

Perry's big donors get state posts, business

The state has deposited millions in investment funds operated by three other top-tier givers. Sixteen donors are Perry appointees to coveted boards, including the **Parks and Wildlife Commission** and state university regent boards.

Three members of Perry's Century Council have been appointed to the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Other big-dollar donors are appointees to the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech boards of regents.

Among Perry's donors, at least 85 are members of the Century Council, who have contributed at least \$25,000 a year toward Perry's re-election since his last campaign in 2002. Some have given much more.

Three highway contractors benefiting from Perry's toll road initiative known as the Trans-Texas Corridor have been major Perry contributors since the late 1990s. Two other construction executives whose companies have state contracts as part of Perry's toll-road plan — James Dannenbaum and James Pitcock, both of Houston — first gave \$25,000 contributions to Perry when he was lieutenant governor.