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SCHOOL NOTES

NEW YORK

Classes begin on Tuesday, February 4th.
The schedule is as follows:

The basic course, Progress and Poverty, will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6 and Thursdays at 5:30. A basic video course, Understanding Economics, will be presented at noon on Wednesdays. And the popular offering Money and Banking returns this winter, every Tuesday at 5:30. There are no prerequisites for any of the above courses.

Advanced classes this winter include a new lunchtime video course, Issues and Alternatives, based on the newest cablevision series of the same name. This course is offered on Tuesdays at noon and covers such topics as protectionism, national debt, poverty and other contemporary social problems.

Another advanced course, The History of Economic Thought, will be presented on Wednesdays at 5:30. It traces the development of economic ideas from ancient times through the classicists. Included are Smith, Malthus, Ricardo, George, the mercantilists and the early socialists.

A third advanced class, Protection or Free Trade, will be offered in Spanish on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM.

Students wishing to attend Issues and Alternatives, History of Economic Thought or Protection or Free Trade must have completed a basic course. Additional information is available from registrar Elizabeth Reeves at 212 697-9880.

LONG ISLAND

"Understanding Economics" resumed on January 2nd on Cablevision Channel 21. It can be seen most Thursdays at 9 PM....

Al Fink spoke at the December meeting of the Oceanside Kiwanis Club on Henry George: The Man, His Writing and the Henry George Movement."

Contemporary Issues, an advanced course based on the books Social Problems and Protection or Free Trade, will be offered in the Bellmore - Merrick community on Thursday evenings beginning January 30th at Kennedy High School.

The same course will be offered in Levittown's MacArthur High School on Wednesdays beginning March 5th. Call 516 734-7543 for info.

SCHOOL NOTES

LOS ANGELES

Robert Tideman, long a HGS educator, former director of the Northern California school, was the guest speaker at 1985's final Final Friday meeting. The event took place at the LA Press Club on December 13th and was sponsored, as always, by the Alumni Group of the LA school. Bob's topic, "Doing the Right Thing," befit the holiday season and was an appropriate end-of-the-year opportunity for reflection.

Those interested in future Final Friday sessions may call 818-352-4141 for details.

SAN FRANCISCO

A revised basic course, four weeks in length, which showed great potential during a trial run in Berkeley last year, is being further refined based upon that experience.

"Revisioning Economics: A Path Toward Survival" is the name of the series. Session One asks "What is the economic problem?", examining scarcity, distribution and the labor - capital question. Session Two explores "Causes and effects of the economic problem," digging further into contemporary crises. Session Three, "What is to be done?", explores conventional solutions to the economic problems previously unearthed. And Session Four puts forth "Economic Democracy -- Toward a Solution."

PHILADELPHIA

Seventy people attended the 50th Anniversary celebration for the Philadelphia HGS at the Twelve Ceasars Restaurant on Saturday, December 14th.

Dr. Ella Bowen of Mayor Wilson Goode's office extended the official best wishes of the city in honor of the occasion.

Guest speakers included Dr. Keith Rose and former Councilman James Tayoun.

Dr. Rose is director of the Parkway Program, an alternative high school in Philadelphia. He stressed how helpful to high school students the Philadelphia HGS has been through the years.

Mr. Tayoun, who championed the land value taxation cause in the council for a number of years, emphasized the continued need to educate public officials, Philadelphia councilmembers especially.

Best wishes were also conveyed by Robert Clancy of the Henry George Institute and Paul Nix and Stan Rubenstein of the New York HGS.

From the Turnabout Is Fair Play Department: Director George Collins worked behind the scenes with other school members to arrange a surprise presentation to Lu Cippolini for her many years of service to the school. And Lu Cippolini worked behind the scenes with other school members to arrange a surprise presentation to George Collins for his many years of service to the school. To say each was surprised is to understate the case immeasurably.

David Zwanetz was the evening's master of ceremonies.

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From the LI Business article: "Four out of five homeowners gain. Needed development occurs where it is best suited. Business expansion is rewarded rather than penalized. Taxes on commerce are reduced or ultimately replaced. Advocates claim the impossible has happened: A tax reform businesses and homeowners can agree on."

The Montgomery County, Pa. Times Herald ran a page one article entitled, "Norristown Should Revolt, But Quietly, For Land Value Taxation, Expert Says." The expert, Jacob Himmelstein of the Incentive Tax League of Southeastern Pennsylvania, is quoted extensively in the piece, which details his recent presentation in the Norristown Public Library.

"With home rule in effect, Norristown can look to a broader spectrum of taxation than before," Himmelstein was quoted. "Our organization is interested in taxes that are equitable and will increase economic activity in southeastern Pennsylvania."

Other Georgist items of note in our nation's newspapers include a recent letter from Professor James L. Busey to the Colorado Springs Sun regarding urban sprawl and the land-value tax as its remedy. And Edward Miller, former board member of the Henry George Schools of Northern California, recently penned an op-ed piece entitled, "Protectionism Costs U.S. Consumers."

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