



# Preston Earns Law License

Northeast Portland native Donta Dwayne Graham Preston joins his parents Rance Preston and Sheilah Graham on Graduation Day at Hastings Law School in San Francisco. The former Central Catholic High School graduate and honor student at the University of Oregon and Portland State University recently passed the California State Bar Exam. He has been offered a job for a corporate law firm in San Francisco.

## Tax Refunds Unclaimed

The Internal Revenue Service announced last week that it has more than \$710,000 in tax refunds for Oregonians that has gone unclaimed. The IRS said the refunds will be reissued as soon as the taxpayers correct or update their addresses with the federal agency.

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## Opinion: Politics, Religion & Community

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So when they came for me, there was no one left to speak for me.

—An official in the Bush Administration has compared the concept of the Patriot Act to years of prosecutions on African Americans via the so-called War On Drugs. Unjust "battle rams" in-

discriminately knock down doors in inner city neighborhoods where police brutality is rampant. Today, Patriot Act concepts are violating rights of all Americans. This further implies, since African American votes are suppressed, later all American votes will be suppressed, if power feels it's necessary to retain itself.

—Supreme Court: *Bush V. Gore*: "The individual citizen has no federal constitutional right to vote... for the President of the U.S. unless and until the state legislature implements its [the citizen] power." This implies that the people's right to vote can be taken away should the state desire.

### US is a Falling Giant

To good citizens of every ethnicity:

Last week, I stated that Rev. Dr. Jim and Jannie Pearce, my parents, were denied the right to vote. These senior citizens were forced to show two pieces of ID and were not informed previously of this frivolous requirement. This violated a Florida law.

It should be noted that there are God-fearing Democrats, Republicans, good Christian and Muslim folk. However, there are a very few hooded ethnocentric-rightist Republicans unfortunately who are

in power with the president. These few are bent on taking voting rights from African Americans, mixed race included. Instead of bearing the cross of God's love, these individuals burn the cross of hate. Several of them look up to Rev. Jerry Farewell, the Southern Baptist.

Back to the polls: A state representative in Illinois, John Pappageorge, was overheard saying in the 2004 election, "If we don't suppress the Detroit vote, we're going to have a tough time." Isn't this called cheating? Detroit is predominantly black.

They came for the Jew, I did nothing, I was not a Jew.

They came for the Poles, I did nothing, I was not Polish.

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