

LITERACY PROGRAM SEEKS FUNDING

A luncheon for Literacy fundraiser was held on May 5 at the West Charleston Library to raise consciousness and funds for the Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries (C.A.L.L.) program sponsored by the Las Vegas County Library District. The luncheon was attended by representatives from a number of local businesses.

"The Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries program help those who read at or below the fifth grade level to reach their personal goals through a free one-on-one tutoring program that heavily utilizes computers, but funds are running short and

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave., will offer a summer enrichment program for children, ages 5-10, and who have completed kindergarten.

The program begins June 15 and continues through July 29. Programming takes place 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Activities are to include field trips, crafts, sports, and group games.

The cost is \$40 for seven weeks with a sliding fee schedule for additional children in the same family.

The Community Center will offer an express registration period, 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 5.

Registration will then continue during regular hours until the maximum number of 70 participants is reached. This program is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Call 229-6359.

our computers are getting older," said Caron Schwahn, Literacy Coordinator for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Community assistance is critical to the success of the program. The program receives tremendous support from volunteers, more tangible support is needed at this time to replace outdated and aging computer equipment.

"I would like to congratulate the staff and the volunteers on the high quality of the literacy program," said Bonnie Bryan, in a letter addressing the attendees, "Your retention rate of 67%, which is above the national norm for literacy programs, is due to your commitment and dedicated efforts. This not only enriches our community, but our own individual lives as well."

According to 1990 Nevada Literacy Coalition statistics, approximately 10.3% of the Clark County population is functionally illiterate which means that over 76,000 people in Clark County are unable to read job notices, shop, fill out job applications, write a check or read a medicine bottle.

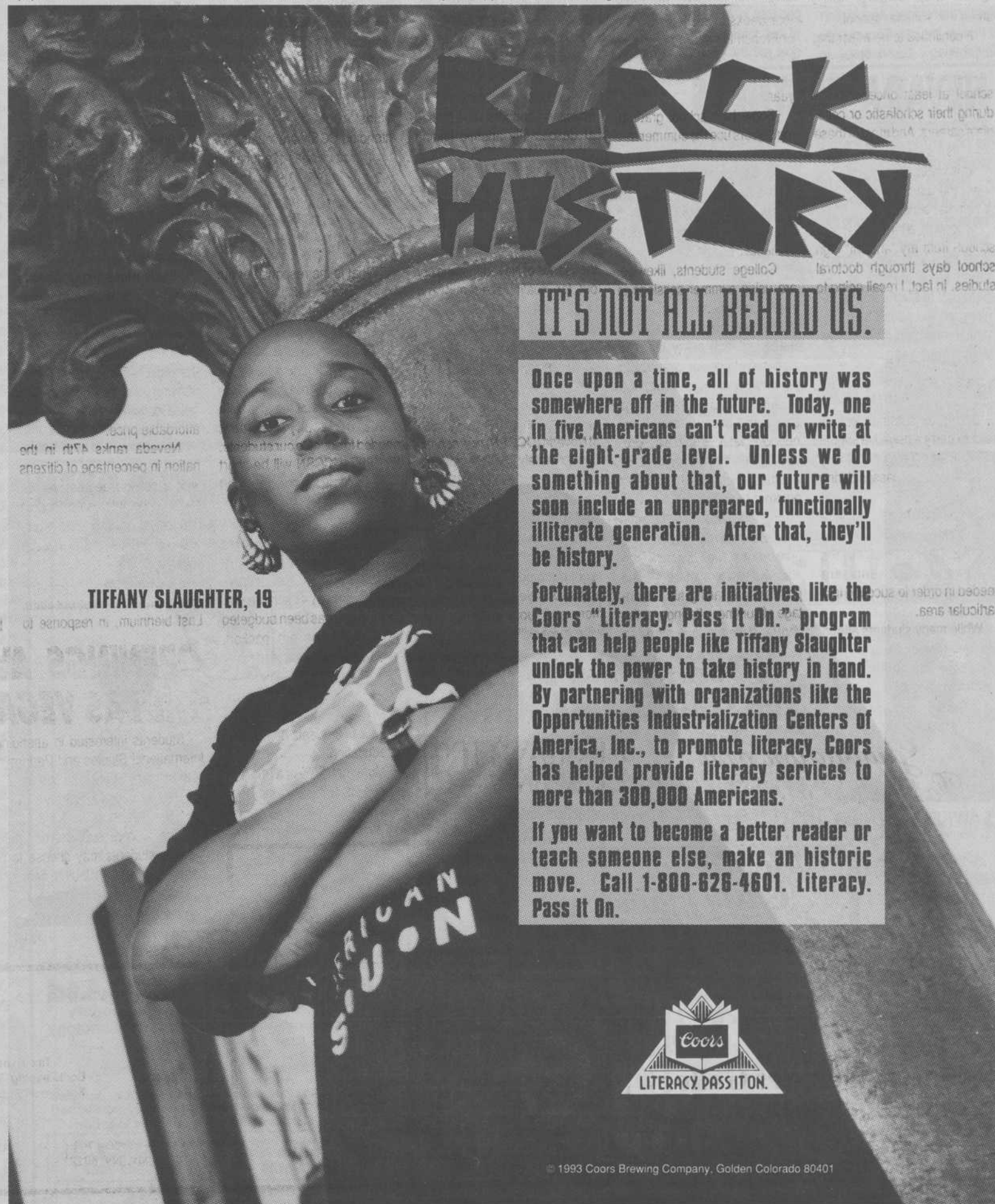
"The Literacy problem in this country is very serious," said

Schwahn, "and it affects all of us by possible increases in health care costs, automobile insurance costs, on the job accidents and high unemployment."

A University of Texas study concluded that a person must read at a 6th grade level to read a driver's license test, an 8th grade level to read directions on a TV dinner or file taxes, a 10th grade level to read a label on an

aspirin bottle, and a 12th grade level to read an insurance policy.

For further information on the CALL program or to make a contribution, please call Caron Schwahn at 382-3493 or write to the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Attention: C.A.L.L. program, 833 N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89101.



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BLACK HISTORY

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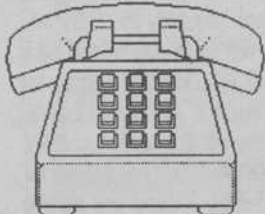
Once upon a time, all of history was somewhere off in the future. Today, one in five Americans can't read or write at the eight-grade level. Unless we do something about that, our future will soon include an unprepared, functionally illiterate generation. After that, they'll be history.

Fortunately, there are initiatives like the Coors "Literacy, Pass It On." program that can help people like Tiffany Slaughter unlock the power to take history in hand. By partnering with organizations like the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc., to promote literacy, Coors has helped provide literacy services to more than 300,000 Americans.

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