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## LOW-KEY *MEGA MILLIONS*® DRAWING TUESDAY GIVES SARATOGA RESIDENT A MILLION REASONS TO SMILE

(AUSTIN) – The news media may have moved on, but a quiet Tuesday night *Mega Millions*® drawing turned out to be just the ticket for Billy W. Plumlee of Saratoga. His Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers (11 – 35 – 38 – 41 – 52) but not the Mega Ball (40) for the drawing held April 3. Because he selected the *Megaplier*® option, his \$250,000 prize was automatically raised to \$1 million.

“I called the hotline and checked the numbers,” said Plumlee, but he couldn’t believe his ears. “I thought it was a mistake.”



A visit to the Texas Lottery® claim center in Beaumont cleared up any confusion when Plumlee claimed his \$1 million prize yesterday.

“We were certainly excited to see the *Mega Millions* jackpot climb to an estimated \$640 million leading up to Friday’s drawing, but Mr. Plumlee’s win reminds us that you don’t have to wait for a world-record jackpot to win a significant prize,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief.

Plumlee says he’s played the Texas Lottery since it began, and he plans to invest a portion of his \$1 million prize. His advice to other players is simple: “Don’t give up.”

The Millenium Grocery located at 770 S. Pine in Kountze sold Plumlee his lucky ticket.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports

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public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*®, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*®, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit **[www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org)**.

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