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Tributes pour in for R&B singer Angie Stone after her death at 63

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Fans are remembering the voice and songs of trailblazer Angie Stone after her death at 63 in a weekend crash on an Alabama highway as she traveled from a performance.

The Grammy-nominated R&B singer was a member of the all-female hip-hop trio The Sequence and known for the hit song “Wish I Didn’t Miss You.” She found a sweet spot in the early 2000s as neo-soul began to dominate R&B.

In a recent Instagram post, Stone told fans she was excited about upcoming events and “getting back in the mix.”

“A lot of stuff is going on that I don’t want to just let out of the bag just yet,” she said. “But you can see that there’s a big grin on my face.”

The tributes to Stone on social media included one from rap artist MC Hammer, who posted a video featuring Stone’s song “Brotha,” writing “I can’t tell you how many days this song blessed my Soul. R.I.P. Angie Stone.”

Actor and singer Jennifer Hudson expressed disbelief in a social media post. “What a loss !!! Angie Stone was a true pioneer,” Hudson wrote. “Another one of our great soul singers gone too soon. Prayers up for her family and loved ones!”

The Alabama Highway Patrol said the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van that Stone was traveling in

overturned on Interstate 65 early Saturday before being hit by a 2021 Freightliner Cascadia truck. Stone was pronounced dead at the scene, the highway patrol said in a statement. The crash occurred about 5 miles south of the Montgomery city limits. The van’s driver and seven others were taken to a hospital for treatment. Officials continue to investigate the crash.

The singer-songwriter created hits like “No More Rain (In This Cloud)” which reached No. 1 for 10 weeks on Billboard’s Adult R&B airplay chart, “Baby” with legendary soul singer Betty Wright, another No. 1 hit, and “Wish I Didn’t Miss You” and “Brotha.” Her 2001 album *Mahogany Soul* reached No. 22 on the Billboard 200, while 2007’s *The Art Of Love & War* peaked at No. 11.

“Rest in Power, Angie Stone. A true pioneer, a soulful storyteller, and a voice that helped shape the sound of R&B,” the NAACP Image Awards posted on social media.

The church-grown singer was born in Columbia, S.C.. She helped form The Sequence, the first all-female group on the hip-hop trailblazing imprint Sugar Hill Records, becoming one of the first female groups to record a rap song. The group’s “Funk You Up,” which has been sampled by numerous artists, including Dr. Dre. Stone later joined the trio Vertical Hold before

launching her solo career.

Actor and comedian Jamie Foxx said Stone would be missed “painfully.”

“I know they say that God doesn’t make any mistakes... but man this one hurts...,” Foxx said. “Angie Stone was an incredible songwriter, and incredible artist and incredible person ... never thought in 1 million years that this would happen...”

Stone’s performance at the Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association’s Grand Marshal’s Ball on Friday night was “nothing short of phenomenal,” according to the organization’s president, Isadore B. Sims. In a statement, Sims said they would cherish memories of Stone’s talent and warm spirit.

At the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association’s men’s championship basketball game in Baltimore on Saturday, where Stone was scheduled to perform during halftime, Chaplain Pastor Jerome Barber called for a moment of silence.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority mourned the loss of their sorority sister.

“Renowned for her contributions to the R&B and neo-soul genres, Stone’s music has resonated with fans for decades,” the sorority said in a statement, remembering her diabetes awareness efforts and work with the sorority’s Elder Care initiatives and Zetas Helping Other People Excel.

A list of winners from the 97th Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adrien Brody took home his second leading man Oscar for *The Brutalist*, Mikey Madison took home the best actress statuette and *Anora* was crowned best picture on its way to five awards Sunday.

Kieran Culkin won the Oscar for best supporting actor for his work on *A Real Pain* and Zoe Saldana won for her work in *Emilia Pérez*. Sean Baker got a stunning night, winning the screenplay, director and editing awards for *Anora*.

Flow beat *The Wild Robot* for best animated feature film while Paul Tazewell won an Oscar for costume design for his work on *Wicked*.

Here’s the complete list of winners at the 97th annual Academy Awards:

- BEST PICTURE — *Anora*
- BEST ACTOR — Adrien Brody, *The Brutalist*
- BEST ACTRESS — Mikey Madison, *Anora*
- DIRECTOR — Sean Baker, *Anora*
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS — Zoe Saldana, *Emilia Pérez*
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR — Kieran Culkin, *A Real Pain*
- INTERNATIONAL FILM — *I’m Still Here*
- DOCUMENTARY FEATURE — *No Other Land*
- ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY — *Anora*, Sean Baker
- ADAPTED SCREENPLAY — *Conclave*, Peter Straughan
- ORIGINAL SCORE — *The Brutalist*, Daniel Blumberg
- ORIGINAL SONG — “El Mal” from *Emilia Pérez*
- ANIMATED FILM — *Flow*
- VISUAL EFFECTS — *Dune: Part Two*
- COSTUME DESIGN — *Wicked*, Paul Tazewell
- CINEMATOGRAPHY — *The Brutalist*, Lol Crawley
- DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM — *The Only Girl in the Orchestra*
- BEST SOUND — *Dune: Part Two*
- PRODUCTION DESIGN — *Wicked*
- MAKEUP AND HAIR-STYLE — *The Substance*
- FILM EDITING — *Anora*, Sean Baker
- LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM — *I’m Not a Robot*
- ANIMATED SHORT FILM — *In the Shadow of the Cypress*

Charli cxc clears the decks at this year’s BRIT Awards

LONDON (AP) — Charli cxc’s *Brat* reign continues, as she cleared the decks at this year’s BRIT Awards – the U.K.’s leading music awards show.

She won five awards at the 2025 Brits including artist, song and album of the year for *Brat*, as well as the Songwriter of the year, which was announced ahead of the glitzy ceremony, in London Saturday. The awards come hot on the heels of Charli’s wins at the Grammys last month, where she took the coveted Best Album.

Chappell Roan won Best International Artist and Best International Song. Fontaines D.C. won Best International Group.

The Cure received their first nomination in 30 years, for their deeply orchestral record *Songs of a Lost World*. The Beatles were also nominated for the first time since 1977 for their first and only original recording of the 21st century.

The show featured a tribute to the late One Direction member Liam Payne after the singer was found dead aged 31 last year.

Founded in 1977, the Brits have evolved from a rough-around-the-edges industry event to a slick showcase for U.K. talent that has boosted the careers of future megastars including Adele.

Anadarko native Dee Britt speaks to city Philomathic Club about her new book

The Anadarko Philomathic Club met Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the county OSU Extension office. Twelve members were present.

Club president Anita Akin called the meeting to order, and the Club Collect was recited. After the club’s agenda for their next meeting in March, guest speaker Dee Britt, daughter of member Janna Britt, was introduced.

Dee grew up in Anadarko and is a 1979 graduate of Anadarko High School. When she wasn’t playing basketball or running track, Dee was active in the First United Methodist Church in Anadarko, where her parents were youth group leaders.

She recently retired from her career in physical therapy, and began her dream as an author.

“As a young adult, I fronted various bands. My songwriting revealed a passion for story writing, and eventually led to my first book, *Fireside: The James Johnson Story*,” Dee explained.

The setting for *Fireside* and the



DEE BRITT
characters rose from Dee’s experiences as a physical therapist. Her second book, *Fireside: The Wes Lyons Story* has been completed and will soon be available for purchase. Refreshments were served and the meeting was then dismissed.

Dear Abby.... Change is in the hair for longtime client

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a hairstylist for a decade. During the last couple of years, I don’t feel I’ve gotten the service I deserve. I go in for a trim about every two months (sometimes longer to save money). She is extremely busy and sometimes delegates “green” hairstylists to wash and blow-dry my hair.

I appreciate that she gives new hairstylists a chance to get experience, but last time two different people worked on my hair in addition to her, and it took an hour and a half for a simple trim. On top of that, she charged me an extra \$10. I like to tip everyone properly (a little something for the associates, with 20 percent going to her). Sometimes, she’s a little late for appointments. The last time I asked for a different hairstyle, she gave pushback because “I wouldn’t take care of it.”

I’m ready to move on to someone new and a new hairstyle. What is the proper way to break up with your hairstylist? I would like to do it in person, but it could be awkward, and she could get angry. Should I give an extra tip? — HAIRY SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAIRY SITUATION: You are not this stylist’s friend; you are her client. You have every right to change stylists, and you shouldn’t feel guilty for doing so. If you feel you must give her a reason, tell her the truth on the phone or in person. You are within your rights to make a change if you wish. It shouldn’t create ill feelings, and you don’t have to give her a farewell tip.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a single parent, and my kids’ grandfather (my father-in-law) has offered to watch them at his house once a week. I would love to take him up on it because it would help me keep up with all of my responsibilities. But I hesitate because he wasn’t an in-

volved father, so he has no parenting experience.

For example, he struggles with conflict management between the kids (and his own temper). He has no sense: I do not trust he knows what or when to feed the kids. Also, his house is a complete mess — he never throws anything away.

My kids enjoy spending time with him, and we don’t have much family, so I’d like to foster their relationships. How do I maximize the good and minimize the bad of their visits? How do I support him doing the best by my children without me being overbearing? — MOM WITH HELP

DEAR MOM: Some of the issues you raise can be resolved by simply talking to your father-in-law and telling him how YOU resolve conflicts between the kids, what you want them fed and when. A messy house is different from one that could have a negative impact upon their health. How bad is it? Does the place pose a danger to your children? Is it possible that he could babysit at your house rather than his?

Regarding his temper, however, are you absolutely sure he won’t abuse your children if he loses it? If the answer to that question is no, then babysitting cannot be allowed.

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Grand Hotel (1932) won Best Picture at the Oscars and wasn’t nominated for anything else. The Oscars were still green by the time *Grand Hotel* was released. It was only the fifth Best Picture winner, and has remained an anomaly over 90 years later: it is the only Best Picture winner to not even be nominated for anything else. You read that correctly. It wasn’t that it won nothing else; it flat-out wasn’t even considered.

Bird flu has symptoms similar to standard influenza virus

By EVE GLAZIER, M.D., and ELIZABETH KO, M.D.
HELLO, DEAR READERS,
and welcome to a bonus letters column. Bird flu is in the news these days and, as we are also in the midst of an active “regular” influenza season, we are fielding quite a few questions on the topic. We will take this opportunity to remind you it’s still not too late to get the flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine. Being vaccinated lowers your chances of infection and of being hospitalized if you do become ill. And now, onward to your letters.

— A reader who recovered from a bad case of a respiratory illness wondered how she can know which virus she had. “We keep chickens, and when I got sick with the flu after Christmas, my husband asked how I knew it wasn’t bird flu,” she wrote. “Are there different symptoms than with the regular flu?”

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The symptoms of H5N1, also known as bird flu, and those of the standard influenza virus are similar. However, the respiratory symptoms of bird flu can be more severe. It can also cause teary or watery eyes, as well as conjunctivitis, or pink eye. Diagnosis is through lab analysis of secretions swabbed from the nose or throat. People who spend time with birds are at higher risk of H5N1. Anyone who suspects they may have come into contact with

an infected animal can contact their health care provider or their local health department.

— We have received several letters gently taking us to task for being imprecise when we write about medical professionals. This includes one from a reader in Virginia: “In a column about burning mouth syndrome, you said it is common for ‘a doctor and a dentist to work together.’ But ‘doctor’ could include a Ph.D. degree or a divinity degree,” she wrote. “Therefore, the word ‘physician’ should have been used instead.” Thank you to everyone who wrote to remark on this. You make an excellent point, and we will be more precise in future columns.

— In a column about vitamin D, we discussed the process by which the body manufactures the nutrient through exposure to sunlight. This prompted a reader to ask about how to do this safely. “For those of us living in Southern California, at what time of day is it best to expose our skin to the sun in order to get sufficient vitamin D, and for how long?” she asked. Midday sun is most effective for vitamin D production in any region. And because the needed exposure is brief, the risk of sun damage is lessened. For those with light skin, five to 15 minutes of full sunlight on bare arms, legs or torso a total of two to three times per week is adequate. Due to the protective effects of melanin, darker skin requires longer exposure. People with a history of skin cancer should rely on diet and supplements to get their daily allowance.

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Midnight Cowboy (1969) was the first — and only — X-rated Best Picture winner of all time. The film, starring Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman, tells the story of an aspiring gigolo and his various escapades. It is fairly tame by today’s standards, and its rating was quickly changed to being rated R as soon as 1971.

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The proposed wind energy project will be located in Caddo County, OK and will have a generating capacity of approximately 230 MW. (This notice is provided pursuant to 17 Okla. Stat. 160.21 and 165 OAC 35-45-4(t))

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