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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

SMMC Back to School Health Splash Aug. 5 6-8 p.m.

Stargazing Event Big Spring State Park Aug. 14 More information to come soon

Toasty Tuesdays take place every Tuesday at a different location around town. Community invited to come out and help; Next week will be at 6:30 p.m. at the DK on the corner of Wasson and Randolph.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays for private parties

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# Toasty Tuesday - Canceled for Tuesday, Aug. 3

Spring Beautiful's litter cleanup program, picked up refuse and litter at the intersection of Wasson Road and Randolph Boulevard, shown at left. Although this week's Toasty Tuesday

This past week, the intrepid volunteers of Toasty Tuesday, Keep Big

litter cleanup had been slated for the area near Marcy Elementary School on Wasson Road, posts on the group's Facebook page indicate those plans have been canceled.

Inaddition, Keep Big Spring Beautiful's monthly meeting scheduled today has also been canceled. The page indicates the next Keep Big Spring Beautiful meeting will be held Sept. 13 in the Fireplace Room at Howard College.

### Isaiah 58 changes food distribution hours

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

Isaiah 58, the charitable food source in Big Spring, is changing its hours... but COVID variant concerns have prompted organizers to keep their present drive-through distribution setup.

"Our hours, before COVID ever came to us, were Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 6 (p.m.)," said Isaiah 58 CEO and President Nancy Stinson. "When CO-VID came in and crashed us down, our hours changed to all different times and days until we found one that was right for us, which was Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Then everything began to die down and it looked like we would be going back to some kind of normality – a new normality – we were going to have our days be Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 6 but have people come in six

Unfortunately, fears of a resurgence in the COVID pandemic due largely to variants of the disease have led Isaiah 58 to keep the car lines, at least for now.

"We've got to stay with the drive through, but our hours are still going to be 4 to 6, and it will be every 30 days, they can come in and get their food," she said. "We would love for our numbers to go up, having two days and times during the afternoons. That way we could get more people in and fed."

Stinson said there's no need to make a reservation ahead of time.

"No, they just come and do the same lines that they've been doing," she said. "We do ask that they have to have their face mask. If they don't have a face mask, we're unfortunately going to have to ask them to leave the line and go find

a mask, just because it is getting so serious and we have to protect ourselves. And I need everybody to bring some form of ID. I don't care if it's 20 years old as long as it still looks like you. I just need something that shows me your address and this is you."

Those new to Isaiah 58 should additionally bring a proof of address.

"I don't care if it's something from the mail...a bill, if they get junk mail, say for instance it's a magazine and it has their name and their address on it, I don't care," Stinson said. "A lease. It doesn't bother me how it gets here. I just need to socialize it with them, and they can get food that same day."

Isaiah 58 is located at 508 S. Scurry in Big Spring. For more information about their services or requirements, call 432-263-4758.

### A moment in history:

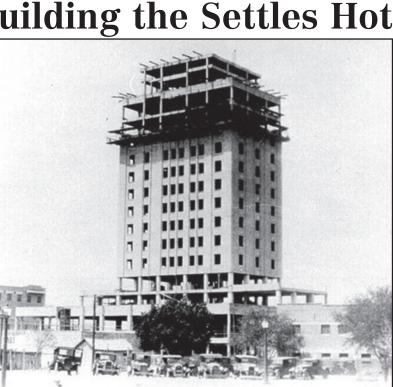
**Building the Settles Hotel** 

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum is the holder of the historical stories pertaining to Howard County for the past 50 years. Each week, the Heritage Museum shares a piece of the community history. To find out more history tidbits, visit the Heritage Museum Tuesday through Saturday.

### By TAMMY **SCHRECENGOST**

Heritage Museum

In 1894, William R. Settles married schoolteacher Lillian Greer. William had bought land south of Big Spring, and the couple decided to live there while William raised Hereford cattle. Years later William was injured after he fell from a windmill he was repairing. In 1924, the couple decided it was time to move into town. By 1927, oil had been discovered on the W.R. Settles ranch, catapulting the unassuming couple into the limelight, where they were now being chauffeured in a Buick rather than the horse and buggy they had driven previously. In adversity or prosperity, the couple was always cheerful, trusting, and faithful to mankind. The Settles said they had faith in



Courtesy photo

### Construction on Big Spring's Settles Hotel began in 1928 to and was completed in 1930.

God, faith in each other and in humanity. M.L. Tinsley was employed as a gauger for the oil company on the Settles property. He befriended the Settles and soon became the elderly couple's "business manager." Tinsley refused to be interviewed during a 1930 interview by the *Big Spring* Herald. The Settles told the reporter that Tinsley was too modest, and they wanted

to give credit to Tinsley for his massive undertaking of the project. Mrs. Settles said, "Mr. Tinsley chose the site, bought all materials used in the project, supervised the building from start to finish, and purchased all furniture, draperies and linens. The building and plans were carried out smoothly and without a single hitch, thanks to Mr. Tinsley."

By 1929, A.J. Crawford had decided not to add another wing onto the Crawford Hotel as he had initially planned. The Settles, acting through M.L. Tinsley, offered to build a hotel incorporating the recreational and public service facilities which had not been provided by the Crawford. Tinsley stated to the Chamber of Commerce that if Big Spring citizens subscribed for \$100,000 in first mortgage bonds, it would represent the only debt on the property. Shortly after construction began, the price of oil started to decline. To help finance the landmark hotel, a deed of trust was signed on June 10, 1930. The Settles used their ranch and mineral rights as collateral for the \$200,000 promissory note. The total cost for building the hotel reached over \$500,000. Two corporations were then formed, The Settles Hotel Corporation as owners of the hotel and the Settles Hotel Company as operator.

David S. Castle Co. of Abilene was the architectural engineer firm which designed the Settles. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Settles, along

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### **Support Groups**

### **MONDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- $\bullet$  Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: Will I survive? How to get out of debt. How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-

### **Obituaries**

### Linda Hoover

Linda Hoover, 68, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 31, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Michael Seely

Michael Seely, 68, of Big Spring died Friday, July 30, 2021.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hale Center Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### **FRIDAY**

traumatic stress disor-

der (PTSD), traumatic

brain injury (TBI), mil-

itary sexual trauma

(MST) and other traumatic events in their

lives. BEITZ meets ev-

ery Thursday at 6 p.m.

at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For more information,

email francisco.garza@

wtcmhmr.org, or call

· GriefShare is a bib-

lical support group

that focuses on helping

432-268-3003.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### **SATURDAY**

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@Bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

### **Take Note**

- Howard County Fair is coming Sept. 17-19. Submissions for the Art and Photo contest will need to be submitted Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Special Subcategory this year is Cactus or Birds or combination of both. Submissions can be fine art or photography. For more information, call Sandra Lockhart at 432-263-4155.
- Loss of a Spouse seminar will be taking place Aug. 5 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The special stand alone session will take place at Trinity Baptist Church. The program will be taking place in advance of the 13-week Grief Share session, beginning Aug. 26.
- The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.
- Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna a two dose and Janseen a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org
- Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as

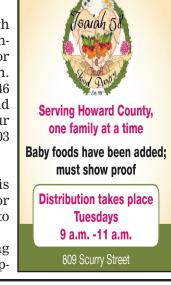
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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find

out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.



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August is National Immunization Month, a time to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. With school quickly approaching, it's time to check immunizations records to see if your kids are up to date.

In Texas, before a child can attend kindergarten, seventh grade, childcare, or enroll in a new school district, parents or guardians are required to produce documentation that confirms their child has received the school-required immunizations. For more information on **Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12**,

visit - https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx

Vaccines protect us from dangerous preventable diseases like Chickenpox, Flu, Hepatitis, Measles, Mumps, Meningococcal, Pneumonia, Shingles, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio and more. Vaccines not only help protect us and those we love from getting these diseases, they also help prevent spreading diseases to those that are unvaccinated.

If your child is needing immunizations to enroll in school, please call the **Martin County Family Clinic at (432) 607-3243**, to set an appointment. Same day appointments are available.





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quirements, call 432-263-4758.

ing on the east was the banquet hall and ballroom. The beauty shop was located along the west of the mezzanine. The lobby, mezzanine, banquet hall and other social rooms were equipped with speakers.

Six sample rooms with built in tables occupied the third floor. A large sample room was in the basement along with the public washrooms, a tailor shop, staff quarters, laundry, and trash chutes. A separate storage space was available for each tenant. All freight was moved with the back elevator. Two large storage vaults were located on the first floor as well as supply rooms. The guest rooms were described as a "combination of beauty and comfort"

in the October 1930 Big Spring Herald. The baths included a tub and shower combination. The black and white tile color scheme was carried throughout the bathrooms with the exception of the suites and apartments, which were tiled in white and trimmed in various colors. The Settles was the first hotel in Big Spring to have ensuite bathrooms. The 12th, 13th and 14th floors were reserved for three-three room apartments. Each apartment living room had Murphy beds installed and kitchenettes equipped with a compact steel refrigerator, electric stove, sink and cabinet space.

Each floor of the Settles was accessible through the American Elevator Company's two passenger cars. Geared at 600 feet per minute, each car traveled from a full stop at the ground floor to a full stop at the 14th floor in 17 seconds. The elevator cars were finished in bronze with bronze gates. An employee ran the elevators 24 hours a day. Hot water was piped into each guest room by steam coils with boilers, and the electrical system was said to have been of the most top quality. The heating unit consisted of a two-pipe Dunnam differential system, which operated on either pressure or vacuum control. The system was equipped in both oil and gas. Rates were \$2 to \$3 a night, and included maid service. Guests could enjoy a choice filet mignon in the formal restaurant for \$3.00 or fresh Alaskan red salmon fried or broiled for \$1.15. Tea or coffee would cost an extra ten cents.

The Cunningham & Phillips No 4 Drug store was located in the corner of the hotel on 3rd and Runnel's streets. A sixteen-foot carbonic fountain with refrigerated back bar was located along the west side, customers could face the front window and the street. Large mirrors were

installed at each end of the fountain back bar. A large Neon sign flashed the words "Drugs" on one side and "Soda" on the other.

The store floors were terrazzo, and the walls were finished in walnut. The prescription department was entered from the main store through two ornamental swinging walnut doors bearing the company's initials "C & P" in colored glass. The pharmacy measured 30'x50' square feet with a 700 square foot basement. The "wall cases" were filled with Elizabeth Arden and Dorothy Gray toiletry items for the ladies. Other than medications, the drug store carried cigars, cigarettes, candy, lipsticks, and magazines. Six soda tables were arranged in the center of the store.

### HISTORY

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for the \$200,000 promissory note. The total cost for building the hotel reached over \$500,000. Two corporations were then formed, The Settles Hotel Corporation as owners of the hotel and the Settles Hotel Company as operator.

David S. Castle Co. of Abilene was the architectural engineer firm which designed the Settles. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Settles, along with business manager and stockholder M.L. Tinsley and Fenton Baker (of the renowned Baker hotels), began work on the Settles in 1928 after three structures had been cleared away on the lots located on Third and Runnels streets. Mrs. Settles had said they would never have taken on such a large project had Tinsley not advised them to do so, and they trusted him with everything they had. Excavation began October 15 by the Gifford Hall Company, and on November 10, 1929, 57 tons of reinforced steel and 783 cubic yards of concrete went in one of the main bottom mats. Each mat was 28 to 48 inches thick and 56 by 92 feet in lateral dimensions. While testing the soil, an unusual condition in the subsoil was found. There were alternate levels of sand and gravel, and the distance to bedrock or substantial clay was so great that the mat footing was decided upon instead of concrete pilings. An on-grade mat foundation is an above ground type of foundation used to provide load bearing capacity in expansive, rocky, or hydro collapsible soils. The slab formed by the placement of the forms allows for expansive soil movement. The on-grade mat foundation possesses great stiffness, with strength to resist differential swelling resulting from landscaping practices, surface drainage or flooding from any source. The basement walls and the first floor were poured of reinforced concrete on January 1, 1930. Due to extreme cold temperatures, the second floor had to be delayed until the last of January. By March 27, the 15th floor and roof slab were poured, and the great framework had been completed.

The Hotel's interior was carried out in an "Italian Modern Renaissance theme." The lobby walls were paneled with solid mahogany and walnut. Floors were finished in a polished marble terrazzo with a green marble base and border. The ceilings were a combination of ivory and tans with ornate cornice-beaded trim and gold fillet molding. "Roman" gold rosettes stood out in a French blue back plate. The Banquet and Ballroom were finished in sage green and ivory. The raised paneled wainscot and pedestals were finished in dark gray with an elliptical ceiling. The floors in the private dining hall and banquet room were of a fine polished maple. Elaborate drapes adorned the windows in keeping with the general decorative theme.

The Men's club occupied the entire 15th floor and was accessible to porches on each end for outdoor entertainment and smokers. The clubroom floors were carpeted, and the walls were papered in masculine patterns, designs and colors. Several gaming and billiard tables were placed in the area. A grand staircase from the lobby to the second-floor mezzanine was finished with green marble risers. A painted wrought-iron rail ran from the foot of the stairs and continued around the promenade. The scrolled letter "S" was placed in the middle of each wrought iron section. This view of the mezzanine was taken from the southeast along the promenade toward the women's lounge. Border-

### Take Note (cont.)

- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on

seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

- O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street.
- Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.
- · Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the

community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Marion Hays, 92, died Thursday, July 2021. Visitation will be Monday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Iatan Cemetery.

Michael Seely, 68, died Friday, July 30, 2021. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Hale Center Cemetery

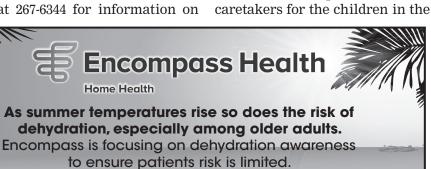
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### SEC welcomes Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma after boards accept invitations

Associated Press Writer

Oklahoma and Texas accepted invitations to join the Southeastern Conference in July 2025 on Friday, worried that their storied athletic programs were in danger of losing ground if they stayed in the Big 12.

A whirlwind week of official moves -- after who knows exactly how long the schools worked behind the scenes -- came to a conclusion when regents at both Texas and Oklahoma unanimously jumped at the chance to join the SEC.

"After thorough consideration and study it became obvious that standing pat would be falling behind," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said.

The SEC, already the strongest football conference in the country, welcomed its newest members, who arrive with 10 national championships between them as determined by The Associated Press.

"The SEC has already established itself as the premier conference in collegiate athletics, and the addition of these two tradition-rich programs will make for an even more competitive league in all sports," Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne said in a statement.

New broke of discussions between Texas and Oklahoma and the SEC last week. The schools and conference remained silent on the matter until this week.

On Monday, Texas and Oklahoma informed the Big 12 they would not be extending a media rights agreement with the conference after it expires in

On Tuesday, the schools applied for SEC membership.

On Thursday, the SEC presidents voted to extend invitations, and Friday it was a done deal.

"This is a move for stability and preservation and propagation," Oklahoma President Joe Harroz said. "We believe this move is not just best for OU, we believe this move is best for

For now, the arrival of the Longhorns and Sooners in the SEC is four years out. Texas and Oklahoma are bound to the Big 12 and its other eight members by a grant of media rights that runs through the 2024-25 school year, concurrent with the conference's television contracts.

"I want to just reiterate that we will be in the Big 12 for the foreseeable future," Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte told his board.

The future of the Big 12 without its two strongest programs, in football and many other sports, is unknown. Earlier this week, Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said "like many others, we will use the next four years to fully assess what the landscape will look like in 2025 and beyond.'

"The remaining eight institutions will work together in a collaborative manner to thoughtfully and strategically position the Big 12 Conference for continued success, both athletically and academically, long into the future," he said.

None of that is likely to stop Texas and Oklahoma from trying to leave earlier than 2025 despite facing tens of millions of dollars in buyouts and potential legal headaches.

After all, a windfall awaits in their new conference.

Even before adding Texas and Oklahoma, the SEC was projected to distribute \$67 million to each of its current 14 members starting in 2024 when a new deal with ESPN kicks in.

Del Conte and UT President Jay Hartzell met by teleconference with the board, which quickly signed off.

"Collegiate athletics is changing rapidly, whether any of us wants it to or not," Hartzell said.

"We recognize that we must be willing to make changes with our eyes on the future. In a world of uncertainty and change, it is incumbent upon on us as leaders to protect and enhance our athletic program and university," Hartzell said.

The last time the Big 12 was reconfigured by conference realignment, Texas and Oklahoma stayed put but Nebraska, Texas A&M, Colorado and Missouri moved and TCU and West Virginia were added in the early With Texas and Oklahoma driving

the value, the Big 12 landed television contracts with ESPN and Fox worth billions and settled in as a Power Five conference.

"What has changed between 2012 and today?" Harroz said. "The answer is everything."

Harroz said it became apparent the Big 12 would be "last in line" for television networks among the power conferences when it came to landing a new TV deal. That would mean, among other issues, more less-thandesirable 11 a.m. kickoffs for many games for the Sooners.

That issue has become a major one for Oklahoma in recent years, especially after its home game with Nebraska this season – designed by Castiglione as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the so-called "Game of the Century" in 1971 between the Huskers and Sooners – was designated for an 11 a.m. Central time lo cal kickoff by Fox Sports. Castiglione saie he was "bitterly disappointed."

"Being last in line has consequences," Harroz said. "You've heard conversation from (Castiglione) talking about not enjoying 11 a.m. kickoffs Our fans talk about that. It also mat ters to student-athletes. When those who go before you, in terms of nego tiations for 2025 and beyond, if those premiere slots are already taken up it impacts things in a material way It translates into disadvantages in re cruiting the top talent, disadvantages for our student-athletes and a detriment to the fan experience."

Harroz and Castiglione both praised their counterparts in the Big 12, par ticularly those from Oklahoma State, whose new president, Kayse Shrum, has been particularly critical of Oklahoma during the past week.

Harroz said the Sooners would like

for their Bedlam rivalry with the Cowboys and Cowgirls to continue. "Even with this change, we want to

play Oklahoma State in every sport in every year," he said.

Earlier, Hartzell thanked Texas A&M for voting the Longhorns into the SEC and looked forward to renewing Texas' rivalry with the Aggies and former Southwest Conferencemate Arkansas.

"A lot of work has gone into this, Texas board chairman Kevin Eltife said, "and there's no doubt in my mind it's definitely the right thing for the future of athletics at our flagship.'

### NFL's top stat is COVID-19 vaccine percentages

By ROB MAADD

I AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL's most discussed stat has been COVID-19 vaccination percentages.

As the first week of training camp kicked off, numbers continue to increase while debate per-

So far, 88.5% of players have had at least one shot of the vaccine and 20 teams have more than 90%of players vaccinated, including eight with more than 95% vaccinated.

The league can't mandate the vaccine but it made its stance clear through strict protocols for players who don't get it.

"I wouldn't have got the vaccine without the protocols they are enforcing on us," Tennessee Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill said this week. "It's a personal decision for everyone. Everyone has to make the best decision for them and their families. That is kind of our mindset in this building, but they are trying to force your hand. ...

"I love this game, I love this team, I want to be able to compete and do the things that are important to build chemistry and win football games. Ultimately, that forced my hand into getting the vaccine."

Some players are willing to endure daily testing, wearing masks, physical distancing and more restrictions to avoid the vaccine. They won't be allowed to eat meals with teammates; can't participate in media or marketing activities while traveling; aren't permitted to use the sauna or steam room; and may not leave the team hotel or interact with people outside the team on the road.

Buffalo Bills wide receiver Cole Beasley has strongly argued against the vaccine, even engaging in public debate with teammates about it on social media.

"I'm not anti- or pro-vax. I'm pro choice," Beasley said. "With that being said, the issue at hand is information being withheld from players in order for a player to be swayed in a direction he may not be comfortable with. When dealing with a player's health and safety, there should be complete transparency regarding information that is vital in the decision-making process."

Shortly after Beasley spoke to reporters he released a new rap song in which he says there "ain't a vaccination" for him.

Teams are required to make unvaccinated players visually identifiable and the league recommended use of colored wristbands or credentials.

NFLPA President JC Tretter harshly criticized

that practice.

"So what it really comes down to is the NFL wanted to put a policy in place to try to shame unvaccinated players publicly about their status and make that known to everybody on the field, and that shouldn't be the case because it's unnecessary," said Tretter, a center for the Cleveland Browns. "We all know who's vaccinated, who's not and it doesn't need to be a scarlet marking on peoples' helmets or wrists."

The Browns aren't using the colored wristbands but vaccine status is visible on their credentials.

"We're not dividing the team over this issue," coach Kevin Stefanski said.

But the NFL explains the wristband policy is designed to help the club or the league more easily identify if a player who is not vaccinated was not wearing a mask.

And the union, in an email to its members, said: "The only difference this year is the NFL's deci-

sion to impose additional penalties on clubs which are responsible for the outbreak and the availability of proven vaccines. The protocols we jointly agreed to helped get us through a full season last year without missing game checks and are effective, when followed."

Teams that experience a COVID-19 outbreak among unvaccinated players could forfeit regularseason games, with players on both teams not getting paid. Similar rules applied last year when the league played all its games and completed its season on schedule, with little to no talk of forfeits.

The Indianapolis Colts and Washington were the last two teams to surpass 50% vaccination rates. The Colts opened camp without coach Frank Reich, who tested positive for COVID-19 despite being vaccinated.

"I don't want this to turn out to be a negative in terms of people running away from getting vaccinated because it's still critical and I think with Frank testing positive and getting COVID, and having no symptoms, it shows it works,' Colts general manager Chris Ballard said. "I mean, that's what one of the positives. We don't know the variant yet.

We are waiting on results on the variant. That will be interesting to see. But it shows it works and it's a shame in our country right now that we've politicized something that is good and that is going to help the entire country. But it's where we're at and we just have to continue to push forward with this."

The reluctance from Washington players to get vaccinated has disappointed and angered coach Ron Rivera — who is immune deficient after undergoing cancer treatment last year— to the point he wears a mask even though he has long been fully inoculated against the virus.

"I'm truly frustrated. I'm beyond frustrated," he said at his camp-opening news conference this week. "It is everybody's choice, everybody's decision, but you just hope that they all fall in line and understand what's at stake and know we're not

there yet." Under the league's protocols, vaccinated players must be tested every 14 days as opposed to daily. That has some feeling uneasy.

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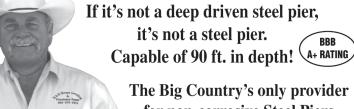
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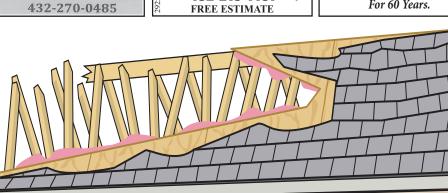
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made it clear that he

wants to move in that

direction and even hints

that we should remarry.

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out and were broken up

for about three weeks.

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and they went to lunch

a few times. After my

boyfriend and I reunit-

ed, he continued to

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to him that I did not like

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By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH** 

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**♥**8532

**EAST** 

**♣**109862 **♣**K Q 5 4 **SOUTH ♦** A Q J 9 7 5 ♥AKQ

The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass 5 NT Pass Pass Pass(!) Pass Opening lead — ten of clubs.

This extraordinary deal occurred in a match between Argentina and Italy in the 1963 world team championship. It was played on Bridge-O-Rama before a huge and enthusiastic

audience. Marcos Santamarina and Luis Attaguile were North-South for Argentina when the sequence shown took place. North's pass of six hearts, an obvious cuebid, was astounding, to say the least. Spades had previously been agreed upon as trump, and

South's diamond and heart bids merely showed first-round control of those suits. The heart cuebid might have been based on A-x, or even a

Perhaps North was so deeply engrossed in trying to decide whether or not to bid seven spades that he did not realize, when he passed, that South's last bid had been six hearts, not six spades.

Whatever the reason, Santamarina's pass was surely one of the most serendipitous bids ever made in a world championship event. And when the missing trumps divided 3-3. Attaguile had no difficulty scoring 12 tricks, collecting four hearts, six spades and the two side aces. Six spades almost surely would have failed with normal play, as evidenced by what happened when Italy later played the hand in that contract.

Against six spades, the Argentine West also led a club. Declarer took the ace, discarding a diamond, drew trump, cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, then played the ace and a low diamond.

South could have made the slam by playing the diamond eight from dummy, but there was no way he could know that East had the king and that it was now singleton. After playing the queen and losing it to the king, declarer later lost another diamond trick to go down one, giving Argentina a 1,030-point pickup.

**Tomorrow:** The magic of good card play. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

We've now had a few arguments about the subject, and it's causing tension. He says I "can't have it both ways" because I have a couple of male friends, too, and he has no problem with my relationships with them. But my male friends have been in my life for decades, and there has never been anything sexual or romantic with either of these men. Also, he talks with Rachel every week, and I only ever see my male friends about once or twice a year. This just doesn't feel good, and I don't know how to handle it. I'm afraid to even broach the subject again because he gets very upset. I love reading your column and could really use some advice. I'm not an insecure person by nature, but I feel really uncomfortable with this. Am I just being petty and possessive? -- Am I Petty

Dear AIP: It's entirely reasonable for you to feel uncomfortable with your boyfriend taking walks on the beach with a woman he met on a dating

app. It's noteworthy that he was on dating apps at all, when you were only broken up for three weeks. And it's concerning that he's brushed away your feelings about the matter so flippantly.

You and your ex have a lot of history together, which can be a liability when it comes to clearly assessing a situation. I'd encourage you to take a step back from this relationship and evaluate how you're feeling, in your gut and in your heart.

Dear Annie: About a year and a half ago, I changed jobs and got new insurance and had to find a new doctor. The doctor I found ended up being young, handsome and charming, and I've slowly developed a pretty massive crush on him. I have a condition that requires in-person office visits every three months, so I see him fairly often. I have another appointment coming up, and I've found myself already planning my outfit and hairstyle. He's married, and

besides, I'd never make

garlic clove,

Black pepper,

Fill a large saucepan

with water, salt well and

bring to a boil. In a large

Rinse the spinach with

cold water to remove any

dirt, especially around

the roots. Remove any

Cut the spinach into

13/4-inch-long pieces,

bowl, prepare an ice

sugar

chopped

bath.

grated or finely

freshly ground

a pass at someone at their place of work. But I can't help fantasizing. Is this normal? Should stop seeing him? -- Hot for Doctor

Dear HFD: Though it might make you more diligent about keeping your appointments, there's a downside to having a doctor whose stethoscope sets your heart aflutter. Namely, you're less likely to be transparent with someone to whom you'd like to be attractive. Think about it: If a potentially embarrassing health issue cropped up, would you really disclose all the gritty details to Dr. Mc-Dreamy? If the answer is no, I suggest looking for a new doctor, one with whom you can be

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### dressed-up side full of flavor

Lighter fare is in season every summer. Salads may dominate menus, while vegetable-rich side dishes can dress up barbecues, brunches or outdoor buffet meals.

Spinach not only packs a nutritional punch, it can add flavor to any dish. According to Judy Joo, a French-trained Korean American chef and author of "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion Publishing), mature spinach has a heartier, meatier texture than its baby variety.

Mature spinach is the star of the show in this recipe for "Seasoned Spinach," a nutritious side dish with a delicious dressing.

Seasoned Spinach Serves 4 as a side dish

pound mature spinach with stem and roots

Sea salt

Dressing

- tablespoons roasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon roasted sesame seeds,
- crushed

teaspoon sag-

teaspoon brown

wa-shikcho (Korean apple vinegar)

- hairs from the roots. teaspoon spring
- onion, finely chopped
  - keeping the purple roots intact. Split the roots in half
    - horizontally and keep separately.

In a medium bowl,

combine the dressing

ingredients and stir until

the sugar has dissolved. Set aside.

Blanch the spinach in two separate batches. In the boiling salt water, blanch the spinach stems with leaves until just wilted, about 1 minute, remove the spinach from the water and plunge in the ice bath.

Repeat with the spinach stems with roots, but cook for 1 to 2 minutes before plunging into the ice bath.

Remove from the ice bath, drain well and gently squeeze out any excess water.

Gently loosen the clumps of spinach with your fingers and transfer to a bowl. Toss well with the dressing.

Cover and chill for about an hour to allow the flavors to mellow before serving.

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### Newsday Crossword

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Like puzzles?

Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending

puzzle will have you hooked from the

moment you square off, so sharpen your

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### **CROSSWORD** Today's Answers

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Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2021. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 2, 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program

On this date:

In 1610, during his fourth voyage to the Western Hemisphere, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signa-tures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1862, the Ambulance Corps for the Army of the Potomac was created at the order of Maj. Gen. George McClellan during the Civil War.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie (HAH'-lih-day) suc-cessfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public in the notorious "Black Sox" scandal. Opera singer Enrico Caruso, 48, died in Naples, Italy.

In 1922, Alexander Graham

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ANDREW! LANGUAGE!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the

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Today History

default. New York Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira set a major league record when he major league record when he felt.

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easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and Britain's new prime minister, Clement Attlee, concluded the Potsdam confer-

In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempt-ing to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in

Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: The Senate passed, and President

Barack Obama signed, legislation to avoid an unprec

edented national

homered from both sides of the plate for the 12th time in his career during a 6-0 win over the Chicago White Sox.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama castigated Donald Trump as "unfit" and "woefully unprepared" to serve in the White House, and chal-lenged Republicans to with-draw their support for their party's nominee, declaring "there has to come a point at which you say 'enough."

One year ago: Lord & Taylor, America's oldest retailer, joined the list of retail companies seeking bankruptcy protection after faltering during the pandemic. Florida's east coast was pounded by heavy rain from Tropical Storm Isaias, as state officials dealt with surging cases of the coronavirus. Closing out a test flight by Elon Musk's SpaceX company, two NASA astronauts returned from the International Space

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Station with a retro-style splashdown, as their capsule parachuted safely into the Gulf

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nehemiah Persoff is 102. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 84. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 78. Actor Joanna Cassidy is 76. Actor Kathryn Harrold is 71. Actor Butch Patrick (TV 76. Actor Kathryn Harrold'is
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Butch Vig (Garbage) is 66. Sen.
Jacky Rosen, D-Nev., is 64.
Singer Mojo Nixon is 64. Actor
Victoria Jackson is 62. Actor
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Stevenson is 59. Actor MaryLouise Parker is 57. Rock musician
John Stanier is 53. Writeractor-director Kevin Smith is
51. Actor Jacinda Barrett is actor-director Kevin Smith is 51. Actor Jacinda Barrett is 49. Actor Sam Worthington is 45. Actor Edward Furlong is 44. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 40. Actor Marci Miller is 36. Singer Charli XCX is 29. Actor Hallie <u>Eisenberg is 29</u> **AGNES** 

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### in cinematic format. One Monday

Horoscopes By Holiday

### **August 2, 2021**

### Lesson of a Solar Opposition to Saturn

Animals care little about reciprocity. Good will, fairness, sacrifices to the gods and other behaviors to engender a sense of justice beyond the immediate interaction is mainly the domain of human culture. Most people don't feel good about living in bounty without contributing to its attainment and cultivation, as today's transactions will reflect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Many benefit from your loving attention, though it's not all selflessness motivating your goodness. There are advantages to living in the fullest measure of their affection, which you'll enjoy now and in the days to come

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hooray! What works best will also be what's most comfortable. The tricky part is being aware of your own feelings. As far as your personal development journey goes, if all you do is note your comfort level, you'll be doing a lot.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You rush forward right into an opposing force -- fear. A dramatic head-on confrontation will take a lot of energy. How tiresome! Instead, pack that trepidation on your back and take as many heavy steps forward as you can.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Recent disappointments have steered you in a good direction. So, in a sense, these events, however unfortunate they may have felt at the time, are what you're most grateful for.

**LEŌ** (July 23-Aug. 22). Looking back, you realize the great extent to which you've been influenced. You have a taste for something different now. Look to the company. 'Show me your friends and I'll show you your future." -- Anonymous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The conventional wisdom says things turn out for the best when you come from the heart. But that really depends on where your heart is. Inner turmoil needs expression. With a little loving attention to your own pain, it sorts itself out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is an extra-dimensionality to the events of the day, available to experience or not, at whatever level you prefer. There's no punishment, benefit or personalization of any kind that applies here. Do what pleases

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let people know what you want. Your intensity on the matter will make a huge difference in how you're received. Adjust to the atmosphere. In gravity-strong environments, go heavy. On the moon, a light touch will send it. SAGITTAR-

IUS (Nov. 22-Dec. HA! USUAL? 21). You're in a mood to embrace all the schmaltzy, gooey romance of life as though

its unfolding

heads up: Lines that work on screen seldom transfer in the full dimension of

CÁPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What can you edit down to its essence? A drawer? A business plan? A motto? Your personal life? "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication," Leonardo da Vinci said AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Someone

should be happy. Why not you? Furthermore, you've been so flexible and accommodating lately, so consider going the other direction -- ruthless in your pursuit of joy. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 2Ò). Children either give themselves over to an experience or run

from it without a compli-

cated thought process.

You can keep it simple

today by handling things

with brilliant childishness. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 2). How do you feel about receiving the gift of stability? It's one that the very fortunate tend to take for granted and the very unfortunate define differently. Celebrate this monumental gift. Stability is never cheap, always cultivated over time and will be the springboard from which much magic will blossom. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 30, 22 and 12.

**OPPOSITIONAL MAD-NESS:** This is the part where the sign-by-sign series on intuition is interrupted by a cosmic public service announcement regarding the prevalence of oppositions in this week's astral lineup. The first opposition is Mercury and Saturn, followed by the sun and Saturn.

An opposition happens when two luminaries are 180 mathematical degrees apart from one another in an astrological chart. Astrologers believe that the opposition is among the most powerful astrological aspects after the conjunction. Think of two children on a seesaw. They're as far apart from each other as they can possibly be, yet they share a common center. Planets in opposition have contradictory agendas, yet there is still the possibility of finding balance in the middle. We on Earth may experience conflict and confusing push-pull feelings during oppositions. Opposites do attract, though sometimes, one needs to call in a mediator to settle disputes. Remember that even as we oppose one another, we are using each other as a balance. Without this configuration. no one would get to rise or fall, so there would be

no ride. Vive la difference! **CELEBRITY PRO-FILES**: Sam Worthington is booked up through 2027 with "Avatar" movies. A former bricklayer, Worthington was a star in Australia for years before his role as Jake Sully shot him to international stardom. The accomplished Leo has Mercury, Venus and Saturn in the sign of the entertainer as well. A smoldering Scorpio moon lends the magnetic intensity that creates a compelling big screen presence.

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