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Oh, what a day!

Because it's divisible by four, February 2020 is a "leap" year, but what does that mean, exactly? Sure, it means February is one day longer than we're used to, but, of course, there's some actual science behind the additional day. Much like Daylight Saving Time — which impacts our sunshine-vs.-darkness hours — a forced shift in how we observe time in February helps keep our seasons aligned.

Since it takes the Earth about six hours longer to make its full orbital revolution around the sun than the 365 days assigned to each year, an extra day every four years corrects that lag. Leap Day realigns our position in the solar system, keeping our seasons on track. Without it, eventually winter would be summer and vice versa — although in Texas, sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between seasons anyway!

One little day literally keeps our entire calendar aligned. This reminds me of the phrase, "What a difference a day makes," and I contemplate how I might use this extra 24 hours. This year, February 29 is a Saturday, which increases our opportunity to spend it with family. Perhaps start a tradition in which you participate only on Leap Day? Or, make it a day just for you, treating yourself to a splurge once every four years.

Since the purpose of Leap Year is balance, Leap Day is the perfect time to add a little balance to our own lives. Whether that's special time with those we love, or quiet time of reflection on our own, why not mark the extra day in a meaningful way?

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— By Angel Morris

Halls of Fame exist to commemorate many things ranging from athletic prowess to musical talent. While it takes the utmost skill to find yourself within one, it also helps to have fans who get you noticed. To honor those folks who support the greats, Ford Motor Company created its Hall of Fans recognizing people who demonstrate extraordinary loyalty, passion and character in their enthusiasm toward professional automobile racing, rodeo or football.

Located inside the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Ford's Hall of Fans honors those who love their American and National Football League teams. One local football fan may be on her way to recognition within its walls. Midlothian's Susan Short thought her extreme enthusiasm for the Dallas Cowboys might be worth Hall of Fan admission, so she completed the online application.

"I was contacted by a representative of the Dallas Cowboys saying that my entry was being considered," Susan recalled.

Susan entered in early August 2019, right after the contest entry period began. Each year, entries are evaluated on a rolling basis and everything is handled in secret. If chosen, 2020 Hall of Fan honorees win a trip to the Super Bowl in Miami, Florida, plus Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement. "Six finalists were announced on December 29. Then, voting was through January 27 and three of the finalists get to go to the Super Bowl. The winner will be announced at the Super Bowl," Susan explained.

Susan took a big step closer to those prizes when a surprise visitor showed up on her doorstep last fall. "[Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer] Emmitt Smith knocked on my door and told me I was a finalist!" Susan recalled. "I was in shock. I don't even remember what I said. My husband would have to tell you."

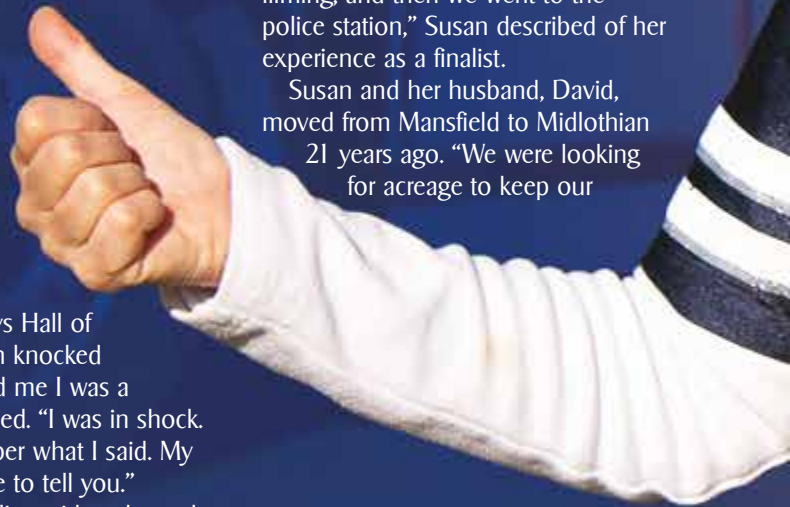
Once released online, video showed a surprised, then teary-eyed Susan after opening the door. "Oh. My. Gosh! Emmitt Smith!" she exclaimed. "How are you?"

In the video, Emmitt shared, "It was awesome to see the excitement on her face," as he hugged Susan and told her he was honored to nominate her to be inducted into the Ford Hall of Fans.

"It was a whirlwind visit. There were film crews and lighting and sound people. The producer had a plan of what needed to be filmed. I was asked a number of interview questions, but I didn't see much of the filming outside of the house," Susan continued. "I gave Emmitt Smith a tour of our Cowboys trolley bus, and then I drove it to downtown Midlothian."

At that time, the city of Midlothian had arranged a crowd of people to welcome the trolley and cheer Susan on into the finals. "We did some more filming, and then we went to the police station," Susan described of her experience as a finalist.

Susan and her husband, David, moved from Mansfield to Midlothian 21 years ago. "We were looking for acreage to keep our





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farm equipment where we lived instead of at a different location, and we still had city jobs, so we needed to be close enough to drive to the DFW area," Susan explained.

Susan did not grow up rooting for the Dallas Cowboys, however. She was born in Kansas and lived in both Indiana and Missouri before finding her way to Texas.

Transferred to Texas by their jobs in 1985, Susan and David fell in love with America's Team. "Our biggest tradition is tailgating in our Cowboys trolley bus with our family and friends," Susan said. "We love meeting new people at the games who share our passion for the Cowboys."

The couple's trolley bus was purchased in an online auction from the city of Gainesville, where the 31-passenger vehicle was once used in city tourism. "It had been wrecked, and there was quite a bit of water damage to the inside from a leaking roof and from the windows being left open," Susan recalled.

The Shorts gave the trolley new life — in Dallas Cowboys colors of silver and blue, of course. "I did a lot of the repair work myself. Now, it has a bathroom and sofa bed and is decorated in a Dallas Cowboys theme with unique woodwork that is reminiscent of an old trolley," Susan noted. Emblazoned on its side is the famous fan phrase, "How 'bout them Cowboys."

The Shorts can have up to 14 passengers when they drive to games and tailgate. "We also enjoy taking the Cowboys trolley bus in parades, visiting schools and giving rides," Susan explained. "It's an opportunity to bring joy to other people."





Susan said she and her family have watched hundreds of games through the years. Most notably, perhaps, was the 1993 Super Bowl in Pasadena, California. "I took our 12-year-old son, and it was the mother/son experience of a lifetime!" Susan remembered.

Susan and David were even featured on the Dallas Cowboys Season Ticket Holder website as being big fans. "Cheering on the Cowboys and tailgating with family and friends has created many opportunities for us to make memories," Susan admitted. "We spend time together as a family — our grandson is also a big Cowboys fan — being outdoors and meeting new people."

When not cheering for the Cowboys, the Shorts work as farmers, taking care of cattle and horses and managing other farm chores. "I also like to sew and make quilts," Susan added.

But their favorite pastime continues to revolve around football and the Dallas Cowboys. Obviously, Susan is no fair-weather fan. "I love my family, my farm and the Cowboys," she said. "Winning or losing, we enjoy the memories we make!" **NOW**

Editor's Note: See Susan's Hall of Fans nomination video at <https://fordhalloffans.com/football>.

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DYNAMIC DUO

— By Virginia Riddle

A smiling fourth-grader with light-up boot heels that coordinate with her bright pink wheelchair's rims, Kelcie D. Davis isn't just a survivor — she's a fashionista on a mission to help other children with cerebral palsy, specifically, and children with other disabilities, in general, through her KDD Foundation. "There are limited resources for families with special needs children in the southern DFW suburbs," Desmond Davis, Kelcie's dad, explained. "We want to establish a summer camp with therapy options and an all-abilities playground and indoor playland south of DFW, serve as a resource to all families with disabled children and help find solutions for CP recovery and prevention."

That's a tall order for Kelcie, who was born two months prematurely, weighing in at 2 pounds, 8 ounces on September 22, 2009. "Her car seat's headrest surrounded her entire body when she was released from the hospital to go home," Desmond recalled. Just before Kelcie's first birthday, Desmond and Kelcie's mom, Kimesia Davis, learned from doctors that Kelcie, would have to meet the challenges presented by a diagnosis of spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Speech, occupational, physical and equine therapies have been a part of her life ever since.

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The work and dedication of family, friends, health and school professionals has paid off for Kelcie, a student at Midlothian ISD's Mt. Peak Elementary. Kelcie enjoys playing iPad games, singing favorite songs, working out with her dad (he runs while pushing her wheelchair), cooking and eating out. "She chooses her clothes and is a mini-diva," Desmond revealed.

Desmond and Kimesia, along with Jonathan Hampton and Shekeira Gillis, who serve as the foundation's vice president and executive director, respectively, started KDD Foundation in 2015 in Kelcie's honor. Today, Kelcie is a fan of the Dallas Wings, the Dallas Cowboys and Ohio State University football. The family, including older sister, Kylie Fitzgerald, a student at Prairie View A&M University, and older brother, Dalton Davis, a high school student with a job, enjoys traveling to Desmond's family in Alabama and cruising.

Kimesia received another piece of devastating news that rocked the family in 2016. Kimesia was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma stage 4 cancer. She fought a fierce battle but gained her angel wings in April 2018. A single dad now, Desmond admits, "It's been rough. Kelcie keeps me going."

He cleans house, cooks, does laundry and has learned how to do Kelcie's hair by watching YouTube videos. Extended family members have stepped up to the plate. Kimesia's family and Desmond's dad live in Dallas, and Desmond's mom comes for month-long visits centered around her and the kids' birthdays, which are all in September.

The Internet allows Desmond to work from home as a self-employed accountant while Kelcie is in school,





but finding time to meet all the family's needs and run the foundation is a challenge. "Speaking engagements, especially with Kelcie along, are another joy," he added. "I speak from the heart and have a lot to say." KDD Foundation has teamed up with World Cerebral Palsy Day activities and periodically interacts with similar groups in the area.

The foundation's board, with the help of volunteers, organized a Walk and Stroll event with around 200 entrants in Midlothian that raised about \$2,000 to help families in the area. A Winter Gala and another Walk and Stroll are planned for 2020, and eventually, Desmond would like to hold an annual golf tournament. "It's a joy to know that we were able to help families live better," Desmond said. "I know firsthand how hard it is to have a special needs child, especially for single parents."

Desmond and Kelcie's best memory of working with the foundation remains the first function they held — a Christmas holiday breakfast — with mom, Kimesia. "It was small, but we raised \$500," Desmond stated. Kelcie's pink-and-gold themed bedroom, as well as their home's mantel, still has photos of Kimesia displayed. While mom is missed, the family appreciates life in Midlothian.

"We love the quietness of Midlothian even though it's growing," Desmond said. "Our runs in the neighborhood are fun times. Kelcie is accepting of her challenges and is a silly, happy-go-lucky girl who's living her life in the best way possible. Together, we're the dynamic duo!"

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Zoomed In: Helen Anderson

By Angel Morris

It's not unusual to see Helen Anderson dining at her favorite Whataburger, so friends decided it was the perfect place to recognize her birthday. "I thought just a few of us were celebrating. I never expected this!" Helen explained of her 88th birthday surprise.

With a large photo of Helen on the wall, custom pageant sash and roses, the crowd dubbed Helen "Miss Whataburger" for the day. She enjoyed a chocolate cake shaped like a hamburger with guests from her former hometown and current church, First Baptist Midlothian. "I've always had lots of friends, but this turned into something much bigger. People at Whataburger are so friendly. They see me coming and almost have my order ready by the time I get inside every time!"



Ashley Sacchieri and Liz Holleman host a 1920s-themed party to mark the new decade.



Austin Garrett shares sparkling soda with his parents, Kristin and Terry, to toast the year.



Midlothian Running Club members share a post-workout treat at Smoothie Plus.



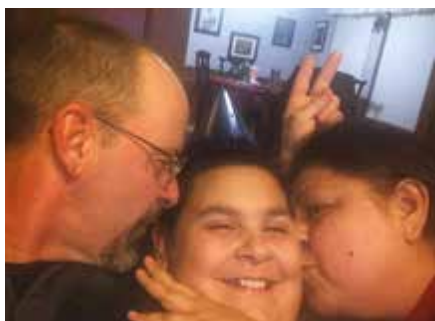
Ashlyn Messmer, Neeley Robertson, Kayleigh Hendricks and Maddie Hendricks celebrate the New Year.



Midlothian's Kim Gilson and boyfriend, Don Hase, enjoy the Fort Worth Symphony.



Dyxie, Melinda and Crystal say cheers to 2020.



The Hattendorfs end 2019 with a special dinner and family time at their Midlothian home.



Landry Combs, Kournie White and Alexis Bogy wrap up the decade with sparklers.



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LAURA TERHUNE

— By Angel Morris



Midlothian Chamber President Laura Terhune grew up on a farm in the Panhandle, 100 miles northeast of Amarillo. A high school home economics project led her to cook Baked Alaska for her father and brothers one weekend. “We were 10 miles out in the country, and we rarely had drop-in company, but that same day, we had a contractor who had broken down on his way to a job knock at our door,” Laura recalled. “He asked to use our phone, and we invited him to have lunch and dessert while waiting for help to arrive. After he left, we laughed at the story he would tell his family about the highfalutin farmers in the big, country house having Baked Alaska on a random Saturday!” **NOW**

Banana Layer Cake

Cake:

- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 cup milk
- 6 ripe bananas, moderately mashed
- 2 1/4 cups cake flour, sifted
- 3 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs

- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Frosting:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 lb. confectioner's sugar (divided use)
- 1/2 cup ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/2 tsp. lemon juice

1. For cake: Add oil and milk to the bananas. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking

powder, salt and sugar. With the mixer on low, gradually add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, beating on low for 2 minutes.

2. In a separate bowl, gently whip eggs, milk and vanilla; add egg mixture to the mixer for 1 minute.

3. Grease and flour 2 9-inch pans. Pour batter into pans. Bake at 350 F for 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Remove from pan to cake plate.

4. For frosting: Cream butter until soft and fluffy. Add half of the sugar; beat until well-blended. Add bananas and lemon juice; mix well. Add remaining sugar; beat until light and fluffy.

5. Once cake has cooled, frost with frosting.

French Toast Bake

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

- 1.** Melt butter in the microwave; add brown sugar, stirring until mixed. Pour butter/sugar mix into the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan, spreading evenly.
- 2.** Beat eggs, milk and vanilla. Lay single slices of bread in the pan, spooning half of the egg mixture on top.
- 3.** Sprinkle cinnamon over bread and eggs; add a second layer of bread. Spoon on remaining egg mixture. Cover; chill in the refrigerator overnight.
- 4.** Bake at 350 F, covered for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake for an additional 15 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cinnamon. Serve with warm maple syrup.

King Ranch Chicken

- 6-8 chicken breasts, cooked
12 corn tortillas
2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup
1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes with green chiles
1 small onion, finely chopped
6-8 slices Velveeta or American cheese

- 1.** Cut cooked chicken into bite-size pieces. Tear tortillas into bite-size pieces. In a separate bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, except for cheese; stir.
- 2.** Spray a 2-qt. baking dish with nonstick spray. Create a layer of tortillas, a layer of chicken, then a layer of soup mixture. Repeat layers; top with cheese.
- 3.** Bake at 325 F for 45 minutes, or until bubbly and golden brown.

Easy Crock-Pot Chicken

- 3 lbs. boneless chicken**
2 8-oz. blocks cream cheese, cubed
2 1-oz. pkts. ranch seasoning, dry
8 oz. bacon, cooked crisply and crumbled

- 1.** In a slow cooker, combine chicken, cream cheese and seasoning. Cook on low for 6-8 hours, or on high for 4 hours, until chicken is fully cooked.
- 2.** Mix all ingredients, shredding chicken with a large fork or spoon.
- 3.** Just before serving, add crumbled bacon; stir to incorporate. Serve warm.

Corn Casserole

- 8 ears fresh corn**
2/3 cup heavy cream



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2. Add cream, salt, a generous amount of ground pepper and butter; mix well. Pour mixture into a baking dish. Bake at 350 F for 30-45 minutes, or until thoroughly warmed through.

Sausage, Egg and Biscuits Casserole

1 can buttermilk biscuits (any brand)
1 lb. pork sausage
6 eggs
3/4 cup milk
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
1 cup mozzarella, shredded
1 cup cheddar, shredded

1. Cut biscuits into 6-8 pieces; place in a greased 8x8-inch pan. Brown sausage on the stovetop; drain. Spread sausage over biscuits.
2. Beat eggs; add milk, salt and pepper. Pour



Lemon Butter Shrimp

over sausage and biscuits; sprinkle both cheeses over the top.
3. Bake at 425 F for 30-35 minutes. Let sit 5 minutes before serving.

Lemon Butter Shrimp

1 stick butter
1 lemon, sliced
1 lb. fresh shrimp
1 .75-oz. pkt. dried Italian Seasoning

1. Melt butter in a pan, placing lemon slices on top.

2. De-vein fresh shrimp; rinse and pat dry. Place shrimp in a single layer over butter and lemon; sprinkle seasoning on top. Bake at 350 F for 15 minutes.

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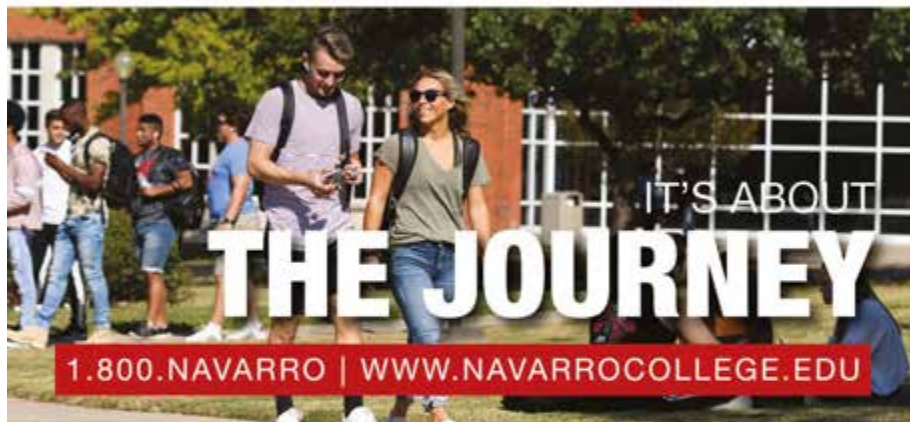
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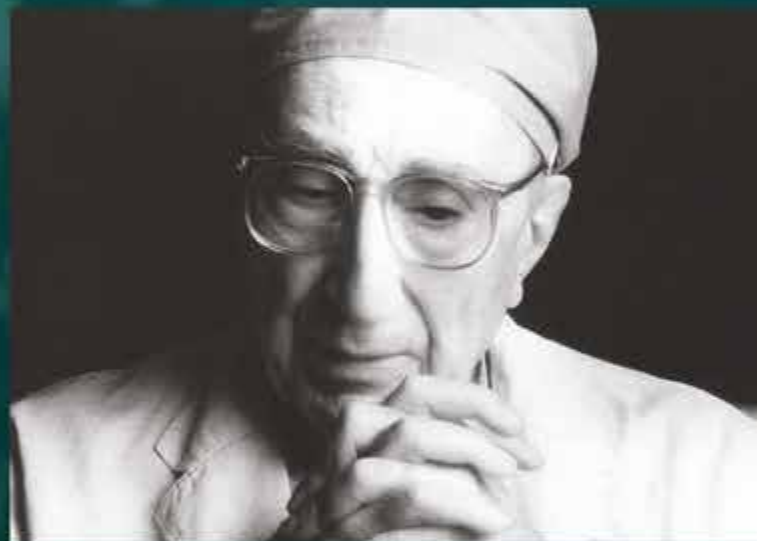
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— By Angel Morris

While today, Dr. DeBakey's name can also be found on other Texas research facilities and schools, it was not his birth name. After immigrating to Louisiana from Lebanon, the Dabaghis decided DeBakey was a more suitable, anglicized version of their name.

Born to Shaker Morris and Raheehja DeBakey in 1908, Michael is said to have shared his parents' thirst for knowledge and discipline. Shaker was not only a pharmacist, but also an investor. Michael's compassionate spirit no doubt came from his mother, who was an activist for nonprofit organizations.

In 1926, Michael graduated high school as valedictorian, then earned his bachelor's degree from Tulane University in 1930. While finishing his medical degree at Tulane's School of Medicine in 1932, DeBakey invented the roller pump — a tool helping blood flow continuously during operations. The device went on to be used in the first open heart surgery two decades later and was the first of more than 50 surgical heart and artery instruments credited to Dr. DeBakey.

Volunteering for military service at the start of World War II, DeBakey is credited with changing the way the Army handled casualties. Serving four years in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, he pursued movement of medical facilities nearer to the front lines,



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As a result of DeBakey's efforts, reports suggest soldiers who made it to MASH units had a 97 percent chance of surviving. With ongoing concern for servicemen, Dr. DeBakey also developed the Veterans' Administration (VA) Medical Center System and VA's Medical Research Program to try and ensure the treatment of soldiers returning from war and veterans with certain medical issues.

Moving to Houston in 1948, Dr. DeBakey became a staff member at Houston Methodist Hospital and joined the Baylor College of Medicine faculty. Houston Methodist's website credits the doctor as "essential to the Texas Medical Center's evolution into the largest medical complex in the world."

DeBakey recruited doctors and researchers who, with him, developed many innovative treatments. Other significant accomplishments by Dr. DeBakey include the invention of the

Dacron graft — tubes which can replace or repair blood vessels — which he initially prototyped using his wife's sewing machine in 1954. This method would save DeBakey's own life decades later, when he suffered a dissecting aortic aneurysm at age 97, and doctors performed his own procedure on him.

In addition to his Dacron graft development, DeBakey performed the first aortocoronary artery bypass in 1964, and in 1968, the first multiple-organ transplant of a heart, one lung and both kidneys from one donor to four recipients. Working into his 80s, the medical statesman is credited with more than 60,000 surgeries.



Dr. DeBakey ensured Houston would continue to be synonymous with heart surgery treatment by teaching at Baylor College of Medicine, training thousands of surgeons, conducting ongoing research and co-authoring some 1,300 published articles. In 2001, Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center officially opened. In 2008 at age 99, Dr. DeBakey died at Houston Methodist Hospital, where he had served a significant portion of his career and had greatly advanced cardiovascular medicine.

You can honor Dr. DeBakey's legacy by recognizing February as American Heart Health Month in large or small ways. Visit yourethecure.org for tips on living longer, healthier lives. Here you can also learn about supporting causes that promote heart health, such as being aware of upcoming health legislation and holding food companies accountable. In the spirit of Dr. DeBakey, the website helps you make decisions with heart. **NOW**

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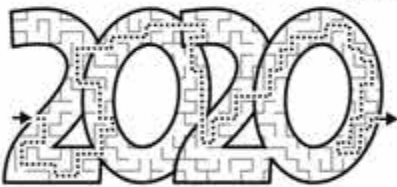
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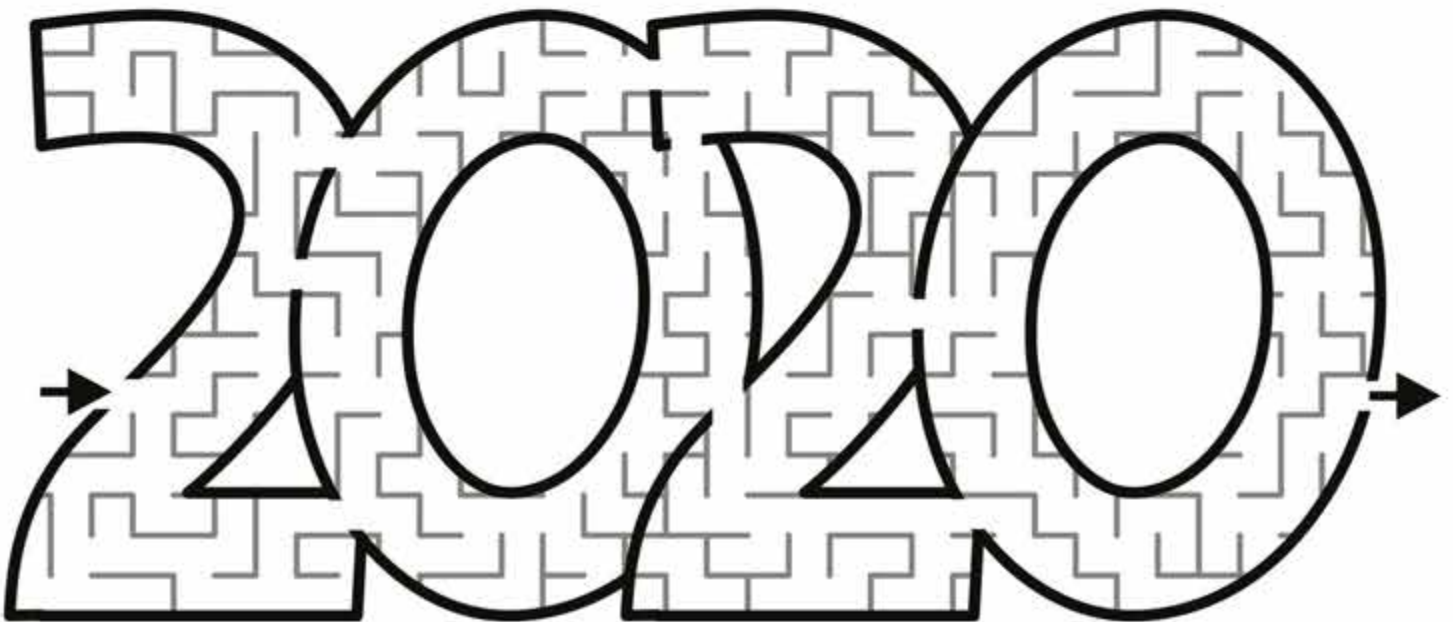
Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes):

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|-------------|----------|
| AUNT | MOTHER |
| BROTHER | NEPHEW |
| CHILDREN | NIECE |
| DAUGHTER | PARENT |
| FATHER | RELATIVE |
| GRANDFATHER | SISTER |
| GRANDMOTHER | SON |
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F	O	T	L	E	R	C	H	I	L
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A	N	R	E	T	O	E	N	E	R
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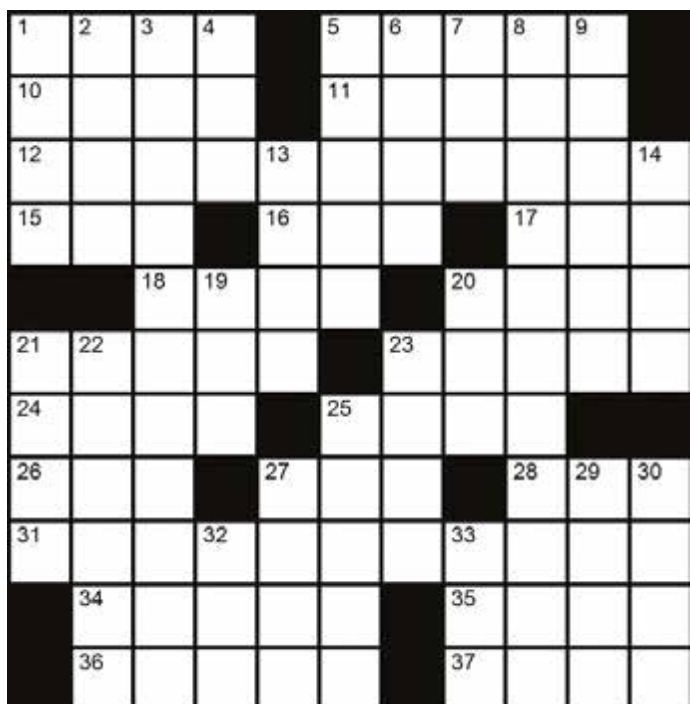
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Across

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- 5 Stylish
- 10 Via
- 11 Playful prank
- 12 Entrées
- 15 Ad follower
- 16 Classic Ford
- 17 --- -Man (arcade classic)
- 18 --- the crack of dawn
- 20 The Beatles' meter maid
- 21 Settled
- 23 Head of the line
- 24 Pile
- 25 Cuckoo
- 26 And not
- 27 Trim, in a way
- 28 Letters in an open slot
- 31 Temperature reading of a sort
- 34 Get to know
- 35 Love god
- 36 Old Democrat --- Kefauver
- 37 About

Down

- 1 WWW code
- 2 Like tom yum soup
- 3 Feeders
- 4 Low form of comedy
- 5 "Ivanhoe" writer
- 6 She was urged to come into the garden (Tennyson)
- 7 Loan abbreviation
- 8 Hospital breathing machines
- 9 Dog rewards
- 13 Clothed
- 14 Hightail it
- 19 Vigor
- 20 Manipulate
- 21 "Say it ain't so!"
- 22 Persons in general
- 23 Deer in a petting zoo
- 25 Thugs
- 27 Bog
- 29 Rorschach test piece
- 30 Too
- 32 Southampton Insurrectionist --- Turner
- 33 Shooter ammunition

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	7			2			5	6
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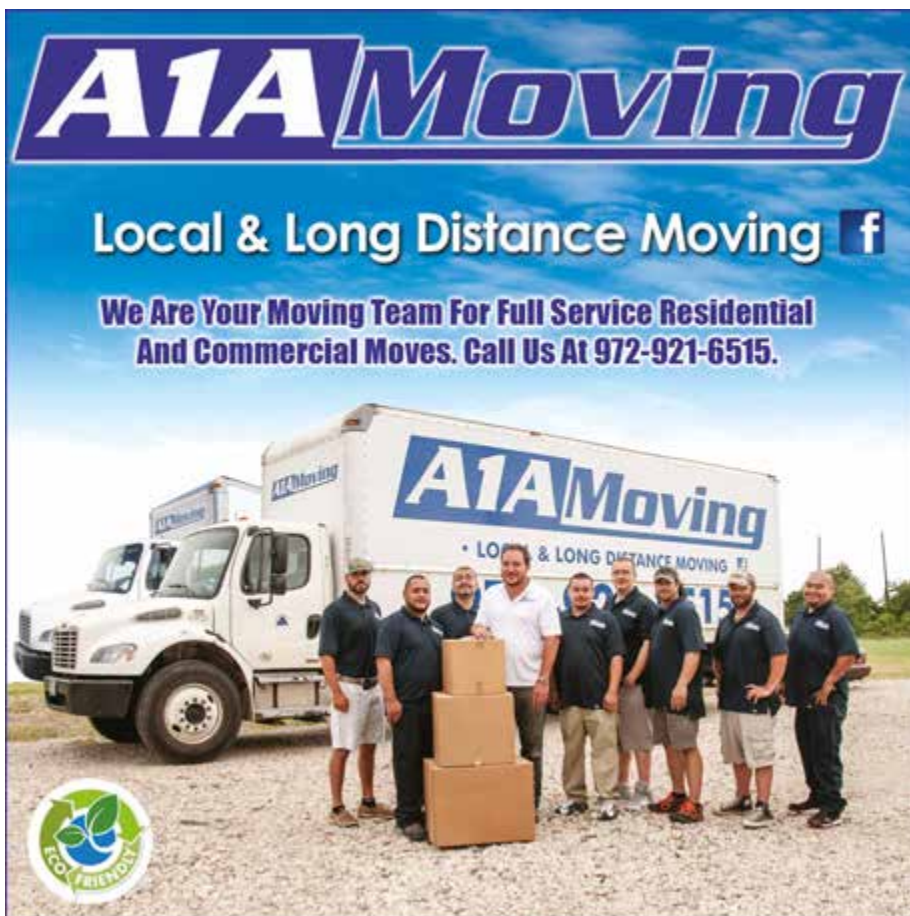
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