state.mi.us/milottory.

"...I just kept comparing them to my ticket over and over again to make sure I really had all six numbers. I was in total disbelief, and frankly, I still am!"

He kept the ticket in a safe deposit box before bringing it in to Lottery headquarters, where he arrived by limousine with friends and family members.

Cooper chose a lump sum payment, meaning he will receive \$22,970,084 - the present cash value of the jackpot,

before taxes. Big Game winners are required to reveal their names and the cities in which they live.

The Big Game is a multi-state lottery, played in seven states: Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Virginia and New Jersey. Players pick five numbers between one and 60, plus one additional number between one and 36, which is known as the Big Ball. The odds of hitting all those numbers is one in 76,275,360.

Fur coat gets flushed by angry man

The following reports were filed with the Farmington Hills Police Department during the past week:

FALSE INFORMATION

A 26-year-old Detroit woman stopped by a patrol officer for equipment violations said she didn't have her driver's license and gave a false name and birthdate.

When the information didn't check out, the officer ran the name alone and found information about the woman's birthdate and height that didn't check out. A search of the vehicle turned up an identification card with another name; a check on it turned up a license suspension and Southfield warrant for embezzlement.

POLICE CALLS

LARCENY

Witnesses watched a 19- to 20-year-old man place approximately \$300 worth of compact discs in a box at Borders on Orchard Lake Road, then leave the store without paying for them. He got into a white, two-door car with an 18- to 20-year-old woman. One of the witnesses snatched an animal print cloth that was covering the license plate and got the number, which was reported to police.

A 55-year-old Dearborn woman told police two checks were stolen from her purse while she was a patient at Botsford Hospital. One of the checks has been passed, in the amount of \$110.

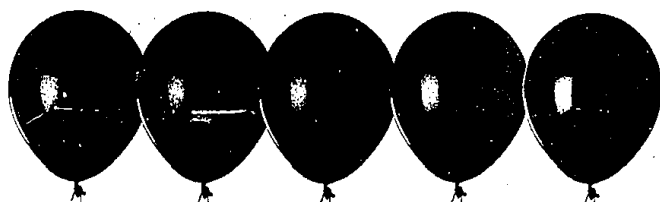
A 28-year-old man told police that after a New Year's Eve party, he woke to find that his laptop computer, \$7,000 worth of jewelry, 300 compact discs, 70 DVDs and two leather coats had been taken from his home. He said the party had been attended by friends and acquaintances.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Police arrested a 32-year-old Detroit man who allegedly attacked his 26-year-old girlfriend, an Oak Park resident, while the couple and their two-month-old son were guests at a local hotel early on New Year's Day. The woman said she locked herself and the child in the bathroom when the man became angry, and he broke the door down. After pushing the woman against the wall, he shredded her \$2,000 fur coat and \$800 handbag and flushed them down the toilet. Officers found pieces of the purse, but no evidence of the coat remained.

NARCOTICS POSSESSION

On routine patrol, an officer stopped a 1998 Chevrolet Prizm, occupied by two young men, on Middlebelt and Grand River because the car had no lights around the license plate and the driver's vision was obstructed by items hanging from the rear view mirror. A strong odor of burnt marijuana came from the car. He was arrested, and the driver was issued a citation for vision obstruction.



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