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Maya Angelou

An extraordinary life: Poet's memoirs of struggle inspired nation

By Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Maya Angelou's story awed millions. A childhood victim of rape, she broke through silence and shame to tell her tale in one of the most widely read memoirs of the 20th century. A black woman born into poverty and segregation, she recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no modesty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility comes from the inside out."

Angelou, a Renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86.

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Angelou was a rare literary figure unafraid to speak truth to power

Contemporary poets — and I am one, occasionally publishing ditties in little magazines with circulations in the high two figures — have a complicated relationship with the very few among us who achieve stardom and fame. And when it's "Oprah"-appearing fame, which is for maybe one poet in a generation, the jealousy is cubed.



Larry Wilson
Columnist

The ethereal, almost royal, indeed angelic personage that was Maya Angelou was beyond all that earthbound tripe. She was that rare literary figure of today who transcends the brows — the low, the middle, the high. When she died on Wednesday at 86, the mourning response was univer-

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Online: To see a photo gallery of Maya Angelou, go to PHOTOS.DAILYNEWS.COM



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maya Angelou, with a copy of her book "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" in Los Angeles in 1971, overcame poverty and racism to become an actor and dancer, then a famed author and activist, cultural beacon and pioneer. She died Wednesday at 86.

NBA

Reports: Offers made for Clippers

Winfrey among stars in sports, business

By Jack Wang
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As the NBA moves toward its June 3 hearing to oust Clippers owners Donald and Shelly Sterling, the latter continued her effort to sell the Los Angeles franchise for what could be a record price.

The first round of bidding for the Clippers closed Wednesday afternoon with a flurry of big names entering the ring.

According to ESPN, a group that includes Oprah Winfrey, music mogul David Geffen and Oracle CEO Larry Ellison has teamed with Guggenheim Partners executives Todd Boehly and Mark Walter — as well as Steve Jobs' widow Laurene Jobs and record executive Jimmy Iovine. Forbes ranks Ellison as the world's fifth-richest man, with a net worth of \$51 billion. Geffen and Winfrey are worth \$6 billion and \$3 billion, respectively.

Another group that includes former NBA All-Star Grant Hill, CLIPPERS » PAGE 8

@HIDDECASH

Anonymous man to drop money in L.A. next

By Terry Collins
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO » Someone is dropping envelopes full of cash across San Francisco — and causing an international frenzy on social media.

An anonymous man with the Twitter handle @HiddenCash has been hiding money throughout the city since Friday, leading scores on a scavenger hunt. His Twitter following exploded from a few hundred Friday to more than 80,000 and counting by midday Tuesday.

@HiddenCash said on Twitter that he planned to leave envelopes in San Jose on Wednesday, Los Angeles this weekend and maybe New York City next month. Followers have requested similar gestures in Alabama, Washington, D.C., MONEY » PAGE 7

FRENCH OPEN

No Williams sisters match for third round

Serena Williams was defeated by Garbine Muguruza, and her sister Venus lost to Anna Schmiedlova. SPORTS



REPORT

Phoenix hospital delayed care for 1,700 veterans

Veterans in need of care were "at risk of being lost or forgotten" after being kept off the official wait list. PAGE A18

WELL-BEING

The 2014 American Fitness Index is out

A report on the top 50 cities for fitness and health finds the L.A.-Long Beach area just middle of the road. PAGE A3

VIDEO

Listen to Maya Angelou recite her poetry

See a video collection of author, poet Maya Angelou reciting some of her most notable works. BIT.LY/MAYADN1



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