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*Singer Darius Coleman*

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# Let's Get Ready To Rumble

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
The Truth Contributor

*I did not run on the basis of race, but I will not run away from it. I am proud of who I am and I am proud of this (Democratic) Party, for we are truly America's last best hope to bridge the division of race, region, religion, and ethnicity.*

- Ronald Brown



"Silent" Sandy Drabik-Collins was there with her camel. Carty, accompanied by some of his best black peeps rocking tee shirts with the Finkbeiner brand, showed up also. But make no mistake about it, Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson possessed the political home field advantage as she led the African American Festival parade down historical black Dorr Street a/k/a "The Block," last Saturday.

As the Toledo mayoral race begins to heat up, Hicks-Hudson has also upped her game significantly. "She's getting better every week, getting her feet under her quite a bit. She is stepping around Reinbolt and showing leadership on a variety of regional items. The one declared candidate that is out there is Sandy Drabik who is just starting, but obviously we'll squash her, She (Drabik-Collins) is not the issue," said one political insider.

The one candidate that could dampen Hicks-Hudson's bright election hopes is former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, whose presence at the African-American Festival suggested that his brand is still relevant to at least some in the African-American community.

With the mere placement of Finkbeiner's name on the ballot, some electoral consultants believe that Carty has the political infrastructure and a base vote across Toledo that will guarantee him eight to 10 thousand votes. If true, that number could be all it takes for Finkbeiner to win.

Yet the most significant threat to Hicks-Hudson's November election is that revealed by the process to obtain signatures to put ResponsibleOhio's proposed constitutional amendment to legalize marijuana on the statewide ballot. Although the group presented 700,000 signatures to meet the Ohio requirement of 300,000, Secretary of State Jon Husted indicated that only 276,082 were valid. In Lucas County, approximately 27,000 of the 51,000 signatures were ruled invalid.

Yet this is about more than marijuana, a veritable canary in the coal mine, which possibly extends to the 2016 presidential race and even Toledo's 2015 mayoral election.

The bigger issue, according to Sylvester Gould, senior advisor for ResponsibleOhio, the group behind legalization in Ohio, is that the invalid signatures came predominately from majority black communities.

"This is a November 2016 issue and implications that affect the mayor's race in Toledo," said Gould. "The signatures that the collectors were taking give the address where you last voted. That may

not be where you live now. If you didn't vote in the last three years, then they've purged you from the rolls. Now it's mighty damn funny but it's not, that this is consistent around the state. We're talking about predominately African-American communities in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Lucas and Hamilton counties. What we need to be talking about in terms of Paula Hicks-Hudson is, okay, we've got to make sure that people in those neighborhoods are going to be able to go to the polls and vote, and not have their names purged from the voter rolls," adds Gould.

While ResponsibleOhio continues working to obtain the additional 30,000 statewide signatures that the organization needs to successfully put the marijuana issue on the November ballot, Hicks-Hudson, continues to invest in expensive data-driven polling. She has also held head to head strategy sessions with a variety of people on issue

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## Community Calendar

### June 13-September 12

Evangelical Church of God: Free parenting classes and free anger management classes: 419-297-3530

### July 20-24

Pilgrim Church Vacation Bible School: "The Kingdom of the Son;" 6 to 8 pm; Free for children ages 4-12: 419-478-6012

### July 21 & 23

Auditions for People Choice Awards: 6-8 pm; West Toledo Branch Library; Awards are on August 16 at Stranahan Theatre: 419-508-8919 or 419-810-1341 or 419-215-1464

### July 22-26

Trinity Faith Tabernacle Annual Summer Conference: Wednesday – Friday nightly service 7 pm; Thursday and Friday 10 am and 2 pm sessions; Sunday worship service at 11 am: 419-340-6253

### July 25

United Church of God Community Baptism: 1-6 pm; 670 Phillips: 419-810-6335

Swanton Area Railroad Club Model Display: St Stephen's COGIC; 11 am to 5 pm

St. Phillips Lutheran Church Community Day: 11 am to 3 pm; Food for Thought Mobile Food Pantry – food, school supplies: 419-475-2835

St. Stephen's Community Festival: 11 am to 5 pm; Toledo Zoo, Home Depot, Toledo Fire Dept, Crazy Dave and the Clowns

Upper Room Tabernacle 2nd Annual Outreach Fair: Noon to 3 pm; Carnival games, bounce house, face painting, school supplies giveaway, community agencies

### July 25-26

United MBC Homecoming Weekend: Church picnic on Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm; Sunday 10:45 am service with guest preacher Rev. Ethel Scurlock

### July 29

Community Dialogue and Public Forum on Urban Revitalization Through the Lenses of Peace and Justice: 9 am to 5 pm; Fredrick Douglass Community Association; Lunch, coffee, snacks provided: 419-530-2552 or info@i-i-p-e.org

### August 8

Shelter in a Storm 3rd Annual Fellowship Festival at old Warren School grounds – Franklin and Woodruff: Noon to 7:30 pm; Entertainers include Darius Coleman and Boys of Harmony: 419-270-2261 or 419-244-7458

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# Let the Church Be the Church

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Already, there is a sound in the air that after the success of the gay marriage agenda via the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that the gay lobby could very well target the tax-exempt status of churches.

It is no secret that the value of tax-exempt church properties and their holdings including their parsonages and the salaried tax deductions allowed to the "clergy" is breathtakingly in the hundreds of billions of dollars. Yes, that is billion with an "s" at the end.

Taxation is a purely secular matter with all parties purportedly being treated equal and if churches refuse to change their policies or standards about their treatment of same sex couples or gay people, someone will eventually file a lawsuit challenging the church's right to enjoy tax exempt status.

It is not unfair to say that of the hundreds of religious denominations in the United States and with the thousands of clergy who populate pulpits across the country, one losing an IRS tax exempt status could be financially devastating.

Churches in America are glued to the idea of receiving tax exempt status for their activities and to disallow such "free" money would be a colossal blow to both existing churches and their facilities and a chilling effect against new church "start-ups".

Although the U.S. government does not, as with some countries (France and England), have an "official national church," nevertheless, to cut asunder the bond of the IRS and the tax exemptions that churches enjoy would create a new American landscape of religious activity and evangelism.

Some of America's wealthiest churches like the Mormons, Roman Catholics and Methodists would suffer a financial tsunami if they were faced with the tax man evaluating their multiple realty holdings according to today's market value.

Any taxing agency would be drooling once it finished adding up the potential tax revenue that could be derived from taxing parishes, parsonages, parking lots, buildings, annexes, vacant land, retreat properties, commercial properties, cars, trucks, trailers, investment income, income from radio and television undertakings, income from solicitations from annual conventions, money generated from public appeals, salaries for church pastors; and income from receiving full sales taxes from the retail or wholesale purchases of churches and their affiliates.

How many churches would not be started if the facilitator knew that everything that they accumulated or held in a corporate name would be taxed the same as a restaurant or the clothing boutique next door?

How many charlatans preaching under the veneer of a tax-exempt status would preach a false Prosperity Gospel if they knew that those monies would be tapped by the tax man?

Think of all of the revivals and collections that churches take up each week that are not reported income. Rather the evangelist or visiting preacher is paid in cash, with a wink, and with no receipts asked for or given.

I think it is way past time for the IRS to uni-

laterally strip all churches of their tax-exempt funding save for audited public service works such as adoption agencies, hospitals, domestic charities, homeless shelters, half way houses, job training programs, clinics (not abortion) and academic scholarships.

Why? Actually the reason is quite simple. A body of believers is called the church... and not the physical building they meet in.

When a committed body of believers want to meet and worship and do outreach activities, they do not need a tax-exempt status to do good works such as feeding the hungry, donating clothes to shelters or giving a ride to a person to get to work.

You do not need the IRS to approve or condone your style of worship or to give you permission to be a Good Samaritan. You do not need to be coaxed by a tax exemption to spread the gospel. You do not need the IRS to encourage you to do the works of ministry... unless of course you are not doing such works to being with!

The body of believers that convene under the banner of Jesus the Christ do not need any tax exemptions (except as stated above and even those are questionable) to do what the Word of God enjoins them or extolls them or commands them to do.

If anyone was to tell you that she could not operate a ministry or a mission or fulfill her religious calling without bowing the knee to the IRS tax god and getting that golden calf of a tax exemption to grace her endeavors, she is spouting idle gibberish.

If anyone cries and bemoans a loss of any tax exemption, you might want to follow his trail of crocodile tears and find out that he is teary eyed at the loss of tax free goodies and perks that his fleshly appetites have become accustomed to and does not want to give up.

If any preacher of the Word of God rants and raves about not being able to convene a body of believers to worship due to not having a 501(c) (3) exemption, he is in the final throes of lunacy since not having a tax-exempt covering does not mean that you can not engage in ministry.

It comes down to this. When the Body of Christ says that, "My God shall supply all of our needs according to His riches...." do the members really believe that or is it just for talking points?

The true church of Jesus Christ does not need



Lafe Tolliver

a tax-exempt status to do what they are called to do. Can you imagine the early church running to Caesar for his approval or coverage and using the argument that without Caesar's blessing, they were powerless to perform?

The spiritual church of God does not depend upon the vagaries of the secular world or its enticing perks in order to carry out its various works of ministries. If someone tells you that, that person is a Bible illiterate.

What would happen if the IRS was to strip all "churches" of their tax exempt status? Simple. You would find the real church emerging and that would be a church spending more time in prayer and Bible Study and doing the works of ministry because now, their sole dependence would be on God and not under the umbrella of the all wise IRS.

Imagine what would happen to "church" giving if the pew sitter could not write off on their tax returns, a deduction for charitable giving (a/k/a: the tithe) to their "church" or mosque or synagogue? Talk about a nosedive in attendance!

Will the tax man strike with his calculator and appraisal books? I hope so. It would be a welcomed and nice winnowing out of the wheat from the chaff. The counterfeit from the real. The sheep from the goats!

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# Community Invited to Participate in Freedom Walk for Sex Slavery Awareness

The community is invited to participate in "Slave Trail Freedom Walk" on Friday, August 14, 2015, beginning at 6 p.m. The walk begins at the Lathrop House at Harroun Park on Main St., Sylvania, and will follow the Ottawa River. It concludes at the Harroun Barn on the campus of Flower Hospital.

"Through this event," explains Jeff Willbarger, Director of The Daughter Project, "we want to challenge and inspire people with the fact that slavery did not end with the underground railroad – it still happens today in the form of sex trafficking."

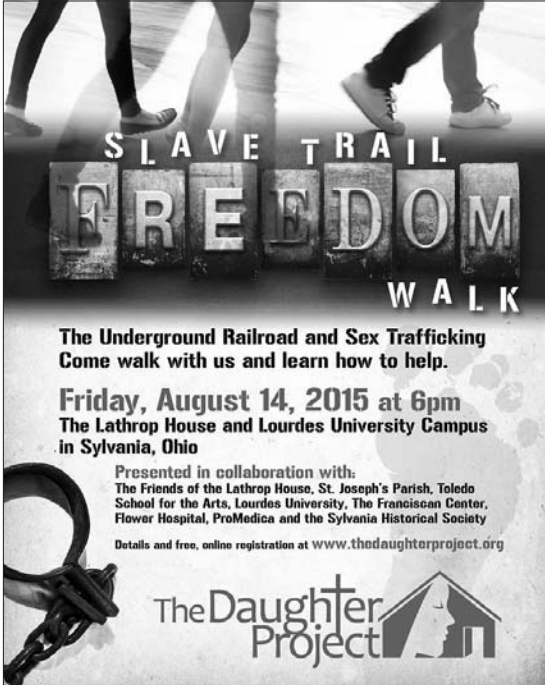
Willbarger continues, "The house and barn were both used to hide slaves as they traveled through Toledo on their way to freedom in the north. We expect this to be a profound time of reflection for all who participate."

Also included in the event are readings from slave diaries, viewing of the sex trafficking documentary "Nefarious" and dance performances by students of the Toledo School for the Arts.

This event is being presented in cooperation with the Friends of the Lathrop House, St. Joseph's Parish - Respect Life Committee, Toledo School for the Arts, Lourdes University, The Franciscan Center, Flower Hospital and the Sylvania Historical Society.

*The Daughter Project is an all-volunteer organization – except for the House Moms and Case Manager – whose goal is to provide holistic healing services in an extremely safe, home-like environment to girls/women who have been freed from sex traffickers at no cost. Doctors, counselors and other professionals have committed to provide medical services to our girls. Specific therapies include; art, dance, drama, equine, music and play therapy. In addition, we collaborate with various local community organizations to provide healthy, educational opportunities for the girls.*

For more information, go to [thedaughterproject.org](http://thedaughterproject.org).



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# Leadership Academy Continues Actively Mentoring Local Girls

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

The Linnie B. Willis Girls' Leadership Academy sponsored a weekend of training entitled, "Leadership through Social Media," from July 10-12, 2015 on the campus of the University of Toledo.

"I saw enthusiasm with these young ladies and the presenters were excellent. The one moment that stood out the most was the speech given by a young lady," said Linnie Willis, executive director of Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority. "She's the product of public housing, and currently an educator in the Cincinnati Public Schools system. Last night at dinner she told her story and spoke about growing up in public housing and about her life in general. Her story was inspiring. I want each of our young ladies to know that they can achieve greatness too."

Immediately following the Friday parents' orientation, the participants interacted with each other, academy volunteers and community leadership while discussing various topics. The topics included: social media and computers, iPad, photography, divine minds workshop, business attire fashion shows, self-image, leadership and learning styles, community service and volunteerism, internet scams and fellowship among each participant.

"This weekend at the academy we continued our workshops on the seven habits of highly effective teens," said Audrey Johnson, facilitator. "Today we worked on mission statements, some of the girls even sang their mission statements, self expression is really important. I have been in the business of mentorship for 25 years. It's valuable to teach young ladies how to become leaders and equip them with necessary tools, because these ladies are our future and need to learn the skills from someone."

The final project of the weekend was a team presentation displayed using iPad technology. The five-minute presentation required researching a topic and speaking from all team members.

Six of the teams, comprised of the 2015 participants, researched the organization's purpose, services provided, value for women and children, volunteer opportunity for academy participants, and photos for the following community agencies: Hashtag Lunchbag, School Girls United, The Daughter's Project, Cherry Street Mission, Humane Society, and Ten Charities.

The 2014 participants created a Girls' Leadership Academy Facebook page. The page featured participant mission statements, and photos. The group also explained the importance of social media etiquette: be positive, use appropriate pictures, respect each other, don't cyber bully people, and more.

"The leadership conference for the 2015 girls has been another outstanding academy, and event for the girls who learned a great deal. All of our speakers were fantastic," said Ardenia Jones Terry.

The featured speakers were: Candice Harrison, Toledo Zoo communications director; Audrey Johnson, Achieve Academy counselor; Cecelia Adams, PhD, Toledo City Councilwoman; Linnie Willis; Natalie Lanese, Siena Heights University director and assistant professor of arts; Yvonne Harper, Toledo District 4 Councilwoman; Kimberly Alexander, Apple MacCafe Sales and Training; Anita Lopez, Lucas County Auditor; Zonta Club of Toledo; Linda Whittington-Clark, PhD, Whittington-Clark Associates psychologist; Janis Weber, Ohio Computing; Dawnetta Hayes, National Geographic's Grosvenor Fellow; Desiree Carnes, former Scott High School counselor; Kimesha Williams, Glass City Hustlers and Paula Hicks-Hudson, mayor City of Toledo.



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# R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. Is at It Again; Hosting Its 6th Annual Dads and Kids Kampout!

*Special to The Truth*

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc., founder, Mark Robinson vows to make a positive impact in the lives of Lucas County Children, his method though unconventional does have promise. His method... the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Camping.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is in the thrust of preparations for its **6th Annual Dads and Kids Kamp Out on Friday, August 28 @ 5 p.m. thru Sunday, August 30 @ 11:00 am.** The event will be held at Camp Mikonda Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH. Children attending the Kamp Out will be roughing it with dad under the stars, pure quality time, good old fashion fun, food, games, contest, and giveaways. A \$50.00 registration fee per is family required. \* Limited number of scholarships are available.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc., uses Biblical principles that are applicable and effective regardless of one's belief system. This non-profit's aim is to help men get the support, education and services they need to be the best fathers they can be. "This is a community event, we are still in need of sponsors to support our scholarship fund for dads who cannot afford the registration fee of \$50, and volunteers to make this a very memorable event for the dads and their children," said Mark Robinson.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is a faith-based not-for profit 501(c) (3). Its Mission is to restore fathers back to the head of the family through the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and reverse the trend of fatherlessness in the greater Toledo Area. R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc. provides a variety of practical services, such as, Fatherhood Education, service coordination, and spiritual support; and it uses Biblical principles that are applicable and effective regardless of one's belief system. This non-

profit's aim is to help men get the support, education and services they need to be the best fathers they can be.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. was founded in 2006 by Responsible Fatherhood Advocate, Robinson, a recipient of the 2013 Fatherhood Heroes Award, through President Obama's National Fatherhood Initiative Campaign. He knows first-hand about the lack of support provided to men with children having been a single parent for 6 years. Robinson recalls, "It was extremely difficult to get any type of support from the social service networks in my community, they were not designed with me in mind".

Robinson is a social worker by profession and at the present time holds a position as director of Field Education at Lourdes University. He has an extensive background in the field of social work and has served on numerous committees here in Ohio and in New York. He is currently serving on the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Board, which is a statewide collaboration that seeks to advance a fatherhood and family agenda at the state and local level.

According to Robinson, the 2010 Census is a clear indicator that we as a community must be proactive in our support of men in their role as Fathers and Husbands. "Dads are vitally important in the lives of their children and must be supported as they assume non-traditional and somewhat unfamiliar role as primary caregiver", said Robinson.

For more information about R.E.S.T.O.R.E. and/or "The Dads and Kids Kamp Out" please contact: Mark Robinson at 419-377-1488 or restorefathers@aol.com.



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# The Annual Combined Session of the Order of the Pythagorans and Grand Girls Assembly

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The 2015 Grand Session of the Order of Pythagorans and the Grand Girls Assembly, the boys and girls youth chapters, respectively, of the Order of the Eastern Star, was held on July 9-12 on the campus of the University of Toledo.

Approximately 125 boys attended the weekend conference as members of the Order of the Pythagorans. The Order was established 70 years ago in the State of Ohio in order to emphasize programs for educational, social, vocational and moral development.

More than 200 girls were present for the 63rd meeting of the Grand Girls Assembly, which was organized in 1952 and dedicated to the development of character in youth.

The Grand Session, which rotates around the State of Ohio, was hosted this year by The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The purpose of the Grand Session is to give youth from around the state the opportunity to fellowship and to compete in a range of activities – in the classroom and on the playing fields.

Curtis Campbell, the R.W. director of youth activities, led the Pythagorans events and Sis Margaret Farrier, grand director of youth activities, led the Girls Assembly.

The weekend events began on Friday with the Grand Royal Queen Banquet as Judah Tutt, R.V. grand senior counselor, and Princess Janel Link, grand royal princess, served as master and mistress of ceremonies, respectively.

The event culminated in presentations to the 2015 Grand Royal Queen, KeyAndra Reese, and the 2015 Most Valiant Grand Master Companion, Quentin Francis.

Daytime activities included sessions devoted to breakouts on math, science and other educational topics along with voting sessions for elected officials.

Saturday night's Awards Banquet was again hosted by Tutt and Link. Remarks were given by Campbell, Farrier, Reese and Francis along with Jacqueline Harris, Grand Worthy Matron, Amaranth Grand Chapter; the Honorable Darryl Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Carl Williams, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

On Sunday, the main event was a divine service held in the Student Union and attended by both youth groups. Rev. Jack Streeter of Akron's Mt. Calvary Baptist offered the sermon.



*Curtis Campbell, Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, Margaret Farrier*



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# The 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast

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*TUFCU Staff: Front Row: DeLise Simmons, Brittany Smith, Mayor Hicks-Hudson, Angela Cattledge, Enjoli Henry Back Row: Alexandria Leatherberry, Suzette Cowell, Darius Coleman, Michael Early, Eric Cowell*



*County and City Officials: Councilman Tyrone Riley, Mayor Hicks-Hudson, Councilman Larry Sykes, LC Commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon Wozniak, LC Administrator Laura Lloyd-Jenkins, Councilwoman Yvonne Harper and Suzette Cowell*



*2015 Honorees*

Once again, the African American Festival got off to an early start with a prayer breakfast held on Friday morning, July 17. This year's event was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church and featured prayers offered by a host of area ministers, song selections by Darius Coleman and a tribute to a number of honorees.

The Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, under the leadership of CEO Suzette Cowell, organizes the annual event.

This year's honorees included: Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Rhoda Adams-Allen; Rev. Derek Arnold; Mike Baumgartner; Rev. Sheila Early; Rosalind Welch; Sis. Virginia Welsh; Rev. Timothy Pettaway, Sr; Brittany Smith and Ray Wood.

Those offering prayers at the breakfast were: Rev. Cordell Jenkins, pastor of Abundant Life Ministries; Rev. Robert Lyons, Sr., pastor of Greater St. Mary's Baptist; Rev. Stanley Clark, pastor of United Visions Church; Bishop M.C. McGhee, pastor of Serenity Church; Elder Alisa Key of People's Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Timothy Pettaway, pastor of Walk the Word and Bishop Brehon Hall, pastor of Greater New Psalmist Church.

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# The 11th Annual African American Festival

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In spite of less than ideal weather over the weekend, crowds still came and entertainers still entertained.

Saturday's entertainment began with Boom The Bomb, followed by saxophonist Katrina Barnhill, Five Deep Band, comedian Darrell Banks, The Good, The Bad & The Blues, Steve Perry and culminated with the evening's headliners, Zapp.

Sunday's show opened with the Greater New Psalmist Praise Team, followed by Purpose, Third Generation, Chris Byrd, the Abundant Life Men's Chorus, Darius Coleman & D.C. Singers and, finally, the night's headliner, The Rance Allen Group.



Rance Allen



Darius Coleman



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The Zapp Band



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# How to Inspire Young Girls to Dream Big

*Special to The Truth*

For parents, encouraging children to dream big is part of the job description. And while more doors are now open for women in historically male-dominated fields like science, technology and sports, for parents with daughters it's more important than ever to drive home the "you can do anything" message.

While you can't be there all the time, when you're together, you can do your best to steer the conversation in ways that inspire.

The experts at VTech, an award-winning electronic toy manufacturer that is introducing a revolutionary range of dolls for girls called Flipsies, are offering a few tips to help parents find ways that they can empower their girls to follow their dreams and aspire for more:

## Talk about It

Everything your child consumes, from television to books to magazines, becomes part of her consciousness. Monitor what your daughter watches and reads, and encourage her to choose media with positive messaging, cultural value or a lesson. Together, look for shows and books that feature women following their dreams. Read the newspaper and talk about articles illustrating women doing great things.

## Innovate Play Time

The way children play can be very influential to their development and self-esteem, and toy makers are catching on that parents are looking for more in their children's toys. Parents can take advantage of new trends in toy design that infuse interactive technology with classic role play to encourage engaging, imaginative play.

A new line of dolls and playsets, Flipsies, encourages young girls ages four and up to let their dreams shine and be anything they want to be, whether it's a doctor, marine biologist, baker, rock star or veterinarian. Each of the eight dolls in the range has talents and big ambitions -- from Eva, a pet lover who dreams of being a veterinarian to Styla, a confident DIY-er and aspiring fashion designer. The dolls wear a charm with special powers to "flip" their dreams into reality, encouraging girls with the message that they can do the same.

## Be a Role Model

Surround your daughter with positive role models. From her basketball coach to her teacher to you, children look to grownups for guidance and often model their behavior. If possible, consider taking your daughter to your workplace or along on volunteer projects so she can see what you do during the day. Talk to her teacher about participating in a career day at school.

For empowering activities, games, quizzes and webisodes for girls, and more parenting tips and resources, visit [www.Flipsies.com](http://www.Flipsies.com).

From the toys your child plays with to the media she consumes, you can inspire your daughter's happiness and success by directing positive messaging her way.

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# Area Office on Aging Receives 2nd Place in National Aging Innovation Award Competition

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Out of the 618 Area Agencies on Aging across the country, The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) honored the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. (AOoA) today with the 2nd Place National Aging Innovation Award, which came with a \$1,500 prize. This award recognizes the innovative partnership between the Area Office on Aging and National Church Residences in providing housing and supportive services for older adults.

National Church Residences (NCR) and the AOoA have worked together for over a decade to provide care and supportive services for low-income seniors and disabled adults.

NCR manages several housing properties for the AOoA. But in 2010, after an accident destroyed a historic housing complex in downtown Toledo, AOoA convinced NCR to work with them to re-

build and rethink the facility. The resulting joint venture funded and created a 54-unit facility known as Renaissance Apartments. Area Office on Aging President/CEO **Billie Johnson** said, "Thanks to the collaboration, some of the community's most vulnerable citizens have access to quality care and supportive housing." NCR invested more than \$10 million in renovation of the facility. AOoA provides services such as daily meals, home-care waiver services, information and assistance and service coordination to the residents.

This is the 9th national award the Area Office on Aging has received for its innovative work. The n4a Aging Achievement Award recognizes unique and creative programs that meet the needs of older Americans and serve as models of excellence for Area Agencies on Aging.



On stage at the award presentation are (left to right) Area Office on Aging Board Chairman Phil Walton, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Board 1st Vice President Mary Beals-Luedtka, Critical Signal Technologies Executive Director of Business Development Heather Sellar, Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Community Living Kathy Greenlee and Area Office on Aging President/CEO Billie Johnson.

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and precinct indicators in an effort to counter the former mayor, who although yet to declare, seems to be constantly stalking her.

Currently Paula is awaiting up-to-date data, which will provide her with what she expects to be a path to victory. Once it is received, the challenge will be how to implement the

plan dictated by the polling data. "Every campaign has to have road maps because you can't just guess," noted the consultant, "but the real question is: Can you execute. Can you do the travel plan?" The answer is one that no one is yet able to answer.

"That will be known soon," said another person close to Hicks-Hudson's campaign. Although the mayoral fight is not likely to get red hot until the August 10 filing deadline, one thing for certain, two things for sure. It's already "on like a pot of neckbones."

Let's get ready to rumble!

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# Only The Strong By Jabari Asim

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

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Never underestimate yourself.

You can carry the weight of 10 worlds on your shoulders and still have time to do your job. You can lift spirits, move mountains and haul out in a hot minute. You have more power deep inside you than you realize – but, as in the new novel, *Only the Strong* by Jabari Asim, you still have weaknesses.

Lorenzo “Guts” Tolliver never had reason to show a soft side.

Being soft, in fact, was detrimental to his life and his job as right-hand man for Ananias Goode, who more-or-less ran Gateway City. Softness wasn't what you wanted a man to see as you broke his legs or killed him.

Well over six feet tall and looking like a tank, Guts was deceptively fast of feet and fists, and

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Goode saw something in Guts years ago that he liked. Through the decades, Goode learned to trust Guts, and he liked him – so when Guts asked to step back as Goode's driver-body-guard-enforcer, Goode gave his blessing.

It was, Goode knew, all about a

woman.

He knew because he, too, had a woman he wanted but really couldn't have.

Years ago, when she was just 15, Dr. Artences Noel watched her Mama wither away from grief, and she promised herself that she'd never fall *that* in love with a man. She might have kept her promise to herself – work, charities, her clinic, saving black babies from death-by-being-poor, those were her life – but then Ananias Goode came around one night with a stab wound that he



Jabari Asim - photo courtesy Chef Reynolds II

*“Only the Strong” effortlessly transmits Jabari Asim’s profound affection for this book’s charismatic and varied characters. This is a vivid, revelatory portrait of 1970s America in the disheartened aftermath of Martin Luther King Jr.’s death.”*

—RAFAEL YGLESIAS,  
author of *The Wisdom of Perversity*

## ONLY THE STRONG

AN AMERICAN NOVEL

Jabari Asim

wanted quietly stitched. One thing led to another, led to a regular Wednesday session at a local motel, but they couldn't let anyone know.

Ananias Goode was still a married man.

Deep inside his well-appointed home, amid whooshing respirators and the smell of antiseptic, the comatose Mrs. Goode lay curled in a fetal position, a victim of the war her husband had with another gang, a war that also left her infant son dead. Remembering that, knowing it, was something Ananias Goode lived with.

And for the man watching him, it was also something Goode would die with...

Wow. Well, here's the thing: I almost never read a book twice, especially a novel. I'd definitely make an exception for this one.

The most appealing thing about *Only the Strong*, I think, was that it seemed as though I lived inside the story itself, and finishing it felt like I'd been evicted. I felt unmoored. Author Jabari Asim does that: he draws a reader in with richly-worked characters who, though often despicable, are attention-grabbing; settings that you can almost step right into and flashbacks that move the story forward at a perfect pace. That's the kind of writing that sometimes makes you forget that you're reading a piece of fiction. Yep: wow.

Though I generally don't like to compare authors, Walter Mosely fans will eat this debut novel right up. It's noir, it's fast-paced, it's hard-hitting, and it's one you shouldn't miss. *Only the Strong* will leave you weak in the knees.



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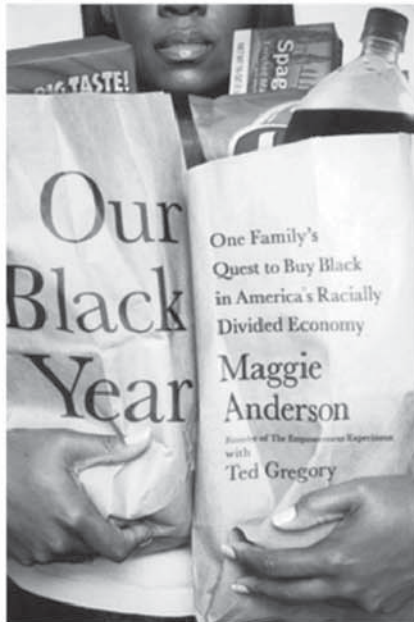
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Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson brought along the largest contingent of boosters, mayoral candidate Sandra Drabik-Collins brought along a camel and a goat and former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner brought along his unbounded energy and enthusiasm.

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