



As chancellor of the New York City school system, Dr. Richard R. Green meets the challenge of running the largest school system in the country.

## 1994 Described As "Year Of The Angry White Male"

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How angry were they? Well, let's put it this way: Talk Radio, the shrill, harsh voice of so many of the genre, has made Rush Limbaugh the godfather of rightwing invective though his show is televised. Have you ever checked out that strait-laced, giggle-on-cue audience of this: definitely 1990 Norman Rockwell. All of the shows went into an orgasmic frenzy when Jocelyn Elders, the U.S. Surgeon General whom the talk show disc jockeys have labeled the "condom queen", made her unfortunate reference to "masturbation".

Favorite topics and buzz words also center around gays in the military, federally subsidized midnight basketball, Affirmative Action and crime-in-the-streets. One might notice in this fervent demonology that truly lucrative and rewarding crime is almost totally ignored; like the savings and loan rascals who got away with those hundreds of billions of dollars, and then bought back in at distressed prices, just in time for their biggest profits ever the last couple of years. And, of course, it is out of the question that their tirades over the airwaves would include the tens of billions in subsidies received by U.S. industry--that, you see, is welfare for white folks, a cherished and sacrosanct American tradition.

In that vein, we have certainly become aware of the great resurgence of anti-affirmative action rhetoric and litigation. An acquaintance of mine who is in his eighties says these times of economic downturn reminds him of his early days in the deep south when similar circumstances meant an increase in lynchings, evictions and house-burnings. I had to give a wry smile when, talking to no one in particular, he made the case that "we always been way behind, last hired, dirtiest job, lowest skill, meaningless seniority, first fired, and barred from the craft unions. And, now, 'they' are yelling discrimination, unfair hiring practices and are asking for 'democracy'". He shook his head.

I was thinking, "but maybe we're lucky to even be here: You know the Indian is just about wiped out and, further, they fight him for a share of the fish that are left, his timber is stolen, he is still cheated of mineral rights and native American lawyers and engineers are kept busy policing the operations of the oil companies with leasing rights on their lands.

Life was never fair and perhaps the best we can say is that these children of the European immigrants, many of whom have salvaged this land and its people, will eventually grow up and visualize and seek an equity in human existence -- before its too late. Will 'they' ever get that angry?

However, with the ever-increasing crescendo of layoffs of the 'proper-kind-of-Americans' as corporate America strives to better that "bottom line" the stockholders love to see, there have already been some hesitant realizations that the welfare rolls are gaining new blood. Not that white welfare recipients didn't always outnumber blacks by a large margin; except in the media tape and print files where hordes of black stereo-types await the station manager's cue. This is coming as a shock to many Oregonians who have just begun to realize how many thousands

have been put on the welfare rolls by the downturn in the timber industry - - and the indirect businesses that are going to the wall in consequence.

The Knight-Ridder News Service has featured a number of articles this past month describing a 'white male' whose "status as a bread winner" is seeing some very shaky times. One writer states that the male is searching frantically for that prime! instinct exhibited by the familiar image of the lioness protecting her cubs-- "now the male must learn to concentrate his mind and his will to protect his job, his status as provider, his turf". Though the articles cite recent movies that depict such contemporary threats to the white male psyche, "Disclosure" or "Lost In America", I always reflect back to that great classic, "The Death Of A Salesman". You know, it just might be apropos!

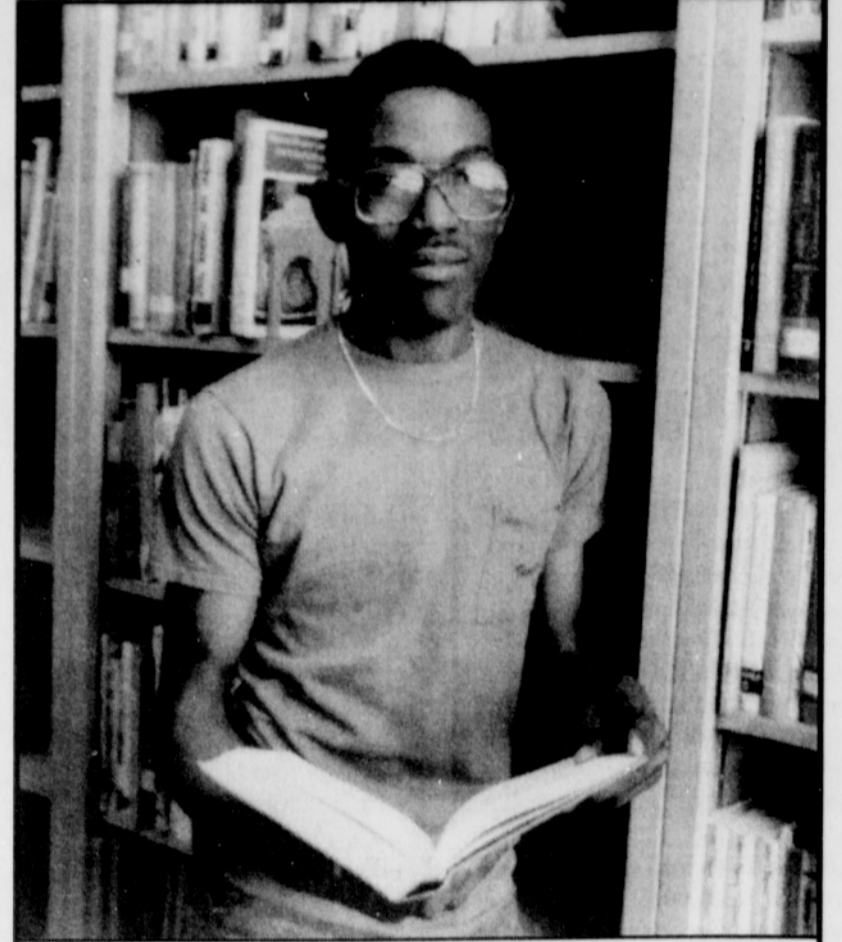
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Suggested readings that can help provide a clearer understanding of Bastiat's thinking include, *Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau, *Grassroots Tyranny* by Clint Bolick, and *The Road to Serfdom* by Friedrich A. Hayek. If *The Law* is not carried by a student's high school or local library, it can be ordered from Laissez Faire Books (800-326-0996) for \$2; that special price includes shipping and handling. To obtain the special price, students must mention the Independence Scholarship when ordering.



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