

Forum

School Board needs you

Last week we examined the educational reasons why the African American community must turn out in attending the school board meeting of Thursday, August

Lack of unionization and poor education have combined to make the southeast the poorest region of the nation.

Political: Six white people on

This must stop in both communities.

Spiritual: God has made of one blood all nations of people to dwell upon the face of the earth. Every human being has equal and equivalent value and work. The Lord did not create white folks first to be our masters and us second to be their slaves. Almighty God gives each person stewardship responsibility over the rest of creation and their own lives. You cannot serve God and white folks who think they're gods at the same time. If we choose to be the courageous men and women God calls us to be, white folks of goodwill will join us allies. If we opt for the cowardly route of Uncle Toms and Thomasinas, our children have a right to curse us for not fighting for them.

We could go on and on about why black folks must be present in good number Thursday night. Sooner or later we will demonstrate a community-wide concern for the education of our students or forever be indicted as an inert, irresponsible community giving lip service to "self-appointed leaders."

GUEST COLUMN

By REV. CARLTON EVERSLEY



6, at 6 p.m., 1605 Miller Street off Silas Creek Parkway behind Forsyth Tech. There are also other types of reasons why it's important to do so. They are:

Economic: Only persons adequately educationally prepared will be able to earn livable wages or own their own businesses in the coming year. Reading, writing, mathematic skills, computer skills, public speaking, and interpersonal communication abilities have joined the "hard" sciences (biology, chemistry, physics) as the keys to future prosperity for families, neighborhoods, cities, and states.

an all white school board shouldn't have even imagined having discussions and making decisions over the lives of 40% of the system's students who are black without us being there. Crispus Attucks, the Boston Tea Party, and the Revolutionary War should have resolved the issue of "no taxation without representation." They were only in a position to do so because too often in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County African Americans vote the straight Democratic ticket while European Americans vote the straight white ticket, Democrat or Republican, thus leaving us out.

Fair taxes? Keep dreaming

The Reagan-Bush fiscal policies of the past 12 years have divided our country, says the A. Philip Randolph Institute, but not between blacks and whites, not even

ing on social programs that commands an ever-growing share of federal spending. Instead, more and more tax dollars are used to finance interest on the national debt—a debt

past 12 years: The average pre-tax income of the lowest 20 percent of Americans fell from \$8,791 in 1980 to \$8,312 in 1992—a decline of 7.5 percent.

Even middle-income families felt a 3 percent decline, from \$32,948 in 1980 to \$31,970 in 1992. But those averaging \$89,031 in 1980 averaged \$112,652 in 1992, a jump of 26.5 percent.

And the top one percent of our nation?

Those who had a pre-tax income of \$343,610 in 1980 have a pre-tax income of \$676,000 in 1992, an increase of 96.7 percent.

So much for the trickle-down theory that said these wealthy people would use this money to create new jobs and stimulate the economy.

As these figures from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means reveal, the money did not trickle down, and all it stimulated was its owners' bank accounts.

It is imperative that we become involved in politics. We cannot let our disgust with the system dissuade us from participating in the process.

We must hold our elected officials accountable and demand an end to this structure, or our quest for the American Dream will be no more than a recurring nightmare.

AGAINST THE GRAIN

By ROOSEVELT WILSON



between the rich and the poor, but between the very rich and the rest of us.

In a study titled "Fair taxes: Still a dream for African Americans," the institute says low and middle-income blacks are paying a disproportionately higher share of their income in taxes when compared to America's wealthiest citizens.

Norman Hill, president of the institute, says, "African Americans have experienced discrimination in many forms and have often looked to the government for protection. Yet...African Americans also face an insidious form of economic discrimination at the hands of government."

The report, released in June, says, "Contrary to conventional wisdom, it is not increased spend-

caused to a large extent by massive tax giveaways to the very wealthy."

It adds: "According to Citizens of Tax Justice, 'supply-side' tax cuts are costing the federal treasury over \$160 billion per year. As a consequence...the federal government has shifted a number of its traditional responsibilities to the state level."

Lower and middle-income families are hit hardest when state and local governments raise taxes, the report says. And "when government tax policy takes aim at low and middle-income families, it hits one group particularly hard: African Americans."

Blacks often generalize about economic disparities and just as often are criticized and characterized as wanting something for nothing, but look at the royal tax shaft our government has given us for the

AIDS in US, Africa . . . why does US lie?

I told you so. As a matter of fact, I've been telling you so for over five years.

If you don't believe me, watch Tony Brown's Journal (PBS-TV/August 7 through 13) when Dr. Robert Root-Bernstein repeats what he said back in April about the HIV so-called AIDS virus ("Does the AIDS virus cause AIDS?").

What I told you in this column and on my TV series over the last five years is that the so-called "AIDS virus" does not cause AIDS. That's what Dr. Root-Bernstein and Dr. Peter Duesburg have also said on my TV series.

That's what 50 of the world's top scientists, the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis, including Dr. Charles Thomas, Dr. Stevan Jonas, Dr. Harvey Bialy, and Ms. Celia Farber, among others, have been preaching.

Now, after 12 years of propaganda, the U.S. government and the medical-industrial complex have been forced to admit that its long-held lie that HIV causes all AIDS cases is not true.

They lied as long as they could get away with it. But little by little, too much evidence to the contrary has been accumulated.

Because the subject is so technical, most people don't grasp the fundamental point of this controversy. Let me explain it this way.

You have to have a membership to be a member of the club, but all members of the club don't have a membership—in fact, 50% don't.

Since 1980, the U.S. government has told us that the HIV virus



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causes AIDS. They've even called HIV "the AIDS virus." But after years of being lied to by our government and the media, we now know beyond a shadow of a doubt that many people with AIDS do not have the HIV virus.

If the government's claim that AIDS was caused by the HIV virus was true, everyone with AIDS would have to have the HIV virus.

"The existence of HIV-free AIDS cases proves that HIV is not a necessary cause of acquired immune deficiency. Clearly if AIDS can occur in the absence of the detectable HIV, then HIV is not necessary to produce AIDS," Dr. Root-Bernstein explained.

Dr. Robert Koch, a Nobel Prize winner in 1905 and the creator of Koch's postulates, a series of rules to determine disease, said the same

thing: "The organism must be found in all cases of the disease."

You can't be a member of a club without a membership, can you?

And to hide the fact that they are lying, the government scientists

are pretending that only 30 instances of these "mysterious cases" were just discovered.

In a book written in 1988 ("AIDS, the HIV Myth" by Jad Adams), we learned that the HIV virus itself was only present in 50% of antibody-positive people. "Logically," Dr. Root-Bernstein says, "if HIV is not present in all cases of AIDS, then these cases must have causes other than HIV."

What are these actions ("lifestyle" they're called) that Root-Bernstein believes are co-factors (causes) of AIDS, along with HIV?

Promiscuous receptive anal intercourse; blood transfusions; multiple concurrent infections (hepatitis and malaria, among others); prolonged and high-dose antibiotics; anesthetics; opiate pain killers;

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