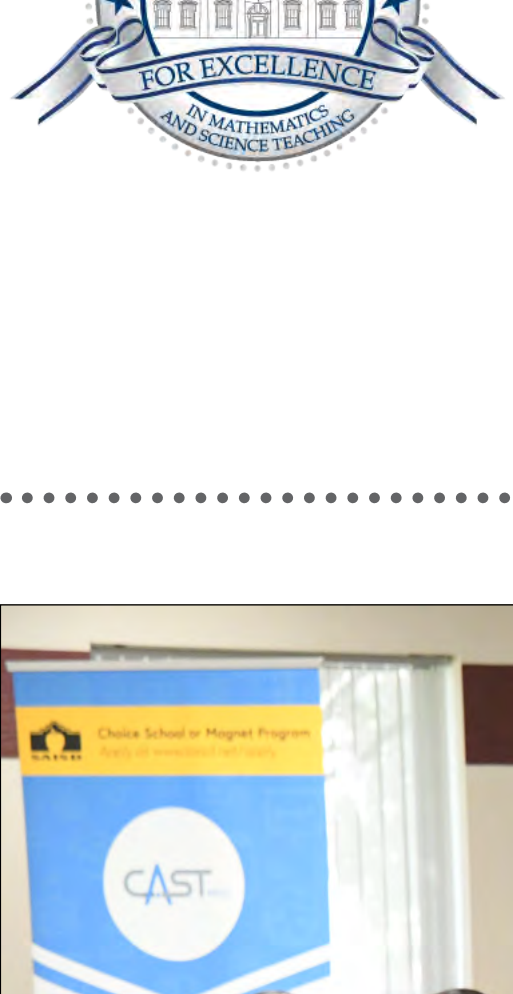


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SAISD's Angelica Nino named a state finalist for a 2018 Presidential Award

Angelica Nino, a third-grade bilingual math and science teacher at De Zavala Elementary School in San Antonio ISD, is one of six Texas teachers named as a state finalist for the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The announcement was made yesterday by Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. Nino is a state finalist in the category of elementary mathematics.



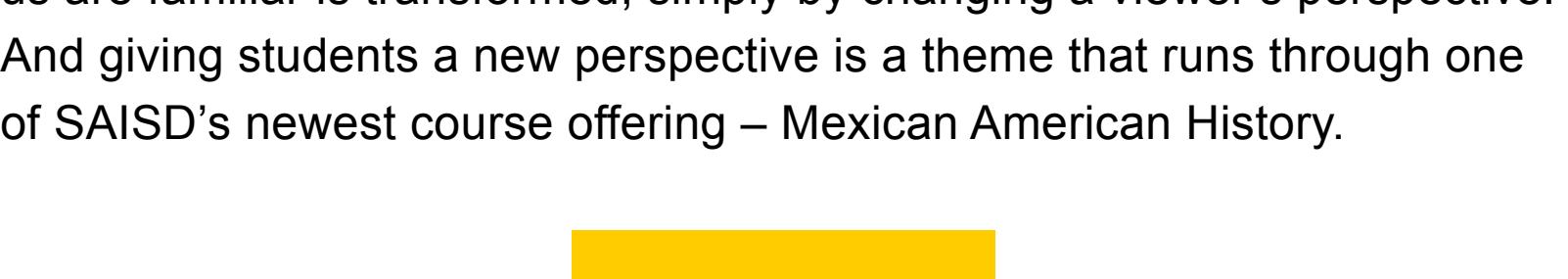
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New high school provides medical, research-focused education

Starting next fall, high school students interested in the medical field will have a brand new option for their education. On Oct. 10, SAISD and CAST Schools announced milestones toward the launch of CAST Med High School, a school which will focus on medicine, public health and biomedical research. The new high school will not duplicate existing health career programs within SAISD, and will prepare students with the foundational knowledge to continue beyond a bachelor's degree.

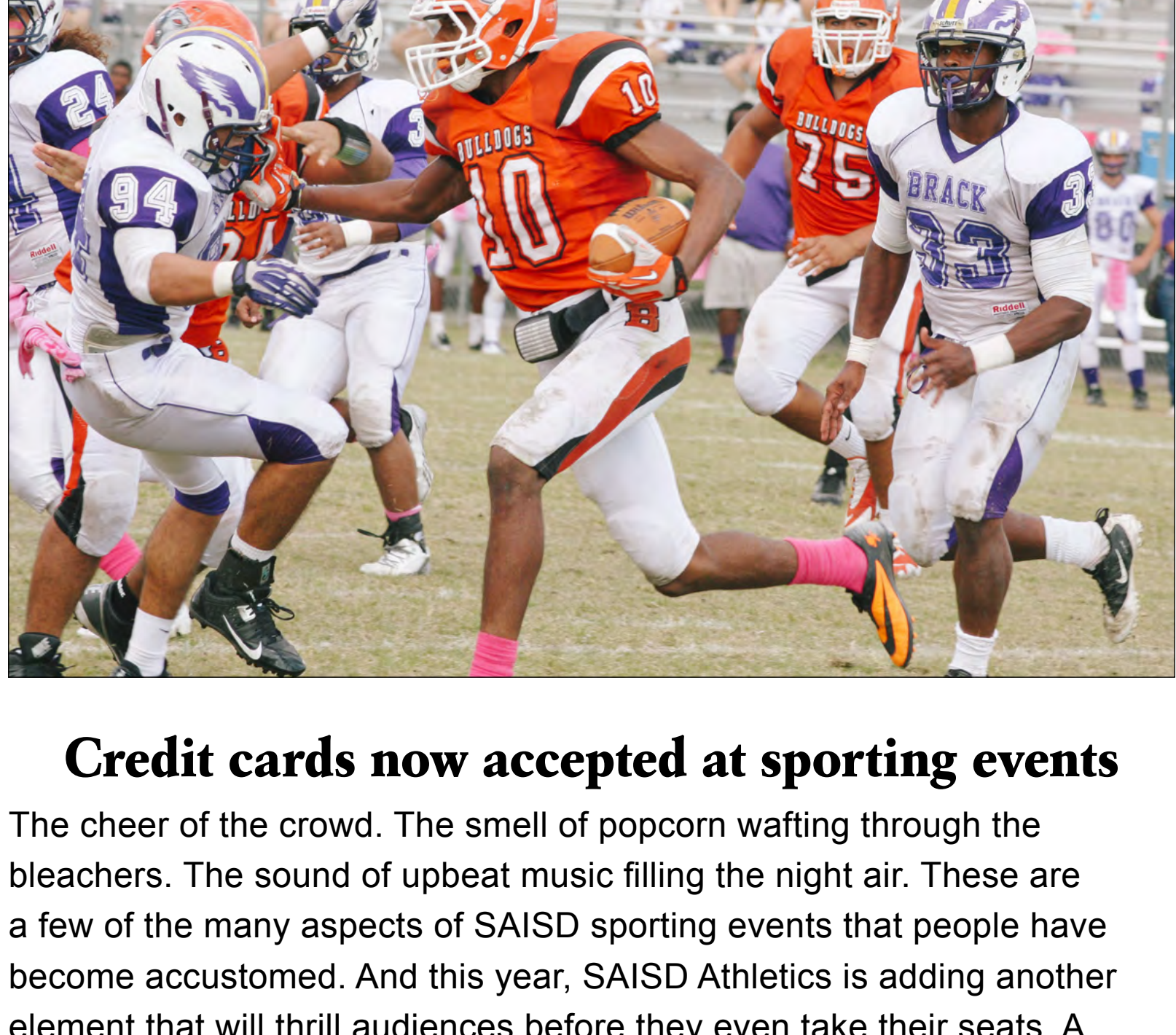
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Applications now open for 2018 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award

The SAISD Humanities Resources Department is seeking entries to the 2019 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award. This award is sponsored by Humanities Texas, in affiliation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, which annually recognizes teaching excellence in humanities subjects: history and social studies, literature and language arts, government, world cultures, and foreign languages.

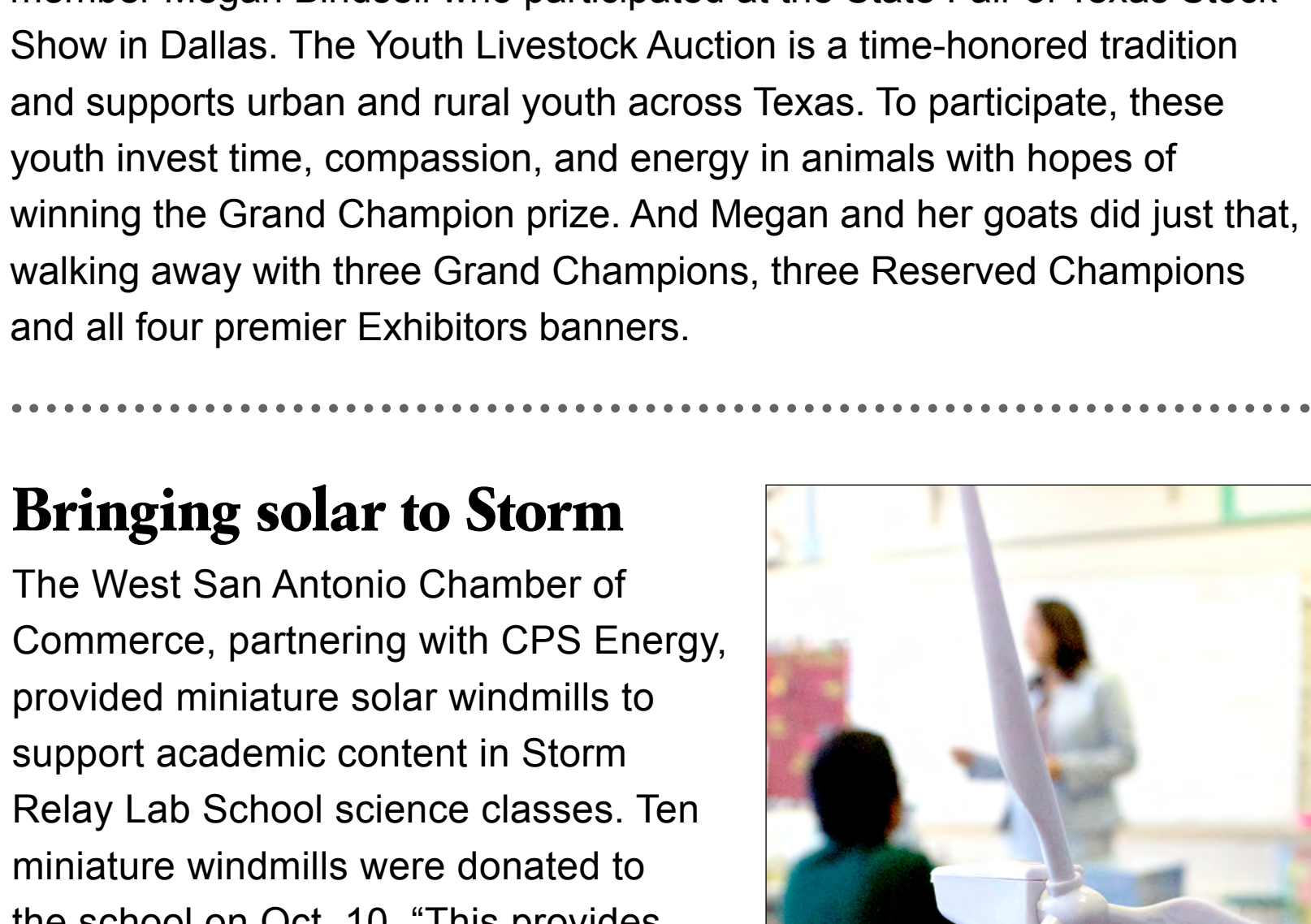
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New history course gives students a different perspective

One of the first things that sticks out upon entering Gilbert Flores' classroom is the giant map of the world on the wall. This may seem normal for a history classroom, but on second glance, a viewer notices that the map is rotated 180 degrees. The view of the world which most of us are familiar is transformed, simply by changing a viewer's perspective. And giving students a new perspective is a theme that runs through one of SAISD's newest course offering – Mexican American History.

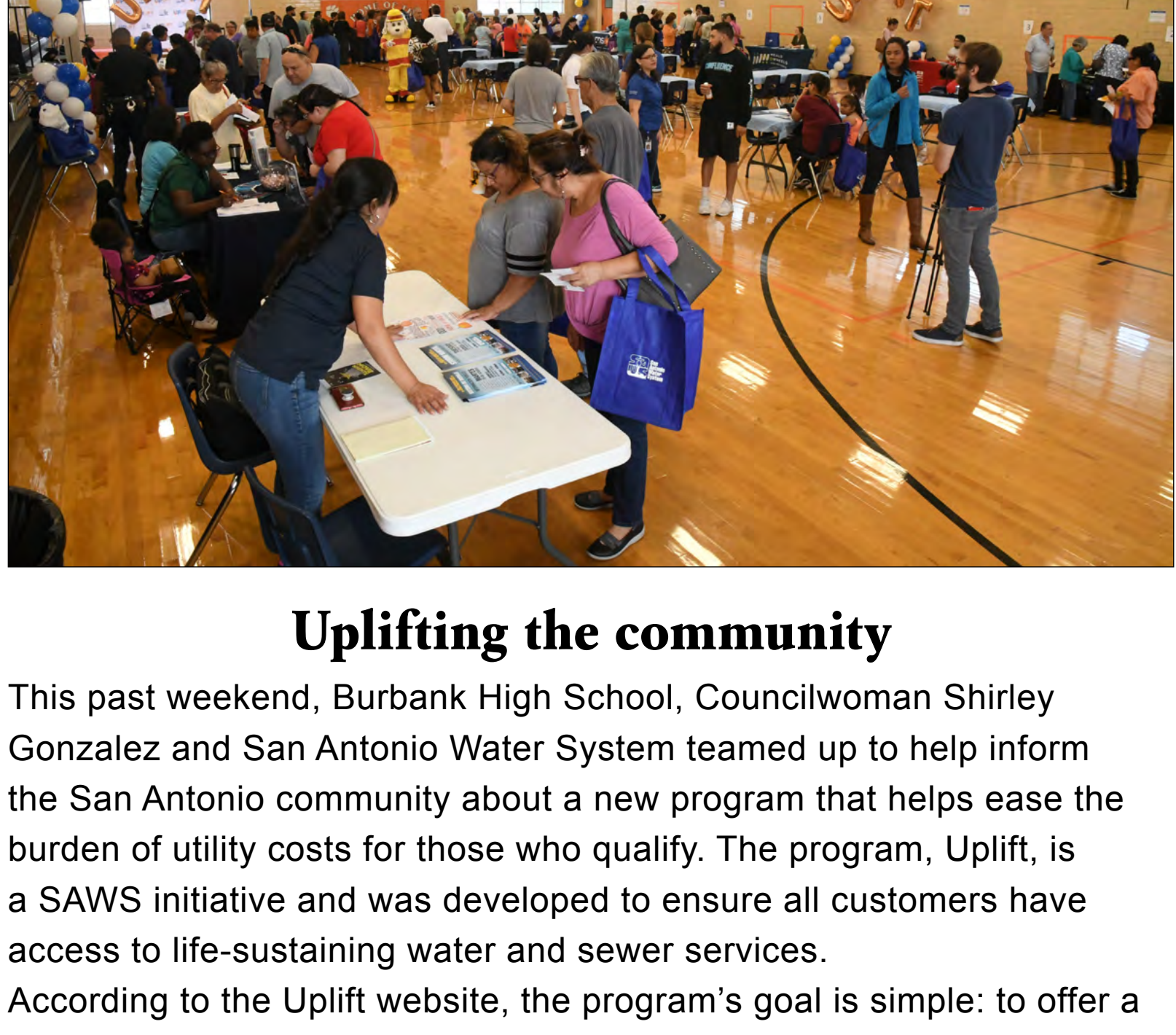
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Music to Our Ears

FIVE SAISD MARCHING BANDS RECEIVE 1ST DIVISION PLACEMENT

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Credit cards now accepted at sporting events

The cheer of the crowd. The smell of popcorn wafting through the bleachers. The sound of upbeat music filling the night air. These are a few of the many aspects of SAISD sporting events that people have become accustomed. And this year, SAISD Athletics is adding another element that will thrill audiences before they even take their seats. A partnership between SAISD Athletics and TicketRoar will reduce lines at venues hosting District Sporting events, allowing patrons to get inside and start enjoying the sporting action without a long wait in line.

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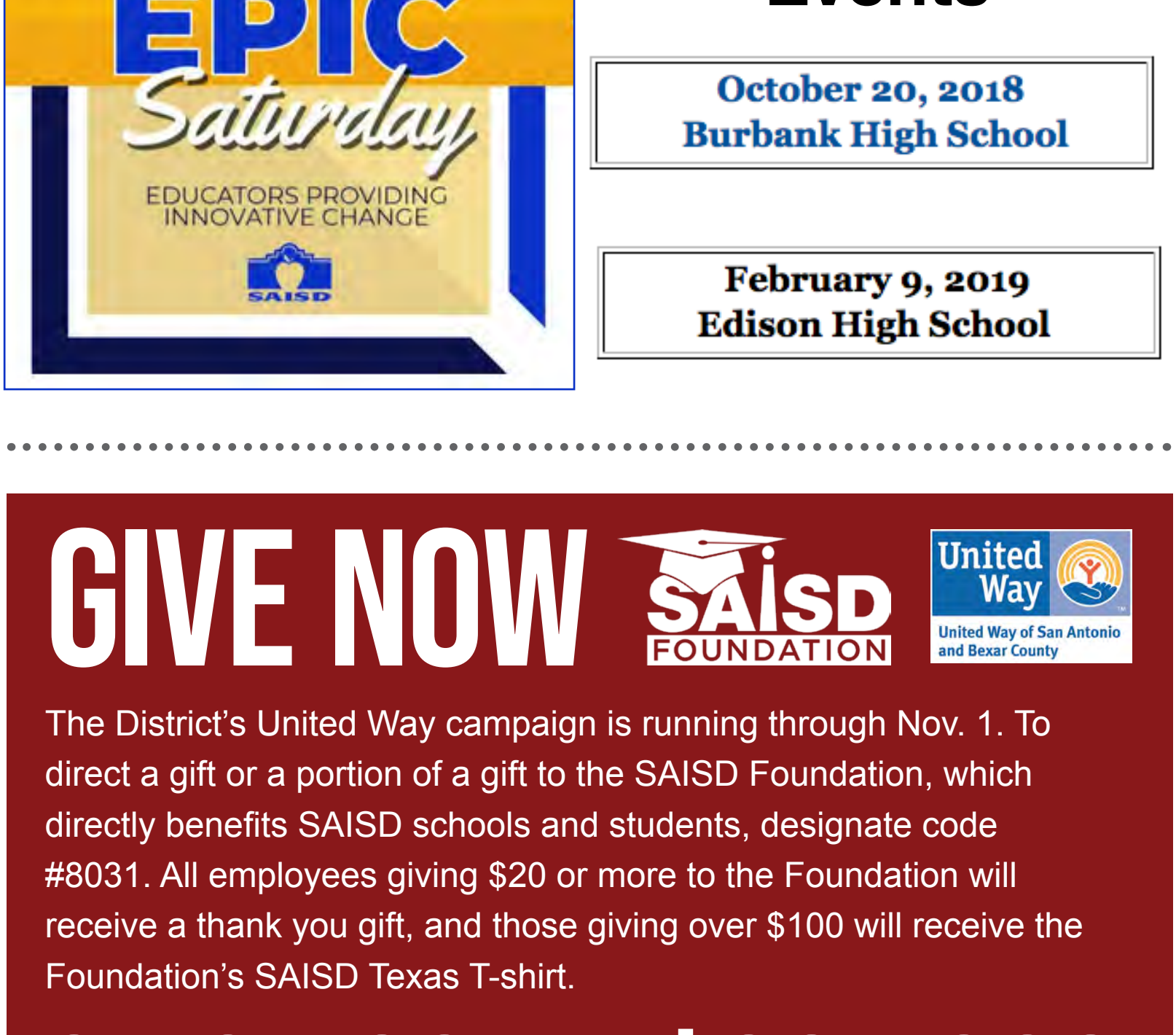


Going for the gold

A big congratulations to Burbank HS Future Farmers of America (FFA) member Megan Bindseil who participated at the State Fair of Texas Stock Show in Dallas. The Youth Livestock Auction is a time-honored tradition and supports urban and rural youth across Texas. To participate, these youth invest time, compassion, and energy in animals with hopes of winning the Grand Champion prize. And Megan and her goats did just that, walking away with three Grand Champions, three Reserved Champions and all four premier Exhibitors banners.

Bringing solar to Storm

The West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, partnering with CPS Energy, provided miniature solar windmills to support academic content in Storm Relay Lab School science classes. Ten miniature windmills were donated to the school on Oct. 10. "This provides a unique and alternate way to gather information in the classroom about our environment that not only keeps our scholars engaged mentally but also kinetically," said Latonya Gaither, science teacher at Storm.

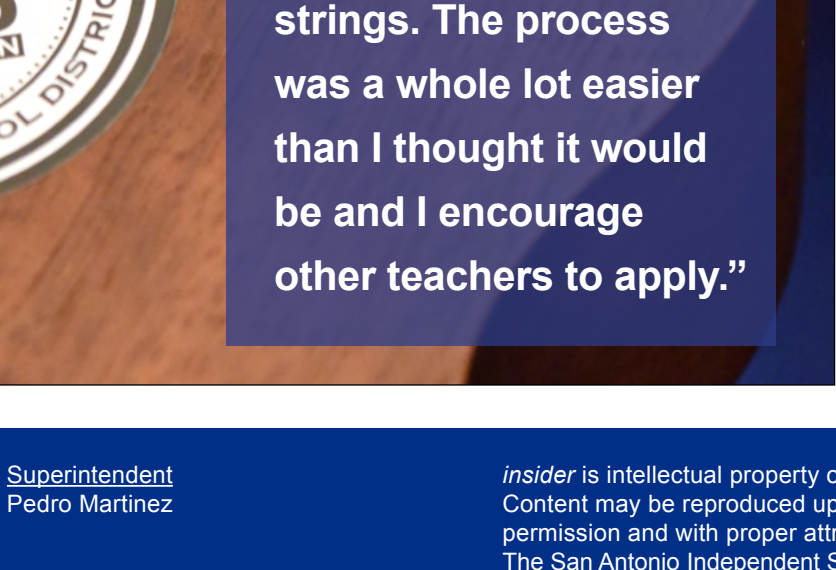


Uplifting the community

This past weekend, Burbank High School, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzalez and San Antonio Water System teamed up to help inform the San Antonio community about a new program that helps ease the burden of utility costs for those who qualify. The program, Uplift, is a SAWS initiative and was developed to ensure all customers have access to life-sustaining water and sewer services. According to the Uplift website, the program's goal is simple: to offer a helping hand to neighbors in need. Since water is an essential part of life, Uplift wants to make sure no family ever has to be disconnected because they can't pay their bills. The customer assistance fair was held Saturday at Burbank and not only did participants learn more about Uplift, they had the opportunity to visit nearly 20 informational booths staffed by local agencies that provide services to the San Antonio Community. CPS Energy, Animal Care Services, and the San Antonio Food Bank were just a few of the agencies in attendance.

Lanier helps kids in school

Lanier HS teachers, staff and administrators have come together and developed a team that reaches out to individual, at-risk students and encourages them to explore their educational options within the District. Felismina Martinez, associate principal at Lanier, with help from Jacob Castro, student engagement facilitator, spearheaded the effort for Lanier, which has helped reduce the number of students leaving the school by almost 50 percent from the last school year.



The Lanier team coming together to support student attendance.

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Preventing bullying across SAISD

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and a variety of businesses and organizations are working with SAISD schools to promote awareness in engaging, creative and fun ways. Last week, H-E-B brought its "Be A Buddy, Not A Bully" musical to Briscoe Elementary. The SABULLYFREE campaign visited Huppertz and Madison elementaries. And, "Don't Be A Monster" was presented at Whittier Middle School by haunted house actors, which was a memorable way to educate students about bullying during the Halloween season. Students were asked to take an anti-bully oath to help keep San Antonio bully free.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT BOND 2016 HERE](#)

Final community meetings for Bond 2016

Over the last two months, SAISD facilities staff, including project managers, architects and school leaders have visited schools that will be affected by Bond 2016. During these community meetings, the teams shared the latest developments about the bond progress, and were on hand to talk about the exciting changes coming to each campus. The last Bond 2016 community meeting is listed below.

Brackenridge High School
Nov. 6 | 5:30 p.m.
Library

www.saisd.net/bussafety

Upcoming EPIC Events

October 20, 2018
Burbank High School

February 9, 2019
Edison High School

GIVE NOW

The District's United Way campaign is running through Nov. 1. To direct a gift or a portion of a gift to the SAISD Foundation, which directly benefits SAISD schools and students, designate code #8031. All employees giving \$20 or more to the Foundation will receive a thank you gift, and those giving over \$100 will receive the Foundation's SAISD Texas T-shirt.

SAISD GOAL: \$205,000

Students at DeZavala ES are going to have the chance to make music with 30 brand new ukuleles that were recently delivered to Maria O'Connor's music classroom. O'Connor received the instruments through an SAISD Foundation Innovative grant. "I have been hearing about the Foundation grants since my first year at SAISD. Since my school didn't have the budget for these instruments, I applied," she said. "The Foundation funded the whole package! We got ukuleles, stools, materials and extra strings. The process was a whole lot easier than I thought it would be and I encourage other teachers to apply."

