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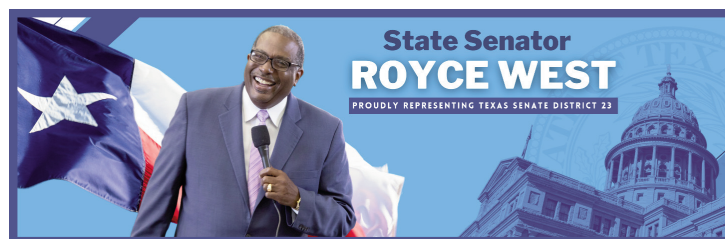
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Texas A&M University undermines commitment to diversity with removal of DEI from admissions criteria



DALLAS — Texas State Senator Royce West expressed his disappointment in the recent announcement made by Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, regarding the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as a factor in the university's admissions process.

"Diversity has always been a crucially sensitive issue at Texas A&M University, and the decision by Chancellor Sharp to remove DEI as a factor in admissions will have an even more detrimental impact on the university's efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout its system. Chancellor Sharp did not reach out to any ethnic minority legislators before

announcing this decision," said Senator West.

Sharp has become the first chancellor in the State of Texas to say that DEI will no longer be a factor in the admissions process and has directed staff to review employment practices, including faculty and staff application requirements.

"The exclusion of input from minority legislators on this very sensitive issue sends a clear message that Texas A&M is willing to sacrifice the benefits of a diverse student body for the sake of political expediency," said Senator West.

Chancellor Sharp's statement that "no university or agency in the A&M System will admit any student, nor hire any employee based

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Americans found quickly but Mexico's missing remain lost

By MARK STEVENSON



Mexican army soldiers prepare a search mission for four U.S. citizens kidnapped by gunmen at Matamoros, Mexico, Monday, March 6, 2023. Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said the four Americans were going to buy medicine and were caught in the cross-fire between two armed groups after they had entered Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas, on Friday. (AP Photo)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When four Americans were kidnapped in the border city of Matamoros, authorities rescued the survivors within days, but thousands of Mexicans remain missing in the state long associated

with cartel violence — some in cases dating back more than a decade.

Mexican authorities quickly blamed the local Gulf cartel for shooting up the Americans' minivan after they crossed the border

for cosmetic surgery Friday. They found the Americans — two dead, one injured and one apparently unharmed — early Tuesday after a massive search involving squads of Mexican soldiers and

National Guard troops.

By contrast, more than 112,000 Mexicans remain missing nationwide, in many cases years or decades after they disappeared.

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Tucker Carlson's scorn for Trump revealed in court papers

By DAVID BAUDER and NICHOLAS RICCARDI



FILE - Rupert Murdoch introduces Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during the Herman Kahn Award Gala, Oct. 30, 2019, in New York. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, File)

NEW YORK (AP) — A defamation lawsuit is revealing scornful behind-the-scenes opinions by Fox News figures about Donald Trump, including a Tucker Carlson text message declaring "I hate him passionately."

Carlson's private text conversation was revealed in court papers at virtually the same time that the former president was hailing the Fox News host on social media. Trump said he was doing a "great job" in presenting excerpts of U.S. Capitol security video of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection — though Carlson used the video to produce a false narrative of the attack.

The documents are also coming to light at a time of increased tension between Trump and the dominant media force appealing to conservatives as he campaigns to regain the presidency.

Voting machine manufacturer Dominion Voting Systems is suing Fox News for \$1.6 billion, claiming the network broadcast false claims that the company was responsible for fraud in the 2020 presidential election. The case is to go to trial this spring, and a trove of documents related to Fox's actions after the election are being publicly released in

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My Day

Where are the new age Dr. Leon Sullivan's?

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

Did the Chip Act pass? What is in it? How many chips are in your phone? How many technology hubs will be created? What else is there to compliment this forward thinking act to boost our economy? How many jobs are projected? Will your car run without chips? Where are the school districts on this issue? What job training and education is planned for African Americans?

For some strange odd reason this \$280 Billion Bill to boost microchip production in America made me think about Rev. Leon Sullivan and his self-help movement. We do not hear much about Dr. Sullivan today, and that is tragic, but his job training opportuni-

ties for African Americans was undoubtedly one of the first action role civil rights moves in these United States. Dr. Sullivan organized a march on Washington, D. C., in the early 1940's. He believed that job training was the key to improving African American lives. So, in 1958, he asked Philadelphia's largest companies to interview young blacks. Two companies responded positively. Working with other ministers, Dr. Sullivan organized a boycott of "various businesses". Dr. Sullivan estimated that the boycott produced thousands of jobs for African Americans in about four years. But he soon realized that training needed to be a serious partner. Somewhere around 1962, with national attention Dr. Sullivan tagged from Fortune Magazine and The New York Times, Dr. King and the SCLC asked Dr. Sullivan to share information with them on his success.

Dr. Sullivan's work was based on the principle of 'self-help' which provided people of color with the tools to overcome barriers

of poverty, oppression and ignorance. The absolute key was that African Americans had been excluded from training for better paying jobs. Making jobs available was not enough. "Integration without preparation is frustration", he preached. In 1964 Dr. Sullivan, a Baptist minister, founded Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) of America in an abandoned jail house in North Philadelphia. The program offered job training, etiquette, instruction in life skills and then placement on jobs. The movement quickly moved around the nation. The movement served millions of under-skilled people from more than thirty (30) states. Today the Zion Investment Association (ZIA) is alive, well and in living color now headed by his daughter, Dr. Julie Helen Sullivan. ZIA an investment company Dr. Sullivan started for new businesses. Dr. Sullivan's theory about the "power of money" to deal with persistent racial inequalities was proving to be correct.

As Americans, we have to be the largest user of chips. They exist in all our

'have-to-have products'. The "Chip Act" was necessary and President Biden responded accordingly to the demand to build them in America. After all, we started the 'chip' right here at Texas Instruments in Dallas. But due to outsourcing and proposed cheap labor, East Asia now produces roughly 75% of the world's chips. America imports high tech chips from Taiwan and China, but the pandemic taught us a very valuable lesson ... loudly demanding it is time to return to 'made in America'.

Pastor Dr. Leon Sullivan (1922 - 2001) was a long-time General Motors Board Member focusing on the creation of job training for African Americans, a model of self-help and empowerment to the people of Africa and a master principled legacy maker. He retired from Zion Baptist Church in 1988.

The Chip Act is one powerful answer to "new age skilled jobs" for African Americans. The Chip Act has some other fascinating points in it. PLEASE read it. You can read all about it on your cell phone.

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EDUCATION

Quinn Minute - School lessons

By Rix Quinn

At lunch a few weeks ago an old friend asked, "What lessons did you learn from your school.

Well, here are five that stuck to me like glue.

- 1 Bells rule our life. The last high school bell, for instance, alerts us that we need to prepare for a career. Every year when the birthday bell rings, we're reminded that time moves faster than a cheetah on a treadmill.
2 Don't eat off your

friend's plate until he tells you it's OK. In elementary school, I supplemented many lunches with somebody else's dinner rolls.

- 3 Getting picked first on another student's team means that the person recognizes your skill. Getting picked last means you should explore some of your other gifts.
4 Everyone can contribute. The tallest guy may be your basket-

ball star. The smartest girl might be the school's spelling champion. (My special gift: Teachers could point to me as a bad example.)

- 5 Never throw food. That's true in the elementary lunchroom, or at the senior prom. Finally, I learned in middle school that it's hard to sling mashed potatoes much further than a couple of feet. Also, teachers do not appreciate gravy on their shirts.

Closing comment: We love the memorable poem by Pat D'Amico called "A Going Concern": Your footprints in the sands of time would be a lot more fitting... Than impressions you will make if you are always sitting.

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on any factor other than merit' raises concerns about the impact on athletes at Texas A&M. As stated by Sharp, Texas A&M University will now prioritize academic merit as the sole factor in admissions decisions and the university will no longer consider athletic ability as a factor.

"As it implements this policy, I'm calling on the A&M System to certify

that each athlete who is recruited and given a scholarship to ensure that the scholarship is also based on academic merit," Senator West said. "Further, 'merit' needs to be defined and A&M must now make sure each student admitted meets the definition. While DEI considerations have to go, do legacy admits get to stay?"

Should this policy remain in place, the removal of DEI as a factor in university admissions

could result in Texas A&M failing to properly prepare its students for the realities of a country that is growing more diverse. Senator West urges Texas A&M University and Chancellor Sharp to reconsider their decision and work towards a more diverse and inclusive campus environment.

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II CORINTHIANS 3:1-18

THE AWESOME FREEDOM AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE BELIEVER

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Paul opens Chapter 3 by suggesting that he didn’t need to present a letter of commendation, for proof of the effectiveness of his ministry is seen in the lives of the Corinthian believers. Paul related to the Corinthian believers – “you are our epistles written in our hearts, known and read of all men.” Yes, Paul’s letter was the Corinthians themselves, and they were a letter written by the Spirit of the Living God dis-

patched by Christ Himself! (vv.1-3). Paul stated that the source of his confidence was his trust in God; likewise, his own competence in the ministry is because of God (vv. 4-5). In verses 6-7, Paul presents a contrast between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. In the Old Testament, the law condemned guilty sinners; moreover, the law never gave life. However, the Spirit (Holy Spirit) gives

life to believers. The law also ministered death, not life. As Moses descended from Mt. Sinai and the glory of his countenance faded, Paul stated likewise as the glory of Moses’ countenance faded, the law too was only temporary! Stressing the point of Moses’ glory, Paul proceeded to argue for the superiority of the New Covenant. You see, the ministry of the Old Covenant, through the

commandments, only condemned men (Romans 7:11). However, the ministry of the New Covenant, through the Spirit, brings men to faith in Jesus Christ and the imputation of His righteousness (Romans 3:21-24; 4:24). If the Old Covenant was glorious, how much more glorious is the New Covenant! Moreover, the New Covenant is more glorious and is eternal and gives us a certain hope of acceptance

by God (v. 12).

As Moses veiled his face and the Israelites could not see the fading away of the glory of his countenance, Paul stressed that the action was a prophetic picture that Israel was unwilling and unable to comprehend the transitory nature of the Old Covenant. However, the veil of unbelief that covers their hearts can be taken away only in Jesus Christ (vv. 13-16). In the Old Covenant, as Moses entered the Lord’s presence, he removed his veil (Exodus 34:34). In the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit removes the veil. The Holy Spirit lifts the veil and helps us see that Christ is the Saviour. The Holy Spirit is the personal “Agent” of Christ; He is the Spirit of

the Lord (Romans 8:9). In Paul’s expression – “The Lord is that Spirit”, we are not to confuse the two persons of the Godhead. Paul’s expression affirms the Holy Spirit’s Deity. Both the Holy Spirit and Christ are One in purpose and in result (St. John 15:26; 16:6-15; Romans 8:15; Galatians 5:1).

There is perfect liberty in Jesus Christ. Under the New Covenant there is complete freedom; whereas, under the Old Covenant there is slavery and lack of freedom. Finally, in verse 18, as Christians continue to behold Christ’s glory, we are being transformed into Christ’s likeness with ever increasing splendor, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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Although a convoy of armored Mexican military trucks extracted the Americans, the only ones searching for most of the missing Mexicans are their desperate relatives.

"If these people had been Mexicans, they might still be disappeared," said Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, an associate professor at George Mason University.

The rescue of the Americans provoked a special kind of fury in Tamaulipas, a border state long dominated by the warring Gulf and Northeast cartels, where the Network of Disappeared activist group estimates that 12,537 people remain missing.

Delia Quiroa, from the nearby city of Reynosa, has been looking for her brother Roberto for nine years, ever since he was kidnapped by gunmen — probably belonging to the Gulf cartel, the same group blamed for abducting the Americans — in March 2014.

Despite carrying out their own searches and pressuring authorities to investigate, the family knows nothing about his whereabouts.

Quiroa said that the families of the missing "celebrate and give thanks to God that they found these four U.S. citizens," but said "we wish the government would search for our disappeared with the same zeal and diligence."

"We feel complete indignation, desperation,

anguish, impotence and grief," Quiroa said, because of "authorities' failure to act when Mexican families suffer the disappearance of a relative."

Volunteer search teams like Quiroa's often are forced to walk the deserts of northern Mexico with iron rods and shovels, looking for clandestine graves where the bodies of the relatives may have been dumped.

Authorities lack both the manpower, equipment and training — and many say, the will — to investigate the abductions, much less arrest or punish those responsible. Things are so bad that authorities aren't even able to identify tens of thousands of bodies that have been found.

Like everything else, the fact that Americans were involved in the most recent abduction may guarantee that Mexican authorities go after the killers. About two dozen suspects, most from the Juarez cartel, have been arrested in connection with the 2019 killings of nine U.S. citizens — women and children — in the western border state of Sonora.

It is unclear exactly what faction of the Gulf cartel may have abducted the Americans in Matamoros last week. The gangs go by colorful nicknames like "The Scorpions," "The Cyclones" and "The Troops of Hell." In Matamoros, Correa-Cabrera said, they are essentially all offshoots of the Cardenas clan, whose head, Osiel Cardenas

Guillen, was arrested in 2003.

The gangs care little about innocent bystanders. In 2021, gunmen from factions of the Gulf cartel drove through the streets of Reynosa randomly killing 15 passersby just to intimidate their rivals.

The Mexican government claims that its "hugs not bullets" strategy — anti-poverty programs intended to reduce the number of recruits for drug gangs — has been working. The number of officially recognized homicides fell from 719 in 2020, to 707 in 2021 and 492 in 2022.

That, of course, doesn't count all of the disappeared people. But things are clearly not as bad as the dark days of 2010 and 2011 in Tamaulipas, when drug cartels massacred 72 migrants or dragged passengers off passing buses and killed hundreds who refused to fight each other to the death with sledge hammers.

Correa-Cabrera said the decline in killings and crimes in Matamoros in recent years may have been because the Cardenas clan re-asserted control.

"It was clear that the Cardenas family had control of the territory and there was a peace, a sort of mafia peace" in Matamoros, Correa-Cabrera said, until early this year when it appeared to break down.

"At the start of this year, there began to be reports of a lot more extortion by the

same group that controls the city," said the professor, who previously taught at the then University of Texas-Brownsville just across the Rio Grande from Matamoros.

It is clear that the events have unnerved U.S. officials, who have to tread carefully given the nationalistic bent of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's administration.

The United States depends on the Mexican government to help control the influx of migrants from South and Central America but also watches helplessly as Mexican-made fentanyl flows across the border, causing about 70,000 overdose deaths in the United States each year.

In a rare criticism, U.S. Ambassador Ken Salazar wrote in his Twitter account Tuesday that "we are particularly worried about the control that the Gulf cartel exercises over an area known as the frontera chica," which is near Matamoros.

The Mexican government is likely to feel pressured to at least investigate those involved in the Americans' case.

"Cartel violence predated the (López Obrador) administration, of course, but the policy of 'hugs not bullets' is not yielding the promised results as evidenced by increasing violence," said Andrew Rudman, director of the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute.

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advance.

A common theme emerging from the internal documents and depositions is that Fox executives and hosts doubted the election claims being peddled by Trump and his allies, but aired and emphasized them anyway. Fox was growing concerned about a decline in viewership as Trump supporters turned away from the network after it — correctly — called Joe Biden the presidential winner in Arizona on election night.

The exchanges include Carlson's text conversation on Jan. 4, 2021, with an

unknown person, in which the prime-time host expressed anger toward Trump.

Carlson said that "we are very, very close to being able to ignore Trump most nights" and that "I truly can't wait."

Carlson said he had no doubt that there was fraud in the 2020 election, but that Trump and his lawyers had so discredited their case — and media figures like himself — "that it's infuriating. Absolutely enrages me."

Federal and state officials, courts, exhaustive reviews in battleground states and Trump's attorney general found no wide-

spread fraud that could have changed the outcome of the 2020 election, although Trump continues to falsely state that the presidency was stolen from him.

Addressing Trump's four years as president, Carlson said, "We're all pretending we've got a lot to show for it, because admitting what a disaster it's been is too tough to digest. But come on. There really isn't an upside to Trump."

In another text exchange more than a month earlier, Carlson denigrated Trump's business abilities. Trump's talent, he said, is to "destroy things. He could easily destroy us if we play it

wrong."

Fox, in response to these and other court exhibits that were released late Tuesday, said that "Dominion has been caught red handed using more distortions and misinformation in their PR campaign to smear Fox News and trample on free speech and freedom of the press. We already know they will say and do anything to try to win this case, but to twist and even misattribute quotes to the highest levels of our company is truly beyond the pale."

Fox's founder, Rupert Murdoch, has a complex

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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The 2023 HBCU Legacy Bowl Scored Big On And Off The Field For Student-Athletes

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D. and Deborah L. Ewers MSW



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There are some events that start off with a powerful vision and a lot of hope. That characterized last year's HBCU Legacy Bowl held in New Orleans. The game was successful at all levels for players, coaches, fans and NFL scouts. Congratulations and applause to former star professional football players,

James "Shack" Harris and Doug Williams for conceiving and believing in this idea. This year's HBCU Legacy Bowl held also in New Orleans on Saturday, February 25th was even more successful in our opinion. The NFL Combine was held at the New Orleans

Saints practice facility. There, approximately 30 NFL scouts gathered to see the HBCU all-stars. These young men had the rare opportunity to showcase their skills and talents to NFL decision-makers. Running, catching and throwing all made for some exciting times for this group of college players. Because of the HBCU Legacy Bowl, some of these young men will have the chance to play on Sundays. According to reports, quarterback Jalen Fowler from North Carolina A&T State University made an impression at the combine. The Kansas City Chiefs, New York Giants and Detroit Lions were among the teams that came away enthusiastic about his play. If all goes well, he will be invited for a try-out and will sign with one of those teams. Jalen Fowler has some impressive credentials as he was ranked sixth in the Big South Conference in total

passing yards and threw for 1700 yards ranking him 61st in the nation. The HBCU Legacy Bowl had a good crowd on a warm day in the Crescent City and the half-time entertainment was provided by the Alabama State University Marching Band. The honorary captains were Jameis Winston (New Orleans Saints) and Terron Armstead (Miami Dolphins). The game was a defensive struggle as Team Robinson defeated Team Gaither 10-3. The most valuable players were Xavier Smith (offense) from Florida A&M University and Jason Dumas (defense) from Southern University. After the game, we spoke with A.J. Davis, running back from Florida A&M University and he is both confident and excited about the next chapter of his football life. He's getting ready for some try-out opportunities

and believes he can become a professional football player. It is clear to us that the HBCU Legacy Bowl has presented a golden parachute of possibilities for these aspiring professional athletes. Prior to the HBCU Legacy Bowl, the chances were rare that these athletes would be seen by professional scouts. We don't know of any HBCUs that had pro days so that their players could be seen by talent scouts. For some, while the NFL might not be an option, the Canadian Football League (CFL), the United States Football League (USFL) and the XFL will be. Don't forget about Warren Moon (Edmonton Eskimos), Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail (Toronto Argonauts) and Joe Theismann (Toronto Argonauts) had great careers in both the NFL and the CFL. Some players will get the chance while others played

their last football game. That's the reality of college sports. Most college players in all sports will see their playing days come to an end. The HBCU Legacy Bowl also featured workshops and a career fair where job offers were made by employers from the public and private sector. As a result, they will exchange a football uniform for a suit and will enter another world of competition where they will continue to use their communication and teamwork skills. Sports was an important part of their lives, but it is now time to move on to the next phrase which will bring on new challenges and new goals. If you weren't there like we were, make plans next year as the HBCU Legacy Bowl is here to stay and will become a part of America's football landscape.

T.D. Jakes Foundation Workforce Dallas, and The Mavericks Host Citywide Job Fair

DALLAS—March 7, 2023—T.D. Jakes Foundation is partnering with Workforce Dallas and the Dallas Mavericks to host the Foundation's 2023 PATHWAY to Opportunity: Hiring Mixer at the Potter's House Dallas Campus. The event is Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to the public. The goal of the event is to help build bridges between jobseekers and life-changing employment opportunities, especially during this time when many companies are laying off workers and inflation has created uncertainty in the economy. "Our Foundation's mission and focus are on solving society's most difficult problems and changing the systems that perpetuate inequity and disparities," said Chairman Jakes. "We do this by building bridges and partnerships that create equity and provide solutions for underrepresented and underserved communities. The Hiring Mixer is a great example of our work: it is giving people access to the

top companies and institutions in our region, and to real pathways to opportunity." "Workforce Dallas embodies the motivation, the drive, and determination of our community," said Michael Thompson, Workforce Dallas Executive Director. "Our goal is to provide top upskilling opportunities, trajectory changing employment, and most importantly a workforce they can trust. Workforce Dallas is so excited to partner with T.D. Jakes Foundation and the Dallas Mavericks for the 2023 Hiring Mixer. This event is going to impact many lives and we can't wait to have it year after year! The event will host more than 30 companies offering on-the-spot hiring, including Amazon, AT&T, FedEx, UPS, Hilton, Hewlett Packard, American Airlines, the Texas Rangers, Southwest Airlines, Parkland, UT Southwestern, the City of Dallas, and more. There will also be information and resources for those who need assistance with

transportation, childcare, health care, and financial literacy. "We are grateful to our partners for contributing to this event," said Hattie Hill, president and chief executive officer of T.D. Jakes Foundation. "Through our proprietary PATHWAY program, we elevate and integrate services, including job skills, training, and support to transform lives and enrich our communities. With PATHWAY, those in need aren't left to their own devices to navigate a maze of programs and bureaucracies. PATHWAY provides a helping hand, guiding jobseekers through intervention services, training, educational and aftercare programs – and ultimately connecting them to living-wage employment, part of our end-to-end accountability system." Registration to attend the event is optional but highly recommended. Click here to register for the Pathway to Opportunity: Hiring Mixer, or go to T.D. Jakes Foundation's website at tdj-foundation.org.

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relationship with Trump: "I was not close to him," Murdoch said in a deposition in the libel lawsuit. Indeed, though Murdoch acknowledged talking to Trump occasionally, he said he also sought inside information from Sean Hannity, one of his network's prime-time hosts, because Hannity was the closest person at Fox to Trump. Following Trump's loss in November of 2020, Murdoch despaired of the president's behavior. "The real danger is what he might do as president," Murdoch wrote in an email to a friend that month. "Apparently not sleeping and bouncing off walls! Don't know about Melania, but kids no help."

But Murdoch told his network's officials that he also didn't want to "antagonize" Trump: "He had a very large following, and they were probably mostly viewers of Fox, so it would have been stupid," Murdoch said in a deposition in the Dominion case. In separate questioning in the case, Murdoch acknowledged that he believed the 2020 presidential election "was not stolen." On social media recently, Trump was critical of Fox when other court papers released in the Dominion case made clear that a number of the network's executives and personalities privately believed the election fraud

claims were bunk. Trump and his team also have accused Fox of giving his latest campaign for the presidency little attention and favoring a potential challenger for the GOP nomination, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. In a fiery speech at the Conservative Political Action Committee last week, Trump ally Steve Bannon complained that Fox had disrespected the former president. "You've deemed Trump's not going to be president," Bannon said. "Well, we deem you're not going to have a network." On Saturday afternoon, Fox News aired Trump's speech to CPAC in its entirety.

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Dallas' First Open-Air Shopping Center Wynnewood Village To Undergo Transformative Redevelopment

Target to Join the Center's Tenant Lineup



DALLAS, March 1, 2023 – Brixmor Property Group (NYSE: BRX) (“Brixmor”) today announced plans for the next stage in a multi-phase redevelopment of Wynnewood Village, one of the first open-air shopping centers in Dallas.

This phase of the redevelopment will include the addition of Target as a retail tenant, renovated facades throughout the existing center, new public gathering spaces, enhanced entrances, new landscaping and new identity and wayfinding signage. The

changes build upon the addition of LA Fitness (34,000 square feet) and Five Below (11,500 square feet).

The center's redevelopment goals include capitalizing on Wynnewood Village's prime location in Southern Dallas by improv-

ing the center's merchandise mix for one-stop daily needs and casual shopping while upgrading the center in a manner that honors the history and strength of the Oak Cliff community.

“Consumer research showed that the community has affectionate, generational memories of Wynnewood Village and felt strongly that it ‘belongs’ to the local community,” said Brett Milke, Brixmor's Vice President of Redevelopment. “We wanted to honor the community's ‘ownership’ by revitalizing and restoring the center as a valued community gathering place.”

The center's newest tenant, Target, will be approximately 111,000 sq. ft. and located near LA Fitness.

Based upon consumer



survey feedback, additional merchandising in the center will be focused on soft goods, home furnishings, beauty, pets, sporting goods, and dining.

Opening in 1949, Wynnewood Village was one of the City's first open-air shopping destinations with 17 stores. The center's transformation will honor the center's legacy by embracing and enhancing its Mid-century modern design, an architectural style that focuses on clean lines with a mix of both organic and geometric shapes.

The center's iconic monument sign will remain as a focal point near the center's original retail buildings. New signage will create a sense of arrival at the primary entrances and provide

wayfinding throughout the 65-acre center.

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall with the first phase completing in early 2025. The center will remain open for business during the redevelopment.

Located just west of I-35 East at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Zang Boulevard, Wynnewood Village is anchored by two grocers, Kroger and El Rancho, and more than 80 retail, service and restaurant options, including Ross Dress for Less, Skechers and Foot Locker. The center draws 7.5 million visits annually.

Retail space is still available by contacting Selina Bolden at selina.bolden@brixmor.com or (214) 618-6521.

Angela Bassett, Oscar nominee, is just doing her thing

By LESLIE AMBRIZ



Angela Bassett poses for a portrait at the 95th Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 13, 2023. Bassett is nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actress for her role in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever." (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Everyone but Angela Bassett is a first-time Oscar nominee, and even she is a first-timer in this category. But while Bassett seemingly has this locked up, there is a stunning breadth of experience among the supporting actress nominees, showing that breakout moments aren't exclusively the territory of the very young.

All will be celebrated during Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony, which airs live on ABC beginning at 8 p.m. Eastern. And there's still time to catch up on their performances before the

show. Here's a bit more about this year's contenders.

ANGELA BASSETT

It's been 29 years since Angela Bassett's last Oscar nomination, for playing Tina Turner in "What's Love Got to Do With It," and though her nomination for "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" was widely expected, it still had a profound effect on her.


I'm literally sitting here holding my head, and holding my heart," she told the AP nomination morning. "I'm excited, I'm grateful, I'm nervous. I'm going to have to start journaling."


Her character, Queen Ramonda, she said, "is reflective of what mothers have been doing forever, and also a representation of what Black mothers have been doing — holding families together. Holding memories, holding wisdom... That's what she is attempting to do in spite of the trauma she has experienced herself."

And her late co-star Chadwick Boseman has never left her mind.

"This moment has been so special, it's been a highlight of my career," she said. "He definitely kicked it off."

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