

"A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is only finished when he quits"

Richard M. Nixon

"Being defeated is a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent."

Marilyn Vos Savant  
Columnist

"In the long run we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"silence in the face of evil is evil itself."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
1906-1945

"None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our boots straps. We got there because somebody bent down and helped us."

Thurgood Marshall - U.S. Supreme Court  
1908-1993

"I made up my mind to love because hate is too heavy a burden to bear."

Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968

"To acquire love, fill yourself up with it until you become a magnet"

Charles Haanel

"We must find some spiritual basis for living, else we die."

Bill Wilson, co-founder AA

"Unless you have a spiritual experience, there is nothing that can be done. You are too much conditioned by alcoholism to be saved in any other way."

Bill Wilson, Co-founder AA

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**Wake Up!!.....**Decide to have a good day.

"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

**Dress Up!!.....**The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an in expensive way to improve your looks.

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

**Shut Up!!.....** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

"He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3

**Stand Up!!....** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

"Let us not be weary in doing well, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good...." Galatians 6:9-10

**Look Up!!.....** To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ Who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

**Reach Up!!....** For something higher.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And he will direct your path."

**Lift Up!!....**Your Prayers.

"Do not worry about anything; Instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**"  
Philippians 4:6



## *Counting Daily Blessings*

As I gaze out of my window at the start of each day,  
I take a moment with my Lord and I stop to pray.  
I tell Him I count my blessings and here's what I say...  
How grateful I am for the blessings He's sent my way.  
I'm grateful for the flowers, the grass, and the trees;  
I'm also grateful for the birds and even the bees,  
The glories of a Spring day with a soft gentle breeze,  
With a cloudless sky just as blue as the seas.  
The flowers in bloom, every color and hue -  
White, pink and yellow and cornflower blue.  
How can I thank Him for everything He has done?  
They aren't just for me - He has blessed every one.  
So, I take a moment and count everything -  
The earth and the oceans, and the birds that all sing,  
The moon and the stars that shine in the night,  
The sun in the day that gives heat and light.  
I'm thankful, dear Lord, for every hour of the day,  
And I know that You hear me as I stop to pray.

Milly Patzer





### Brain swelling and headaches

Headaches occurred in 22% of patients given BIIB037, compared to 5% of the placebo-treated patients.

But there was a more serious (and probably related) side effect as well: amyloid-related imaging abnormalities (ARIA), which can include edema, or swelling around the brain. The edema was more likely in patients who carry a variant of the gene APOE4, which increases a person's risk of Alzheimer's. These patients comprised about 2/3rds of the patient population, Biogen says. Edema was reported in 5% of the APOE4 patients in the 1 and 3 mg/kg groups; in 43% of those in the 6 mg/kg group; and in 55% of those in the 10 mg/kg group.

Yes, to emphasize that: more than half the APOE4 patients had some degree of edema in the top dose group. In those without the APOE4 gene, edema was seen in 9%, 11%, and 17% of the 3, 6, and 10 mg/kg groups. Gandy said the edema could probably be managed; Schneider wanted to see more data. Both agreed that the edema might make it difficult to use the highest dose in future studies. Biogen said it was too early to talk about what dose it will use in its larger studies because it needs to talk with regulators.

### Picking the right patients

If Biogen's drug does work where other medicines have failed, it might be because the company has a better drug – or because it did a better job picking patients for its study.

Al Sandrock, Biogen's senior vice president and chief medical officer, says that BIIB037 was created by looking for antibodies in patients who survived into old age without getting Alzheimer's. These patients had anti-amyloid antibodies, and one of them was turned into a drug.

But this study also focused on treating early, when patients are only first starting to notice cognitive impairment, and on making sure that patients have amyloid plaque in their brains. Sandrock says that 30% of patients were rejected from the study because they didn't have visible buildup of amyloid on PET scans. In general, investors have been doubtful that the amyloid-clearing drugs in clinical trials will prove effective. In a note to investors yesterday, analyst Timothy Anderson at Bernstein Research wrote that investors forecast only a 25% chance the drugs will reach the market and that analyst forecast no revenues for them. The Biogen Idec results seem almost too good to be true – but that's partly because up until now the odds for amyloid-clearing Alzheimer's treatments have seemed so bleak.

**Chris Kyle was the subject of the top-grossing film "American Sniper."** (CNN)The widow of the man whose life was portrayed in the acclaimed film "American Sniper" has penned a heartfelt letter to him on their 13th anniversary. Taya Kyle posted her letter March 16 on the Chris Kyle Facebook page, where she proclaimed, "I miss you and I love you. I feel you in my heart and soul so strongly. I am more blessed to have been your wife than anything else in my life." "Today, I have a choice. I can bury myself under the covers and acknowledge the pain of missing you and mourn the future anniversaries

without you," she wrote. "Or, I can celebrate never having a day without you in my heart because you loved me enough to leave me a lifetime of memories and beauty." Kyle, a Navy SEAL, has been credited as the most successful sniper in United States military history. Bradley Cooper was nominated for an Academy Award for his portrayal of Kyle in this winter's film "American Sniper," which was based on Kyle's bestselling autobiography. The film, directed by Clint Eastwood, has become the highest-grossing war movie ever. Why "American Sniper" is a smash hit Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were shot and killed at a gun range in 2013 by Eddie Ray Routh. A Texas jury found Routh guilty of capital murder in February, and he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Jury finds Eddie Ray Routh guilty in "American Sniper" case

**(CNN)Fox's smash hit series "Empire" had its season finale on Wednesday night, and the ratings once again grew.** According to Deadline, the drama reached 16.5 million viewers, up 10% from the 14.9 million who tuned in the week before. The show has managed to grow its total audience every week since its premiere, a rare feat in the television landscape. Deadline notes that it's the best showing for a new series in a decade. Most fans were not disappointed with Wednesday night's season finale. M As the show aired, #EmpireFinale was a worldwide trending topic on Twitter, and the show got its most tweets ever during the two-hour finale. The show about the passionate Lyon family and the drama surrounding them and their record label has been a TV phenomenon, with ratings growing weekly. Its soundtrack scored a rare success this week, debuting in the No. 1 spot on Billboard's top 200 album chart, topping Madonna's "Rebel Heart." Danny Strong told Deadline that he and fellow "Empire" creator Lee Daniels have steered the series to be both socially conscious (issues of race and sexuality were central to the plot) and night-time soapy. "I think that's one of the secrets of success to the show," Strong said. "That it's working on both levels, and the layered character drama grounds the juicy soap turns. So the soap turns are a blast, but we have this drama there that also keeps it emotional and real." In January, the network announced plans for a second season.

### Board member scolded for opening building to police protesters; judge threatens sanctions over immigration lawsuit; 11 more Wisconsin stories

**MADISON** – A Dane County Board member has surrendered his keys and pass card to the City-County building, for letting late-night protesters into the facility just six hours after the Madison Police shooting of Tony Robinson. The DeForest Times-Tribune first reported that Supervisor Leland Pan helped let over 100 protesters enter the building that houses the Madison Police Department just after midnight on March 7. That was soon after officer Matt Kenny shot and killed the bi-racial Robinson. In a complaint letter, Police Chief Mike Koval said his officers were stretched thin enough at the time, and they needed to bring additional officers to the City-County building. The chief said it was an "irresponsible act." They did not reach the secured police quarters, but Koval said officers and others who worked throughout the building were scared for their safety. He said the group yelled things like "Kill the cops," and "We have guns, too." The Wisconsin State Journal said Koval

considered seeking charges against Supervisor Pan, but decided against it. At least one county supervisor called for a censure of Pan, who represents a downtown Madison district. However, board chairwoman Sharon Corrigan said there's no substantial action Pan's colleagues could take against him. Corrigan made it clear to Pan and other supervisors that he overstepped his authority. Corrigan said Pan has agreed not to ask to regain his building keys and pass-card.

### Bradley accuses Daley of overt partisanship

**MILWAUKEE** – State Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley accused her election opponent of catering to the Republican agenda for what's supposed to be a non-partisan judicial post. Bradley and Rock County Circuit Judge James Daley appeared together in Milwaukee Thursday, in the first of four scheduled forums before their April 6 contest. Daley said he's only trying to reach voters who are most likely to share his admittedly conservative philosophies – and in his words, "The Republican Party does not run my campaign." Bradley said she disagrees with a recent rule change that lets judges seek campaign donations from parties with cases pending before the Supreme Court. The 20-year incumbent said she would never accept such donations. Daley said judges who do accept those donations should not be required to remove themselves from cases and it should be up to the justices to determine if it affects their requirement to be fair. Bradley is considered one of two liberals on the seven-member court.

### Judge trades barbs with Justice lawyers over immigration rules

**BROWNSVILLE, Tex.** – A federal judge says he might order sanctions against the U-S Justice Department, if he finds that the agency misled him on exactly when an Obama immigration order was carried out. Judge Andrew Hanen held a hearing Thursday in a lawsuit brought by Wisconsin and 25 other states that want the president's executive immigration actions ruled unconstitutional. In a sometimes tense hearing in Brownsville, Tex., Thursday, Hanen went back and forth with the Justice Department on whether the judge was misled. Hanen believed the administration would hold off on a key Obama order until the judge ruled on a request for a preliminary injunction. However, the government had already given three-year reprieves from deportation to 108,000 people. It was part of a program that keeps young immigrants from being deported if they're illegally brought to the U.S. as children. Those people also received work permits. Hanen said he was an "idiot" in believing a Justice Department lawyer who said in January that nothing would occur in the program until Feb. 18. Justice Department attorney Kathleen Hartnett apologized for any confusion, but said the reprieves were granted under guidelines issued in 2012 and the injunction which the judge granted did not stop those moves. Hanen said the reprieves were supposed to be for two years, not three and his injunction should have halted them. Gov. Scott Walker told South Carolina Republicans he has the leadership to put the nation on a path toward the political right. The potential 2016 presidential candidate spoke Thursday at a pair of GOP fundraising events in the early-voting state. Walker said he's worried about his children's futures but he's an optimist, and he still "feels good about America." Walker highlighted his accomplishments in his four-plus years as Wisconsin's governor, citing his efforts to weaken labor unions, restrict

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# University studies why we hate

Gonzaga offers classes hoping to cure us of it

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
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Spokane, Wash. — Why did the Nazis hate the Jews? Why did the Hutus hate the Tutsis?

Hate is everywhere, but the fundamental question of why one person can hate another has never been adequately studied, said Jim Mohr of Gonzaga University, who is developing a new academic field of hate studies.

The goal is to explain a condition that has plagued humanity since one caveman looked askance at another.

"What makes hate tick?" said Mohr, director of Gonzaga's Institute for Action Against Hate. "How can we stop it?"

Gonzaga founded the institute a decade ago after some black law students received threatening letters. It has since started a Journal of Hate Studies, hosted a conference and offered its first class on hatred in the spring.

The hope is that other universities will follow suit, said Ken Stern of the American Jewish Committee in New York, who has been involved in the effort. "We wanted to approach hate more intelligently," he said.

Stern, who has spent 20 years battling anti-Semitism, said the need for hate studies became obvious when people started fighting groups such as the Aryan Nations. Opponents galvanized against the

Aryans but didn't really know how best to fight them, Stern said.

"We were flying by the seat of our pants," he said. "There was no testable theory."

There is not even a good definition of hate, Stern said.

Philosophers have offered numerous definitions. Rene Descartes said hate was the urge to withdraw from something that is thought bad. Aristotle saw hate as the incurable desire to annihilate an object. In psychology, Sigmund Freud defined hate as an ego state that wishes to destroy the source of its unhappiness.

Gonzaga, a Jesuit university known for its basketball team, offered a class on the subject taught by five professors from different disciplines.

Student Kayla De Los Reyes was in that class and said the information both horrified her and gave her hope.

"Hate is something that is part of the human emotional makeup," she said. "Everyone feels it at one point or another. You have to learn to control it."

The goal is to create an academic home where a variety of disciplines, including history, psychology, religious studies, anthropology and political science, can be brought together to focus on hate. It's the same sort of effort that led to the creation of disciplines such as black studies or women's studies, Mohr said.

Such academic efforts are not without controversy. Some skeptics fear that they

are little more than attacks on the dominant power structure.

"This stuff tends to be one dimensional and presumes the guilt of an archetypal white male," said Glenn Ricketts, spokesman for the National Association of Scholars.

Indeed, De Los Reyes said one of the more interesting topics in the class involved white privilege. The most recent Journal of Hate Studies contained articles about oppression of gays, Nazi experiments on Jews, the local battle against Aryan Nations and Muslim support for suicide bombings.

Heather Veeder, a graduate assistant for the institute, said the organization has an important mission. "Hate thrives in areas not illuminated by education," she said.

But Stern said it is too easy to blame ignorance for hate. People can have plenty of knowledge about something and still hate it, he said. The problem is when one person or group can separate another person or group from their humanity, thinking of them as an "other," Stern said.

There is no simple answer to why people hate, Mohr said. Hate can be sparked by greed, fear or a tribe bonding together in opposition to another. People looking to belong will hate others to fit into a group, he said.

But Mohr said he wouldn't pursue a field of hate studies if he didn't think something positive could be achieved. "We can change," he said. "There has to be hope."

*"Life provides losses and heartbreak. But the greatest tragedy is to have the experience and miss the meaning. I am determined not to miss that meaning."*

*"Perspective changes our attitude. Changing our attitude breathes hope into us. That's the real gift God's messenger Clarence the angel gives to George Bailey."*

—from 52 Little Lessons from It's a Wonderful Life by Bob Welch

*"Self-compassion rather than self-esteem may be the key to*

*unlocking your potential for greatness. Self-compassion is a willingness to look at mistakes with understanding —embracing the fact that to err is indeed human."*

—Heidi Grant Halvorson, motivational psychologist



"God has a very special plan for each of your lives, and wants you to know Him personally. Remember that no problem you will ever have is too big for Him to handle. No matter what happens, God always has your best interests in mind. That means that God always does what is best for you—even when it seems hard. He loves each one of you very much." —SGT. JESSE W. STRONG USMC

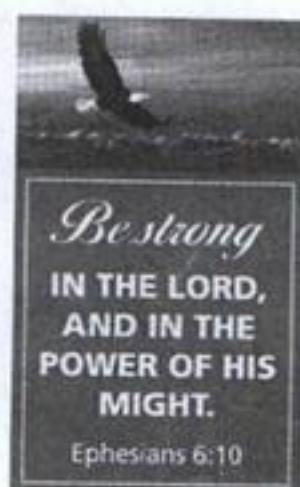
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## Words of Wisdom: ABC Poem

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**H**old on to what you know  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking at the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart every day with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see Him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes  
 some will be bad, but  
**Z**ion waits in glory... where none are  
 ever sad!

*Author unknown*



## NAMES OR TITLES OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

	Revelation
1. Jesus Christ.....	1:1
2. Faithful Witness.....	1:5
3. First Begotten of the Dead.....	1:5
4. Prince of the Kings of the Earth.....	1:5
5. Alpha and Omega.....	1:8-13
6. First and last.....	1:8,11,13
7. Son of Man.....	1:13
8. He that liveth and was dead.....	1:13,18
9. He that holdeth the seven stars.....	2:1
10. He who walketh midst the golden candlesticks.....	2:1
11. Son of God.....	2:18
12. He which searches the reins and hearts.....	2:23
13. He that hath the seven stars.....	3:1
14. He that is holy and true.....	3:7
15. He that hath the key of David.....	3:7
16. He that openeth and no man shutteth.....	3:7
17. He that shutteth and no man openeth.....	3:7
18. The Amen.....	3:14
19. The faithful and true witness.....	3:14
20. The beginning of the creation of God.....	3:14
21. Lord.....	4:11
22. Lion of the tribe of Juda.....	5:5,9
23. The root of David.....	5:5,9
24. A lamb as it had been slain.....	5:6,7
25. The lamb.....	5:8,9
26. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets.....	22:6
27. Lord of Lords.....	17:14
28. King of Kings.....	17:14
29. The word of God.....	19:13-16
30. Faithful and true.....	19:11
31. Beginning and the end.....	22:13
32. Rider of white horse.....	19:11
33. Christ.....	20:4
34. He who hath the sharp sword with two edges.....	2:12
35. He that hath the seven Spirits of God.....	3:1
36. The bright and morning star.....	22:16

When **Christ**  
 comes into our life,  
 the old nature is crucified,  
 replaced by a brand-new  
 nature that is obedient  
 to **God**



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# SCOTT WALKER TO PROPOSE DRUG TEST FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS

Tuesday he wants to be the first justice to vote for a new chief of the high court. His remarks came just before the state Senate passed a constitutional amendment that would allow for the seven justices to pick their own chief rather than have the position go to the most experienced member, as it has for 125 years.

Daley, a Rock County Circuit judge, is running against incumbent Justice Ann Walsh Bradley in the April 7 election. The race, although officially nonpartisan, is breaking down along party lines with conservatives supporting Daley and Democrats largely lining up behind Bradley. Daley told the Wisconsin Technology Council's board of directors during a question-and-answer session on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus that he believes in democracy and not giving the longest-serving justice the chief's spot.

"I would really love to be the first justice to vote for my next chief," Daley said. Bradley, who spoke at the meeting just after Daley, opposes the amendment and said it's an attempt to silence longtime Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson. Bradley and Abrahamson form the liberal minority on the court.

"There must be room," Bradley said, "for more than one perspective, one voice, one view on the Supreme Court."

The chief justice serves as the administrative head of the state court system and has a host of ceremonial duties but doesn't have more official power than the other justices in deciding whether to take up a case or in reaching a ruling. Still, the four justices who make up the court's conservative majority have been at odds with Abrahamson for years.

The constitutional amendment is up for a final vote in the state Assembly on Thursday. If it passes, as expected, it will appear on the April 7 ballot along with the Daley-Bradley race.

If voters approve the amendment, the conservatives will almost certainly remove Abrahamson from her post, although details about how that election would proceed would be left up to the justices. Democrats argued that Abrahamson, who was elected to a 10-year term in 2009, should at least be allowed to serve that out before being replaced as chief. Abrahamson, 81, has been chief justice for more than 18 of the nearly 39 years she's been on the court.

Under the amendment, the chief justice would be selected every two years and there would be no limit on how long they could serve.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Tom Tiffany, R-Hazelhurst, said he wasn't targeting Abrahamson. Justices in 22 states select their leader, Tiffany said. Democrats decried the proposal as a blatant power grab. It passed on a 17-14 vote, with all Republicans in favor and all Democrats against.

## Scott Walker to propose drug tests for public benefits, alternative teacher's licenses

Recipients of public benefits would be required to undergo drug testing and teachers in "high-needs" fields could get teacher's licenses based on "real life" experience, under budget proposals announced Thursday by Gov. Scott Walker.

Walker was scheduled to travel to companies in De Pere and Mosinee Thursday to roll out his "workforce readiness plan" to be included in his 2015-17 budget, scheduled to be unveiled Tuesday. Walker said the proposals are aimed at providing more workers for "high-needs" fields.

The proposal also includes reducing by one year the maximum time recipients could receive benefits under the state's job training-and-welfare program, Wisconsin Works.

"We know employers in Wisconsin have jobs available, but they don't have enough qualified employees to fill those positions," Walker said in a statement.

"With this budget, we are addressing some of the barriers keeping people from achieving true freedom and prosperity and the independence that comes with having a good job and doing it well."

The proposals in the two-year budget include:

- Requiring drug testing of those applying for or receiving benefits from programs, which may include unemployment insurance, FoodShare, Transform Milwaukee, transitional jobs and others. Those failing drug tests would be offered free drug treatment program and job training.
- A freeze on technical college tuition for students pursuing high-need occupations.
- Increasing funds for technical education scholarships for high school graduates taking career and technical education courses.
- Reduce time spent on Wisconsin Works from 60 months to 48, to "encourage more rapid placement in jobs."
- Allow potential teachers with "real life experience" to become licensed by passing a competency test.

Walker said the initiatives are aimed at helping job seekers qualify for the nearly 70,000 open positions posted on the Job Center of Wisconsin website.

State Senate Democrats unveil agenda, say Wisconsin needs a 'full-time governor' Senate Democrats announced on Wednesday a legislative agenda aimed at empowering Wisconsin's middle class with proposals for education, health care, the environment and the workplace.

Most elements of the "Wisconsin Families First" plan face an uphill battle, with all branches of state government under Republican control. Many measures supported by Democrats, like raising the minimum wage, have already been dismissed

by Republican lawmakers and Gov. Scott Walker.

But Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling, D-La Crosse, said she hopes the parties can find common ground on mental health reform and infrastructure investments.

The Senate passed its first resolution of the 2015-16 session on Tuesday, a contentious party-line vote on a constitutional amendment to change the way the state's Supreme Court chief justice is selected. Sen. Jon Erpenbach, D-Waunakee, said that's not where the Senate's focus should be. Shilling said it was a "missed opportunity" to make the Senate's first priority something to benefit working families and the middle class.

"It's simple: education, fair pay, good jobs and a secure retirement. That's what it's all about," said Sen. Dave Hansen, D-Green Bay. "And I'm going to ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that we may return to the idea of collaboration and communication, all of us working together, to do what's right for our state to move it forward."

The Democrats' plan includes calls for investment in worker training, restored funding to public schools and accepting the federal Medicaid expansion. It calls for the state's Equal Pay Enforcement Act to be restored, for a "Made in America" act and proposes a retirement plan for workers, farmers and small business owners based on the strengths of the Wisconsin Retirement System.

It also includes environmental protections and greater investment in roads, bridges, bike and pedestrian paths, transit and broadband. Democrats will push for the repeal of a controversial bill that requires women to undergo ultrasound exams while doctors describe the image before getting abortions and mandates that doctors who perform abortions secure admitting privileges at a hospital near their clinic. The admitting privileges portion of the law is currently blocked by a court decision.

Some proposals are ones the Legislature has seen before, like Hansen's Higher Ed, Lower Debt Act. Hansen and Rep. Cory Mason, D-Racine, introduced a bill last fall that would allow student loan borrowers to refinance their student loans at a lower rate, and another version for this session is in the drafting stage.

Senate Democrats are also calling for improved access to mental health and rehabilitation services in both urban and rural areas. Mental health reform was one policy area where Democrats and Republicans worked together last session.

"We know the pathway to success. We know the pathway to opportunities for Wisconsin families. We just have to move it ahead and we have to have the fortitude to be able to step up and do what's right to build up our families and build up our communities and ultimately build up our state for all, allowing



bid. Since then, the former Florida governor has been courting major donors — including those who supported Romney in previous campaigns — and building his political operation.

Some of the most generous bundlers in Romney's 2012 campaign have publicly stated they are staying on the sidelines or have already committed to Bush. Of the six K Street lobbyists listed as raising the most campaign donations for Romney's last campaign, only one declared his support for Romney in interviews with USA TODAY this week.

Potential rivals for the 2016 GOP nomination have also criticized Romney.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who has been expanding his political operation while he considers running for president, likened Romney to "yesterday's news" and said it was time for the Republican Party "to be looking for something fresh and new."

#### **Madison ranks 30th in latest Milken 'Best-Performing Cities' index**

Boosted by the continued growth of medical records giant Epic Systems, Madison has jumped 19 places to No. 30 in the 2014 "Best-Performing Cities" index from the Milken Institute, the only Wisconsin city to crack the top 100.

The annual report scores the 200 largest U.S. metro areas on their economic vitality, with an emphasis on both job growth and the quality of the new jobs being created. Wages are also a key component of the index.

The San Francisco metro area was ranked No. 1 followed by Austin, Texas; Provo, Utah; San Jose, California and Raleigh, N.C. Among Wisconsin cities, Milwaukee moved up three places to No. 137 while Green Bay fell 40 places to No. 130, one of the largest drops in the index.

One bright spot for the region was the Lake County (IL) and Kenosha County (WI) metro area, which jumped 66 places to No. 52 — the 7th largest improvement among large cities.

Launched in 1999 and released each January, the Milken index is considered one of the most objective looks at the economic health of the nation's largest metro areas, although it is weighted toward the technology sector which hurts rust belt states like Wisconsin. "This is an old story; an economy heavily skewed to traditional manufacturing will not rank well in the national studies," said Tom Hefty, co-author of the 2010 "Be Bold Wisconsin" report which urged Wisconsin to embrace a more knowledge-based economy. Technology and energy development were key factors in economic growth over the past year and figured heavily into the 2014 rankings, according to report co-author Minoli Ratnatunga. She says many Midwest cities, which didn't take a major hit to housing and construction with the economic downturn, are now getting passed up by metro areas that are enjoying a bigger rebound.

"Places that lost a lot of growth during the recession and are now regaining all those jobs tended to do better than more stable metros in the Midwest," she said.

Ratnatunga added that cities like San Francisco and San Jose have managed to overcome an unfavorable tax system and high costs of living by clustering talent amid an entrepreneurial climate — the same prescription that economic development officials have long prescribed.

"Madison benefits from a highly skilled workforce, plus it's just a lovely place," says Ratnatunga.

Based in Santa Monica, California, the Milken Institute is a nonprofit think tank that bills itself as "determined to increase global prosperity by advancing collaborative solutions that widen access to capital, create jobs and improve health." It says the goal of the Best-Performing Cities ranking is to "help businesses, investors, industry associations, development agencies, government officials, academics and public-policy groups monitor and evaluate the performance of metros where they work and do business relative to the rest of the country."

The report uses the most recent data available for MSAs or metropolitan statistical areas. The Madison MSA includes Dane, Iowa and Columbia counties.

The Madison MSA ranked as high as No. 21 in the 2003 Milken index but has slipped at times in part because of slower wage and job growth compared to other areas of the country.

In the latest report, Madison ranks 19th in technology GDP growth since 2000. That growth can be clearly traced to the success of Epic Systems, which saw sales go from \$50 million in 2000 to \$1.7 billion in 2013.

Madison also ranks 46th in overall wage growth since 2007 but only 75th in recent wage growth, according to the 2014 Milken index.

Overall, Madison ranked 71st in 2012 and has seen its ranking bounce around quite a bit over the years. It was 23rd in 2011, 31st in 2010, 63rd in 2009 and 90th in 2008.

Among small metro areas, Fond du Lac was ranked No. 25, up 40 places. La Crosse was 65th, down 12 slots.

Fargo, N.D. was ranked No. 1 among small cities largely because of its energy jobs related to oil shale.

**Decision makers have yet to respond to rumors of UW-Madison, System split**  
Days after The Wisconsin State Journal reported Gov. Scott Walker was considering autonomy measures for the UW System, neither state Republicans nor System officials have confirmed or denied whether that includes splitting UW-Madison from the rest of the System.

For its part, UW-Madison is not involved in any budget discussions separate from the System's, according to UW-Madison Communications Director John Lucas.

"In the current conversation, UW-Madison is not considering or being considered to leave

the System on its own," Lucas said in an email Wednesday.

Walker confirmed he was considering autonomy measures for the UW System in a vague statement Tuesday, the Capitol Times reported.

"Autonomy" could refer to a few different things, according to Mike Mikalsen, staff member in the office of state Sen. Steve Nass, R-Whitewater, chair of the Senate's higher education committee.

Mikalsen offered authority to begin building projects and set employee salaries as examples Nass would support.

It could also refer to a plan to split UW-Madison from the rest of the UW System by establishing a public authority system that would govern the university instead, he said.

"Madison has pretty consistently wanted to move to a public authority kind of model," Mikalsen continued. "They desire the ability to have a public authority kind of model where they are off on their own. They have desired the ability to have their own governance via a board of trustees or president's board or something like that."

In 2011, then-Chancellor Biddy Martin advocated a similar arrangement for UW-Madison, but the initiative failed.

Members of the Governor's party have no more insight into Walker's budget plans than the media, Mikalsen said, but added that conversations with UW System representatives can give clues to what Wisconsin might be able to expect in Walker's budget proposal.

"Members of [Walker's] administration have been briefing for a couple of months UW officials on what some of the options are that he is considering and getting their input on it," Mikalsen said.

While the UW System has not commented on these briefings, concerns from them have made their way to the ears of legislators.

"Based on the contacts from UW folks and things that they have been sharing with legislators, they certainly have concerns that these are a couple of the options that the Governor is looking at," Mikalsen said.

"Some are for it and some are against it." UW System officials, meanwhile, maintain strict silence about any talks they may be having with the Governor's office.

Strategic Communications Manager for the UW System Heather LaRoi said in an email she could not comment on the budget and deferred questions to the Governor's office, which also declined to comment.

Mikalsen suggested that if Walker's budget proposal did include a UW-Madison split from the System, it may not enjoy wide support from the Republican party.

UW-Madison "would need to be part of the system, period," if Nass were to vote for it, Mikalsen said, citing concerns that tuition costs would increase dramatically.

**Daley wants to be first Wisconsin justice to vote for chief**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Supreme Court challenger James Daley said



demonstration or protest will be civil and safe."

— Milwaukee Mayor  
Tom Barrett

"The nation's mayors strongly believe that there should have been open-court proceedings in the case of the officer-involved shooting of Michael Brown so that the evidence could have been presented in a public forum, and a verdict could have been rendered by a jury. ... There is an understandable feeling of discontent in the community, and there will no doubt be protests. Our hope is that any demonstrations that occur will be peaceful and nonviolent so that we can begin to heal from this difficult time."

— U.S. Conference  
of Mayors

"We are a nation built on the rule of law, and so we need to accept that this decision was the grand jury's to make. ... (Officers have) got a tough job to do. As they do their jobs in the coming days, they need to work with the community, not against the community. ... We do have work to do here, and we shouldn't try to paper it over."

— President  
Barack Obama

# understands pain Hamilton family

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
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## Milwaukee mother reaches out to mom in Ferguson shooting

Maria Hamilton said Monday. "I want the federal government to come in with a special prosecutor and handle my son's case."



Maria  
Hamilton

Federal authorities are monitoring the case but won't get further involved until after the district attorney reaches a decision, said Jonathan Safran, a lawyer who represents

members of the Hamilton family.

The investigation into Hamilton's death must follow a new state law that requires a team of at least two investigators from an outside agency to lead reviews of deaths in police custody. Some have questioned whether the investigation of his death by the state's Division of Criminal Investigation is truly independent because some of the agents involved are former Milwaukee police officers.

The Milwaukee County district attorney's office received the report from the Division of Criminal Investigation on Aug. 8. Prosecutors have not said when they plan to decide whether to charge the officer.

The decision will be made as soon as reports are received from outside use-of-force experts, District Attorney John Chisholm said when asked about the subject during a Nov. 12 news conference about an unrelated heroin investigation.

"As I've indicated before, it would be irresponsible of me to come to a decision without having those two reports, one from the federal authorities and one from an independent expert," Chisholm said.

But, Chisholm added, he understands the community's strong desire to have the decision made quickly and said he should be able to do that once he receives the outside reports.

At Red Arrow Park on Monday, Maria Hamilton was joined by about two dozen supporters as they put up small signs on the city Christmas tree at Red Arrow Park. The signs include messages such as "Justice for Dontre Hamilton" and "What if he was your brother?"

The Christmas tree, an evergreen, is a reminder of life continuing even in the dead of winter, said the Rev. Steve Jerbi of All Peoples Lutheran Church.

"The way that Dontre lives on in our hearts and in our struggle, we become evergreen signs continuing the work for justice," Jerbi said. "No matter the weather. No matter grand jury decisions. No matter how long it takes. We will not wither. We will not fade. We will not die. This struggle is everlasting."

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The mother of a 31-year-old man killed by a Milwaukee police officer in Red Arrow Park says she understands what the family of Michael Brown is feeling.

"My heart goes out to Michael's mom and family members," Maria Hamilton said Monday. "I'm going to pray that God will uplift them in their time of need and I would love to say at this time, I feel what she's going through and I would like to tell her to keep her head up and let her know that we're fighting with her."

Hamilton was responding to news that a grand jury in Ferguson, Mo., had made a decision about whether to charge a white police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager. Later Monday night, authorities announced that the officer would not be charged.

Demonstrators here have compared the events in Ferguson with the death of her son Dontre Hamilton, who was killed April 30 by then-Milwaukee police officer Christopher Manney. Police Chief Edward Flynn fired Manney, who shot Hamilton 14 times. Manney has since appealed his termination to the city's Fire and Police Commission.

Like many supporters of the Missouri teen, Hamilton's family members and their supporters have called for criminal charges against the officer. Hamilton's family continues to wait for a decision from Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm.

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## Family calls for peaceful protests

Associated Press

Ferguson, Mo. — Michael Brown's family issued this statement after a prosecutor announced that a grand jury has decided not to indict Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson:

"We are profoundly disappointed that the killer of our child will not face the consequence of his actions."

"While we understand that many others share our pain, we ask that you channel your frustration in ways that will make a positive change. We need to work together to fix the system that allowed this to happen."

"Join with us in our campaign to ensure that every police officer working the streets in this country wears a body camera."

"We respectfully ask that you please keep your protests peaceful. Answering violence with violence is not the appropriate reaction."

Let's not just make noise, let's make a difference."

## Welfare recipient drug tests out

December 4, 2014

### Court agrees Florida program unconstitutional

Miami Herald

Tallahassee, Fla. — A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld a lower federal court ruling that Florida Gov. Rick Scott's crusade to conduct drug tests on welfare recipients as a condition of their benefits was unconstitutional.

The unanimous ruling came from a bipartisan panel of judges and broadly concluded that people cannot be forced to surrender their constitutional rights as a condition of receiving a government benefit. The decision came just two weeks after the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges heard arguments in the case.

In an exhaustive, 54-page ruling, Judge Stanley Marcus concluded that "citizens do not abandon all hope of privacy by applying for government assistance." He said that "the collection and testing of

urine intrudes upon expectations of privacy that society has long recognized as reasonable" and that "by virtue of poverty, TANF applicants are not stripped of their legitimate expectations of privacy."

In 2011, Scott initiated a program to require drug testing as a condition for welfare applicants to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits. The ACLU sued the state on behalf of Luis Lebron, a Navy veteran and single father.

A circuit judge ruled in 2013 that the program was an unconstitutional violation of the Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures, and halted testing. Scott appealed to the federal appeals court, and a hearing was held Nov. 20.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker proposed a law requiring drug testing for public aid recipients during his recent successful re-election campaign.

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# Officer in Ferguson shooting not indicted

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Grand jury's decision sparks protests in Missouri, elsewhere

**Ferguson, Mo.** — A grand jury has decided not to indict Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown, the unarmed, black 18-year-old whose fatal shooting by a white officer sparked weeks of sometimes-violent protests and exposed deep racial tension between many African-Americans and police.

Within minutes of the announcement by St. Louis County's top prosecutor, crowds began pouring into Ferguson streets to protest the decision. Some taunted police, shattered windows and vandalized cars. Several gunshots were also heard. Officers released smoke, pepper spray and tear gas to disperse the gatherings.

Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch said the jury of nine whites and three blacks met on 25 separate days and heard more than 70 hours of testimony from about 60 witnesses, including three medical examiners and other experts on blood, toxicology and firearms.

McCulloch stressed that the grand jurors were "the only people who heard every witness... and every piece of evidence." He said, many witnesses presented conflicting statements that ultimately were inconsistent with the physical evidence.

"These grand jurors poured their hearts and soul into this process," he said.

As McCulloch was reading his statement, a crowd gathered around a car from which it was being broadcast on a stereo. When the decision was heard, Michael Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, who was sitting atop the vehicle, burst into tears and began



Brown

screaming before being whisked away by supporters.

The crowd with her erupted in anger, converging on the barricade

where police in riot gear were standing. They pushed down the barricade and began pelting police with objects, including a bullhorn. Officers stood their ground.

At least nine votes would have been required to indict Wilson. The grand jury met in secret, a standard practice for such proceedings.

Speaking for nearly 45 minutes, a defensive McCulloch repeatedly cited what he said were inconsistencies and erroneous accounts from witnesses. When asked by a reporter whether any of the accounts amount to perjury, he said, "I think they truly believe that's what they saw, but they didn't."

The prosecutor also was critical of the media, saying "the most significant challenge" for his office was a "24-hour news cycle and an insatiable appetite for something — for anything — to talk about."

Brown's family released a statement saying they were "profoundly disappointed" in the decision but asked that the public "channel your frustration in ways that will make a positive change."

Thousands of people rallied in other U.S. cities, including Los Angeles and New York, to protest the decision, leading marches, waving signs and shouting chants of "Hands Up! Don't Shoot."

President Barack Obama appealed for calm and understanding, pleading with residents and police to show restraint.

"We are a nation built on the rule of law, so we need to

accept that this decision was the grand jury's to make," Obama said. He said it was understandable that some Americans would be "deeply disappointed — even angered," but echoed Brown's parents in calling for any protests to be peaceful.

The Justice Department is conducting a separate investigation into possible civil rights violations that could result in federal charges. The department also has launched a broad probe into the Ferguson Police Department,

looking for patterns of discrimination.

The Aug. 9 shooting inflamed tensions in the predominantly black St. Louis suburb that is patrolled by an overwhelmingly white police force. As Brown's body lay for hours in the center of a residential street, an angry

crowd of onlookers gathered. Rioting and looting occurred the following night, and police responded with armored vehicles and tear gas.

Protests continued for weeks — often peacefully, but sometimes turning violent, with demonstrators throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails and police firing smoke canisters, tear gas and rubber bullets. Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon briefly summoned the National Guard.

## Crowd reaction

In a parking lot near the apartment complex where Brown lived, about 60 other people gathered to listen to McCulloch's statement over car stereos, then scattered immediately after the announcement. Some drove off. Others shouted that they should go to the Police Department.

Just minutes after the announcement, St. Louis County police used a bullhorn to order a crowd outside the Ferguson Police Department to disperse, saying it had become an unlawful assembly. Protesters continued to hug the barricade and taunt police, sometimes with expletives. Some chanted "murderer."

"You need to stop throwing objects at the police and disperse immediately," an officer told the crowd over a loudspeaker.

Minutes later, four gunshots were heard down the street.

About 9:15 p.m., police deployed smoke on an unruly

group of protesters that had gathered south of the police station.

St. Louis County police said smoke and tear gas were used to disperse crowds.

Hours before the decision was made public, Nixon urged people to remain peaceful as he appeared at a news conference with the state's public safety director and the leaders of St. Louis city and county.

"Our shared hope and expectation is that regardless of the decision, people on all

sides show tolerance, mutual respect and restraint," Nixon said.

## Prosecutor questioned

Some black leaders and Brown's parents questioned McCulloch's ability to be impartial. The prosecutor's father, mother, brother, uncle

and cousin all worked for the St. Louis Police Department, and his father was killed while responding to a call involving a black suspect in 1964. McCulloch was 12 at the time, and the killing became a hallmark of his initial campaign for elected prosecutor.

Nixon declined to seek the removal of McCulloch in the Brown case, but he also called for McCulloch to vigorously prosecute Wilson, who had been on the Ferguson force for less than three years. Prior to that job, Wilson was an officer for nearly two years in another St. Louis suburb.

## REACTION

### TO THE DECISION

"The grief and frustration of the American people is justified and understandable, especially as we struggle to address the highly polarized relationship between law enforcement and young black men. The unnecessary loss of Michael Brown's young life should urge all Americans to recommit to reconciliation during this dark time. As we reflect on the grand jury's decision, let us move toward honoring the dignity and value of Michael's life. The Brown family continues to be in my thoughts and prayers."

**U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore**  
(D-Wis.)

"I have respect for the rule of law, civil rights and the right to peacefully assemble. In Milwaukee, I appreciate the peaceful and respectful manner in which individuals have expressed their frustration. The Milwaukee Police Department is prepared for every possible development. I am hopeful any

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(This is the big feature in today's op-ed section of the print edition of the paper. There's nothing about Cuba in the excerpts printed here, but it's a terrific interview and we know she's a strong and committed supporter of Cuba from her activities supporting the Cuban Five, so readers will want to read this interview today.)  
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PATT MORRISON ASKS

# A radical life

ANGELA Y. DAVIS

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER HER FIRST UCLA teaching gig attracted the wrath of Gov. Ronald Reagan, Angela Y. Davis is back on campus this semester, as regents' lecturer in the gender studies department. Her Thursday address in Royce Hall, about feminism and prison abolition, sums up some but not all of her work — a long academic career paralleled by radical activism. President Nixon called her a "dangerous terrorist" when she was charged with murder and conspiracy after a deadly 1970 courthouse shootout. She was acquitted, and since then, the woman born in the Jim Crow minefield of Birmingham, Ala., has written, taught and lectured around the world. Her iconic Afro has morphed from its 1970s silhouette; her intensity has not.

**Congress is working on prison-sentence reform. Many states have banned capital punishment. Isn't this encouraging?**

I've associated myself with the prison abolition movement; that does not mean I refuse to endorse reforms. There is a very important campaign against solitary confinement, a reform that is absolutely necessary. The difference resides in whether the reforms help to make life more habitable for people in prison, or whether they further entrench the prison-industrial complex itself. So it's not an either-or situation.

**What would a just prison system look like to you?**

It's complicated. Most of us in the 21st century abolitionist movement look to W.E.B. Du Bois' critique about the abolition of slavery — that it was not enough simply to throw away the chains. The real goal was to re-create a democratic society that would allow for the incorporation of former slaves. [Prison abolition] would be about building a new democracy: substantive rights to



economic sustenance, to healthcare; more emphasis on education than incarceration; creating new institutions that would tend to make prisons obsolete.

**When you consider feminism today, do you think women have retreated, except maybe when it comes to boardroom feminism?**

One can talk about multiple feminisms; it is not a unitary phenomenon. There are those who assume feminism is about moving up the hierarchy into positions of power, and that's OK, but that's not what feminism does best. If the women at the bottom move up, the whole structure moves up.

The kind of feminism I identify with is a method for research but also for activism.

**Stokely Carmichael sort of joked that the position for women in the civil rights movement's Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee was "prone." Are women full partners in politics today?**

Perhaps not completely, but we have made a lot of progress. In the way we think about past movements, I encourage people to look beyond heroic male figures. While Martin Luther King is someone I revere, I don't like to allow his representation to erase the contributions of ordinary people. The 1955 Montgomery bus boycott was successful because black women, domestic workers, refused to ride the bus. Had they not, where would we be today?

**What do you think of the nation's first black president?**

There are moments of enormous possibility, and the election was such a moment. People all over the world felt as if we were moving toward a new world. However brief that sense of euphoria was, we should not forget that. That allows us to understand what possibilities might reside in the future. [But] many people tended to deposit so many aspirations in this single individual that they failed — we failed — to do the work [to take] better advantage of that moment. People went to the polls and said, "We've done our job," and left it up to Obama.

**Is democracy a good chassis on which to build a political system?**

I believe profoundly in the possibilities of democracy, but democracy needs to be emancipated from capitalism. As long as we inhabit a capitalist democracy, a future of racial equality, gender equality, economic equality will elude us.

**You ran for vice president on the Communist Party ticket in 1980 and 1984; was that about faith in the democratic process?**

It was about suggesting that there are alternatives. No one believed it was possible to win, but the '80s [saw] the rise of the globalization of capital, the prison-industrial complex, and it was important to provide some alternative political analyses.

**What's your thinking on communism now?**

I still have a relationship, [but] I'm not a member. I left the party because I didn't feel it was



open to the kind of democratization that we needed. I still believe that capitalism is the most dangerous kind of future we can imagine.

**2016 will be the 50th anniversary of the Black Panther Party; you were a member for a time.**

The civil rights movement tended to be focused on integration, but there were those who said, "We don't want to assimilate into a sinking ship, so let's change the ship altogether." The emergence of the Black Panther Party marked a moment of rupture, and we are still in that moment.

The party had two different kinds of activism: grass-roots activism that helped to create institutions that are still working — for example, the Agriculture Department now runs free breakfast programs. On the other hand, the posture of self-defense and monitoring the police.

If one looks at the party 10-point program, every single point is as relevant or more relevant 50 years later. The 10th point includes community control of technology. That was very prescient. It's about using technologies rather than allowing them to use us.

Some people must still see in you the young woman who endorsed violence against police, violence in political movements.

It's important to understand the differences between that era and this era. Our relationship with guns was very different, largely revolving around self-defense. Today, when there's something like 300 million guns in the country, and we've experienced these horrendous shootings, we can't take the same position. I am totally in favor of gun control, of removing guns not only from civilians but also from police.

Guns you owned were used in the 1970 kidnapping and shootout at the Marin County Civic Center. You were acquitted of all charges. I read you purchased the guns for self-defense.

Yes, and I talked about the fact that my father had guns when I was growing up; our families needed to protect themselves from the Ku Klux Klan. We have laws against hate crimes [now]; I am ambivalent about [them] because oftentimes they end up being used against people who were initially the victims. Anti-lynching legislation is issued more against black kids and so-called gangs. Oftentimes the tools against racism are being used in the service of a kind of structural racism.

**What became of the radical, personal, confrontational writing of the 1960s and '70s?**

It's an interesting question. In many ways we were on our own. We were experimenting. Those experiments are important because without moving into realms about which one knows nothing, there will never be any change.

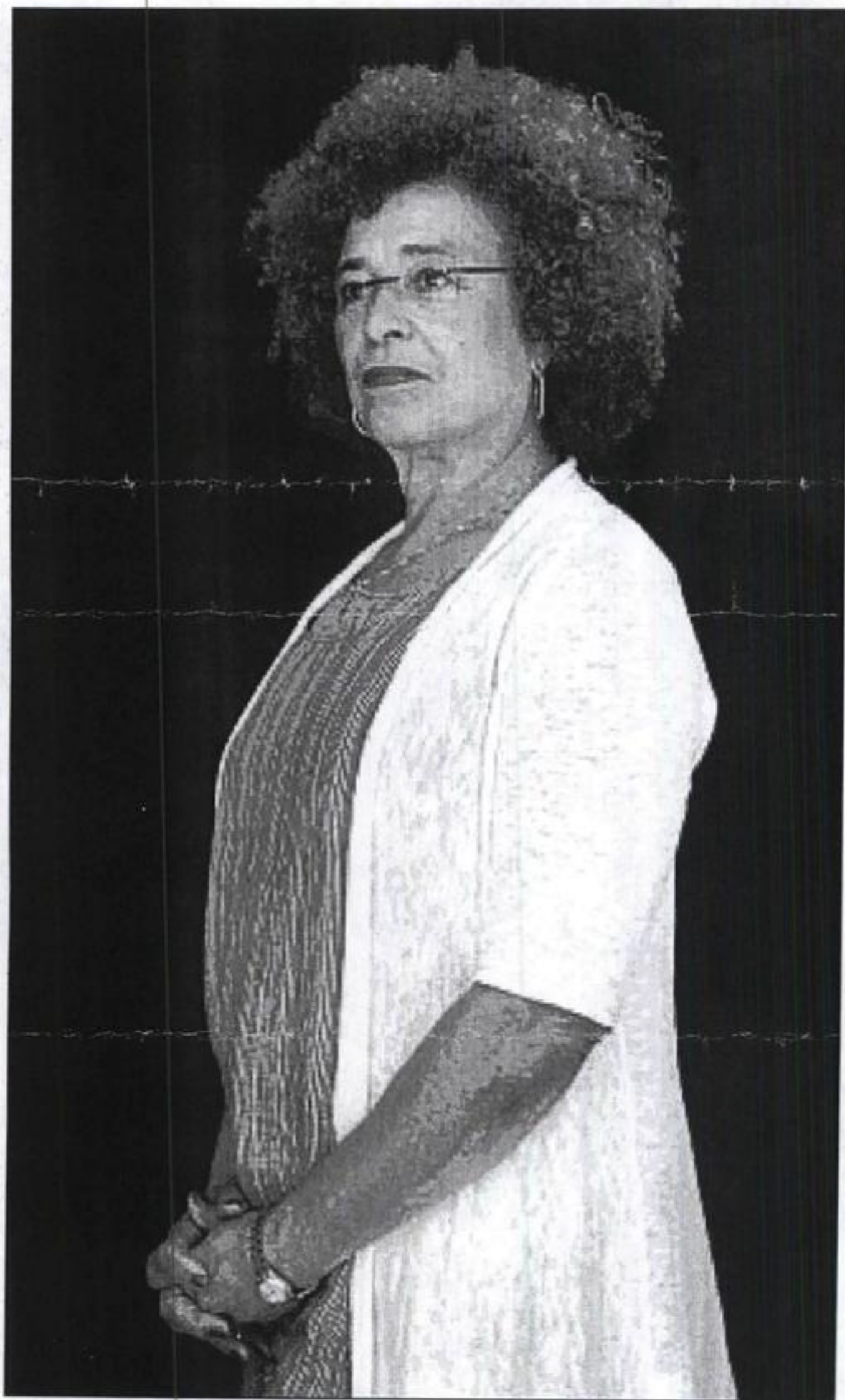
**I expect people say to you, "If you don't like it in America, why are you here?"**

**I have lived in other places but this is my home, and I feel committed to**



**transforming this country. I have felt that way since I was a child. My mother was an activist believing in the possibilities of transforming the world. I still have not given that up.**

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