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There are more than 13 million black men in America. They are fathers and sons, postal workers, lawyers and students. Yet the most familiar image of black men today is that seen on the nightly news, as the victims and perpetrators of crime, violence and drug abuse. Young black men battle more than stereotypes: they face the challenges of poor education and high unemployment, despair and frustration. What is their future to be? Are there solutions to the problems of this generation? Black Men: Uncertain Futures, a national production of Maryland Public Television premiering on PBS Tuesday, February 19 at 10 p.m. (Et; check local listings), hosted and narrated by Noah

Black Men Uncertain Futures

Nelson, co-anchor for NBC News' "Expose," looks at these issues and answers these questions.

The one-hour special takes a tough look at a generation of young black

men whose chances of landing in jail far outweigh their chances of attending college. Noah Nelson talks with young men across the United States, in inner-city neighborhoods in Baltimore, Los Angeles, Detroit, Miami, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Minneapolis.

He also talks with black men who are contributing their expertise and energies to the future of their young counterparts. Participants include Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services; U.S. Representatives John Conyers and John Lewis; Alan Page, NFL Hall of Fame member and President of the Page Education Foundation; John Jacob, Executive Director of the National Urban League; Joshua Smith, President of Maxima Corporation, and Robert Woodson, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

The program begins with a discussion of the media's portrayal of black men; if more whites commit crimes than blacks why is the prevailing image of criminals that of a young black male? CNN's Bernard Shaw and others debate the media's impact on the public and on black men's images and sense of themselves.

The program also depicts the growth

of drug abuse and a drug economy.

Participants discuss two obvious economic options for these youths: minimum wages for unskilled labor and the lure of quick drug money to purchase the consumer goods the rest of America buys. Even public assistance programs now seem to contribute to the problem. With all of these harsh realities, what can be done by individuals, communities, and the nation? Black Men: Uncertain Futures looks at some of the solutions-theoretical, practical and personal-that exist for young black men, and that their communities have generated. The special meets its own early challenge to the media: it presents black men who are succeeding and who are determined to change the course of young men's futures. It focuses on efforts to change the course of young men's futures. It focuses on efforts to change the nature of their education, employment, criminal justice, and self-awareness.

All of those interviewed for the special see the future of black men as a priority, and challenge young black men, their communities and the country to make it their priority, too. Black Men: Uncertain Futures documents the tremendous resource that now remains unused and unfulfilled. These crises threaten not just a group but the whole-not just a generation but a nation must commit to pursuing solutions if a better future is to come for all Americans.

Toxic Teeth?

Are your dental fillings poisoning you? Some dentists and researchers say that the mercury in our silver amalgam fillings is a toxic substance that doesn't belong in our mouths and may, in fact, be making us sick. The American Dental Association (ADA) says these fillings have been used for more than 100 years and do not pose any proven health hazards. Who's right?

More than 100 million Americans have their teeth cavities filled with silver amalgam fillings. While there is no scientific evidence linking amalgam fillings to human health problems, new

animal research studies raise questions. Most American scientists say there's no reason to panic, pointing to the billions of amalgam fillings already in place as proof that there's no problem. But critics think the mercury vapors inhaled every time people with the fillings chew may accumulate over time to cause a serious health risk. Some dentist go so far as to advocate removal and replacement of amalgam fillings.

In the midst of the amalgam filling debate, other dental health issues are in the news: AIDS transmission between dentist and patient and the safety of

dental x-rays, fluoride and teeth bleaching. Are patients well-informed when they go to the dentist? Is dental amalgam safe? What are the known and possible risks of common dental procedures? What do YOU think? Join Jack Faust for this discussion on Sunday, February 24 from 6-7 p.m. For seat reservations, please call Frank Mungeam, Alison Highberger or Liza McQuade at 231-4620. Guest should arrive at the KATU studios (21st & N.E. Sandy Blvd.) between 5-5:15 p.m. The public is welcome, but reservations are required.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

All Jazzed Up: Sources say actress-singer Jasmine Guy was not all that pleased with her R&B showing, though by all indications it was more than respectable. It seems she felt that her self-titled debut album, project should have gotten more play on pop radio, and despite her illustrious acting career and hit TV show, what Guy is really after is the number one slot on the nation's record charts. To that end, Guy fired her former manager, and for the moment, current steady Dominique Hoffman (who played her boyfriend last year on "A Different World") is managing things on the business end, and she's just released another single, "Another Lover". A sizzling video will follow. For now, Guy has a hit series to keep her busy. Incidentally, Guy and steady beau Dominick Hoffman recently co-wrote a special episode of "A Different World" that guest starred pal, Blair Underwood.... Meanwhile, Different World comrade, Debbie Allen was labeled the "fashion fiasco of the year", as Mr. Blackwell revealed the new list of the worst-dressed women. Allen wasn't in bad company though. Others named included Julia Roberts, Elizabeth Taylor and Ivana Trump.

Flash In The Pan: Nell Carter's "You Take The Kids" has to rank among one of the shortest-running shows on TV, as the already cancelled, sitcom is among the first of the mid-season casualties. ..Meanwhile, BET's Bob Johnson and actor-producer Tim Reid, who recently entered into a business pact to develop black-oriented programming for cable, network and TV syndication, launched their joint venture at a gala reception in Los Angeles that drew key industry decision-makers....

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The chairperson of this year's ball is Jeanne Hartzog. She is planning for this to be one of the best balls Links has sponsored.

The commentators for this year's ball will be Dr. Darryl Tukufu of the Urban League and Kay Toran, President of the Portland Chapter. Music will be provided by One world Foundation

Attitudes Presents Al Goldsby and Phil Reid

Attitudes of Portland Art Gallery is proud to present metal sculptures and prints by sculptor Al Goldsby and oils, pen and ink and pencil drawings by Phil Reid.

Mr. Goldsby's many exhibits, collections, and commissions include: Salishan Lodge, University of Oregon Art Museum, Haseltine collection, Washington Park Zoo, Lloyd Center Corp., Pope & Talbot, and Central Oregon Welcome Center in Bend Oregon.

Mr. Reid's many exhibits, collections, and commissions include: Russell Senate Office Bldg. Rotunda, in Washington D.C. Howard University, Interstate Firehouse Culture Center, Broadway Gallery, Lakewood Center Gallery, Renshaw Gallery. He also provides art lectures at Grant High School, and Sunset High school.

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PSU Presents Play on Black Suicide

Colored Girls! Portland State University Black Cultural Affairs Board presents Ntozake Shange's renowned Broadway play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow is Enuof."

An excerpt from this play featuring the Lady in Red, Lonnie Nettles and the Lady in Blue, Sandra Cochran, can be seen on Cityscope Monday, February 18 at 10:30 p.m. Colored Girls is directed by Lisa Mijiga.

Also meet Portland State University's dynamic new President Judith Ramaley. Ms. Ramaley discusses her plans for the future of Portland State in regards to measure 5.

Each week Cityscope features a photograph of a missing youth last seen in the Oregon and Washington area. This effort is accomplished in conjunction with OPERATION LOOK-OUT/National Center for Missing Youth home based in Seattle, Washington. Viewers who may have seen these youth are asked to call 1-800-771-SEEK.

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