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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Dianna Cooks holds fake guns that look like the real things. These guns can be purchased at stores around the valley.

## Mother targets toy guns

By Frank Armand Albano  
Sentinel-Voice

An outraged mother descended like a one-woman army on a newly opened, dollar-type discount variety store, confronting the manager for allegedly selling pellet discharging, molded plastic, semiautomatic-looking, toy guns to minors.

Longtime resident of her Historic Westside neighborhood, Dianna Cooks complained to a local store after learning that her son and several other neighborhood kids, ranging from ages 9 to 14, were "waving the guns around while playing in her backyard tree house."

"I was angry and concerned that the guns could be

mistaken by police for the real thing."

She continued, "I asked my son where he got the guns? I rounded them up and took them back to the store. There were five guns in all," she said. Cooks said the boys told her each gun cost \$1.

She demanded that the guns be removed from the store's shelves of the Save 99

Cents Center.

At the store, located in the Edmond Town Shopping Center on Owens near H Street, Richard Cho, identi-

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## Farrakhan talks peace

Speech labeled last urges Bush impeachment, Iraq accord

Special to Sentinel-Voice  
DETROIT - Denouncing President Bush for the war in Iraq and calling on Muslims and Christians to stop killing one another, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan led

thousands of followers on a spirited tour of his views of God and the world Sunday in an address described by aides as his last major appearance.

Farrakhan, 73, who has been battling prostate cancer

for nearly a decade, spoke sharp words about international conflict and personal responsibility. He gave no hint that he was ailing, or that he intends to go quietly when his time is up.

To young people who would join the military and fight in Iraq, he urged them to stay away: "This is going down, and if you're going, you go down with it. God is angry."

To Democrats unwilling to impeach Bush, he suggested censure: "Stop pussy-footing around."

To spouses frustrated by lethargic partners, he told

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Nation of Islam leader, Minister Louis Farrakhan, addresses the Saviours' Day gathering in Detroit on Sunday.

## Jaywalking by vacant lot

By Frank Armand Albano  
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A 60-year-old woman — a landlord, developer and three-year resident of her West Las Vegas community — is accusing two White male Metro police officers of harassment when they stopped her near properties she owns alleging she was jaywalking next to a vacant lot, keeping her in a "spread eagle" position for 20 minutes on their police car hood, groping her in the pelvic and torso area during a body search, and issuing the senior a ticket for jaywalking.

Linda Goodman, said that in addition to the physical harassment while detained, the two officers hurled insults and tried to goad her into responding.

In an interview with the *Sentinel-Voice*, Goodman said, "I was walking across a vacant lot, between my two properties — a four-unit apartment building at Owens [Avenue] and H [Street], and the one family house at Van Buren and H — that was being renovated, at about 5 p.m. last Tuesday, [Feb. 20], when a police car speed down the street, and one of the two police officers yelled out, 'Hey you with the bandanna, come here.'"

Goodman said an unnamed police officer, wearing badge #9340, spoke to her: "Do you know you were jaywalking?"

She said she replied, "Where's the crosswalk?"

To which the officer replied: "If you weren't so stupid you would know the crosswalk is at the corner."

Goodman said, "The other cop then searched me."

In what Goodman described as an "embarrassment,"

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Photo special to the Sentinel-Voice by Marty Frierson

## PRINCELY DOUBLE

A Prince impersonator performs for appreciative fans during Fitzgeralds Las Vegas' Fifth Anniversary celebration on Fremont Street over the weekend.