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## MAYA ANGELOU » 1928-2014

*'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'*



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## Jim Crow to Medal of Freedom

By Emma Brown  
*Washington Post*

Maya Angelou, a child of the Jim Crow South who rose to international prominence as a writer known for her frank chronicles of personal history and a performer instantly identified by her regal presence and rich, honeyed voice, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86.

Her literary agent, Helen Brann, confirmed the death but said she

did not know the immediate cause. Angelou had heart ailments and had been in declining health for years.

Her son, Clyde "Guy" Johnson, an author who lives in the Oakland hills, told KTVU that he would miss his mother's "love and ability to call her. I left her last message on my phone and I'll never take it off."

Angelou established her lit-

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## PRICIEST PURCHASE

## Apple dances to new Beats

\$3B lands maker of audio equipment, streaming service

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Apple has got the Beats.

The Cupertino tech giant on Wednesday announced it has struck a \$3 billion deal to buy Beats Electronics, which makes high-end headphones, and its sister company, Beats Music, which runs a subscription music service. The deal, the largest in Apple's history, will bring to the company not only new products but also Beats founders Jimmy Iovine and Dr. Dre, both of whom are music industry legends.

Beats will help Apple "continue to create the most innovative music products and services in the world," company CEO Tim Cook said in a statement.

While many analysts questioned the high price

## WE GOT THE BEAT

Apple will pay:

**\$2.6B**  
in cash

**\$400M**  
in equity

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## @HIDDENCASH

## Hide-and-seek for dough gets rise out of valley

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SAN JOSE — In a place with as much money floating around as Silicon Valley — where billionaires are a dime a dozen and many tech entrepreneurs won't get out of bed unless they can get paid six figures for it, a man calling himself @HiddenCash on Twitter quickened the valley's pulse by leaving tiny piles of cash that, in the end, didn't add up to much, but meant a lot.

Conducting what his Twitter feed describes as an "anonymous social experiment for good," the media-savvy but camera-shy micro-philanthropist unleashed a one-day bombardment of Benjamins on the city Wednesday. There were five money drops in all, and as he doled out clues to their location via tweets, normally sane citizens scurried

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## RACE AND GENDER IN TECH

## Google sets tone for a serious debate on workforce diversity

If you care about the diversity of the tech industry, then give Google some credit after it released Wednesday, for the first time, the demographics of its workforce.

Not so much for the numbers themselves, which illustrate how far the company has to go to create a truly diverse workforce, but for its willingness to shed light on the issue.

After I wrote a column on the issue of diversity and tech, Google gave me an

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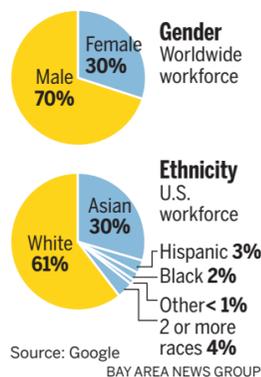
advance look at the makeup of its workforce before releasing it publicly.

The statistics are detailed but easy to sum up: Google is still mostly a white male tribe, especially in tech jobs and leadership roles. Men make up 70 percent of its global workforce and hold 83 percent of what it calls tech jobs. Whites are 61 percent of its U.S.

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## Google demographics

Google's workforce is mostly male and white or Asian, with few minority groups represented.



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