

*If we assume that life is worth living, if we assume that mankind has the right to survive, then we must find an alternative to war.* — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



In Memphis, after violence breaks out for the first time in a march led by King, sanitation workers maintain a picket line alongside National Guard armored vehicles.



Soldiers in Detroit are deployed to suppress one of several large ghetto race riots in the summer of 1967.

## Activist Advances Local, Political Causes

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One of her first jobs in Oregon was working for Bev Stein, who was the chair of Multnomah Board of Commissioners at the time, which was the largest influence on her next decision.

"I saw her and I thought I can do this!"

Bowman ran for State Representative in northeast Portland after that, "And I won!"

She remembers elective office as one of the most rewarding jobs she has ever had.

"The hours were terrible, the pay was awful, but I came home



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knowing that I had impacted other people's lives," she says.

Ultimately, influencing people's lives and uniting the community is what Bowman lives for.

"Even though we are fighting a different war today, Martin Luther King's words come back

to me," Bowman says.

"Institutional racism is our biggest problem. Our country isn't a huge melting pot of different ethnicities or a tossed salad of immigrants, unless we address racism as a country, as an issue, inequality will continue to be created."

## Saluting Martin Luther King Jr.

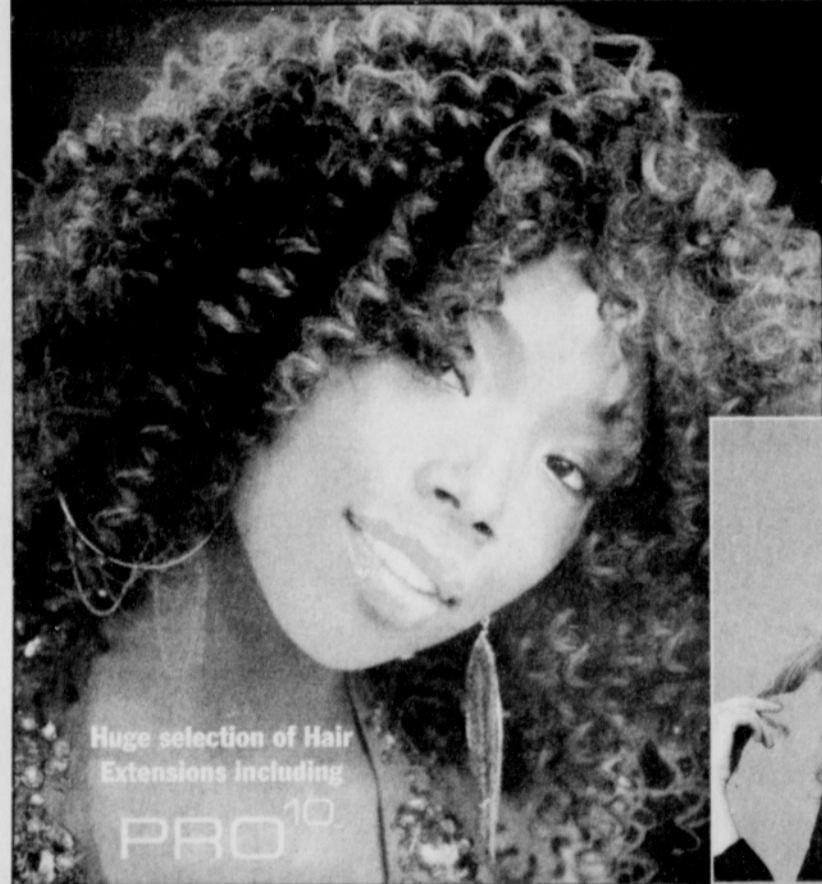
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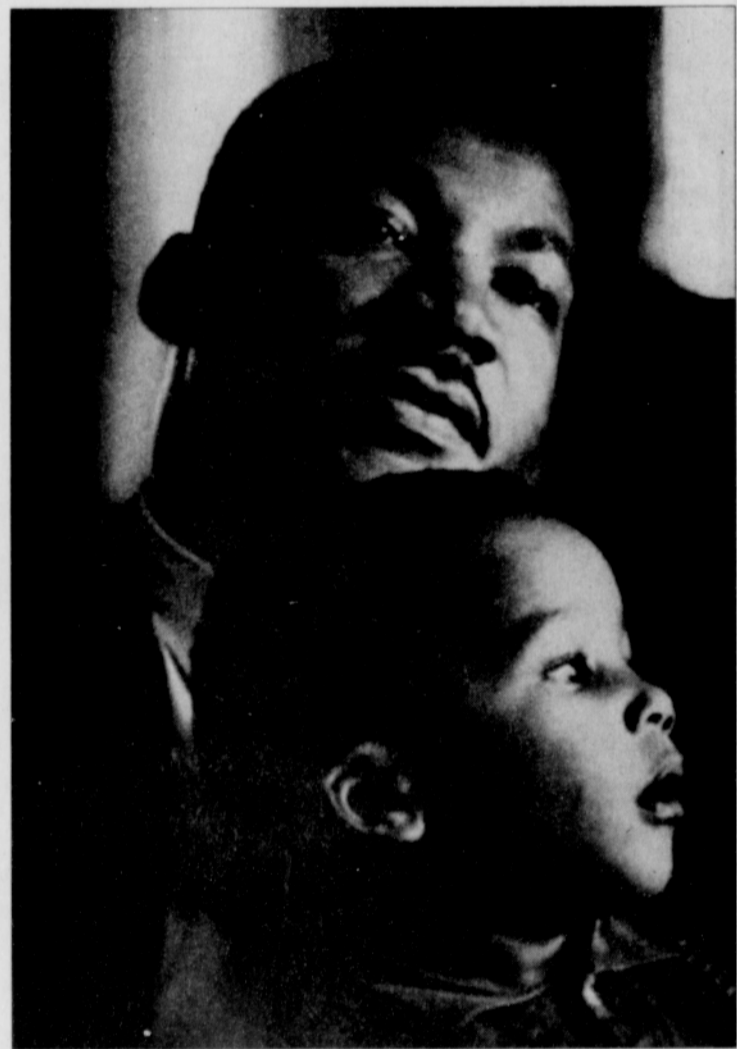
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