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Bobby Rush's Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act Now Law

by Huffington Post and Elroy Reed

President Biden signed the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act into law on March 29, 2022. The law designates lynching as a federal hate crime.

Among those who attended the signing was US Congressman Bobby Rush who is the primary author of the bill. Also, Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr., a cousin of Emmett Till who was with the 14-year-old in Mississippi when he was lynched in 1955 after whistling at a white woman.

"This is a historic day and a day of enormous consequence for our nation. After more than 100 years and 200 attempts, lynching is finally a federal crime in America. When I think of what this means — that we can finally provide justice for the victims of this heinous act; that we will be able to reckon with our nation's legacy of lynching; and that we will, once and for all, send a strong message that we will not stand for these abhorrent crimes — I am elated," Congressman Rush said.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously in March after passing the House 422-3 in February. When the bill was previously before the House in 2020, then-Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan opposed the bill, arguing on Twitter that it was unnecessary. Similar Anti-Lynching legislation has failed to be signed into law at least 240 times according to legislative sources.

"Murdering someone on account of their race, or conspiring to do so, is not legal under federal law. It's already a federal crime, and it's already a hate crime," Amash wrote. Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) also argued the bill needed to be more clearly differentiated.

Under previously existing U.S. law, willfully causing "bodily injury" to someone because of "actual or perceived race, color, religion ... national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability" was already punishable by up to 10 years in prison, or by life in prison if the victim died as a result.

"Emmett Till meant so much to the City of Chicago. The signing of this bill is a victory for the City of Chicago, a victory for America, and a victory



for Black America, in particular. I am so proud that we have come together — in a bipartisan fashion — to enact a law that will ensure lynchings are always punished as the barbaric crimes they are," Congressman Bobby Rush explains.

Emmett Till would have been 80 years old as the date of the signing of the bill. According to civil rights leaders, his brutal lynching which was placed on the cover of the Ebony Magazine help to ignite the civil rights movement and a generation of civil rights activists. It began a worldwide movement to reckon with freedom, justice, and equality all around the world.

Congressman Rush has also introduced a bill that would provide maximum sentence for a perpetrator of a lynching incident to serve 30 years in prison. Rush is also the lead sponsor of bipartisan legislation that would award a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley. Another bill is created that would direct the Postmaster General to issue a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Mamie Till-Mobley.

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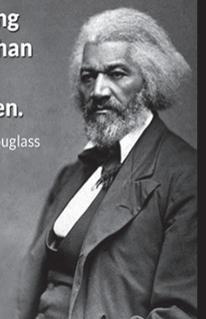
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Schneider Announces Funding to Improve Student Internet, Broadband Access

WASHINGTON — Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) today announced that the Tenth District has received \$8.2 million from the American Rescue Plan to provide students with access to reliable internet. Schneider helped pass the American Rescue Plan last March, which included \$7 billion for the Emergency Connectivity Fund to bridge the digital divide and help students succeed during remote schooling and beyond.

“Kids without internet access at home are often left behind, without the basic tools they need to thrive. This critical funding from the American Rescue Plan will bridge the digital divide in the Tenth District by ensuring that students from Round Lake to Wheeling have reliable internet access,” Schneider said.

The following schools and libraries in the Tenth District received funding from the Emergency Connectivity Fund: Bannockburn School Dist 106, \$18,000.00; Beach Park School District 3, \$ 31,830.48; Big Hollow School District 38, \$ 520,000.00; Community High Sch

Dist 128, \$16,598.88; Deerfield School District 109, \$610,905.00; Glencoe School District 35, \$ 60,000.00; Glenview School District 34, \$ 24,000.00; Grayslake School District 46, \$15,720.00; Hawthorn School District 73, \$318,475.00; Highland Park Public Library \$2,520.00, Lake Bluff School District 65, \$ 98,540.60; Lake Co Special Educ Coop, \$112,000.00, Lake Forest School District 67, \$190,080.00; Libertyville Elem Sch Dist 70, \$239,559.60; Mundelein Cons H S Dist 120, \$12,000.00; Mundelein Elem School Dist 75, \$10,800.00; N Chicago C U Sch Dist 187, \$460,725.00; North Chicago Public Library, \$ 6,590.62; North Shore School Dist 112, \$184,800.00; Northbrook Public Library, \$ 3,326.32; Northern Suburban Spec Ed Dist., \$ 32,906.00; Northfield Twp H S Dist 225, \$ 567,650.00; Prairie Crossing Charter School, \$97,000.00; River Trails School Dist 26, \$ 131,644.00; Riverwoods Montessori School, \$ 9,975.00; Round Lake Area Sch Dist 116,

\$ 1,810,164.20; Stevenson School District 125, \$ 9,716.76; Township High School Dist 113, \$ 564,727.57; Waukegan Public Library, \$103,320.00; Wheeling School District 21, \$ 1,925,427.00.

Studies indicate that as many as 16 million students nationwide don't have internet service at home, making it difficult to complete homework or to do research once the school day ends. The Emergency Connectivity Fund is a \$7.17 billion program that was created as part of the American Rescue Plan to help provide relief to millions of students, school staff, and library patrons and to help close the Homework Gap for students who currently lack necessary Internet access or the devices they need to connect to classrooms. For eligible schools and libraries, the ECF Program will cover reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers; Wi-Fi hotspots; modems; routers; and broadband connectivity purchases for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons.

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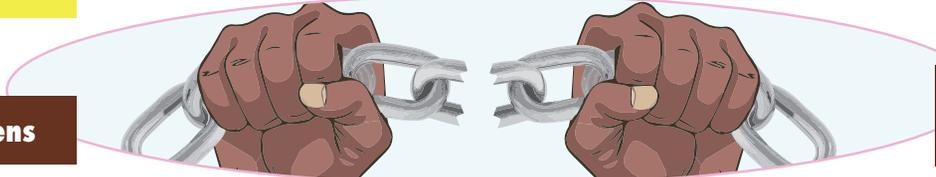
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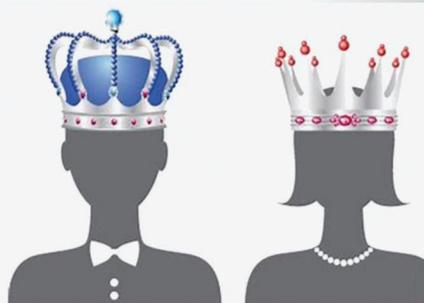
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Daylight Savings Time May Become Permanent

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed legislation that would make daylight saving time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clocks in a move promoted by supporters advocating brighter afternoons and more economic activity.

The Senate approved the measure, called the Sunshine Protection Act, unanimously by voice vote. The House of Representatives, which has held a committee hearing on the matter, still must pass the bill before it can go to President Joe Biden to sign. The White House has not said whether Biden supports it.

On Sunday, most of the United States resumed daylight saving time, moving ahead one hour. The United States will resume standard time in November.

Senator Marco Rubio, one of the bill's sponsors, said after input from airlines and broadcasters that supporters agreed that the change would not take place until November 2023.

The change would help enable children to play

outdoors later and reduce seasonal depression, according to supporters.

"I know this is not the most important issue confronting America but it is one of those issues that there is a lot of agreement. ... If we can get this passed, we don't have to do this stupidity anymore," Rubio added. "Pardon the pun, but this is an idea whose time has come."

About 30 states since 2015 have introduced legislation to end the twice-yearly changing of clocks, with some states proposing to do it only if neighboring states do the same.

The House Energy and Commerce committee held a hearing on the issue this month. Representative Frank Pallone, the committee's chairman, said that "the loss of that one hour of sleep seems to impact us for days afterwards. It also can cause havoc on the sleeping patterns of our kids and our pets."

Pallone backs ending the clock switching but has not decided whether to support daylight or standard time as the permanent choice.

Pallone cited a 2019 poll that found that 71%

of Americans prefer to no longer switch their clocks twice a year.

Supporters say the change could prevent a slight uptick in car crashes that typically occurs around the time changes and point to studies showing a small increase in the rate of heart attacks and strokes soon after the time change.

"It has real repercussions on our economy and our daily lives," said Senator Ed Markey, another leading sponsor.

Supporters argue it could help businesses such as golf courses that could draw more use with more evening daylight.

The use of daylight saving time has been in place in nearly all of the United States since the 1960s after being first tried in 1918. Year-round daylight savings time was adopted in 1973 in a bid to reduce energy use because of an oil embargo and repealed a year later.

The bill would allow Arizona and Hawaii, which do not observe daylight saving time, to remain on standard time.

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Waukegan Park District to Receive \$3,000,000 For Carnegie Library Building

Waukegan, Illinois (March 21, 2022) – Congressman Brad Schneider announced that the Waukegan Park District will receive \$3,000,000 from the federal government’s Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 to help fund the renovation of the historic Carnegie Library, located at 1 N. Sheridan Road in Waukegan. Designated as a Waukegan Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Carnegie Library will be the new site for the Waukegan History Museum with expanded programming, archives, collections, exhibits, and a research library.

The Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie is anticipated to attract approximately 5,000 visitors in its first year, having an economic impact on Waukegan’s economy. Additionally, the new museum will provide free field trips and educational resources for approximately 10,000 students in Waukegan Public Schools.

The Waukegan History Museum is operated by the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society and is the repository for all of Waukegan’s rich history. Congressman Brad Schneider stated, “Funding for the Waukegan Carnegie Library revitalization will increase foot traffic in the heart of Waukegan, transforming both the surrounding community and the local economy. The project’s aim is for nearby businesses to see historic growth as a result of this investment, with independent analyses suggesting



the revitalization will generate as much as \$5.3 million in local economic activity. I am proud to have helped secure funding for this transformative investment in the Waukegan community.”

Jacqueline Herrera Giron, President of the Waukegan Park District Board of Commissioners, stated, “Congressman Brad Schneider’s advocacy to fund our community projects will impact the continued work that the Waukegan Park District is committed to bringing to our residents.

The Board of Commissioners applauds the Congressman’s efforts. The \$3,000,000 will help the Waukegan Park District and the Waukegan Historical Society transform the historic Carnegie Library into a state-of-the art museum with expanded space for programming, exhibits, and more.”

Jay Lerner, Executive Director of the Waukegan Park District, stated, “The Waukegan Park District is extremely grateful of the efforts of Congressman Brad Schneider to secure federal funding for the renovation of the Carnegie Library into the Waukegan History Museum. The museum project will benefit the community significantly. Once completed, the Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie will be a regional destination that will boost tourism and strengthen the local economy.”



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“As we work to address new and emerging cyber threats, it is vital that the state government and our local and private sector partners remain vigilant and prepared,” said Governor Pritzker. “This Commission will help create and expand partnerships to foster continual learning and information sharing to ensure the safety and resiliency of our digital infrastructure,” said Illinois Homeland Security Advisor Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “It is essential to have this Cyber Security Commission in place with our most trusted partners to ensure statewide cyber safety operations

for everyone in the State of Illinois.”

The Commission will also leverage information from critical infrastructure partners and the public sector like information technology, communications, defense industrial base, energy, financial services, healthcare, public health, water, and wastewater systems.

State Legislative Updates

Gov. Pritzker Passes Debt Bill

“Illinois is putting our fiscal house in order and paying off our debt. I applaud House Democrats for prioritizing legislation that will use our resources in the most fiscally responsible way: SB2803 will pay down more than \$4.1 billion in debt. I especially appreciate the tireless work to dedicate additional revenues to one-time efforts that will produce a stronger budget for years to come,” expressed Governor Pritzker.

“I extend my gratitude in particular to Leaders Greg Harris, Marcus Evans, and Jay Hoffman and Reps. Will Davis, Robyn Gabel, Lisa Hernandez, and Michael Zalewski for advancing this priority. I’m disappointed that Republicans are putting their politics ahead of fiscal responsibility while Democrats in the General Assembly are taking the lead

to put our fiscal house in order. SB 2803 Key Facts: As amended in the House, SB 2803

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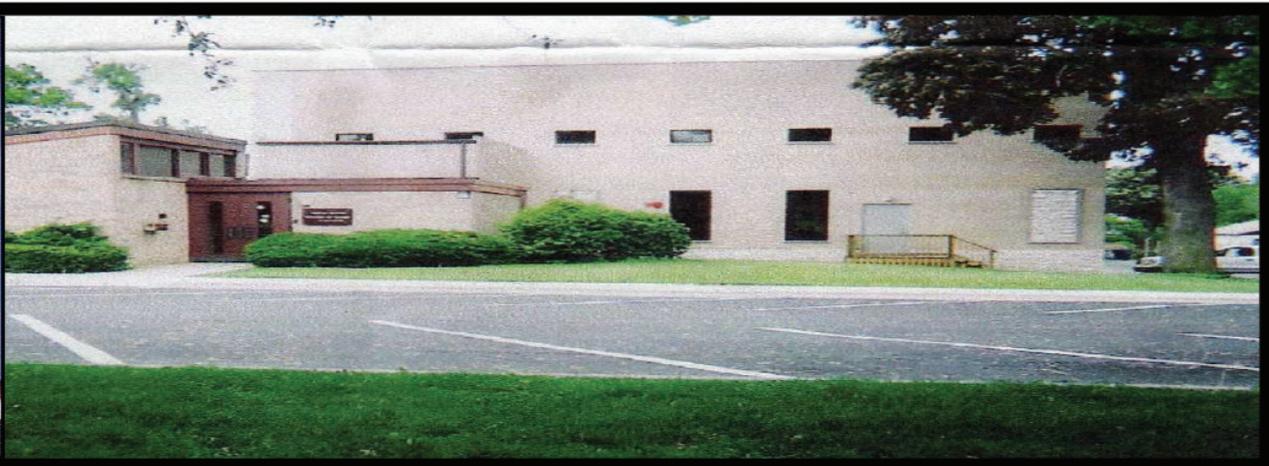
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Bryan Pope to Perform at Gospel Concert



Mr. Pope, born Bryan Pope, is Chicago's voice of hope. Growing up in Chicago, Pope was forced to work hard to beat the odds. The streets of Chicago, despite its traditions of taking the lives of Black men, was where Mr. Pope knew he'd share his gift of music. He grew up with a drug addicted father and a faith-driven mother who became a reverend. Mr. Pope was raised and inspired by the church.

His participation in the choir resulted in him ministering all over the country.

In 2001, Mr. Pope entered the music scene at 16 as a Christian rapper, Prophet Child. His first LP was a self-released project that professed his love for Jesus Christ. Prophet Child's second music project was a collaborative project with his brother, Brandon Pope, and the brothers attempted to depict the struggles they were immersed in. In 2008, Prophet

Child and B Anointed released an LP, Street Gospel. Street Gospel was unlike anything they'd ever written. It was indeed, the street's gospel rap music. The music was infused with "street" rap instrumentals and personal conflicting emotions (e.g., disappointment and contentment with the Church, disappointment and contentment with life).

Although he lived his life as a God-fearing and church involved young man, Mr. Pope was still into mainstream hip-hop and rap. Growing up with lyrical geniuses like Twista and Tupac, who also used hope to push forward the culture, he knew that music could heal his communities, and his lyrics and messages could remain positive. In 2013, after being asked to write an anti-bully song to perform at schools throughout the Chicagoland area, Mr. Pope replaced the emcee name Prophet Child. Shortly after, Mr. Pope enrolled in a teaching program and received his Master's degree in teaching.

In 2015, Mr. Pope was hired at McNair School of Excellence located on Chicago's West Side. McNair became the inspiration for his songwriting process, subsequently revitalizing his artistry. Mr. Pope's mission is to be recognized as a representation of inspiration and positivity by disseminating inspirational messages through the mediums of music entertainment and merchandise. More specifically, our mission is to inspire listeners through self love ideologies in an effort to combat negative influences.

Mr. Pope's mother, LaWanda Pope is a licensed and ordained minister who lives in Waukegan and is on the ministerial staff at the Trinity AME Church where the Reverend Janice Brazil Cummings is the Senior Pastor.



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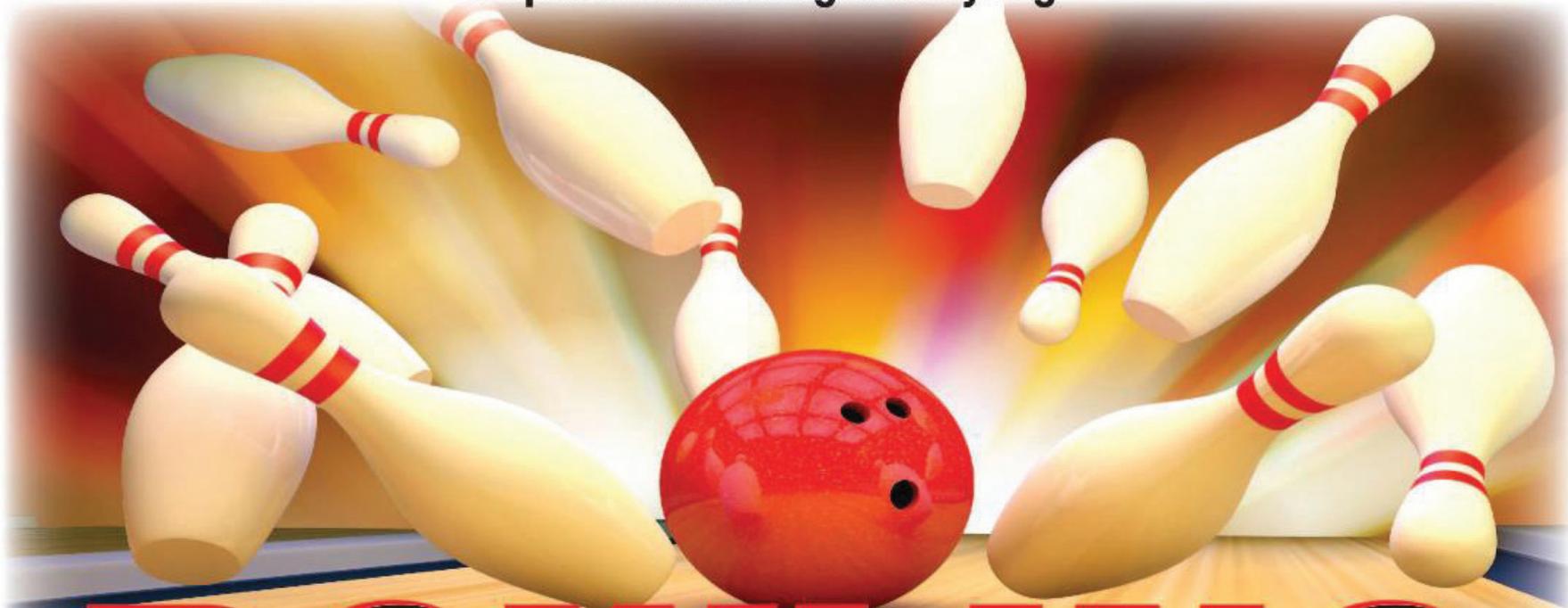
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Making Fitness Happen

By Kenya Gray

During the holiday seasons like Easter, we are in the midst of numerous celebrations with our families, friends, church communities and co-workers. These activities typically center around rich, decadent foods and joyous fellowship. The activity that is missing among many of these gatherings is physical activity. Many will forego their plans to get fit, lose weight, eat better or exercise more until the new year. They wait until January to create New Year's Resolutions, but wouldn't it be a great time to begin focusing on becoming healthier during this holiday season and to create family traditions that will help us live longer and be examples to our children?

Let's start with increasing our physical activity.

One in five adults achieve the nationally recommended guidelines for physical activity which is 150 mins of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week). That is only 18% of African Americans, 16% of Hispanics and 23% of Whites. Tragically, African Americans specifically women are more likely to suffer from cardiovascular disease, diabetes and other ailments related to obesity. Incorporating more physical activity will increase the likelihood of combating these diseases and the prevalence of obesity in our communities.

The holiday season is great time to start getting in shape. Here are some tips on how to incorporate physical activity into day-to-day life.

1. Purchase a Fitbit or other device to monitor your activity level, not only will this make you more aware of your movement, but it will hold you accountable.
2. Create a family, friend or coworker challenge introducing activities or exercises that each person can do each day to increase their activity level. Offer prizes to those who participate in the most physical activity or show the most effort
3. Schedule exercise or activity into your calendar or planner and stick with your schedule
4. Try out a new exercise program and commit to participating at least three days in the week.
5. Identify exercises you enjoy, that you are confident you can do and that challenge you.

To continue exercising regularly, you need support, accountability and self-efficacy so join a group of people who are like-minded and are dedicated to improving their health lifestyle. Invest in yourself by employing a fitness coach or personal trainer who can help you on your journey to becoming more physically fit. What better way to enjoy the holiday season than feeling, looking and being a healthier you?

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What God Has Promised

God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower strewn pathways, all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptations, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

-Annie Johnson Flint



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