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## Longtime champion of civil rights

2-time presidential candidate led movement for decades after MLK's assassination

By Sophia Tareen  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, a protege of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and two-time presidential candidate who led the Civil Rights Movement for decades after the revered leader's assassination, died Tuesday. He was 84.

As a young organizer in Chicago, Rev. Jackson was called to meet with King at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., shortly before King was

killed, and he publicly positioned himself thereafter as King's successor.

Santita Jackson confirmed that her father, who had a rare neurological disorder, died at home in Chicago, surrounded by family.

Rev. Jackson led a lifetime of crusades in the United States and abroad, advocating for the poor and underrepresented on issues, including voting rights, job opportunities,

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Rogelio Solis/Associated Press

The Rev. Jesse Jackson in 2006

Jackson developed deep roots and connections in Pittsburgh

By Lindsay Shachnow  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Rev. Jesse Jackson sat at a kitchen table in May 1984.

He was eating breakfast inside a Pittsburgh family's home when a young boy climbed onto his lap.

The boy smiled at him.

Rev. Jackson looked natural holding the boy in one hand as he ate his food with the other — all while he talked to the other family members

at the table.

The family had invited Rev. Jackson to sleep over at their home the night before. It became a common practice for the Civil Rights Movement icon during his 1984 presidential campaign to spend the night at several homes across the country.

Rev. Jackson, who built upon the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s progress advancing civil rights and

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## A WARM MEETING



Giuseppe LoPiccolo/Post-Gazette

A pedestrian looks over Downtown from the West End Overlook as the icy Allegheny River, left, meets the melted Monongahela River on Tuesday. Warmer temperatures will continue Wednesday with a high of 60 and low of 45. Occasional rain is expected. **Weather, Page B-12**

## 2016 ELECTION DOJ PROBE SEEKING MORE RECORDS

New inquiry of Russian interference response

By Eric Tucker  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has issued new subpoenas in a Florida-based investigation into perceived adversaries of President Donald Trump and the U.S. government response to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, according to multiple people familiar with the matter.

An initial wave of subpoenas in November asked recipients for documents related to the preparation of a U.S. intelligence community assessment that detailed a sweeping, multi-prong effort by Moscow to help Trump defeat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election.

Though the first subpoenas requested documents from the months surrounding

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## Call to police leads to man's ICE arrest

By Jacob Geanous  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

### BRENTWOOD

Maklim Escalante called Brentwood police to report that a drunken man had shown up to his house uninvited and tried to force his way in, according to police documents.

As police took the man — Carlos Orantes Diaz — away in hand-

cuffs, his last words to Mr. Escalante were "you are going to die," according to the criminal complaint filed Dec. 20 in the Baldwin Magisterial Court.

One month later, Mr. Escalante, compelled by a subpoena, arrived at the court to testify

against Mr. Diaz. Instead, Mr. Escalante was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, whisked away, and now both he and Mr. Diaz are being detained in Moshannon Valley Processing Center, the largest ICE detention facility in the Northeast.

State and local lawmakers said they believe that immigration arrests of crime victims, like Mr. Es-

calante, could ultimately do significant damage to public safety.

"If criminals know there is an entire group of people they can effectively commit crime against with impunity because the government will punish the victims for coming forward, it's terrible," Allegheny County at-large Councilman Alex

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## New group aims to boost investment in NW Pa.

By Madalene Rubin  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Former Pittsburgh Steelers running back Rocky Bleier appeared in a video message that played before hundreds of people gathered in a conference room in Mercer County Tuesday afternoon.

"Our people built things — machines, steel," the four-time Super Bowl champion said. "Then, things changed. Factories closed, people moved away, communities struggled."

"But this isn't a time to look back:

It's about what's next."

Enter Power Northwest, a new nonprofit organization formed to advocate for — and draw investments to — the 10-county region north of Pittsburgh.

Power Northwest won't replace existing economic development groups, said Robert Wilson, president of the group and the former head of Ohio-based Specialty Metals Processing.

Instead, the nonprofit will bring all parties together to create a

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### A DAZZLING FIGURE



Alysa Liu of Team USA competes during the women's short program figure skating event at the Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy, on Tuesday. Olympics coverage in Sports, Section B

### Election 2026

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It was sunny and 55 degrees on Tuesday — great weather for the first day of the political signature-gathering season — as state Rep. Joe McAndrew went door-to-door in Oakmont and did what he considers one of the best parts of his job: talking with constituents face-to-face.

Mr. McAndrew, a Democrat seeking re-election to his 32nd House District seat representing the Oakmont-Penn Hills region, was among many hundreds of 2026 candidates statewide who were likely out and about Tuesday, the first day of a 22-day window in which to gather and file signatures on nominating petitions.

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### Weather

Cloudy and breezy; occasional rain. Daytime high, 60; tonight's low, 45.

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