

# Jackson pushes for black-Latino solidarity

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Capitol Hill. Jackson said he is willing to work with Fox and other Latino leaders to help craft a sensible immigration policy that isn't as harsh to undocumented workers.

"The challenge is to build a legal way for people to migrate, so people can come back and forth," de Icaza said at a news conference at the 34th annual Rainbow/PUSH conference. de Icaza said he

will work with Jackson and a black-Latino coalition to solve many issues that the nation's two largest minorities have in common.

"I am here to show respect and appreciation to African Americans and Operation PUSH. There is no reason (we) cannot be friends and brothers. (Blacks) have a great history in the United States, with civil rights," he said.

He emphasized the importance of the "human dimension" in a relationship with African Americans. One area that the two groups can work on in the short-term is trade.

"We have with the United States, the biggest trade agreement on earth. We buy American goods more than Japan and the United Kingdom combined," de Icaza said. "We have trade to protect."

Rev. James T. Meeks, a state senator and vice president of PUSH, brought humor and insight to the somewhat strained relationship African Americans and Latinos have shared over the past few weeks.

He compared it to the relationship between former Los Angeles Lakers teammates Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"Without cooperation, we

will be at home like Shaq and Kobe—sitting at home watching others play," he said to a laughing audience at the business luncheon.

Jackson also said a strong black-Latino alliance can play a role in the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2007.

"The result of the Voting Rights Act created a historic rise in African-American and Latino elected officials around the nation," Jackson said.

He said the alliance is timely because combined, African-Americans and Latinos make up more than a majority of the populations in the country's largest 75 cities.

"He said, When we work together we can finish the unfinished business of our movement the constitutional right to vote, the constitutional rights to health care and education and the right to organize and breathe free.

## PEOPLE OF NOTE

### West Charlotte High graduate to try for world basketball team

UNC Charlotte basketball standout Curtis Withers has accepted an invitation to attend the July 21-23 USA Basketball Men's under-21



Withers

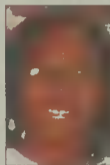
National Team Trials in Dallas, Texas. Trials will be used to select the final 12-member U.S. under-21 squad that will look to defend the

USA's gold medal at the 2005 FIBA U21 World Championship in Mar de Plata, Argentina, Aug 5-14.

Withers, a graduate of West Charlotte High School, started for the 2004 USA U21 World Championship Qualifying Team, that won a gold medal by going unbeaten at the qualifying tournament

in Halifax, Canada, and earned the U.S. its berth to this year's U21 Worlds.

• Ayana Washington will be one of 360 academically talented students taking part in the National Young Scholars Program July 10-22 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.



Ayana

NYSP inspires fourth- and fifth-grade students to explore, invent, learn and think creatively. The 13-day program will engage participants in challenging coursework with the knowledge gained culminating in student-created projects.

Ayana is a fifth-grader at Dilworth Elementary School.

• Ashley and Kamryn

McCorkle competed in the AAU state track and field championships held on June 25-26 at Myers Park High School. The two sisters are members of the Charlotte Heat track club.

Ashley, 11, an Honor Roll student at Mint Hill Middle School, has competed in the national AAU Junior Olympic

Games for the last three years. Ashley is the reigning State Champion of the 400 meter dash, 800 run and 200 meter regional qualifier.

Kamryn, 9, an honor roll student at Crown Point Elementary, was the 2004 state bronze medalist in the long jump and silver medalist in the 400 meters, 800 run

and 2004 regional bronze medalist in the 800. Kamryn earned All-American honors in the 1500 run at the 2005 AAU Southern Indoor Championships held in Knoxville, Tenn. in February. Kamryn is the reigning state champion of the 800 and 1500 and long jump bronze medalist.

Ashley and Kamryn will represent Matthews at the 2005 AAU Junior Olympic Games to be held in New Orleans at Tad Gormley Stadium July 30-Aug. 6.

The Region 3A championships will be held at E.E. Waddell High School in Charlotte July 7-10.



Sisters Kamryn (left) and Ashley McCorkle of Mint Hill qualified for the AAU state track and field championships. The honor students will run in the Region 3A championships July 7-10 in Charlotte.

## Obama sees parallels with Abraham Lincoln

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CHICAGO - Sen. Barack Obama sees parallels between former President Abraham Lincoln's life and his own, but he says the 16th U.S. president credited with freeing U.S. slaves might not have envisioned a black man occupying the seat he now holds.



Obama

Obama, who occupies the U.S. Senate seat from Illinois that Lincoln lost to Stephen Douglas in 1858, wrote about how Lincoln shaped his life in an upcoming special issue of Time magazine.

"In Lincoln's rise from poverty, his ultimate mastery of language and law, his capacity to overcome personal loss and remain determined in the face of repeated defeat — in all this, he reminded me not just of my own struggles. He also reminded me of a larger, fundamental element of

American life — the enduring belief that we can constantly remake ourselves to fit our larger dreams," Obama wrote.

The issue is on newsstands Monday.

Obama, the son of a Kenyan father and American mother who is just the fifth black senator in U.S. history, also raised questions about Lincoln's role in ending slavery.

"I cannot swallow whole the view of Lincoln as the Great Emancipator," Obama said. "As a law professor and civil rights lawyer and as an African-American, I am fully aware of his limited views on race. Anyone who actually reads the Emancipation Proclamation knows it was more a military document than a clarion call for justice."

## Lack of subscribers leads to C-SET demise

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content for viewers in North and South Carolina."

The network was available to digital cable subscribers and served as the home to 60 Bobcats games during the 2004-05 season as well as WNBA Charlotte Sting telecasts, original programming, Carolinas college football, basketball and baseball games and minor league baseball.

Those offerings weren't enough to lure subscribers to Time Warner's digital tier, which costs \$15 more monthly than standard cable in Charlotte. Time Warner digital reaches about 600,000 subscribers in both states.

"We are now focused on ensuring that future Bobcats and Sting games are telecast on basic cable to reach as many fans as possible."

The Bobcats are pursuing basic cable options for game telecasts on Time Warner Cable and other systems and will air a minimum of 15 games on WJZY-TV (Channel 46) in Charlotte.



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