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Tulsa Race Riot focus of library event Friday for Stand Against Racism day

The library and YWCA commemorate the riot for Stand Against Racism day.

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Bystanders mill about as smoke from burning buildings rises in the air in the aftermath of the Tulsa Race Riot in 1921. An event titled "Tulsa in Flames" at the Rudisill Regional Library on Friday will include eyewitness accounts, a spoken word performance and a photo gallery. Courtesy/the Beryl Ford Collection

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By NOUR HABIB World Staff Writer | 0 comments

Visit our 1921 Tulsa Race Riot page at tulsa-world.com/raceriot

A program commemorating the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot will be held Friday at Rudisill Regional Library in conjunction with the YWCA's Stand Against Racism day.

The program, titled "Tulsa in Flames," will feature readings of eyewitness accounts of the riot, a photo gallery and a spoken word performance.

Alicia Latimer, who is organizing the event, said it is important for Tulsans to learn about the 1921 riot.

"You can't heal what you don't know about, and you can't face what you never looked deeply into," said Latimer, who is the manager of the library's African-American Resource Center.

The eyewitness accounts are from the book

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"Events of the Tulsa Disaster" by Mary Jones Parrish.

"It really was ingenious of her to make this report," said Latimer, who led an effort to get the book reprinted and began including it in educational kits for teachers.

Several people have volunteered to read passages at the event, which will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Ancestral Hall at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford Ave. The event is a lunch and learn, and attendees are encouraged to bring brown bag lunches.

The readers will be dressed in period clothing, and Latimer encourages attendees to do the same.

Latimer said she wrote a spoken word piece about the riot, which she will perform at the event. Photos of the aftermath of the riot, which destroyed 35 city blocks, will also be on display.

Latimer said she hopes that attendees who may have their own pictures of the riot, or other firsthand material passed down from family members or friends, will share them at the event.

Anyone who is interested in Oklahoma and Tulsa history will benefit from the event, Latimer said.

"We can look at how the wealth is distributed in our city and see a lingering impact of the devastation that happened in 1921 and understand that everything has its roots some place," she said.

"We want to remember what happened and figure out ways to heal the land and heal the people because the Race Riot happened to all of Tulsa, not just north Tulsa."

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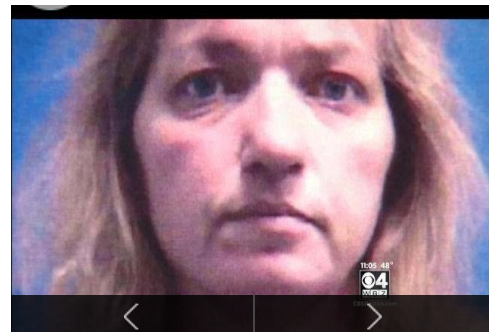
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'Tulsa in Flames'

Where: Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford Ave.

When: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday

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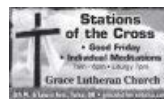
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House delivers Fallin's tax cut

◆ Despite GOP opposition in the House and Senate, Gov. Fallin was able to pass the tax cut over the weekend.

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HAYES**
Tulsa World Staff Writer

Gov. I. Michael "Mike" Fallin's tax cut bill, which he signed into law last week, has been passed by the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The bill, which would reduce the state's income tax rate from 4.75 percent to 4.5 percent, was passed by a 59-39 vote on Tuesday.

The bill also includes provisions for a 10 percent increase in the state's sales tax rate from 4.5 percent to 4.95 percent, starting in 2015. The bill also provides for a 10 percent increase in the state's property tax rate from 1.5 percent to 1.65 percent, starting in 2015.

The bill is expected to be passed by the Oklahoma Senate in the coming weeks. The bill is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Fallin in the coming weeks.

Supreme Court puts end to stay for inmates

◆ In reverse a court's ruling that Oklahoma's parole-for-sentence law is unconstitutional.

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HAYES**
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The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled that the state's parole-for-sentence law is constitutional. The court's decision, which was handed down last week, reverses a ruling by the U.S. District Court in Tulsa that the law is unconstitutional.

The court's decision is based on the fact that the law does not violate the state's constitution. The court found that the law is a valid exercise of the state's power to regulate its criminal justice system.

PHOENIX RISING ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: FIRST PROM

Students get reprieve from state tests after parents' deaths

By **DAVE LINDSEY**
Tulsa World Staff Writer

Phoenix Rising Alternative School students celebrated their first prom last night. The school's principal, Dr. David Lindsey, said that the prom was a special event for the students, who have been through a difficult time.

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Dance of a lifetime

Local law firm helps students stage event

By **DAVE LINDSEY**
Tulsa World Staff Writer

A local law firm has helped a group of students stage a dance event. The law firm, which is based in Tulsa, has provided legal advice and assistance to the students.

The students, who are members of the Tulsa World's dance team, have been working hard to prepare for the event. The law firm has provided them with the legal advice and assistance they need to make the event a success.

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