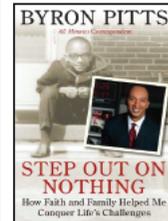


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# Equal Justice?

Don Hill, associates found guilty on most counts

By Gordon Jackson, gjackson@dallasweekly.com

Community organizer Edna Pemberton, a fellow church member of former mayor pro tem Don Hill at Concord Missionary Baptist Church, called the day Hill was convicted in federal court a dark one.

"Being a member of Concord and personally knowing Don Hill, it's really a sad day. I gasped every time I heard the charges," Pemberton said. "He's a good representative of us."

"I don't know what happened, and how it happened. It's not what we're in support of. We're just going to lift him and his wife up and the whole team in prayer."

Hill, his wife Sheila and three

other defendants were found guilty Monday on almost all federal counts of exercising bribery and extortion of funds involved in business transactions with the Southwest Housing Company on

low-income housing projects. Attorneys representing Hill and former planning commissioner D'Angelo Lee stated that they will appeal the decision. The Hills, Lee and Robertson were released pending sentencing. A hearing is scheduled for Darren Reagan, who was already detained on a previous conviction.

Sentencing by District Judge Barbara Lynn will take place in

LOCAL EXCLUSIVE



"I know in my heart that I didn't have a corrupt intent," Don Hill (with attorney Ray Jackson) said after his guilty verdicts. He faces sentencing in December, but will appeal the court's ruling.

December. Hill could be sentenced to 125 years at the maximum level.

While disagreeing with the decision, Hill said the charges do not reflect the actual motives he maintained toward his actions.

"I said on the witness stand that I know that there were certain things I could have done much

better. But I know in my heart that I didn't have a corrupt intent," Don Hill said outside the federal court building. "That's why you're not going to see tears anger or bitterness from us because that's just not what our motivations were."

Sheila Hill said she still believes

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## Sisters Walking for the Cause

Celebrating Life holds Breast Cancer Awareness Fitness Festival

By Antoinette Nevils

From mothers to daughters, from breast cancer survivors to supporters, all walks of beautiful life walked the 5k distance Saturday at the eighth Celebrating Life Foundation "Sister to Sister" Fitness Walk and Festival. The festival and walk was designed to promote fitness, raise awareness



Above: Rev. Sharon Patterson asks women at the Sister to Sister Festival to join in a pledge for a healthier lifestyle. Below: Walkers register before taking their 5K/3.2 mile walk/run.



and funds for breast cancer programs, and to encourage education and support for African-American women who have dealt with breast cancer. October has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

There were many brisk walkers out on the beautiful trail surrounded by trees and sun at the

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The Prairie View A&M Marching Storm Band perform at halftime. Photo by Lewis Flanagan

## Prairie View breaks long drought, defeats Grambling

By Gordon Jackson, gjackson@dallasweekly.com

The familiar term is "getting the monkey off of your back."

For the Prairie View A&M Panthers football team, it was more like King Kong.

Nevertheless PVU, at long last, was able to shake off the big gorilla, frantically but successfully holding on to a dramatic 35-32 win over the Grambling State Tigers Saturday night at the State Fair Classic

inside the Cotton Bowl. Prairie View fans ignored the steady rain and celebrated in euphoric fashion over witnessing their team beat Grambling for the first time in 21 games over 22 years.

"After 21 years, we got that monkey off our back!" Prairie View head coach Henry Frazier III exclaimed at midfield after the game. "We did

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