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The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, center, marches with Delia Medina and scores of others as they rally at a hotel workers' strike in San Francisco in 2004. Jackson was a champion of workers' rights.

Civil rights icon kept hope alive

Pioneering leader took up mantle for decades after King's death

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, 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.

Jackson led a lifetime of crusades in the United States and abroad, advocating for the poor and underrepresented on issues.

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The then-Democratic presidential primary candidate speaks to supporters at a rally held at a Baptist church in Dayton, Ohio, in 1984.

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'A bridge called Jesse Jackson' crossed decades of advocacy.

Leaders, activists remember Jackson.

BART hit may ripple to homes

Cuts to service might affect real estate values near stations

By Rachel Swan

STAFF WRITER

The homes in San Francisco's Glen Park neighborhood have many hot amenities, from tiled fireplaces to spacious backyards.

But some residents cite one feature, above all else, that drew them to the area: They wanted to live near BART.

"It's definitely a big part of why we moved here," said Micha Hershman, who lives in a periwinkle house with terra cotta trim, two blocks up from the Glen Park Station. He and his wife ride BART up to 20 times a week, catching trains to the office, to run errands or to date nights in the Mission District.

Hershman and several of his neighbors perceive the transit system as essential to urban mobility, with the added benefit of significantly boosting their property values. A preponderance of research shows that real estate prices shoot up within half a mile of a BART station. County assessor data compiled by BART suggests that parcels in that half-mile radius are worth four times the average property in counties that BART serves. The math is particularly stark in areas like Glen Park, where a modest bungalow near the rail line could fetch about \$2 million.

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I-80, Hwy. 50 closed with visibility down to zero

By Anthony Edwards and Greg Porter
NEWSROOM METEOROLOGISTS

A major winter storm pounded the Sierra Nevada on Tuesday with some of the worst conditions in years, closing long stretches of Interstate 80 and Highway 50. Ski resorts also closed, and visibility vanished.

In the Bay Area, heavy rain, thunder and lightning and even hail accompanied a cold front that moved through the area on Tuesday morning, causing power outages, a handful of road closures due to flooding and the cancellation of numerous ferries.

Showers were forecast to linger around the Bay Area on Wednesday, especially in the morning. Some of those showers could bring snow and ice pellets to elevations as low as 1,000 feet around the region — or even lower in a few cases. Showers continue on A6

Big Sur gem reopens after nearly 10 years



Ventana Wilderness Alliance volunteers make repairs to the Marble Peak Trail last year. The path cuts from central Big Sur to the Salinas Valley.

Iconic wilderness trail repaired in time for the spring hiking season

By Gregory Thomas
STAFF WRITER

One of Big Sur's most spectacular trails, impassable for most of the past decade, has finally reopened, reconnecting hikers and backpackers to peaks, waterfalls and swimming holes in the heart of the region's rugged mountains.

The essence of Big Sur is its isolation and natural beauty — qualities that flow from the flanks of the imposing Santa Lucia Range, which insulates the coastal community

from the wider world like an earthen fortress. One of the only hiking routes that cuts across the mountains is the Marble Peak Trail, a historic 14-mile pathway that effectively connects central Big Sur to the distant Salinas Valley.

But an onslaught of wildfires, landslides and storm damage over the past decade essentially buried parts of the trail under downed trees and brambly overgrowth — until now. A yearslong resurrection project,

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