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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*

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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.

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,

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



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On Nov. 3, 1971, Maya Angelou poses with a copy of her book, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," in Los Angeles. Angelou, a Renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, has died, Wake Forest University said in a statement Wednesday. She was 86.

NBA

## Reports: Bids on Clippers offered

Oprah Winfrey is just one big name seen as showing an interest

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As the NBA moves toward its Tuesday 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, billionaire investor Bruce Karsh and Milwaukee Brewers part-owner Tony Ressler submitted a bid of

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BUDGET

## La Puente lays off code enforcement department

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La Puente quietly laid off its entire code enforcement department and its city clerk last week to cut \$235,000 from next year's budget.

The layoff of six code enforcement employees and City Clerk Pat Jacquez-Nares eliminates a projected deficit and very narrowly balances the budget, said La Puente City Manager David Carmany.

"We're going to have to maintain some really good discipline in the next fiscal year," Carmany said.

The anticipated cost savings primarily comes from a plan to replace existing employees with new hires with fewer hours or lower salaries.

The city clerk will become an appointed position with the professional duties carried out by a deputy city clerk with an approximate salary of \$75,000, much less than the \$105,000 given to Jacquez-Nares, according to Carmany. Jacquez-Nares was hired as La Puente's city clerk in 2010.

Many cities took a similar approach while trying to cut costs during the recession, said Anthony Mejias, chair of the Southern Cal-

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HOT SAUCE

## Sriracha no longer a nuisance in Irwindale

Irwindale Mayor Mark Breceda, center, with the City Council during Wednesday's meeting. The council voted to drop its lawsuit and public nuisance complaint against Huy Fong Foods' Sriracha factory during its meeting on Wednesday.  
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**IRWINDALE** » Sriracha's spicy relationship with the City Council cooled off a bit Wednesday after officials unanimously dismissed a lawsuit and public nuisance declaration against manufacturer Huy Fong Foods.

The standoff between the city and Sriracha creator David

Tran began in October when the city filed a lawsuit against his iconic company. The battle sparked fears among Sriracha fans there would be a global shortage of the popular condiment and its bottle with the tell-tale green cap.

An informal meeting Tuesday between Tran and city officials, accompanied by a written statement from Tran, provided

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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 missed 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 A14

TRAGEDY AFTERMATH

### Students return to class following rampage

Students returned to classes Wednesday at UC Santa Barbara, after the Friday attack that left seven dead. PAGE A7

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