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From Castleberry ISD

CISD Welcomes New Director Signs of Things to Come of Human Resources

Castleberry ISD would like to welcome Dr. Myrna Blanchard as the new Director of Human Resources. Blanchard Dr. comes to us from Fort Worth, most recently serving as a campus principal.

She began her educational career 20 years ago as a Bilingual/ESL teacher. She has also taught as an



adjunct professor and instructor at both Texas Wesleyan University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Blanchard earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Texas, a Master of Bilingual Education degree from Texas Wesleyan University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

She is married to Lyle Blanchard and both share immense joy in parenting their two wonderful children together, Mia, 15 years old, and Cruz, 9 years old.

Dr. Blanchard is a life-long learner and is committed to high standards of excellence. She is honored to serve as the new Director of Human Resources at Castleberry ISD.

From Castleberry ISD



The Class of 2021 is the second class to graduate from high school during a global pandemic, and as a tribute CISD has placed signs in front of Castleberry High School honoring each Senior. These 232 candidates for graduation are from both Castleberry High School and REACH High School and each student will receive an identical sign for themselves.

The perseverance and determination of these students to graduate during this unusual time in history is truly a sign of great things to come for each of them.

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United States District Judge, Barefoot Sanders by Dr. Ken Bridges



tice. And not only did he make history, he was a witness to many tion of Dallas schools. important events in the twentieth century.

II.

When he returned in 1946, he enrolled at the University of Texas. He was a popular figure on campus and worked hard at his By 1981, he ordered a new desegregation plan for Dallas, which studies, graduating in 1949. He quickly enrolled at the UT Law he would oversee the implementation for the next 20 years. The position at a Dallas law firm and looked to a future in politics.

his first of three terms. He sponsored a number of reforms to had to apply to everyone for it to mean anything. Though the investment law, the judicial process, and to the state's mental changes were sometimes difficult, Dallas slowly moved toward health care system. In 1958, he ran for Congress for the Dallas desegregation of its schools. County district held by Republican Bruce Alger but lost decisively.

Afterward, Kennedy appointed Sanders as US Attorney for the 83. District of North Texas. In that fateful November in 1963, he warned Kennedy not to come to Dallas for his goodwill tour of the state, fearful of the toxic political atmosphere of the time. Sanders rode in one of the cars in the motorcade that included

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson and Gov. John Connally. After the president's murder in the streets of Dallas, he located and brought federal judge Sarah T. Hughes to Love Field to swear in Johnson as president.

Sanders became the Assistant Attorney General in 1965 and helped convince Congress to pass the landmark Voting Rights Act, which allowed millions more American citizens be able to vote. He also served as legislative counsel, helping the president with legal aspects of legislation and helping pass his agenda. Johnson nominated Sanders for a position as federal judge in 1968. However, legislative delays prevented the Senate from acting upon the nomination before Johnson's term in office expired. The incoming president, Richard Nixon, refused to nominate Sanders.

Sanders returned to private law practice, and in 1972, he announced his candidacy for the US Senate. He faced former US Sen. Ralph Yarborough in the primary, who was ousted in the 1970 primary by Lloyd Bentsen. Sanders won the Democratic nomination but lost to Tower that fall by a sizable margin that fall. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter nominated Sanders to be a federal judge for the Federal District Court for the Northern District Barefoot Sanders was familiar figure in the Dallas legal com- of Texas. Sanders was confirmed easily. As a federal judge, he munity for years. As a judge, he became a powerful voice for jus- oversaw many cases, but the most prominent was the desegrega-

Dallas, like many cities across the country, faced racial divi-Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., was born in Dallas in 1925. sions for decades. Many Dallas leaders tried to downplay the Barefoot was his grandmother's maiden name, Dennie Barefoot. severity of those problems or denied they even existed. The Though he disliked the name as a youngster, he embraced it as an Dallas school board had slowly moved to desegregate the schools adult. He attended local schools, graduating from North Dallas in the late 1960s, a handful of students at a time. Even this High School in 1942. He enlisted in the navy the next year, serv- enraged segregationists who refused to accept any desegregation ing on a battleship in the Pacific for the remainder of World War of schools and civil rights activists who believed the rights of all Dallas school children were at stake.

After years of court fights, the case landed in Sanders's court. School and earned a law degree by the next year. He found a legal system works on past precedents. For Sanders, the law was not about protecting the status quo or even a privileged few. The In 1952, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, law and the rights promised to all Americans in the Constitution

Sanders stepped down from an active role on the court in 1996. Once he took senior status, as it is called, he took only the occa-In spite of the defeat, John F. Kennedy hired Sanders to man-sional case. As his health declined in his later years, he retired age his presidential campaign in Dallas County in 1960. completely from the court in 2006. He died in 2008 at the age of

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Waverly Park Garden Club Earns District, State and National Honors

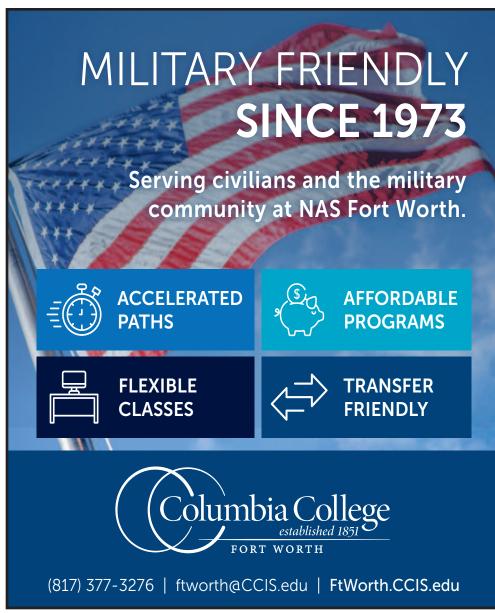


Waverly Park Garden Club received recognition at recent district, state and national conventions as one of the most successful garden clubs to remain active during the very challenging 2020 year. Members, most of whom live in Benbrook, continued to make community service a priority during the pandemic while remaining masked and socially distanced.

The club, which is celebrating its 63rd anniversary this year, continues to serve the Benbrook community and Waverly Park Elementary School on many gardening fronts.

Thirteen awards and a director's citation as well as the "Garden Club of the Year" designation were presented to the

Waverly Park Garden Club members are: **Gwen Genius, Jodi** club at the district convention. Numerous local environmental and **Zambino, Ellen Sowers, Rachel Emond, Veronica Wingen,** beautification projects receiving recognition included the annual **Barbara Jenkins, Carol Stewart, Beverly Turner, Nancy** Benbrook Trash Bash cleanup around Benbrook Lake; the "My **Smith** and **Margie Geiger.**Benbrook Mile" program regularly removing litter from the Castle



Benbrook Trash Bash cleanup around Benbrook Lake; the "My Benbrook Mile" program regularly removing litter from the Castle Park playground, walking track and ball fields area of Dutch Branch Park; the sponsoring and awarding of a local "Yard of the Month"; the support of the youth vegetable, horticulture and butterfly gardens at Waverly Park Elementary School; the maintenance of a portion of Waverly Park's front landscape; the upkeep and plantings in the entry garden at the Benbrook Community Center/YMCA; funding the needs of a therapy garden for those under the care of the VA Clinic; and an annual Christmas project benefitting St Mary's Center for Children.

At the state convention, Waverly Park Garden Club was honored once again to receive the state's "Garden Club of the Year" award from among its 239 member clubs in recognition of members' efforts in youth education, community service, community beautification, conservation and good gardening practices.

For the fifth year in a row, Waverly Park Garden Club also won national recognition for its gardening efforts; this year for the edible gardening program at Waverly Park Elementary School.

The Waverly Park Garden Club meets monthly, enjoying gardening friendships and programs that encourage conservation of water and natural resources, use of native/adapted plants, pollinator awareness and community service.

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Friday, June 4:

AM - A 40% chance of showers/thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 82.

PM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1am. Mostly cloudy; low around 68. S/SE wind 5-10mph.

Saturday, June 5:

<u>AM</u> - A 50% chance of showers/thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 80. S/SE wind 5-10mph.

PM - A 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 68.

Sunday, June 6:

<u>AM</u> - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 81. <u>PM</u> - A 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 69.

Extended Forecast Click Here

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Local Schools Class of 1971 50th Reunions

Western Hills HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

their 50th class reunion this fall.

There will be an icebreaker event on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a fajita buffet.

10 p.m. at the Ridglea Country Club located at 3700 Bernie look for smart designs, keeping in mind that a teether can only do Anderson Ave in Fort Worth.

The cost is \$150 if paid by July 31 and \$170 if paid by Sept. 7 (last purchase date). Make check or money order payable to: Western Hills Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion; and mail to: PO Box 1621, Fort Worth, TX 76097.

Brewer HS Class of 1971 50th Reunion

Brewer High School classmates of 1971 are having their 50th class reunion on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Railhead Smokehouse in Willow Park located at 129 S. Ranch House Rd. ing gesture and oral hygiene habits with a toothbrush," says Dr. There will also be a band starting around 7 p.m.

The deadline to RSVP is June 11. The price for dinner is \$13 you can purchase drinks with cash or credit card. There will be a Harris. person to take your money for your dinner as you enter the banquet.

Interested classmates are requested to respond to the post on Jerry Wood at 817-903-1448 to RSVP.

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From Statepoint Media

Oral Care Tips for Parents by the Ages

Proper oral care is essential to overall wellness. Here are a few The Western Hills High School classmates of 1971 are having tips and strategies for each stage of your child's development:

Teething

Even before your child's first tooth appears, good oral care matters. While some discomfort is associated with teething, you There will be a dinner and dance on Friday, Oct. 1 from 6 to can help alleviate it by being prepared. When it comes to teethers, its job if your baby can hold onto it.

> The American Dental Association recommends a dental visit within six months of the appearance of a child's first tooth, so this is also a good time to find a pediatric dentist for your child and schedule an appointment.

Babies and Toddlers

"It's important to instill good habits at a young age. Even when your child still has a gummy smile, you can introduce the brush-Misee Harris, a pediatric dentist based in Arkansas.

"Make brushing fun and efficient is key when getting little plus tax and 20 percent gratuity per person. There is a bar where ones to enjoy and engage in oral hygiene," according to Dr.

Elementary-Aged Kids

By this age, kids should be well on their way to proper brushthe Brewer Bears Class of '71 Facebook page, messenger or call ing techniques and oral care habits. Encourage them to keep up the good work by giving them a bit of control and independence. Let them select their own toothbrush and toothpaste, and help them create a routine that aligns with their dentist's recommendations.

> This is also a good time to instill good nutrition habits, as this can play a big role in oral hygiene. Indeed, cavities are one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So try to make snacks and beverages with added sugars more of a special treat than part of your child's daily diet. Also, be sure to include plenty of foods that build strong teeth and gums.

> Through each age and stage of your child's development, you can play an important role in helping foster a healthy smile.





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