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Maya Angelou, gone but not silent
Dear Ms. Angelou,
In your absence, your life and words will echo still.
Yours, Hutch

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Phenomenal woman



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Poet and author Maya Angelou smiles during an interview in Santa Monica, California, on Nov. 15, 2005. She died Wednesday at 86.

■ Author-poet whose achievements bespoke a rich life imbued with reinvention dies at 86.

BY HILLEL ITALIE
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

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■ News coverage, local leaders' memories attest to inspiration Angelou's visit evoked.

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Hence Parson recalls the "huge round of applause" that erupted in the Hutchinson Sports Arena when the crowd first spotted Maya

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Angelou, who died Wednesday, spoke here on Jan. 22, 1992, as part of the Hutchinson Community College Dillon Lecture Series. Parson is still surprised Angelou came to Hutchinson.

The chairman of Hutchinson Community

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Area House incumbents under attack

■ Flier seen locally calls them 'liberal' Kan. GOP leaders, calls for challengers.

BY MARY CLARKIN

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Three Kansas House members from this region – Reps. Steven Becker, R-Buhler, John Doll, R-Garden City, and Don Hineman, R-Dighton – did not have election challengers as of Wednesday. A conservative Republican in Wichita, however, is trying to change that.

A single newsprint sheet – "Kansans for Liberty News" – was distributed in some Hutchinson-area neighborhoods recently, encouraging conservative Republicans to run for the Kansas House of Representatives.

"These are 8 of the most 'progressive', 'liberal' Republicans in the 2013 & 2014 legislatures," the sheet says of the targeted incumbents. Besides Becker, Doll and Hineman, the others named are: Reps. Melissa Rooker, Fairway; Blaine Finch, Ottawa; Diana Dierks, Salina; Don Hill, Emporia; and Tom Moxley, Council Grove.

The sheet cites the legislators' votes on Common Core Standards, gun issues,

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This is a flier that people in Hutchinson have received.

Hospira to put \$120M into its McPherson site

■ Investment by med manufacturer looks to add 150 jobs over 5 years.

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McPHERSON – Hospira Inc., a major manufacturer of injectable drugs and drug infusion technologies, announced Wednesday it plans to invest \$120 million in its McPherson plant over the next five years, eventually adding 150 jobs.

The capital improvement and modernization projects at the plant, which first opened in McPherson in 1977, include expanding capacity, installing automated visual inspection systems and adding more production lines, according to the company.

The plant, which operates 24/7, currently employs about 1,400 people. "We're expecting the majority of those (new jobs) to be on the back end" of the five-year timeline, said Hospira spokeswoman Tareta Adams. "There are some in the first years, but most are in the last years. Part of it is we're doing the investment and adding things at the plant. Once those are completed is when

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Still I Rise

Maya Angelou was asked to recite her poem, "Still I Rise," when she spoke in Hutchinson in 1992. She did, from memory.

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.
Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.
Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.
Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?

Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.
Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.
You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.
Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?
Out of the huts of history's shame

I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.



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