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'Voice of hope, and unity'

State remembers Maya Angelou — poet, dancer and so much more

By Mercy Quaye and The Associated Press

Like many Americans, Connecticut residents were inspired by the work of renowned poet

Maya Angelou.

After the announcement of her death Wednesday morning, the ripples of grief could be felt through the words of those who met the writer.

"I found myself on several occa-

sions being on the same stage with her," said New Haven attorney Clifton Graves, who crossed paths with Angelou on regular occasions while he worked in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. "For me it was a great honor just to be in her presence."

Angelou, who rose from poverty, segregation and violence to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page, died Wednesday, Wake Forest University an-

nounced. She was 86.

She had served as a professor of American studies at the school since 1982. Angelou had been set to appear this week at the Major League Baseball Beacon Awards Luncheon, but canceled in recent days citing an unspecified illness.

Quinnipiac University political science professor Khalilah Brown-Dean said Angelou should

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In this May 19, 1996, file photo, Quinnipiac College Honorary Degree recipient Maya Angelou, gives the commencement address at Quinnipiac College graduation.

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UNMARKED GRAVES



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Ronald Krom, executive director of St. Vincent dePaul Middletown, stands at the foot of grave number 1556 at the Connecticut Valley Hospital cemetery on Silvermine Road in Middletown Wednesday. Krom, with his cousin Margie Haught Perkins at his side, read his great-grandmother's name, Mary Krakauskas, at the 16th Reading of the Names.

CVH cemetery service names those society forgot

By Kaitlyn Schroyer
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MIDDLETOWN » Most of Mary Krakauskas' family barely knew

what happened to her after she entered Connecticut Valley Hospital in 1921.

Krakauskas, who was born in Lithuania in 1882 and came to the United States in 1903, is the

great-grandmother of Ron Krom, director of St. Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen.

Krakauskas died at age 66 on May 16, 1948, after having been at state-run hospital for people with mental illness and addictions for almost three decades and because records were lost, descendants may never know why she was there in the first place.

"My father came as a child to CVH, but he remembers sitting in the car because it was taboo to go inside," Krom said.

At the time of Krakauskas' death, mental illness was something families hid behind closed doors and felt was shameful. From 1878 to 1955, patients who died at CVH were placed in

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AROUND TOWN

City pushing for LED lights at Harbor Park

By Alex Gecan
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MIDDLETOWN » Bright lights and the sound of music are coming to the riverfront.

With the Summer Sounds concert series moving to the southern end of Harbor Park, the city Public Works Department will propose replacing 36 light fixtures along the riverfront with high-efficiency LED lights.

The upfront cost for the lights is \$19,360, for which the city will likely apply for Local Capital Improvement Project grant money, and city energy consultant John

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The Public Works Department will seek approval to install 36 high-efficiency LED lights along the riverfront.

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Why it's so hard for men to see misogyny

Some #YesAllWomen contributors suggested that men simply aren't paying attention to misogyny. PAGE A9



TENNIS

Williams sisters go home early

Williams was beaten 6-2 Wednesday by Garbine Murguza of Spain in the French Open. PAGE B2

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A diverse medical industry for better care

While the overall number of black and Latino physicians is rising, the numbers in leadership remain anemic. PAGE A8

NORM PATTIS

We haven't a clue how to spot a killer

Reading through thousands of trial transcripts taught a simple truth: We don't know why people snap. PAGE A3

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