Powerball jackpot hits $95 million

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Paula Turner will do all the prudent things when she wins the $95 million Powerball jackpot, like pay off the house and pay off the credit union and put some money away for the kids.

The rest is for a good time.

"If there's anything left over, it's for me," said Turner, who works for a Des Moines insurance company. "My husband will have to fend for himself."

Jeff Younce bought two tickets in a Portland, Ore., convenience store Wednesday morning.

"I'm going to restructure my job," he said. "I'm going to invest it for my daughters and donate a lot to charities."

The huge jackpot is the multistate game's second highest prize, eclipsed only by the $111 million won by a Wisconsin teacher in 1993.

Dreaming of vast riches, Paula Turner and others formed a line at the downtown Hawkeye Pantry convenience store in Des Moines Wednesday. Turner bought two of the one-dollar tickets, with each having a 1 in 55 million chance of winning. The drawing was Wednesday night.

"The first thing I'll do is contact a lawyer and change my phone number," said Pat Klinefeldt of Des Moines.

"I work for a travel agency and there's a charter going to Cancun next March 17. I'll buy all the seats and take my friends and family," she said.

"I'll pay for my son to go to law school and I'll buy him a new car. And I'll buy a new home. In the Caribbean."

The scene was similar at Powerball retailers in all 16 states where the game is played, plus the District of Columbia.

Mark Beebe, of Middletown, R.I., said he'd sail and golf his way through a permanent vacation. Beebe, who buys tickets no matter what the jackpot, said he's more deserving than players who jump in once in a while.

"I hate to see these rookies take the jackpot," he said.

Lois E. Miller of Morgantown, W.V., said she's no rookie, never missing a drawing.

"As far as I'm concerned, if it's up $1,000, it's exciting to me," Miller said. "The jackpot doesn't really matter to me."

Despite playing every week, she has never won anything in the game.

"I love gambling whether I win or lose," Miller said.

Anthony Fascia, 74, of Providence, R.I., admits he's one of the rookies, playing only periodically. "I'd probably give it to my children — I'm too old to enjoy it," he said.

JoAnne Greene of Morgantown, W.Va., said her chances at winning the jackpot were "nil to none" after she bought nine tickets.

"There's too many people playing," Greene said. "My husband said, 'It's $90 million, go buy five tickets' and I told him it only takes one to win."

The $95 million estimated jackpot comes out to $4,750,000 a year for 20 years before taxes are withheld.

Tickets for the game are sold in Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin, as well as the District of Columbia.

Players pick five numbers from a field of 45 and a "Powerball," which is one number from another field of 45.

Doctors expect Quayle to recover completely

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dan Quayle, hospitalized with a blood clot in his lung, missed a planned golf game with George Bush. Quayle's wife says that's about the only major political outing the former vice president plans to forgo.

Quayle "had a restful night. His vital signs continue to improve," Dr. Homer Twigg said this morning. Quayle, 47, was admitted to University Hospital Monday after complaining of a progressive shortness of breath.

The hospital stay won't derail her husband's plans for a possible presidential run, Marilyn Quayle said Tuesday.

"One of the biggest misgivings he has is that he was supposed to play golf today with President Bush and Freddie Couples and he didn't get to do that and he's pretty disappointed," Mrs. Quayle said at a news conference with her husband's doctors. Couples is a professional golfer.

"It's basically a blip and he will continue with the (political) timetable that he set for himself," she said. She said he would "be back on his feet shortly and will decide what he wants to do with the future."

Quayle was set to announce early next year whether he'll seek the Republican presidential nomination.

Twigg said on Tuesday that Quayle's progress was "better than expected" and he predicted a complete recovery.

Quayle was admitted to intensive care as a precaution and would likely be there until Thursday, Twigg said.

Twigg said the problem was unlikely to recur "because he's healthy and we can't find any risk factors."

Jurors in trial of Fleiss continue deliberations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Hollywood Madam case went to the jury without Heidi Fleiss ever opening her mysterious black book.

The seven-man, five-woman jury began its second day of deliberations today on whether Fleiss, 28, ran a sophisticated call-girl ring or was the victim of an elaborate police scheme that enticed her into lawlessness.

Fleiss is charged with five counts of pandering and one narcotics charge. She faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted.

Fleiss was indicted following a complex, multi-agency sting operation. Her attorneys argue that she was entrapped.

After the scandal broke last year, there was speculation that Fleiss' alleged clients included Hollywood stars and business moguls. One woman who said she was a prostitute working for Fleiss testified that her top fee was $10,000 a night.

But the prosecution didn't try to have Fleiss reveal her clients, relying instead on audio and videotapes of her cutting deals during the sting operation.