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EDITOR'S NOTE

Life is resilient ...

A few months ago, I wrote about how the winter storm killed our houseplants. I spoke too soon.

My pothos ivy did die. I had owned that ivy since the '80s. It had survived abuse from my college roommate who shoved vinyl siding samples into its roots, sitting next to a stove that I left on all day and a gajillion moves. I set the dead pot on the back porch, and the dogs knocked it off. In repotting a new ivy, I discovered one of those vinyl siding pieces, and a trick Auntie taught me when potting plants — putting the metal caps from 2-liter bottles in the bottom for drainage.

Mom's mother-in-law's tongue slowly lost every leaf, one or two at a time, till nothing was left but stubs in the dirt. But one of those stubs started sprouting green. Until the rains drowned it. It tried, but in the end, it needed a little more nurture than it got. Now the pot hosts an ant pile.

The peace lily from Dad's funeral lost every leaf. We were sure it was dead, and set the pot out on the porch. And it sprouted new leaves. A lot of them, and stems and everything. It's going strong, on its way to refilling the pot with glossy green foliage, so it can start drawing gnats again. Given time, you won't be able to tell what trauma this plant endured.

All three of these plants suffered the same trauma. One has been replaced by a new, thriving member of the same species. One has been replaced by ants. And one is coming back from the dead and forging forward.

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A lot of us made changes during the pandemic. Christopher Jackson, Jav'R to his friends, found a new sport. Like many young boys, Jay'R played football. But the pandemic put a temporary stop to team sports — and to days spent in school rooms. "I liked running on the field, playing football. I was upset, at first, that I couldn't play anymore. So, I was just playing outside for like three weeks. Me and my cousin and some friends were riding our bikes around the neighborhood." Their exploration of their neighborhood eventually brought them to DeSoto BMX. "I was interested in seeing what was happening. We went on the track and asked this kid what this was. He showed us his bike and explained about BMX."

"They weren't supposed to be way over there," Jay'R's mother, SeKeitha, interjected. Despite starting out by being where he shouldn't have been, Jay'R soon had his mother convinced that this was really something he wanted to pursue. The next day, he entered his first race — and won. "He just had his regular street bike then," she informed.

"I LOVE RACING. IT FEELS LIKE FUN."







It was one of those moments when everything clicks. Jay'R was hooked, and his mother was supportive of his new passion, even if it took her a minute to accept it. "I still wanted him to play football, but he was racing three times a week and loving it, so I got him a real BMX bike after less than a month."

Jay'R hasn't missed a race. After his first 10 races, he moved up from novice to intermediate, and after 20, he started competing at the expert level. "I have to push myself faster because some of the others have been racing for quite a long time," he informed. "I have to work harder because when I see how other people ride, I feel like I could do that, too!" As much as he likes the speed, Jay'R isn't above practicing a few stunts either, even during a race. "One time I slid down the last straight, right over the finish line. I was going too fast and manualing quite a long time and lost control. Manualing is riding on your rear tire, like a wheelie. I was showing off, just a little. I slid across the finish line, still in first place. It hurt, kinda like road rash, but it was funny."

For someone who only started BMX racing at the tender age of 11, and has now achieved the seasoned rank of 12-year-old racers, Jay'R has already racked up a room full of trophies. "I have one that's over 5 feet tall, and a bunch of medals." He also won a belt race for the first time. He's quite proud of that belt, since he has to defend it to keep it. The belt looks like something from the WWE, and works the same way. There's only one, and you only keep it as long as you keep winning. That part doesn't seem to be hard for Jay'R.

"I love racing. It feels like fun. It's hard sometimes. If it's windy, you have

to push harder and pedal more, but if the wind is behind you, it makes you go faster. I enjoy jumping. And I love the rhythm section, which is a series of small hills. Every year, you're in a different age group. They say it gets really hard at 14. That's when you can start bumping each other on the track. I want to keep going, at least until 16. That's when you can be on a factory team. Well, you can be now, at 12, but you have to be an expert. You have to practice and train a lot to go to nationals. I have to train for pumping to get more speed off the gate. I need to quit being nervous at the gate and learn how to stand up. I feel like I can do it, too. Sometimes, I get squishy when I go through a turn into the rhythm too fast."



Jay'R got really lucky with his out of bounds adventure. DeSoto is one of three places in Texas where he could have found a BMX track. The other two are in Fort Worth and in Katy, near Houston. "I love BMX because you don't have to hit or tackle, and you don't have to hit or tackle, and you don't have to wear much gear. And there aren't a lot of rules to remember, just no stopping on the track, no rolling the gate, and you can't crossover from your lane before 30 feet — or you're DQ'd if you do."

This might all sound like a sport for the young, like Jay'R on his red Mongoose, but he and his mother are quick to point out racers in their 60s and 70s who still love competing. "You can start at any age you want, and succeed at any goal you want. Try new things, not just BMX," Jay'R enthused. Still, being young must help with keeping up a schedule of racing three times a week, plus practices. **NOW**





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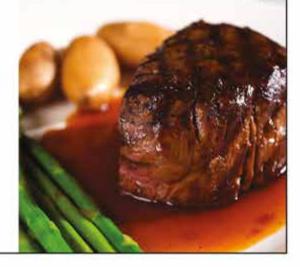
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Dona Mitchell's passion for her causes echoes loudly through her motto: "Be the Voice: Be the Change!" As a national dropout prevention coordinator, Dona has spent a lot of time on the "front lines" with students from elementary through high school. "It is the community's social responsibility to support students and schools," she said. "We have to meet kids where they are with compassion."

For Dona, meeting the kids where they are includes actually meeting with the kids at their schools. "I go to the schools during lunch, and I am approachable," she continued. "They come up and ask questions and relate why they have been missing classes. Sometimes, it is something as simple as, 'I like to sleep late.' All some students need is someone to tell them it is important for them to get up and come to class. Sometimes, we just have to tell their parents that it is important for their children to be in school.

"Other times, they may relate a conflict that they have had with a teacher, or, perhaps, they have been bullied by other students. These are very real problems for the youth, and when they are not addressed, truancy may be the result." Dona has worked with truancy for more than 13 years and is a recognized expert as a longtime board member and current president of the International Association for Truancy & Dropout Prevention (IATDP).

Dona shares information to support IATDP's mission locally and nationally through the use of the IATDP's website http:// iatdp.org/ as well as through local social media and radio broadcasts. "We want to help parents and guardians of our youth with all of the resources we can provide to keep their children in school." She has a handout that lists 15 "Anti-Truancy Parent Tips." While the tips may appear straightforward, they include some ideas that parents may not have previously considered. Things like setting a time for your student to go to bed, wake up, have a healthy breakfast and get to school on time; or, know the attendance policy; or, perhaps, become involved in the PTA or other parent organization to network with other parents about staying in school, and encourage the parent organization to get involved promoting school attendance. Another tip is to visit your student's school. Get involved and volunteer. Get to know the principal, teachers and attendance clerks as well as your student's friends. Attend parent conferences and "Meet the Teacher Night" either in person or virtually.

Over the years, Dona has been involved in a number of promotions for school attendance, and, in fact, has a portfolio full of pictures of events she has hosted and been involved in. "I am fortunate to have relationships with the area professional sports teams like the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers. We have had essay contests and other attendance promotions, and the winners have been able to attend games with me."

Dona sees a number of reasons why truancy is as prolific as





it is, and, of course, the pandemic has been an extra challenge. "Parents had to become teachers in their homes and overseers of virtual learning. Students may have been living in a home with a parent or sibling ill with the virus. Many also had to cope with the loss of loved ones who died of the virus, all the while trying to complete the virtual learning assignments. These were new and unique challenges."

In addition to the pandemic, Dona sees other reasons for truancy and dropping out. "In every case, we have to find the root cause, what is the real issue behind the student not being in class, and address those issues. Some considerations are mental health, homelessness, hunger, bullying or perhaps not having clean clothes to wear. There could also be issues with domestic violence, lack of family support and gang-related issues. Students not engaged in school will be engaged somewhere," she emphasized. "I'd like to see more people standing up for children and providing resources. Let them know we are behind them, so they will believe in themselves." NOW







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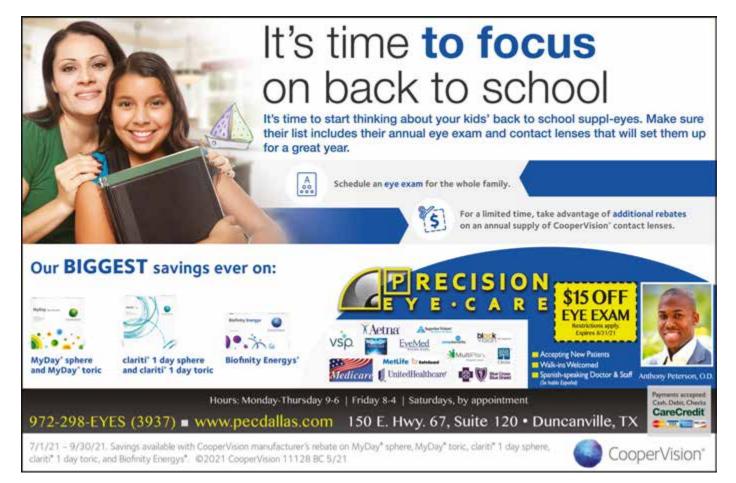


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COVID-19 caused a lot of adjustments to the services Home Care Network offers, and how they offer them. "Many of our patients suddenly found it difficult to get food. Some of them depend on food banks that were closed, so we had to make sure they were getting the food they needed," Belinda explained. "We had to get our nurses vaccinated as quickly as possible, to protect our patients, but then I was able to work with Kroger Pharmacy to hold a vaccination clinic here. We sent our cars out and brought our patients here to get them the vaccinations they needed to be protected."

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Sweet and Spicy Turkey, Apple and Cheese Sandwiches

Provided by Rachel Grossman for the April 2018 issue of *MansfieldNOW Magazine*.

- 4 large croissants
- 1 5-oz. pkg. Alouette Crème de Brie
- 1 4-oz. pkg. Montchevre Herb Goat Cheese
- I 10-oz. jar Tabasco Spicy Pepper Jelly
- 1 12-oz. jar Smucker's Red
- Raspberry Preserves
- 8 slices deli turkey meat
- 2 Granny Smith apples, thinly sliced

I. Slice open croissants, evenly down the middle.

2. Add a thick layer of brie and goat cheese to half of a croissant.

3. To the other croissant half, add a thick layer of the jalapeño and raspberry jams.
4. Place two turkey slices on each croissant half and several slices of apple to cover the turkey; bring the halves together. Repeat steps for each croissant.

Avocado Tomato Salad

Provided by Linda Cross for the April 2017 issue of *CorsicanaNOW Magazine*.

Salad:

- 1 avocado, cut into chunks 2 tomatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 cucumber. sliced

Tequila Lime Vinaigrette:

- 2 tsp. tequila
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. lime juice
- I tsp. herb spice salad dressing

I. *For salad:* Toss ingredients together well. **2.** *For vinaigrette:* Mix ingredients together well; drizzle over salad.

Baked Beans

Provided by Marci Richardson for the April 2017 issue of *WeatherfordNOW Magazine*.

I onion, chopped I bell pepper, chopped Small amount of oil 2 15-oz. cans pork and beans
3 Tbsp. maple syrup
4 Tbsp. brown sugar
1/2 cup ketchup
1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes

Preheat oven to 350 F.
 Sauté onion and bell pepper in oil; add all other ingredients.
 Pour into a baking dish and bake for 1 hour.

Nana's Deviled Eggs

Provided by Ashleigh Domkowski for the April 2019 issue of *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*.

12 hard-boiled eggs Mayonnaise, to taste Sweet relish, to taste Paprika, to taste

 Peel shells from the eggs. Cut eggs in half; scoop out the yokes. Put yokes in a bowl.
 Add mayonnaise and relish to the yolks, making sure to mix slowly; taste often before replacing the mixture back into the egg white halves. Sprinkle with paprika.

Chicken Fingers

Provided by Jan Mulholland for the May 2017 issue of *BurlesonNOW Magazine*.

1/2 tsp. sea salt
3/4 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. coriander
1/4 tsp. cumin
1/2 cup almond meal
1 egg, beaten
1 lb. skinless chicken breast, cut into strips

 Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a 9x13-inch baking dish with parchment paper.
 Combine seasonings with almond meal on a plate. Put the egg in a shallow bowl. Dip the chicken strips in the egg first, and then in the dry mixture.

3. Place the coated strips in the baking dish. Bake for 15-18 minutes, turning them halfway through.

Chicken Salad

Provided by Kathy Chaney-Padak for the May 2019 issue of North Ellis Co.NOW Magazine.

3-6 boneless chicken breasts
Water to cover chicken
I tsp. poultry seasoning
I tsp. salt
I tsp. pepper
2 bay leaves
1/2 to 1 onion, finely chopped
2-3 stalks celery, finely chopped
I 1/2 to 2 1/2 cups red seedless grapes, halved





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 Add all remaining ingredients, adjusting amounts depending on how many chicken breasts are used. Chill before serving.

Honey Bun Cake

Provided by Kimberly Bell for the May 2019 issue of SouthwestNOW Magazine.

Cake:

I box Duncan Hines Yellow Cake Mix
3/4 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs, room temperature
I tsp. vanilla, or more to taste
I 8-oz. pkg. sour cream
I cup brown sugar

3 tsp. cinnamon

Icing:

2 cups powdered sugar 1 tsp. vanilla 4 Tbsp. milk **I.** *For cake:* Mix first 5 ingredients together; pour into a greased baking pan.

2. In a separate bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle the mixture over the cake batter; twirl with a fork. Bake at 325 F for 40 minutes.

3. *For icing:* Mix sugar, vanilla and milk; pour over hot cake.

Red, White and Blue Salad

Provided by Mariah Marshall for the July 2018 issue of *EnnisNOW Magazine*.

Blueberries, to taste Strawberries, to taste Bananas, to taste

I. Place blueberries, chopped or sliced strawberries and chopped or sliced bananas in a large bowl and mix together.

Mandarin Orange Salad

Provided by Vera Wofford for the May 2016 issue of *MidlothianNOW Magazine*.

Salad:

- 1/2 head lettuce, chopped
- I cup celery, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. minced parsley
- 2 green onions and tops, thinly sliced
- 1 11-oz. can mandarin oranges, drained

Dressing: 1/2 tsp. salt 2 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar 2 Tbsp. sugar 1/4 cup oil 1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce Dash pepper

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Zoomed In: Thomas Winkler

By Adam Walker

Thomas Winkler is a fixture at Lakeside Park, where drivers stop to ask about his kites. "This one's a parafoil kite, like a big sleeping bag," he said. "I use 350-pound test line, and once I get it up to 900 feet, it will just stay up there. I do this to keep active in retirement. If you don't do something, you get old. I've decided to get a year younger each year!"

Thomas spent years as a paratrooper with the Army Rangers and has 1152 jumps to his credit. "That's what I wanted to do from the time I saw John Wayne in *The Longest Day*. I was 7 or 8, in Nuremberg, Germany. I came to the U.S. when I was 10 to join my mother."

Around Town



Lolita Rabon makes history as the first female Hispanic/Pacific Islander to join the CHISDPD as an officer.



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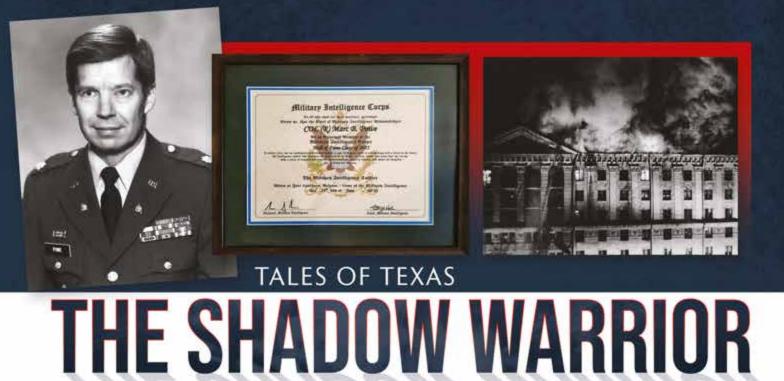
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- By Alex Allred

When Col. Marc B. Powe's picture appeared on the big screen before the audience at the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Center of Excellence, there was a stillness. Not only was he being inducted into the Hall of Fame, alongside Harriet Tubman, but he was also one of just a few handpicked intelligence officers responsible for moving the Military Intelligence Center and School to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, in 1971-1972. It was there that Col. Powe, a Dallas native and graduate of Texas A&M University and its Corps of Cadets, with Col. E.E. Wilson, co-authored The Evolution of American Military Intelligence, long regarded as the "bible" of military intelligence. He also began instructing future officers in the art of human intelligence gathering, instruction that is continued today by others who followed in his footsteps.

There was an audible appreciation among the crowd as Col. Powe's documentary began with the commentary, "Col. Powe's 30-year military career reads like a spy thriller, beginning with his assignment as an operations officer in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in 1977. During a major fire at the embassy as the Moscow fire department and other Russians entered the building, Powe ensured the security of extremely sensitive classified areas. ..."

During his illustrious career, Col. Powe was responsible for securing highly sensitive information and material throughout the world. Fluent in six languages and seemingly always in the "right place," he secured the Soviet MI-25 Hind Helicopter in the Chadian Desert in Africa under intense negotiations (and still classified information). A YouTube video with the title *The Hind Heist* – *The Secret Operation to Steal the Soviet's Top Helicopter* offers a very rare glimpse of Col. Powe in the field at the 8:59 minute-marker in the IO-minute video (just as there is a rare picture of him in the best-seller *The Billion Dollar Spy*, although he denied the image to be his). It was also during that time that he "acquired" a Chinese anti-ship missile at the behest of the U.S. Navy.

Only in 1987 while following a Soviet convoy through the desert of Kuwait was Col. Powe's cover truly blown. Despite

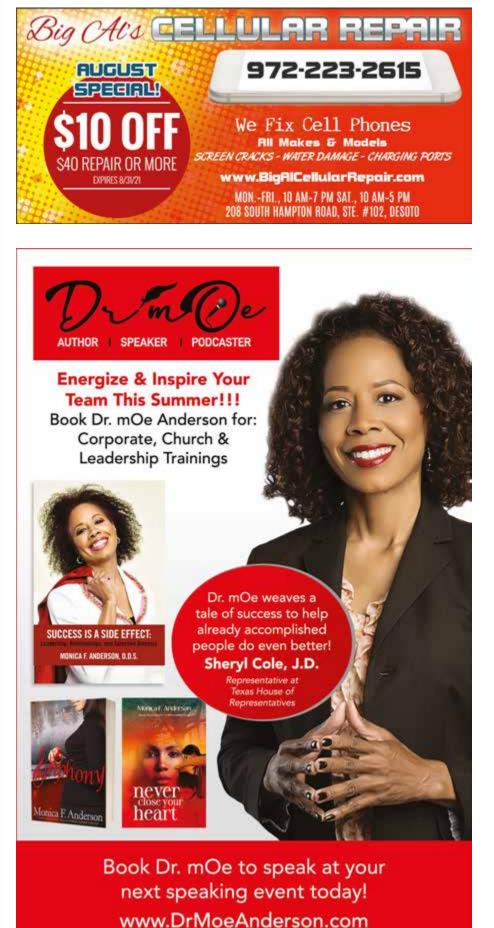
the Soviets' denial of arming the Iraqis with weapons, a direct violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear (INF) Treaty, he discovered the truth, but he had also been exposed. As he saw Kuwaiti officials running toward him, he calmly destroyed the film in his camera and ate his notes before being captured and beaten for information that would never be obtained. It was Ronald Reagan who negotiated for the return of one of the U.S. Army's top intelligence officers.

Col. Powe was the only living U.S. military officer to twice receive the Director of CIA Intelligence Exceptional Intelligence Collector Award. He also received such medals as the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart, among many others. He was inducted into the Department of Defense Attaché Hall of Fame in 1999. But for his family, his induction into the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame offered peace of mind, as Col. Powe has not yet been given a funeral. Having died in August 2020, he is to be buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, alongside his wife, Karen W. Powe — the ultimate military wife, it should be noted. She was responsible for securing the picture of the underbelly of a Soviet tank in the late 1970s. Both Marc and Karen, also a Texas native, live on in the legal system while an investigation into the amount of radiation they endured from hostile foreign nations is currently being conducted.

After retirement, Col. Powe served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2003 overseeing a U.S.-led coalition that overthrew Saddam Hussein. He was one of the first civilian cadre in country post combat and worked to repair the Iragi police and army as a province advisor. His work with the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) to defeat the IED attacks on U.S. servicemen and women and the growing effect of ISIS/ Al Qaeda/Taliban threats was both personally and professionally important to Col. Powe, and it was a reason that military intelligence instructor CW3 Matthew Carr requested to serve as escort to Powe's family for the Hall of Fame induction.

On March 13, 2007, Carr's younger and only brother, SGT Robert M. Carr, was killed in action while serving his country. The younger Carr was serving a second deployment to lrag when the vehicle he was driving struck an IED. For CW3 Carr, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1999, and was already in the human intelligence and counterintelligence fields. Col. Powe's résumé resonated. "The work he did helped save the lives of many. Years after my little brother was killed by an IED in Irag, I was struck by multiple IEDs in Afghanistan and walked away due to the improvements that were made to our equipment. I know a lot of those improvements were thanks to Col. Powe and the work he did."

Though he had never met either Carr brother, it was soldiers like these that drove the colonel, whose courage in the face of danger was matched only by his humility. His slow Texas drawl and seemingly easy manner were perhaps his greatest cover. Today, his works and research reside with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Center of Excellence historical archive and are known as "The Powe Collection." When a former colleague from the Pentagon summed up Powe as "the best of us ... a Shadow Warrior who served this nation," it did not yet begin to describe his ultimate desire for world peace and unity. Perhaps it was why he admired soldiers so much, as he knew their footsteps would surely surpass his own. NOW





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While home decor magazines and social media accounts may still be dominated by white and neutral shades, some designers suggest a more colorful future on the horizon. Neutral colors still make sense, letting one add in pops of color and change accent pieces seamlessly from season to season. And although the farmhouse feel is still beloved by many, eclectic vibes are on the rise and darker, moodier settings are also seeping into popularity.

Allowing decorators to maintain a neutral palette while changing things up a bit, the colors gray and black are coming on trend. One scroll through Instagram and you'll see formerly light, bright spaces being transformed by charcoal accent walls and darkly painted furniture. This still allows pops of color through accent pieces and ensures things like throw pillows and seasonal decor won't clash with furniture and walls.

Continuing the shift to deeper, more earthy tones, many influencers are painting spaces in saturated greens and blues, pigmented terracotta and apricot orange, or even rich maroons and bright yellows. In short, if it's intense, it's on trend! These colors compliment Mediterranean decor and natural woods and wickers in one's space.

Proving there's always something for everyone, softer shades

are also en vogue, as well as their richer counterparts in vibrant versions of purple and pink. With a nod toward sun-baked hues, however, Benjamin Moore Paint dubbed its shade *Aegean Teal 2136-40* as its 2021 Color of the Year. Suggesting this year is a time to reflect and reset, Benjamin Moore described the shade as "intriguing, balanced and deeply soothing."

How does the paint company choose its annual recommendation, you might ask? The company's website explains the selection "involves a yearlong observation of design, art, fashion, environment and cultural influences the world-over." Recent Colors of the Year have ranged from Simply White to Caliente (deep red), expressing the changing moods in design, art, fashion and culture from year to year.

Whether you're sticking with tried-and-true whites or moving to tropical brights, here are some basic steps to transforming your space with paint.

Step 1: Choosing the Perfect Color.

Things to consider when choosing your paint color include, first and foremost, your own personal taste. Which color samples jump out at you at first glance? Which inspire you or bring you joy? Start there and work your way to the perfect shade, considering the size and purpose of your space (darker colors can make a space seem smaller; brighter colors enliven a space so they may be better suited to a kitchen, while softer colors can be soothing and work well for bedrooms and bathrooms).

Along with color, you'll want to consider sheen — from glossy to matte — which not only impacts appearance, but maintenance, too. Some are easier to clean than others, and some are more suited to particular surfaces.

Step 2: Supplies and Preparation.

Online calculators can show you exactly how much paint you'll need based on the size of your space. At a minimum, you'll need a painter's tray, rollers and brushes and painter's tape. A ladder, drop cloth, sponge or rags, screwdriver and an extension pole will likely make painting your space easier, too.

Before you even open your paint cans, you'll want to clean all the walls, making sure they are free of dirt and cobwebs. You'll also want to remove outlet and window covers, as well as window treatments and anything on which you do not want paint to potentially fall.

Step 3: Application.

Experts suggest using a brush to carefully "cut in," or paint along the top and bottom trim where your wall meets the ceiling or molding and floor or baseboards, as well as the corners of your rooms. Then you are ready to start painting at a top corner with your roller.

It is often suggested to paint a W pattern with your roller, about an armslength in width and depth, and continue to paint W's from the top of your wall across the room. Repeat the W back and forth across and down the space until your entire wall is covered.

It's recommended that you reach a natural stopping point in your space before starting to use a new can of paint. At that point, you will want to stir your new can of paint and poor some of it into your old can, then blend well. If you need to take a break while painting, try to end at a corner, so you are painting an entire wall at a time. Pro Tip: Drips and spills may happen but are much easier to clean if wiped with a damp sponge or rag while the paint is still wet!

Once you've painted your space, all that's left is the cleanup before the fun part, decorating, can begin. No matter the trends, remember that painting is truly about your personal style. With that in mind, your color choice sets the tone for your space and your home.

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The Mayborn Museum Complex, located on the Baylor campus, provides more than a day's worth of intriguing, interactive displays. Dozens of interactive exhibits draw out the child in anyone. The traveling exhibit for 2021 summer thrills lovers of dinosaurs. Be sure to interact with more of the fun creatures upstairs.

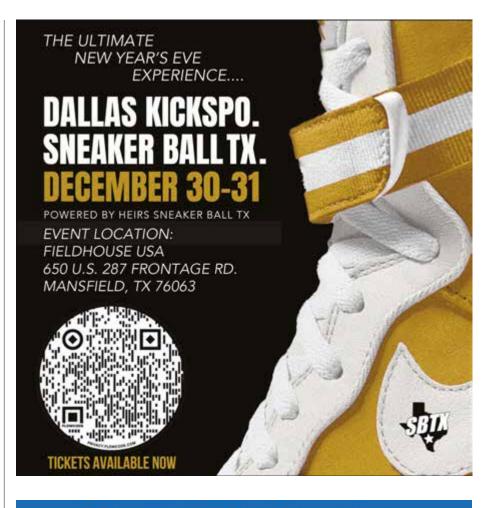
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Looking for outdoor activities? Waco Mammoth National Monument allows visitors to view the dig site where scientists uncovered 23 mammoth skeletons. Trails and a picnic area allow visitors more time to explore nature.

The Waco Riverwalk runs beside the Brazos River, a great place for walking, jogging and bike riding. A tribute to the Chisholm Trail depicts cowboys on horseback and cattle. In another area, a memorial park for Doris "Dorie" Miller commemorates a naval cook during WWII. The first African-American awarded the Naval Cross exhibited extraordinary courage during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which he survived. The area also contains a Vietnam Veterans memorial and one for law enforcement among various parks. Many old bridges cross the Brazos River in Waco, including the 1870 Suspension Bridge, currently under rehabilitation. Another bridge, built in 1901, allows pedestrians to cross the river safely while experiencing a touch of history.

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Duncanville ISD First Day of School.

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Yeezy Fest: Enjoy a night devoted to all things Kanye West. Free. 7:00-11:00 p.m., Lucky Duck Gallery, 100 S. Main St. # 114, Duncanville.

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Cedar Hill ISD First Day of School.

8/16 DeSoto ISD First Day of School.

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Soul Therapy Tour: God Over Money in concert. \$15. 7:00-10:00 p.m., Turning Point Church, 1020 E. Pleasant Run Rd., DeSoto.

8/28

Youth Football Season Starts: Season runs from Aug. 28-Dec. 4. Meadow Creek Park, 1400 Uhl Rd., DeSoto. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at youthsports@desototexas.gov for more information.

> Tuesdays Crafternoon:

Enjoy some new craft projects. Free. 2:00 p.m., Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St., Cedar Hill.

First Fridays

First Fridays at Main Station: A festival of artists, makers and more. Free. 7:00-11:00 p.m., 100 S. Main St., Duncanville.

Last Fridays

Poetry Night: Join an open mic night, open to all ages, talents and styles. Authors and musicians are welcome. Black and Bitter Coffee, 100 S. Main St., Duncanville.

Third Saturdays

Duncan Switch Saturday Street Market: The event includes vendors, food and fun. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Main and Center streets, Duncanville.

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