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New Millionaires Statewide As The Powerball® Jackpot Builds Ahead Of Wednesday Drawing

Torrance Shop Sells Five-Number Mega Millions® Winner

SACRAMENTO – Several California Lottery players are celebrating recent big wins across the state. Just last night, one lucky player in Torrance picked up a *Mega Millions*® play from the Chill Out Smoke shop on Sepulveda Blvd. worth more than \$3.6 million. That game matched five numbers, missing the jackpot by only the gold Mega ball. [The lucky ticket holder now has 180 days to claim their prize.](#)

Millionaires Made

A combined \$18 million in prizes were taken home by four more winners:

- **Ankush Dhan** won more than \$2.3 million with a [Powerball](#) ticket purchased from Wright's Market at 2691 Ventura Blvd. in Oxnard.
- **Francisco Dominguez Luna** won the \$1 million top prize playing [Power 10's Scratchers](#)® purchased at Dale's Jr Liquor & Market, 15313 Parthenia Street in North Hills.
- **Martin Hernandez** won the \$5 top prize million playing [100X Scratchers](#) ticket purchased from the 76 Gas Station at 26101 PAC Coast HWY in Malibu.
- **Erik Ganey** won the \$10 million top prize playing [200X Scratchers](#). Their game was picked up from the 7-Eleven at 11331 Osborne Street in Slymar.

Powerball drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:59 p.m. PT. *Powerball* draw entry closes at 7 p.m. on the day of each draw, so any ticket purchased after that will be eligible for the next drawing. Tonight's draw will be for an estimated \$147 million.

Mega Millions draws on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Draw entry closes at 7:45 p.m. on the day of the draw. Friday's draw will be for an estimated \$70 million.



Reminder to Have Fun and Play Safe

The California Lottery is thrilled by the excitement around these major jackpots, but we also want to [remind players to always play responsibly](#). Lottery games are meant to be entertainment and never a financial strategy.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a gambling problem, help is always available. Contact the [California Problem Gambling Helpline](#) at 1-800-GAMBLER or reach out to [Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office](#).

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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.

