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# NEWS

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## **TEXAS STARTS NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH *MEGA MILLIONS*<sup>®</sup> JACKPOT WIN**

(AUSTIN) – Others may have enjoyed events on December 31, but it was only after the New Year's Eve revelry quieted that John Jones of Fort Worth really began celebrating. On January 1, his numbers (13 – 16 – 25 – 30 – 54 and Mega Ball 11) came up for the *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup> drawing with an advertised jackpot of \$33 million.

According to Jones, "It's been an unbelievable experience."

He purchased his Quick Pick numbers at the C-Store Sub Express located at 3201 N. Beach St. in Fort Worth. Because he chose the Cash Value Option, he will receive a single payment of \$20,024,272, before taxes. The retailer is also eligible to receive a bonus of \$330,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The C-Store Sub Express hasn't seen the last of Jones, though. He says he'll keep playing the game that paid off so well.

"There is another drawing on Friday," he said. "We'll probably get tickets on the way home."

As Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry points out, there are two winners in this story.

"Since 1997, proceeds from the Texas Lottery have been allocated to the Foundation School Fund to support Texas education," he said. "We are proud to have contributed more than \$10 billion during the last 10 years, and  
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for the past four years, the *Mega Millions* game has played an important role in our efforts.”

Tomorrow’s *Mega Millions* jackpot is worth an estimated \$42 million. Saturday’s *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$15 million.

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

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