

Too Many Black Males Are Becoming a Part of a Lost Generation

There is a seemingly persistent segment of Black urban males—perhaps as much as 50 percent of young Black males in certain cities—that still find themselves cut off from the American mainstream, according to Randall C. Bacon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

"They are unemployed and undereducated. They seem unable, and in some cases perhaps unwilling, to become a part of the broader Society," Grand Polemarch Bacon noted.

Even though Black men account for only 6 percent of America's population, they make up half of its male prisoners. The leading cause of death among young Black men is murder. A Black man has a one in 21 chance of becoming a murder victim. This is more than six times greater than the population as a whole. While the national unemployment rate is 6.9 percent, for Black men it is 15 percent, and for Black teenagers it remains at more than 40 percent. Approximately 18 percent of Black males drop out of high school.

"There are many causes for these problems. Some causes are chronic unemployment, segregated ghettos, poor education and the sweeping changes in America's industrial environment, many Black men have turned to the drug culture. Unfortunately, drugs have produced an alternative economy that for some provide high wages and self-esteem which they cannot earn in the mainstream of society," said Grand Polemarch Bacon. "As a consequence of the deteriorating situation in Black Urban America, it has been estimated that there are fewer than 50 marriageable Black men between the age of 20 and 24 for every 100 Black women of the same

age group," said Grand Polemarch Bacon. "To be sure, there is a crisis that is existing, whether it is admitted or not, among many of our young Black males."

"Domestic policies of the Reagan Administration, which have cut social spending, have hit poor Blacks particularly hard," Grand Polemarch Bacon asserted.

"Kappa Alpha Psi believes that it is a waste of human talent to allow the continued deterioration of Black males in our urban cities," said Grand Polemarch Bacon. "We believe that it is the responsibility not only of all Black organizations, but also of the government to institute programs to help change what is happening in our urban cities."

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., supports efforts to eradicate this problem and calls upon its affiliates around the nation to pay particular attention to encouraging the development of programs which will help to eliminate this deplorable situation, Grand Polemarch Bacon concluded.

Jazz Festival Foundation Initiates New Event

The Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz Foundation will sponsor the Mt. Hood International Wine Experience on Friday, July 24. The event is a new addition to the events sponsored by the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz.

The Wine Experience will feature French and Oregon wines in a dinner and wine-tasting event to be held on the Mt. Hood Community College campus here.



"Harlem Renaissance" Supporters

Manhattan Borough President David N. Dinkins, second from left, was co-host for a night when he recently invited visitors to see the Studio Museum in Harlem's highly praised exhibition, "Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America," sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc. With Dinkins are, from left, Nancy L. Lane, Chairperson of the Board of the Studio Museum, Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, Executive Director of the Studio Museum and Helen Cash, Director of Special Arts Services, New York State Council on the Arts.

Drive Once a Month to Feed Elderly Once a Day

Loaves & Fishes needs drivers and runners for Meals on Wheels. With enough help, most routes can be completed within 45 minutes, and you'll be scheduled only once a month.

As volunteers start spring and summer vacations, more drivers are needed. It just takes one lunch hour a month to feed our housebound elderly once a day. Please call Loaves & Fishes, 777-2424, to volunteer.

Help! He's Choking!

Choking (foreign body obstruction) accounts for over 3,000 deaths per year. Many of these deaths could be prevented if first aid had been available to the victims.

Most choking episodes occur during eating and meat is the most common cause in adults. In children, there are a variety of objects that cause choking.

When does choking usually occur?

Choking usually occurs during dinner or while one is eating food. Common causes of choking, in order of occurrence, are as follows:

1. Poorly chewed food or pieces of food.
2. Swallowing of dentures, either upper or lower, has a significant obstruction rate.
3. One who has consumed a fair amount of alcohol, and is in a stupor, is third in line for a possible foreign body obstruction.

Since foresight is better than hindsight, if one follows a few choking precautions, the chance of aspirating or "swallowing the wrong way" is lessened. These precautions are:

1. Chew slowly.
2. Cut food into small pieces, especially meat.
3. Avoid talking or laughter while eating food if you wear dentures.
4. Do not let children run or play with food in their mouth and keep small foreign objects away from infants and young children.

What if I am there when a person starts to choke?

If you are present when a person begins to choke, do not panic. As long as the individual is breathing, allow him to perform any maneuvers that he must. At all cost, do not immediately hit him on the back. If breathing stops, seek immediate medical help. As long as the person is coughing and has good color, meaning without a bluish tinge to the skin or a dusky appearance, you need not interfere immediately. But, if someone is coughing very slowly or weakly and does have difficulty breathing, they are in an emergency situation. This is due to the fact that a person whose airway is totally blocked will be unable to either speak, cough or breathe. He or she may look bluish or clutch at their throat, and, after a minute or so, will become unconscious. This is only if the airway is totally obstructed. In essence, we have time to help as needed.

What is my child begins to choke?

In this situation, one must allow the child to cough as we have already mentioned. If, for whatever reasons, the child begins to turn blue, becomes weak, or stops breathing, lay the child over your arm, or, if the individual is an adult, lay the adult on his side, apply several sharp blows with the palm of your hand on his back between the shoulder blades. If the individual begins to vomit, do not turn away in disgust. You may be the last hope that he or she has. Merely clean out, with your fingers, the vomit and perform what is now known as the Heimlich maneuver. What the Heimlich maneuver consists of is to wrap your arms around the person's waist standing behind him or her. You will make a fist with one hand and place the thumb of this hand upwards, clasp the fist with your free hand, and pull in an upward manner two to three times. If breathing does not start immediately, you must be prepared to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing starts and the object has been expelled, you will not need to take any other action, expect to assure the person that he or she will be okay. Do not let a person expire because you are afraid to interfere.

As long as the choking victim is breathing, coughing, or can say help me, do not interfere. If the victim cannot breathe, has good color to his skin, does not appear weak, allow him or her the chance to expel the foreign object. If this is not the case, immediately institute the above procedures and send for emergency medical care. Do not allow anyone to expire if you can help them.

What is CPR?

CPR is cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Does CPR help the choking victim?

Yes, it does if instituted properly.

When do I do CPR?

CPR should be instituted when a person cannot breathe for himself or herself, has had a heart attack, and for a variety of other reasons.

Can I do CPR?

Yes, you can.

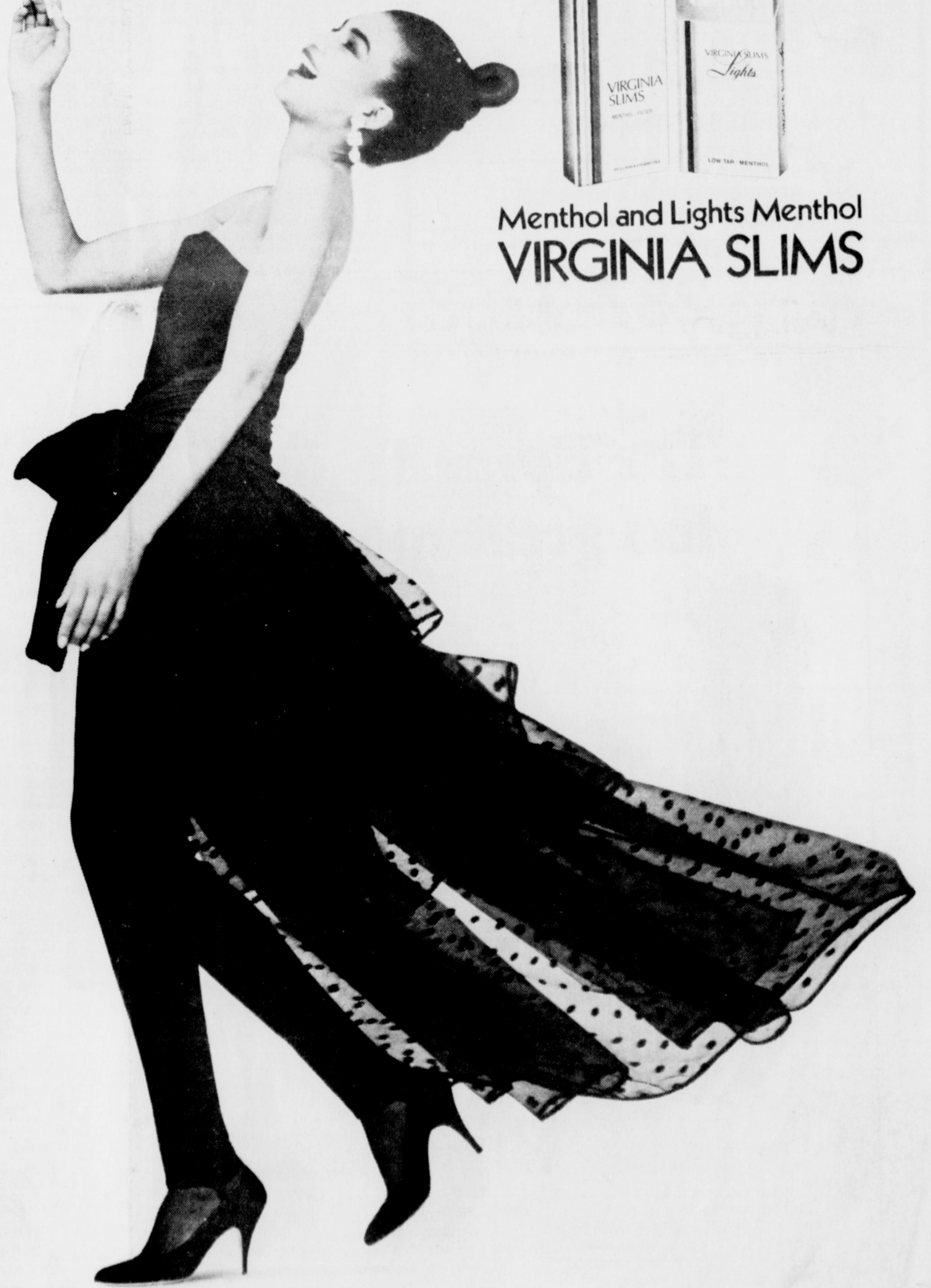
Do I need to know CPR?

Yes, you do.

Why?

If your mother, father, sister or brother required CPR, wouldn't you want to know how to do CPR?

You've come a long way, baby.



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