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Hits and Misses



Keep the public's money in the open

Good call by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott in assuring that public money paid to public employees remains a public matter. The Houston Independent School District wanted to keep teacher bonuses secret under a performance-pay program intended to reward high performers. How would the public judge the program's effectiveness if scrutiny were impossible? The attorney general's call assures accountability.

Kings of the chessboard

It's an intercollegiate Final Four of brains, not brawn. But the arena of play — the chessboard — is hypercompetitive just the same. For the second year in a row, the University of Texas at Dallas has proved up to the task, retaining its national chess championship in Baltimore on Sunday. Only four months earlier, the UTD chess team won its second consecutive Pan American championship. The double repeat is unprecedented. Give us a "C!" Give us a "H!"

