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remind people that it is letter to be safe than sorry. Dictors agree on the role that healthy diets and good hygiene play in the prevention of disease, and regularly warn us to avoid high-risk behavior. Yet almost 200 years after Philadelphia's yellow fetter plague, the Black com nurity still suffers from unnecessary poverty and preventable disease.

Our children are most vulnerable in any epidemic, yet Black children are among those most likely to be inprotected against polentially deadly preventable disease.

In 1985 more than 4 out of every 10 nonwhite infants had not received the recommended dosage of polio vaccine and were not filly protected agai stinis paralyzing disease. Since 1985 the federal government has collected no statilitics about our children's immunization status, but measles, mumps, and whooping cough (pertussis) outbreaks siggest that our children are not adequately vaccinated Experts recommend that in

the first year, infants receive three doses of DTP (combined diphtheria-tetanuspertussis vaccines) and 2 doses of polio vaccine. Before they are two years old, children should receive another DPT shot, polio vaccine, and a combined measles, mumps. rubella shot. Booster shots for DTP. polio, and MMR are due at kindergarten age. Without

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the series of shots, children will not have long lasting protection against disease. More than 10 years ago, in

1978, the Surgeon General of the United States established 1990 as a target date for reaching national health ob jectives. A key immunization goal was to ensure that by the age of two. 90 percent of all children were to have completed the basic immunization series (diptheria: measles; mumps: pertussis (DPT); polio; rubella; and tetanus). This goal has not been reached. Making progress in protecting our children will require an all out effort on the part of parents, community leaders and the public health programs. To star . every parent should contact their local health department

community health center. or personal pl ysician to obtain more information about protecting their children. The Children's Defense Fund has renewed our commitment to educate the public about this issue and has blaced information posters about the importance of childhood immunization in the cities of Miami, Cleveland, Minneapolis. St. Paul. Houston. Newark, New Jersey. Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. For more information, or to order posters for use in your area, please contact: CDF. 122 C Street. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE JACOB-

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social security payroll taxes than they do in income taxes.

The danger in the otherwise sensible plan to cut those social security taxes is that it would widen the budget deficit to the point where existing necessary programs, already damaged by the Reagan-era cuts, would be sliced further.

The obvious answer would be to cut the social security tax rate, separate the payroll tax revenues from the federal budget by putting them into an income-producing trust fund for future retirees, and raise other taxes to cover the deficit. income tax rates in the industrial world, there's plenty of room to either raise existing rates or add another, higher bracket at the top.

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That would halt the trend toward greater income inequality and make the entire tax system a lot more fair and a lot more effective in meeting national needs.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Effective April 18, 1990, and until further notice The Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas will accept applications on Wednesdays during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 420 N. 10th Street for all programs and bedroom sizes.

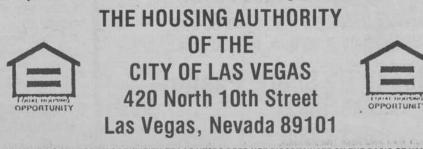
The Housing Authority administers the following programs:

- 1. Low-Rent (Conventional) Public Housing
 - -Family Developments -Senior Developments
- 2. Non-Federally Aided Housing -Family Developments -Senior Developments
- 3) Section 8 Existing Certificate (Senior)
- 4) Section 8 202 (Senior)
- 5) Section 8 Existing Certificate, Voucher, and Moderate Rehabilitation
- 6) Section 8 Substantial Rehabilitation
- 7) Section 8 New Construction

If you wish to apply for any of the above programs you must pick up a Pre-Application Packet at the Application Office located at 420 North 10th Street during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or the Development Offices during their office hours Monday through Friday.

It is imperative that the Pre-Application Packet be picked up. It must be read and completely filled out prior to Wednesday, April 18, 1990, or any other Wednesday thereafter while we are accepting applications.

Should you have any further questions, or need assistance pertaining to the Pre-Application Packet, please contact us at 382-4167. Because of limited space we ask that children not be brought to the office.



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