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HEALTH

Alzheimer's drug Leqembi has full FDA approval now and that means Medicare will pay for it

BY MATTHEW PERRONE

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials granted full approval to a closely watched Alzheimer's drug on Thursday, clearing the way for Medicare and other insurance plans to begin covering the treatment for people with the brain-robbing disease.

The Food and Drug Administration endorsed the IV drug, Leqembi, for patients with mild dementia and other symptoms caused by early Alzheimer's disease. It's the first medicine that's been convincingly shown to modestly slow the cognitive decline caused by Alzheimer's.

Japanese drugmaker Eisai received

conditional approval from the FDA in January based on early results suggesting Leqembi worked by clearing a sticky brain plaque linked to the disease.

The FDA confirmed those results by reviewing data from a larger,

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FILE - This image provided by Eisai in January 2023 shows vials and packaging for their medication, Leqembi. On Thursday, July 6, 2023. (Eisai via AP, File)

Texas bans homeowners' associations from discriminating against renters who receive federal housing aid

State lawmakers passed the law after a North Texas homeowners' association barred landlords from renting to Section 8 tenants. Most of the affected tenants in that neighborhood were Black.

BY JOSHUA FECHTER



Clouds roll through the sky over the Providence Creek Village neighborhood in Providence Village on June 30, 2022. Photo Credit: **Emil Lippe** for The Texas Tribune.

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In a rare, friendly move to low-income renters, Texas lawmakers this year outlawed a form of discrimination that allowed homeowners associations to ban some tenants from their neighborhoods.

The move — spearheaded by state Rep. Chris Turner, a Grand Prairie Democrat — was aimed squarely at a North Texas neighborhood that tried to oust poorer tenants who get assistance from the federal housing choice voucher program and keep new ones from

taking their place. The voucher program, known as Section 8, pays a portion of a low-income household's rent.

The Providence Homeowners Association enacted a rule last summer that barred landlords from renting to Section 8 tenants, which would have left the town of Providence Village — a town of about 7,700 people about an hour's drive north of Dallas — mostly off-limits to those renters. Critics saw the rule as blatant racial discrimination given that the overwhelming majority

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Feds: Bank of America Violated Consumer Protection Rules By Double Charging Customers

Some of the accusations are reminiscent of the Wells Fargo debacle from a decade ago, which involved the creation of millions of unauthorized consumer bank accounts.

By Stacy M. Brown

Federal authorities announced on Tuesday, July 11, that Bank of America violated numerous consumer financial protection rules by double-charging customers, not distributing credit card rewards, and creating fraudulent accounts.

As a result, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) fined Bank of America \$90 million and compelled the institution to pay more than \$100 million to customers.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency fined Bank of America \$60 million.

Some of the accusations are reminiscent of the Wells Fargo debacle from a decade ago, which involved the creation of millions of unauthorized consumer bank accounts.

"Bank of America wrongfully withheld credit card rewards, double-dipped on fees, and opened accounts without consent," stated CFPB Director Rohit Chopra.

In addition to being illegal, the methods also damaged credibility with the public, regulators stated.

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Celebrated 97 Years of Life
with Family and Friends*

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EDITORIAL PAGE

"My Day"

Threads: The Audacity of New Hope Baptist Church - Part A -

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

Even today, decades after my Dad's death, my route once I am in the city limits of Conroe is altered, across the railroad track into my ole neighborhood. I deliberately go pass our home church to see my Dad's name, Deacon James Saddler, on the church inlaid cement marker. He was twenty(29)years in 1943 when ordained.

"If you want to know the history" of a community, you only have to visit the church. Moving to Dallas, it was clearly understood that I would go to church. I was asked often by my parents with a stern stare.

We chose Greater New Zion because they had chimes in the tower and a loudspeaker that worked.

Getting involved in our church programming, first as a musician, I soon found out that the 'grand master' of the South Dallas Christian Circle was New Hope Baptist Church. Two blocks north was Salem Baptist, across and down was St. Paul...and you had to pass South Dallas Baptist Church either way. The 'threads' to these dynamic institutions-in-the-making were visionaries flanked with 'new hope' for the former slaves with the one single priority... education. The churches had an abundance of educators. Coming out of slavery, African Americans concentrated on education and built schools and colleges in mass across the South.

In 1875, Rev. Allen R. Griggs was the Pastor of New Hope. He started a grammar school for ex-slaves. In that same vein, he started Texas' first African American newspaper. By the time I joined Greater New Zion, circa 1970, you could sense the educational movement still in full bloom. The unstoppable Mable Chandler was

then the long serving Superintendent of the Sunday School at Greater New Zion. She taught history for years at Lincoln High School and she taught history every Sunday at church. Her teachings were profound with the demanding stage-presence of an orator. She 'merged the word' with education. In her book, "EM Scott's Children Two Centuries": From Slavery to America's Corporate World, she mentioned the history of New Hope Baptist Church and how Greater New Zion, a sister church, was formed.

Sidebar: I worked on another book uncompleted by Mrs. Julia Jordan, educator, longtime member of New Hope that with the aid of current pastor emeritus, Rev. Dr. Mayor Ron Jones, and other members we can do justice to.

At New Hope Baptist Church in 1892, the Negro Ladies Reading Circle was organized by eight teachers. The Colored State Baptist Convention was organized in a three-day conference a year later. The undisputed 'hot topic' was the progress

blacks were making. It was as though all of black America became a 'bumble-bee' colony and worked together on one massive project without script, manuals, affirmative action, slave master or disputes. How did they do that? Following the 'threads-of-history', the largest most prosperous trade for African American men after slavery was loggers, the railroad, carpenters, longshoresman (aka, the waterfront) and gamblers. The railroad and porters were definitely a part of this history and New Hope Baptist Church members were documented leaders in both the modernity of America, its education, registering to vote and paying poll taxes.

New Hope Baptist Church became a breeding field for African American growing success. Ending this segment on 'Threads', Part A.... The top and bottom line is if you want to know the history..... of a community, you only have to visit the church.

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The CFPB vowed to end the banking practices nationwide.

The bank boasts 68 million customers, making it the second largest in the country.

Following the CFPB investigation, Bank of America was found to have "harmed hundreds of thousands of consumers over a period of several years and across multiple product lines and services," regulators asserted.

Customers were

charged "tens of millions of dollars in fees on resubmitted transactions," after the bank allowed consumers to be "repeatedly charged" \$35 each time a transaction was resubmitted after being declined due to insufficient funds.

This happened even if the third-party merchant resubmitted the charge to the customer's account after the first attempt was refused.

If the customer's account has insufficient

funds or an overdraft, they were charged an additional \$35.

The bank's statements were vague about the possibility of several fees arising from a single transaction, regulators stated.

"Clients had no way of knowing if or when a merchant would resubmit a transaction to the bank for payment, making it unreasonable for them to avoid being charged multiple times for the same transaction," investigators stated.

The CFPB also claimed that the bank improperly withheld bonuses from tens of thousands of clients despite having made special offers of cash and points when signing up new credit card customers.

The agency also claimed that beginning in 2012, bank workers "illegally applied for and enrolled consumers in credit card accounts without consumers' knowledge or authorization" to meet now-defunct sales-based

incentive goals and raise their ratings.

As a result, clients were penalized with unauthorized fees, saw negative marks on their credit reports, and had to take extra steps to rectify the bank's mistakes after it used or obtained their credit reports without their permission.

For those infractions, Bank of America must pay over \$250 million to government authorities and affected consumers.

This isn't the first time the bank has faced penalties from the government.

The CFPB also ordered the bank to pay \$727 million to settle consumer complaints over unfair credit card practices in 2014.

Further, Bank of America was fined \$10 million for wrongful garnishments last year and another \$225 million for "botched disbursement of state unemployment benefits at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic."

RELIGIOUS/NEWS

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH – THE POSITION OF SONSHIP AS BELIEVERS

GALATIANS 4:1-31 (PART 3 OF 3)



By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Looking at the illustrious life of Abraham (Gen. 16; 17; 18; 20; 21) Paul was appealing to the founder of the Jewish nation from whose physical descent the Jews traced their blessings (v. 22). John the Baptist and Jesus declared that physical descent from Abraham was not enough, however, to guarantee spiritual blessing (Matt. 3:9; John 8:37-44). Paul reminded the Galatians that Abraham had two sons and they should consider which of the two they were most like. One son Isaac was born of Sarah, the free woman; the other son Ishmael was born of Hagar, the slave woman.

In verse 23, Paul wanted the Galatians to consider the ways in which the sons were conceived.

Ishmael was born in the ordinary way, that is, in the course of nature and requiring no miracle and no promise of God. Isaac, on the other hand, was born as the result of a promise. Abraham and Sarah were beyond the age of childbearing, but God miraculously fulfilled His promise in bringing life out of the deadness of Sarah's womb (Rom. 4:18-21).

In verse 24, Paul then pointed to two covenants: one, the Mosaic Covenant, that had its origin at Mt. Sinai; then to the Abrahamic Covenant, a gracious system represented by Sarah that brought about a Messianic promise. Simply put, Hagar brought forth a slave and Sarah brought Messianic promise and hope.

In verses 25-26, Paul pointed to two Jerusalem(s). Hagar stood for the first century city of Jerusalem, a city enslaved to Rome and in slavery to the Law. Sarah corresponded to Jerusalem above, the mother of all the children of grace. This heavenly city, which one day will come to earth (Rev. 21:2) is now the "city of the living God" (Heb. 12:22), the home of departed believers of all ages.

In verse 27, Paul quotes from Isaiah 54:1, prophesying the changing fortunes of Israel, which he applied to Sarah's history. Israel before her Babylonian captivity was likened to a woman with a husband. The barren woman was Israel in captivity.

The woman bearing more children may have pictured Israel restored to the land after the exile, but also portrays Israel's millennial blessings. Paul applied this passage to Sarah, who was once barren, but later blessed with a child, and who will ultimately enjoy a greater progeny than Hagar.

In verses 28-30, Paul will make three comparisons in applying the truth from the biblical illustration. First, Paul compared the birth of Isaac in verse 28 to that of Christians. As "Isaac" experienced a super-natural birth and was a child by means of a promise, so each believer experiences a supernatural birth (St. John 3:3, 5), and is a recipient of the promise of salvation (Gal. 3:9, 22, 29). As children of

God, we should not live as children of bondage.

Second, in verse 29, Paul compared Ishmael's persecution of Isaac to the false teachers' opposition to believers. As Abraham celebrated the weaning of Isaac, Ishmael laughed derisively at Isaac, thinking and assuming that he would be heir to his father's estate since he was the oldest (Genesis. 21:8-9). This early animosity has been perpetuated in the two peoples which descended from the two sons of Abraham and is seen in the current Arab-Israel tensions. Paul likened the Judaizers to Ishmael, who continue to persecute true believers who were born by the power of the Spirit.

Third, in verse 30, Paul compared the action of

Abraham to the obligation of the Galatians. When Sarah observed Ishmael mocking Isaac, she asked honorable Abraham to expel the slave woman and her son lest Ishmael become a joint heir with Isaac. God granted Sarah's request (Gen. 21:10, 12). Law observance brings no inheritance; thus, Judaizer should be excommunicated with their false doctrine. In verse 31, Paul concluded his argument affirming that Galatian believers were not children of the slave woman who was driven away and denied a share in the inheritance. Rather, all believers are children of the free woman, "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17).

May God Bless!

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of the neighborhood's Section 8 renter households were Black.

That proved too hostile to low-income tenants even for the Republican-dominated Texas Legislature. Texas is one of the few states that explicitly allows landlords to reject renters if they receive housing vouchers. Just this year, lawmakers barred cities from creating local ordinances that protect tenants facing eviction.

But barring Section 8 tenants from entire neighborhoods crossed a line for a lot of Republicans in the state Capitol. Democrats and enough Republicans in the Texas House joined forces during the regular legislative session to approve Turner's bill outlawing the practice, and the bill cleared the Senate with all but six Republican votes. It helped, Turner said, that the bill had backing from groups like Texas Realtors and the Texas Apartment Association as well as housing advocates and groups representing neighborhood associations.

Come Sept. 1, the practice will be illegal.

"Just the facts of what inspired this legislation are so egregious that it really spoke to the need for legislation to end this type of overt discrimination," Turner said. "I think that it's very clear what the discriminatory effect is of a policy like this."

The Providence HOA board enacted the policy last June as the neighborhood blamed Section 8 tenants for a perceived uptick in local criminal activity. In

a statement Friday, the board said they made numerous attempts to address the issue with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Homeowners also expressed concerns about "their ability to continue to afford the property taxes for their homes in this community as a result of Section 8 housing being steeply overvalued by investors," the board's statement said. The Section 8 ban was part of a broader package of rules approved by the board to discourage real estate investors from buying homes in the neighborhood and turning them into rentals.

Tempers flared on social media and even led to at least one physical confrontation between neighbors. Two months later, the HOA agreed to pause the policy as HUD launched an investigation into whether the HOA had violated the federal Fair Housing Act, which explicitly prohibits discrimination based on race. That investigation is ongoing.

The HOA policy threatened to displace more than 170 families from the majority-white enclave. Of those households, more than three-quarters were Black — and most households were headed by women.

Turner's bill "sends a very strong message to the homeowners association that they're not allowed to do this," said Laura Beshara, a civil rights lawyer representing some of the Providence tenants.

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Higher Education Is Still Attainable For African Americans Despite The Supreme Court Decision On Affirmative Action

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.



Dr. James Ewers

If you are Black like me, struggles and hardships have always been a part of our lives. It is just never easy for us. That is why our achievements and accomplishments are so gratifying.

Hard work, determination and resolve have been hallmarks of our lives. That is what the African American experience is and has always been.

We hear the term, "against all odds". That longstanding and venerable expression belongs to us. While we didn't coin the phrase, it certainly is a part of our life story.

Our pathway to greatness has been steeped and solidified in our core values. One of our long-held beliefs is the importance of education.

Having a good education has been an ancestral attribute. Black families understood early on the importance of "book learning". They knew that once

we had it that it couldn't be taken away from us.

My parents gave me a daily dose about the importance of education and how it could improve the quality of my life. It didn't matter your possessions, it mattered more that you possessed an education.

Old school parents realized that possessions were fleeting but an education was permanent.

More African Americans are attending college today, yet the numbers must improve. According to reports, in 2021, there were 2,717,000 African Americans attending college. We made up 15.7 percent of those enrolled in higher education. We can do better, and we must do better.

Recently, the United States Supreme Court said, "Colleges and universities can no longer take race into consideration as a specific basis for granting admission." Affirmative action as we know it has been sidelined and side-tracked.

Some would say that we have become even more marginalized when it comes to getting a higher education. Critics have weighed in, saying that our quest for higher education has been severely dam-

aged. Even President Biden has decried the Court's decision.

He said, "In case after case, including recently, just as a few years ago in 2016, the Court affirmed and reaffirmed this view: that colleges could use race not as a determinative factor for admission, but as one of the factors among many in deciding who to admit from an already qualified pool of applicants." Now colleges are going to determine what to do about building diverse student bodies.

One strategy already being discussed is having applicants write more about their backgrounds and economic means in their college essays. There is great merit in that approach so we will see if it works.

As affirmative action is being discussed and debated, HBCU,s (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) have grown in popularity. These schools were established because we could not attend White colleges.

I graduated from Johnson C. Smith University, an HBCU located in Charlotte NC. I have always valued and cherished my education there because JCSU gave

me the confidence to aspire towards my goals. I suspect if you attended an HBCU, you would echo my sentiments.

I believe with the Supreme Court's ruling, it will mean a few strategic moves for African American students and HBCU,s. First, African American students will begin to be more intentional in looking at HBCU,s to attend. They will make campus visits and find out more about their program offerings and campus life.

For Historically Black Colleges and Universities, it will mean developing new programs and enhancing existing programs. HBCU,s are just not competing against themselves, they are also competing against PWI,s (Predominantly White Institutions). These are my opinions.

Students of color should not be in a woe as me mindset, but in a wow as me mindset because of the opportunities that await them.

The decision by the Court while disheartening will only be an educational detour, not an educational roadblock.

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Facing a hostile environment and uncertainty over whether they could ultimately stay in the neighborhood, dozens of families moved out. Of the 171 voucher households that lived in Providence at the time of the ban, less than 100 remain, according to figures provided by the Dallas and Denton housing authorities.

The Texas Tribune found that two other North Texas HOAs had policies banning Section 8 tenants.

Voucher holders continued to move to Providence after the ban was paused. Thirty families moved into the neighborhood during the past year, according to the Dallas housing authority.

The board said in its

statement it would comply with the law. It recently adopted rental and leasing rules that do not include the Section 8 ban.

“We will continue to fight for our homeowners every day because every resident deserves security and comfort in their home and community,” the board said.

Finding affordable housing has become increasingly difficult for low-income families in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex as Texas’ economy booms and more people move to the region, driving up housing demand and rent prices.

Dallas alone faces a shortfall of 33,660 rental units that are affordable for households making 50% of the area median income or

less, according to a recent report by the Dallas non-profit Child Poverty Action Lab. That shortage is expected to grow to 83,500 by the end of the decade, the report found.

Even if a low-income family gets a housing choice voucher, Texas landlords don’t have to rent to them — and are less likely to now given the demand for the state’s rental housing, housing advocates say.

A 2020 report by Inclusive Communities Project found that out of 1,413 rental properties surveyed in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, only 226 accepted vouchers — mostly in areas that are poor and Black. The organization dubbed 18 suburbs, nearly all majority-white, “voucher no-go

zones” — places where no landlord surveyed would rent to voucher holders.

That makes it difficult for low-income families to move to areas with better job opportunities and better schools, said Ann Lott, Inclusive Communities Project’s executive director. That HOAs can no longer ban Section 8 households in Texas is a win, she said.

“When you see occupancy rates as high as it is and the market is as hard as it is, it becomes increasingly difficult to find landlords who will take Section 8,” Lott said. “This is a big victory for us.”

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1,800-patient study in which the drug slowed memory and thinking decline by about five months in those who got the treatment, compared to those who got a dummy drug.

“This confirmatory study verified that it is a safe and effective treatment for patients with Alzheimer’s disease,” said FDA’s neurology drug director, Dr. Teresa Buracchio, in a statement.

The drug’s prescribing information will carry the most serious type of warning, indicating that Leqembi can cause brain swelling and bleeding, side effects that can be dangerous in rare cases. The label notes that those problems are seen with other plaque-targeting Alzheimer’s drugs.

The process of converting a drug to full FDA approval usually attracts little attention. But Alzheimer’s patients and advocates have been lobbying the federal government for months after Medicare officials

announced last year they wouldn’t pay for routine use of drugs like Leqembi until they receive FDA’s full approval.

There were concerns that the cost of new plaque-targeting Alzheimer’s drugs could overwhelm the program’s finances, which provide care for 60 million seniors. Leqembi is priced at about \$26,500 for a year’s supply of IVs every two weeks.

The vast majority of Americans with Alzheimer’s get their health coverage through Medicare. And private insurers have followed its lead by withholding coverage for Leqembi and a similar drug, Aduhelm, until they receive FDA’s full endorsement. An FDA decision on full approval for Aduhelm is still years away.

Medicare administrator, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, said in a statement Thursday the program will begin paying for the drug now that it has full FDA approval. But the government is also setting extra require-

ments, including enrollment in a federal registry to track the drug’s real-world safety and effectiveness.

Medicare “will cover this medication broadly while continuing to gather data that will help us understand how the drug works,” Brooks-LaSure said.

Some Medicare patients could be responsible for paying the standard 20% of the cost of Leqembi, though the amount will vary depending on their plans and other coverage details.

Hospitals and medical clinics have cautioned that it may take time to get people started on the drug.

Doctors need to confirm that patients have the brain plaque targeted by Leqembi before prescribing it. Nurses need to be trained to administer the drug and patients must be monitored with repeated brain scans to check for swelling or bleeding. The imaging and administration services carry extra costs for hospitals beyond the drug itself.

Eisai has told investors

that about 100,000 Americans could be diagnosed and eligible to receive Leqembi by 2026. The drug is co-marketed with Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Biogen.

“We want to ensure that appropriate patients only are the ones that get this product,” said Alexander Scott, a vice president with Eisai.

Eisai studied the drug in people with early or mild disease who were evaluated using a scale measuring memory, thinking and other basic skills. After 18 months, those who got Leqembi declined more slowly — a difference of less than half a point on the scale — than participants who received a dummy infusion. Some Alzheimer’s experts say that delay is likely too subtle for patients or their families to notice.

But federal health advisers said the difference could still be meaningful and recommended that FDA fully approve the drug at a public meeting in June.

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, July 13



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Friday, July 14



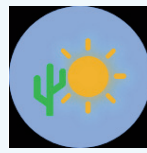
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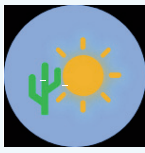
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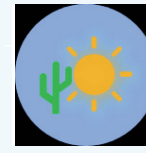
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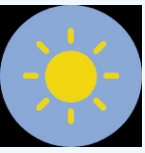
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Tuesday, July 18



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Wednesday, July 19



H - 100°
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PRESS ROOM: Dr. Dietra Trent, Executive Director for the White House Initiative on HBCUs as the 3rd annual African American Golf EXPO and Forum Keynote Speaker

Dietra Trent, Ph.D. Executive Director for The White House Initiative on HBCUs will serve as the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual African American Golf EXPO and Forum. Dr. Trent will keynote Tuesday, August 22 during the closing luncheon at the renown Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY.

Dr. Trent, a HBCU graduate and former secretary of education for the Commonwealth of Virginia was appointed to this position by President Joe Biden in February of 2022. The White House Initiative on HBCUs is the most important entity for HBCUs to gain access to federal resources, including Title III, student aid, and grants and contracts from across 30+ federal agencies. Dr. Trent will address HBCUs working with the American Golf Industry Coalition.

ABOUT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN GOLF EXPO



Dietra Trent, Ph.D. Executive Director for The White House Initiative on HBCUs.

AND FORUM

The mission of the African American Golf EXPO and Forum is to promote the game, the business, the industry, the careers, and the opportunities in the \$100 Billion golf industry to African Americans.

The objectives of the EXPO are to:

- 1 Promote economic growth, diversity, and inclusion in golf to

African Americans and other underrepresented group

- 2 Provide a friendly and welcoming environment for golf industry leaders to develop relationships with African Americans who are entrepreneurs, community programmers and golf enthusiasts
- 3 Help grow the industry by featuring subject

matter experts in learning forums, seminars and networking opportunities

- 4 Provide funding to grassroots organizations involved in teaching and promoting golf to the African American community

For more information and to register-go to: www.aagolfexpo.com/register-here.

Aretha Franklin's Handwritten Note Validated as Her Will by Michigan Jury

By Stacy M. Brown

A Michigan jury has deemed a handwritten note by the late Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, her official last will, and testament.

The jury rendered its decision after an intense legal battle that pitted family members against one another over the inheritance of the legendary singer's estate.

In the fall of 2019, Franklin's niece made a remarkable discovery while rummaging through the corners of the singer's suburban Detroit home.

Nestled beneath a couch cushion, she stumbled upon a cache of three handwritten documents.

Among them was a particularly significant piece from 2014, which would ultimately take center stage in the courtroom drama.

Franklin's two sons, Kecalf and Edward Franklin, enlisted the assistance of their legal representatives to champion the cause of the 2014 note, ardently contending that it should supersede a separate will crafted in 2010.



Photo Credit: NNPA File

Their brother, Ted White II, stood firm, citing the 2010 will, safeguarded under lock and key within the confines of Franklin's sprawling home.

The crux of the contentious dispute lay in the divergent provisions outlined in the two conflicting wills.

The 2014 note stipulated that Kecalf and Edward Franklin, Franklin's grandchildren would inherit her prestigious Bloomfield Hills,

Michigan, residence.

The 2014 will, in contrast, conspicuously omits the requirement that the sons obtain a certificate or degree in business, which was a requirement in the 2010 version.

Both wills bestowed upon Franklin's four sons the privilege of benefiting from her vast musical royalties and copyrights, ensuring their ongoing connection to her enduring legacy.

Franklin's fourth son, Clarence Franklin, reportedly resides in an assisted living facility and wasn't involved in the litigation.

The courtroom saga captivated the nation as fans and legal experts awaited the jury's verdict.

After carefully weighing the evidence and considering the merits of both sides' arguments, the Michigan jury validated the handwritten note as binding.

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DART President & CEO

Dallas Independent School District
In-Person Teacher Job Fair at South Oak Cliff High School
Jul. 18, 2023
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Description
Human Capital Management would like to invite you to our Dallas ISD In-Person Job Fair Event. This hiring event will take place on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at South Oak Cliff High School, so dress to IMPRESS. Through this event, principals will be able to interview for all campus-based openings such as Teachers, Teacher Leads, and Paraprofessionals.

JOB FAIR AGENDA
3:30 p.m. - Candidate Check-In
3:45 p.m. - Candidate Warm Welcome
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Principals will interview candidates
6:00 p.m. - Conclusion of event

Contact
Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dallas-isd-in-person-teacher-job-fair-at-south-oak-cliff-high-school-tickets-649430473027>

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Mrs. Dorothy Lee 97th Birthday Celebration



Mrs. Dorothy Lee celebrated her 97th Birthday on Friday, June 30, 2023, at the Thorntree Golf Club in DeSoto, Texas. Mrs. Lee was accompanied by her daughter, Atty. Theodora R. Lee, and entertained by her extended family and friends.



Friday, June 30, 2023, 7:00 PM
 Thorntree Golf Club
 825 W Wintergreen Rd.
 DeSoto, TX 75115

Birthday Celebration Program

Greetings
 Atty. Theodora R. Lee

Prayer / Invocation
 Brother Phillip Wade

Lunch Served

Musical Selection - Solo
 Sister Chastene Reed

Remarks and Acknowledgments
 Lily Nery Melick
 Dr. George Willis
 Jody Platt
 Brother Puckler Evans
 Mr. Thomas Wattlely
 Other Remarks

Special Entertainment
 Sister Myeshia Applewhite and Sister Aletha Brown

Words of Gratitude
 Sister Dorothy Lee, Honoree

