Seeking more tax dollars

Regarding "Merging Rice and Baylor would be good for Texas" (Page B11, Friday), some might say the Rice bioengineering professorial arguments for the Rice-Baylor medical merger are self-serving, but if one doesn't promote one's own interests, who will? Their stance, however, boils down to (a) we want to be more like California and New York, and (b) we can obtain more federal tax dollars in an effort to generate local economic development. One wonders why Texas would want to be more like California and New York, since their state governments lead the list of those who overspend. One also wonders where federal tax dollars come from. Perhaps the bioengineering professors should have a chat with the economics professors.

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