

# OPINION

## Setting the record straight on Richards and the lottery

Poor Ann Richards, she never gets a break. A Jan. 21 columnist said that she, "sold us on the Texas lottery as a cure-all for school finance."

No, she did not.

She told us often that the lottery income was variable by the day while the school district expenses (such as salaries) were fixed by the year. Texas, she kept telling us, had districts who depended on a sure source of income, which meant the lottery was not meant specifically for school finance. All she ever said was that the lottery would bring in money to the general fund.

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