

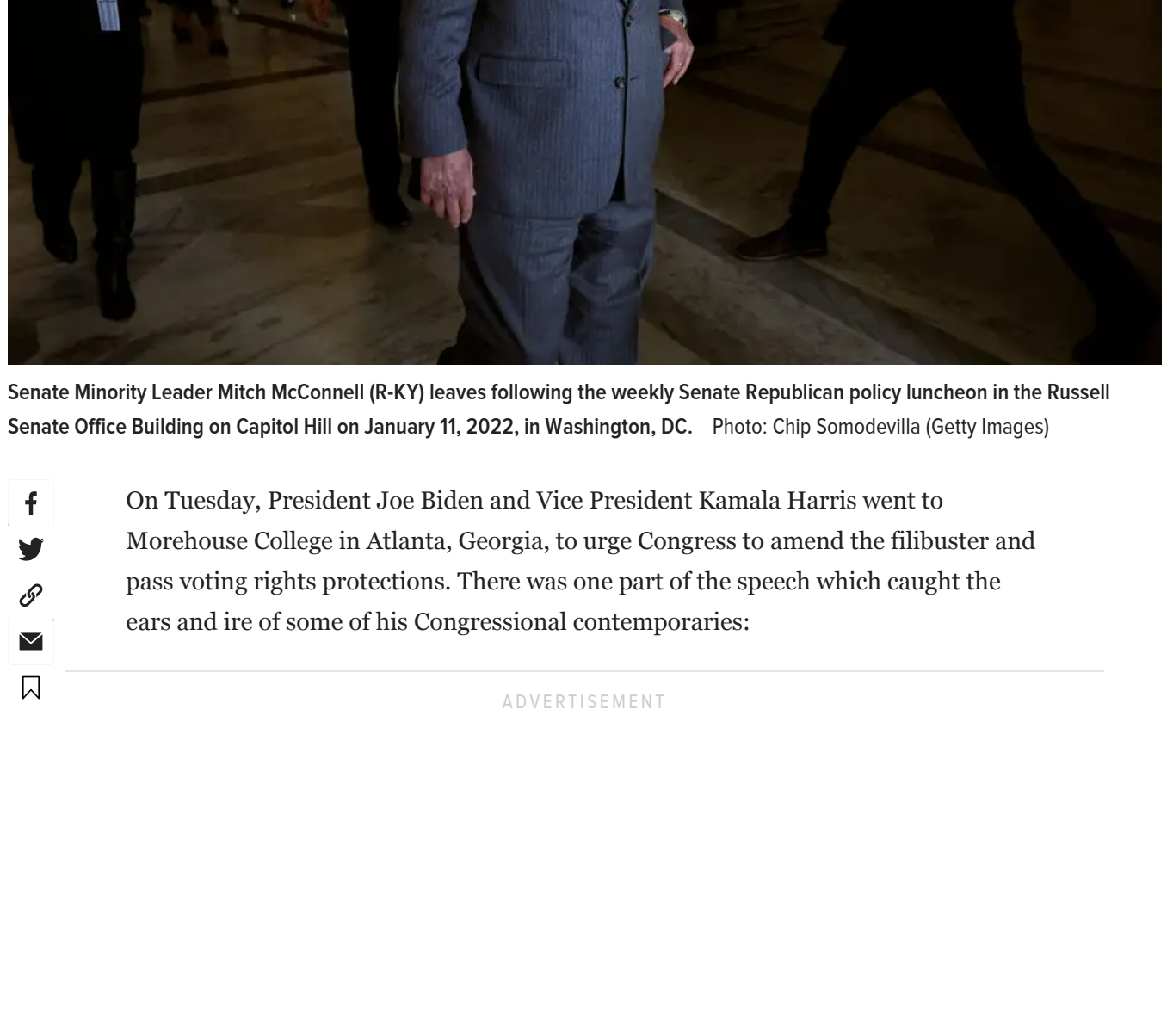
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Sen. Mitch McConnell Has Convenient Short-Term Memory About the Filibuster

Sen. McConnell is ok with adjusting the filibuster to rush Supreme Court justices, but not for voting rights.

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) leaves following the weekly Senate Republican policy luncheon in the Russell Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill on January 11, 2022, in Washington, DC. Photo: Chip Somodevilla (Getty Images)

On Tuesday, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris went to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, to urge Congress to amend the filibuster and pass voting rights protections. There was one part of the speech which caught the ears and ire of some of his Congressional contemporaries:

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Somewhere along the way, President Biden realized if some form of the two voting rights bills collecting dust in the Senate doesn't pass, he can say bye to his slim majority. And then he'll have to work with McConnell—the man who is a pillar of bipartisanship (sarcasm intended.)

“At consequential moments in history, they present a choice,” said Biden in his speech. “Do you want to be the side of Dr. King or George Wallace? Do you want to be on the side of John Lewis or Bull Connor? Do you want to be the side of Abraham Lincoln or Jefferson Davis?”

Those comparisons ruffled the feathers of his apparent friendship bracelet co-holder Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to say a few things according to CNN:

“How profoundly — profoundly — unpresidential,” the Kentucky Republican said Wednesday on Capitol Hill. “I’ve known, liked and personally respected Joe Biden for many years. I did not recognize the man at the podium yesterday.”

It's a common tactic: any time Democrats get some fire under them to make a change, Sen. McConnell and others like him wag their fingers and say, “this behavior is unbecoming of Congress!”

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Finishing his “outrage,” Sen. McConnell attempted to try and gain some moral high ground:

“You could not invent a better advertisement for the legislative filibuster than what we’ve just seen, a President abandoning rational persuasion for pure, pure, demagoguery,” McConnell said. “A president shouting that 52 senators and millions of Americans are racist unless he gets whatever he wants is proving exactly why the framers built the Senate to check his power.”

The real story here is that Democrats have to find every loophole possible because Republicans are so opposed to people having voting rights protections. Sen. McConnell does these “warning” speeches all the time— but these comparisons sting because they are true. Friends aren’t supposed to sugarcoat things. They are the first line of defense to let you know when you are genuinely tripping. So, if Sen. McConnell does consider President Biden, a friend—maybe he should listen.

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For once, it feels good to see Democrats realize Republican legislature go by the “rules for thee, and not for me” principle. This “respect” has been gone for a long time. I only hope that Democrats don’t give in to this empty call for civility because if Republicans gain control, we know they certainly won’t.

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I don't think I realized how much of a pillar the filibuster is to the GOP until the last week or so of watching Mitch figuratively shitting his pants while waxing poetic about how it's important for both parties.

The GOP has lived and breathed through the filibuster for nearly a generation now. as Show all 24 replies

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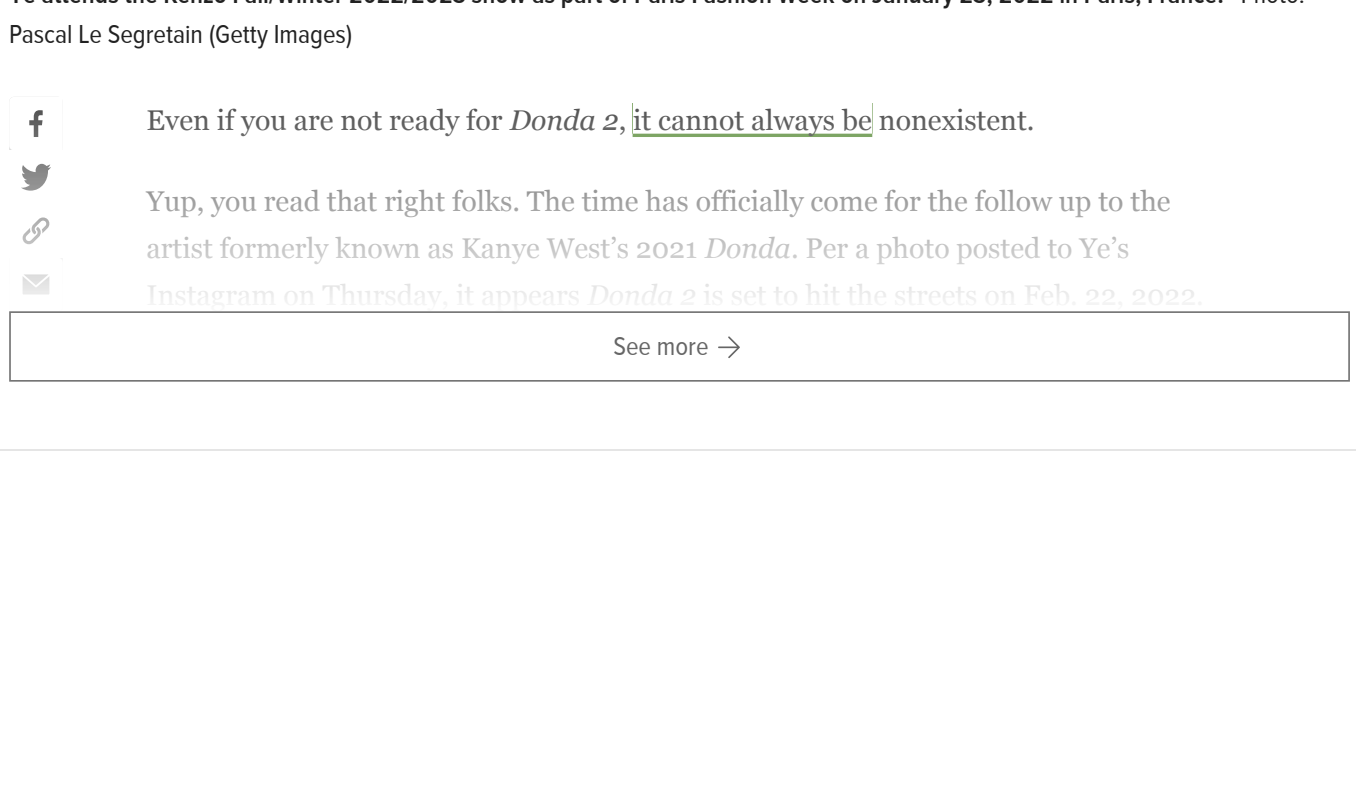
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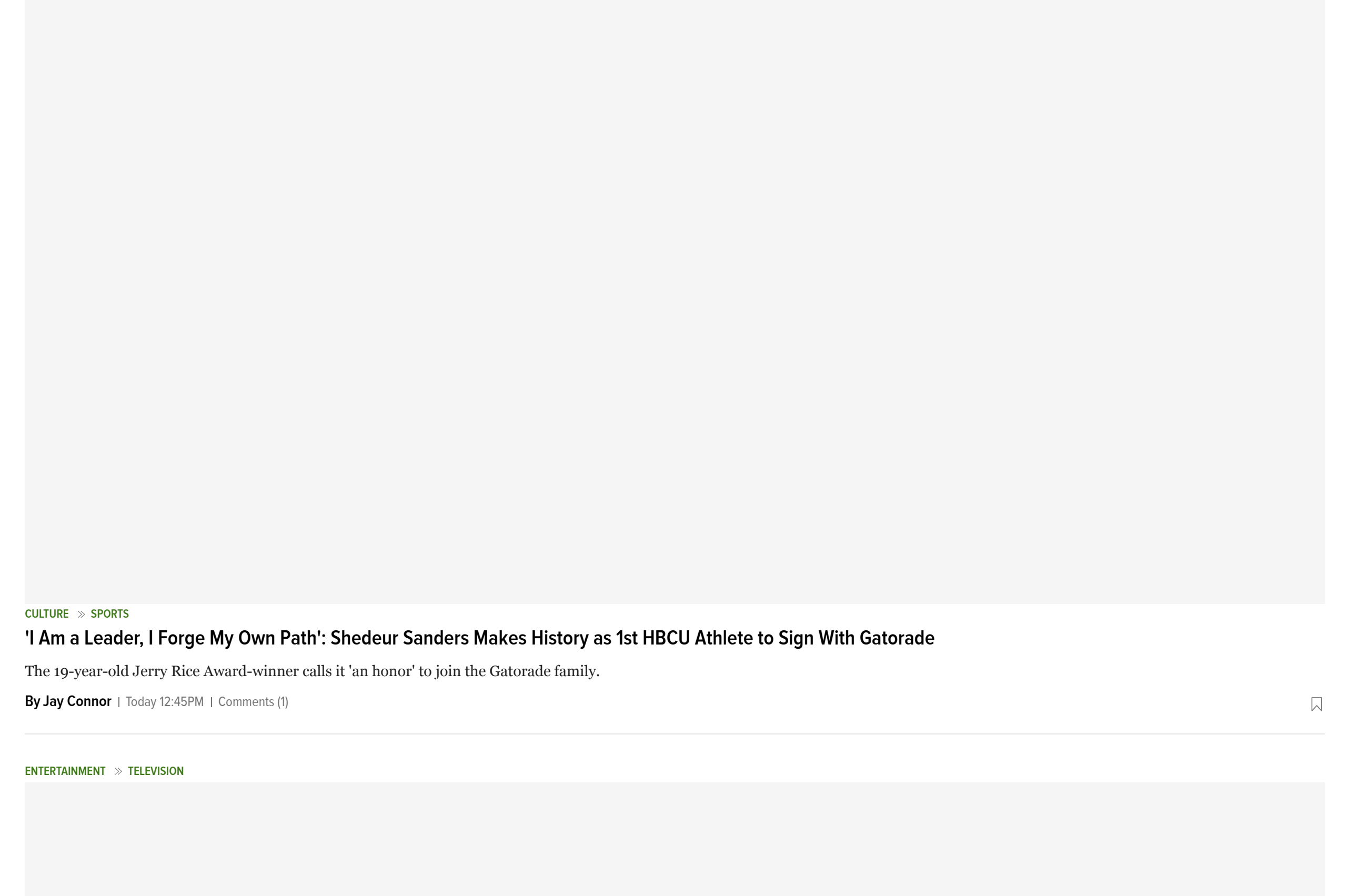


Ye attends the Kenzo Fall/Winter 2022/2023 show as part of Paris Fashion Week on January 23, 2022 in Paris, France. Photo: Pascal Le Segretain (Getty Images)

Even if you are not ready for Donda 2, it cannot always be nonexistent. Yup, you read that right folks. The time has officially come for the follow up to the artist formerly known as Kanye West's 2021 Donda. Per a photo posted to Ye's Instagram on Thursday, it appears Donda 2 is set to hit the streets on Feb. 22, 2022.

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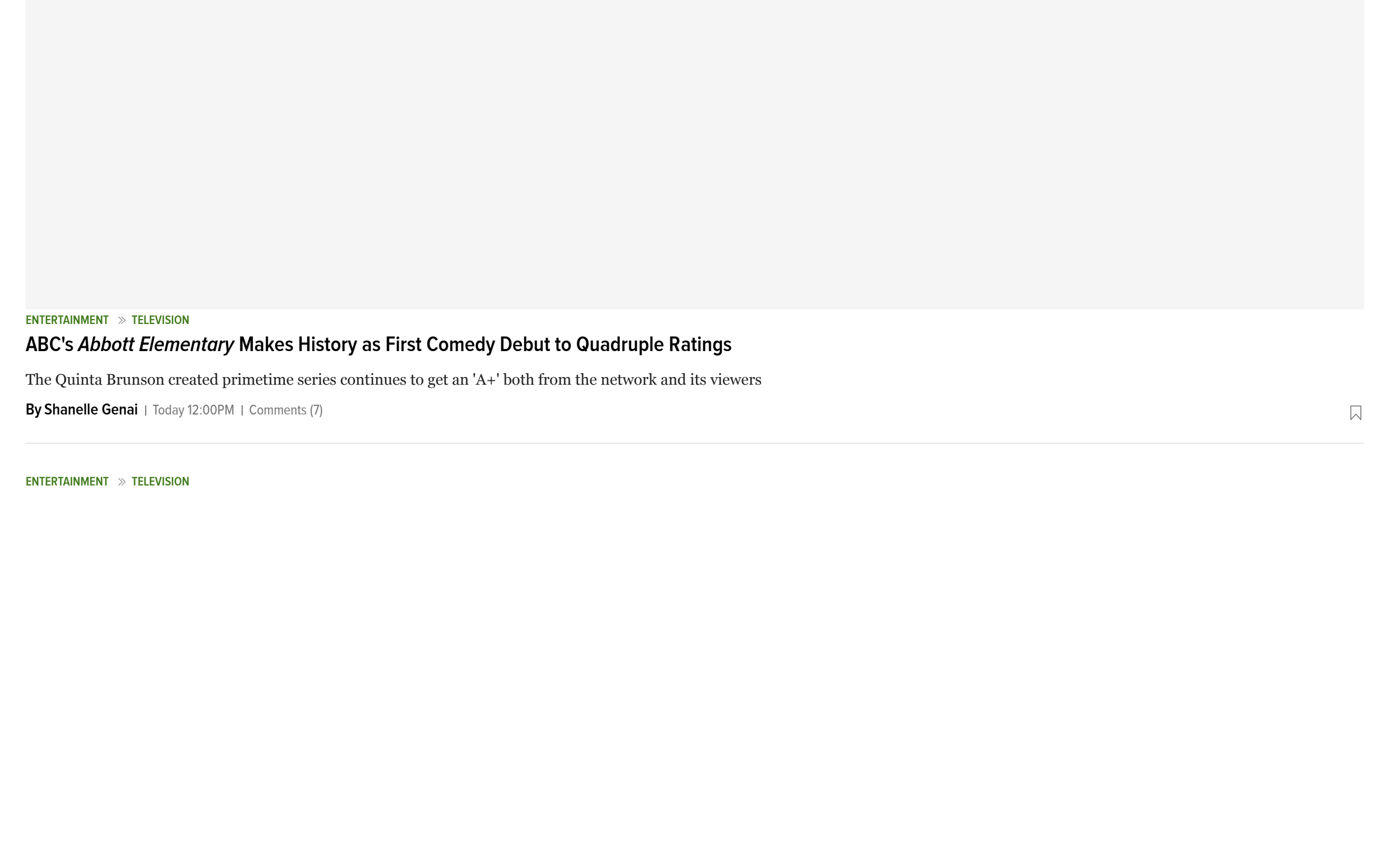


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