

Texas Tidbits: Event raises \$1.5 million for Baylor nursing school

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The “Going for the Gold Gala” raised more than \$1.5 million for scholarships, as well as gifts for the new building to support Baylor University’s [Louise Herrington School of Nursing](#) in Dallas. Program personalities included Heisman Trophy winners Robert Griffin III and Tim Brown, as well as former NFL stars Mike Singletary and Neal Jeffrey. Baylor President Ken Starr announced Louise Herrington Ornelas had donated the lead gift to enable Baylor to purchase the four-story Baptist General Convention of Texas building at 333 N. Washington Avenue, near the current nursing school campus.

Texas lawmaker proposes lottery alternative. A state legislator introduced a bill authorizing savings-promotion raffles as an alternative to lotteries. [Eric Johnson, D-Dallas](#), introduced HB 1628, which would authorize banks and credit unions to operate prize-linked savings account programs. A fact sheet from Johnson’s office characterizes the savings-promotion raffle as “a no-lose sweepstakes in which the ticket to entry is a deposit into an individual’s savings account.” The program is “designed to appeal to people who play the lottery and do not use mainstream financial services, in order to encourage them to open checking and savings accounts,” the fact sheet stated. Similar “save to win” programs are in place in Michigan, Nebraska, Washington and North Carolina.