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He'd rather fight than switch

Farrakhan plans to sue U.S. for access to Libya's \$1 billion

By Khaled Kazziha
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TRIPOLI, Libya - The generosity of Libya's Col. Moammar Gadhafi aside, Louis Farrakhan has decided that time before a judge makes more sense than time behind bars.

The Nation of Islam leader turned down the \$250,000 prize accompanying a Gadhafi Human Rights Award - accepting it could have landed him in jail for violating U.S. anti-terrorism sanctions. But he vowed last week to pursue "the mother

of all court battles" to be able to claim the money from Libya.

If convicted of violating the sanctions - or of conspiring to do so - Farrakhan would have faced prison and fines.

He earlier promised to cross the United States to rally support if the government did not allow him to accept the prize. Now, he says he will appeal a U.S. Treasury Department decision to deny his request for an exemption to the sanctions.

"I will accept the honor of this prize but I will ask you to hold the money until a decision is

made in a court of law," Farrakhan told an enthusiastic crowd at the award ceremony.

Several thousand people attended the ceremony in Tripoli, clapping and chanting as a smiling Farrakhan was handed the award. Farrakhan, wearing one of his signature bow ties - this one red and yellow - was given a green sash which he wore across his dark suit and a bouquet of flowers.

"Instead of America stopping this prize," he told the crowd, "America should have matched that promise."

Farrakhan insisted the prize had "no attachment whatsoever to the government of Libya" and was merely named after Gadhafi, whom the United States considers a sponsor of terrorism.

But Farrakhan repeatedly has referred to the Libyan leader as a brother and denounced Washington's animosity toward him.

Libya set up the human rights prize in 1989. It was first awarded to South African President Nelson Mandela. Other winners include



FILE PHOTO

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan says he will sue to get \$1 billion Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi pledged.

American Indians and the children of the Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation.

Farrakhan also was to receive a \$1 billion donation from See FARRAKHAN on 2A

Sam Mills III faces assault charges

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The son of Carolina Panther linebacker Sam Mills faces a misdemeanor assault charge following a sexual encounter with a 15-year-old female student at Charlotte Latin high school in May.



Mills III

Samuel Davis Mills III, 18, also an athlete, came to the Law Enforcement Center on Aug. 22 where he was served with a warrant charging him with misdemeanor

assault and battery, which carries a maximum two-year jail term.

According to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police investigator S.D. Conner, Mills apparently had sex with a fellow student after regular school hours in the gymnasium area of the southeast Charlotte private school.

The girl alleged Mills forced her to have sex and filed a rape complaint with police.

Conner said Mills contends the sexual encounter was consensual and that a physical examination after the complaint was filed did not indicate conclusively that a rape occurred.

After an investigation by Conner, who works in the sex crimes unit, evidence in the case was turned over to the Mecklenburg County district attorney. After reviewing the evidence, the district attorney's office declined to file rape charges against Mills.

The girl's mother then contacted a magistrate who signed the assault warrant.

Conner said Mills and the girl have apparently known each other about a year.

Taking bite out of drug trade



PHOTO/SUE ANN JOHNSON

Community events like this Labor Day cookout, coupled with neighborhood patrols, is part of the Crusade's efforts to remove drugs from Charlotte's streets.

Crusade steps up tactics in communities' fight

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

"Please be informed that your vehicle was seen in a known drug area...While we are aware that all persons entering such areas are not looking for drugs we do know, that many are. We write to inform you that your license plate number along with all others in such areas are turned over to the Charlotte

Police Department."

That's how Rev. James Barnett and The Crusade against violence and illegal drugs has contacted people they believe are buying drugs in some of Charlotte's poorest communities.

And Barnett says many of those buyers are whites, from southeast Charlotte and from surrounding counties.

In a new more aggressive tactic launched this week,

The Crusade is following up the post card notifications with vigils in front of the homes of people believed to be buying drugs.

"We are trying to wake up the white community," Barnett said in an interview Tuesday. "They don't realize whites are buying drugs. Eighty percent of the (drug) business that comes into the Wingate community is white."

To prove his point, Barnett has taken pictures of whites stopping and exchanging money with the young people on one corner on Mayfair Avenue in Wingate, which is between West and Wilkinson boulevards, off Old Steele Creek Road.

One picture shows a white woman getting out of a taxi and walking between two

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Gay has some critics

Candidate didn't deliver services, clients say

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Ninth District Congressional candidate Eugene Gay is being criticized by two couples who say he taken as much as \$1,500 from each of them but not returned promised services.

Gay qualified as a write-in candidate in the 9th District race last month. He secured the required 250 signatures from registered voters to enter the race against incumbent Sue Myrick.

Gay says he has an accounting degree from Phillips College in Columbia, S.C., and is a regional training director for Excel Telecommunications. He moved to Charlotte two years ago, he said.

But the couples allege that Gay promised in December to help them set up non-profit day care centers and get grants to run them.

"We gave him \$1,500 cash," said Trula Freeman, who runs a day care in the Shannon Park community in northeast Charlotte. "He has not done what he said he was going to do. We don't have anything to show for our money."

"He said he would set up a 24-hour day care center. That he would find a building and help us get grants and be our advisor. We have got nothing of what he promised."

Kim Woolfolk said she has a similar problem. She too gave Gay \$1,500 last fall. He was supposed to help her and her

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Bull run



PHOTO/HERBERT L. WHITE

Johnson C. Smith running back Demetrius Campbell carries the ball against Benedict in the Golden Bulls' 36-0 win last week. Smith plays Virginia State in Charlotte Saturday. A preview is on page 9B.

Rwanda bloodshed spurs inquiry

By Sarah Martone
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIGALI, Rwanda - The United Nations has asked Rwanda to investigate a report that the army killed at least 111 civilians in a three-day operation last month.

The United Nations said another 52 people were missing and 300 arrested in western Ruhengeri prefecture during the Aug. 6-8 search operation, apparently launched to identify soldiers of the defeated Hutu army.

The report was released Monday by the U.N. Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda.

It said some of those killed were alleged to have been mem-

bers of the former Hutu-led Rwandese Armed Forces or other infiltrators who often attacked civilians and survivors of the 1994 state-sponsored genocide in Rwanda.

But many killed were reportedly unarmed civilians, the U.N. said.

At least 500,000 people, most of them Tutsis or moderate Hutus, were massacred in Rwanda during the orchestrated killing spree by Hutu soldiers, mobs and militiamen in the spring of 1994.

The killings stopped when Tutsi rebels came to power in July and drove the Hutu-led government and the army into exile. An estimated 1.3 million people, including retreating soldiers, sought refuge in neighboring countries.

During the August search operation, about 10,000 men in the western prefecture were rounded up and forced to stay on a hilltop for two days without food or water while the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front army screened the group for suspected infiltrators, the report said.

In some cases, those who resisted were immediately killed, the report said.

"RPA soldiers found male residents hiding in or refusing to leave their houses, took them outside, and killed them on the spot," the report said. "Some of the victims were bludgeoned to death with blows to the head from hoes."

U.N. officials were denied See RWANDA on page 2A

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