

Getting Ready for the Ball

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high-profile connections from good grooming to community service and exposure to the arts.

Bradford became a member of Les Femmes when her daughter, Patricia, was a debutante, presented in 1964.

"It's just been a wonderful tradition," Bradford said. "With Les Femmes, it's not based on wealth. It was based on the thought that anyone can learn."

Les Femmes celebrated 50 years in Portland in 2001.

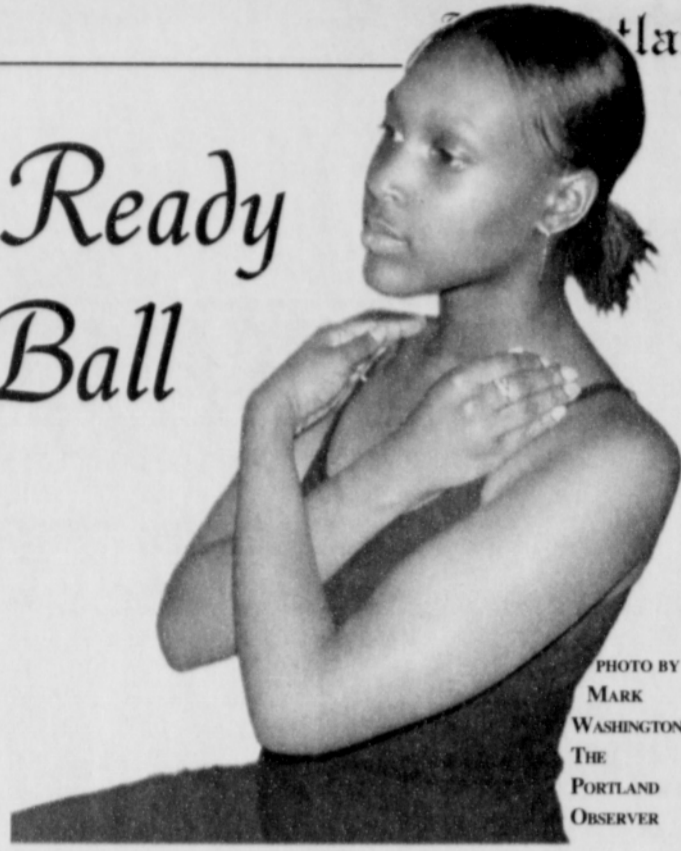


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Daisha Tate takes a moment for reflection during rehearsal for Saturday's Les Femmes Debutante Ball.

Pushing Back AGAINST AIDS

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resources available.

"We want to reverse infection rates to eradicate the impact of HIV in our community," Hicks said.

Event highlights include a light dinner, a

keynote speaker and a leading expert on the subject from Denver. An on-site, no-blood draw HIV test, using a cheek swab will also be available.

To register, call, 503-249-1721, extension 259.

Mayor's Hospital Stay Extended

Mayor Vera Katz approached one week in the hospital Tuesday because of complications from chemotherapy.

Katz started the treatment June 14 after cancer was found in her uterus. She was admitted to the hospital the next day because of an interaction with anti-inflammatory medication for back pain, dehydration and side effects from drugs used to treat the



Mayor Vera Katz

cancer.

The combination of complications caused a kidney malfunction that is now being treated with short-term dialysis.

Officials in the mayor's office said Katz still plans to return to work later this week. She also expects to fully complete her term as mayor before retirement in January.

Juneteenth Freedom



Mark Hardy performs on a warm and sunny Saturday during the Juneteenth celebration on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in the Woodlawn neighborhood. The holiday pays tribute to the freedom won by African-American slaves.

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Walmart Hit with Class Action

Lawsuit is largest civil rights case in U.S. history

(AP)—A federal judge on Tuesday approved class-action status for a sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that has become the largest private civil rights case in U.S. history.

It could represent as many as 1.6 million current and former female employees of the retailing giant.

The suit alleges Wal-Mart created a system that frequently pays its female workers less than their male counterparts for comparable jobs and bypasses women for key promotions.

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest private employer, sought to limit the scope of the lawsuit that was filed three years ago.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said earlier Tuesday that



Betty Dukes (right) and her fellow plaintiffs started a class-action sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that has become the largest private civil rights case in U.S. history. (AP photo)

the Bentonville, Ark.-based company will appeal the ruling and is confident that it does not discriminate against women employees.

No trial date was set. U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins took nine months to decide whether to expand the lawsuit to include virtually all women who

work or have worked at Wal-Mart's 3,500 stores nationwide since 1998. His ruling makes the lawsuit the nation's largest class action.

The ruling is pivotal because it gives lawyers for the women tremendous leverage as they pursue punitive damages, back pay and other compensation.

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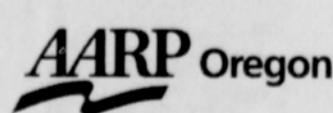



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