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Members of the MTN staff join the producers of *The Future of Black History: An Artistic and Political Perspective*, a three hour show that was cablecast live from MTN on February 22nd. Joining producer Andrea Jenkins and guest K. Michele Smith (2nd and 3rd from left) are MTN staff (from left to right) Hamil Griffin-Cassidy (on left), Vera Allen, J.C. Bagdadi, Pam Colby and Doug Cain.

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mtn will be closed may 28 for memorial day.
monday deadline shows will be due friday, may 25

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allen joins mtn as director of programming

Next time you are at MTN, please take a moment to welcome MTN's new Director of Programming **Vera Allen**. She has hit the job running, quickly adapting to our new automated playback system and the challenge of scheduling programs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and on three channels!

Here's a note from her:

Greetings Producers!

My name is Vera Allen. I am pleased to introduce myself as your new Director of Programming. As you know, we have made some great changes here at MTN. With the new system things will be a little less than normal for a couple of weeks, but without struggle there is no progress.

Some of you may be feeling a little frustrated with the changes that have happened to implement the new playback system. We are striving to make this transition smooth and beneficial for you and all the other producers who submit to MTN, as well as our viewing audience. Please understand that following the system creates equality and structure.



MTN Director of Programming Vera Allen works on the programming schedule at her desk.

I look forward to meeting all of you as the days go by and I get more acquainted with my position. Feel free to call me with your questions and concerns. As long as I am in my office you are welcome!

Peace.

new playback system is running

MTN's new playback server has been up and running since President's Day. Special thanks go out to Master Control Manager **David Paul** and Computer Guru **Nate Mains** for getting the server running, fed, and happy.

MTN's server allows us to program shows 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This opens our schedule up to more new programs, and gives us more flexibility in scheduling existing shows.

If you are not sure when your tape is due, check the chart on this page. You will also find this information on the "Programming Info" page of the MTN web site, and on cards around MTN.

On a side note, played tapes are piling up at our playback office. Please call Vera at MTN to ask for your tapes to be returned. They will be back at MTN for you to pick up two business days after your request.

Scheduled day	Show is due at MTN by
Monday	Friday, 10 AM
Tuesday	Friday, 10 AM
Wednesday	Monday, 10 AM
Thursday	Tuesday, 10 AM
Friday	Wednesday, 10 AM
Saturday	Thursday, 10 AM
Sunday	Thursday, 10 AM

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director's corner

the battle continues...

Last December the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) made a ruling that has broad and dangerous implications for the work we do in community television. On March 5, the written document on this ruling, called the "FCC Order on Video Franchising," became available. Basically, the ruling takes away the rights of municipalities to regulate the telecommunications entities that utilize the public right of way in those communities.

It was pressure from the phone giants **Verizon, Bell South, AT&T** and **Qwest** that led to the FCC's ruling. These same corporations spent hundreds of millions of dollars lobbying congress to try to get legislation that would clear a path for them to enter the multi-channel market without the obligations to communities that the cable companies have been

required to pay. These obligations include the equipment, operational funding and channel space for public, educational and government access.

The FCC ruling was split on partisan lines with the three Republican commissioners voting in favor of it and the two Democrats voting against. It is clear that the FCC ruling is going to result in litigation and possibly Congressional intervention. The National Cable and Telecommunications Association may sue the FCC on grounds that the commission has overstepped its bounds. The National League of Cities may join in since the new ruling blocks local governments from making decisions on their own.

To keep up to date with this issue or other issues impacting MTN and community television go to mtn.org or saveaccess.org.

Pam Colby

dvd submission guidelines

MTN's new video server (see articles on page two) has opened up some new opportunities for program submissions. MTN now accepts program submissions on DVD.

When you submit your show on DVD, do **not** include color bars, countdown, or black at the end. Put only one show on each disk. Do not use RW disks. MTN recommends "**-R**" disks. Do not apply any kind of taped label on your disk. The best way to label your disk is to write the show

info (show name, episode name or date, your name, TRT) on the disk with a sharpie pen. Please submit your disk in a case or sleeve.

MTN still welcomes tape submission on DV, DVCAM, VHS, S-VHS, and Umatic video tapes. These tapes still need color bars, countdown and black at the end. They need to be labeled with the name of the show and episode, producer name and total running time on the tape itself, and also need to be submitted in a case or sleeve.

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next mtn members' screening:
friday, may 11 at 7 p.m. in studio A

Bring something to screen or just come to watch. There is a 10 minute limit on all show clips.
Questions? Call John at (612) 331-8575 ext. 307.

mtn series program schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Discover Islam 7:00 Health and Environment Now</p> <p>7:30 As Above, So Below 8:00 Monday Night Live 9:00 The Hemp Channel 9:30 Full Auto 10:30 Difference Makers 11:30 You The Man</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Spectator 7:00 SPIN Youth Videos 7:30 Our Turn 8:00 Video Voices 8:30 Moving Forward 9:30 The Review 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:30 Shape Up</p> <p>MTN 75 5:30 Living Word Church 6:00 New Vision 6:30 Beyond Today 7:00 Lovepower 9:00 PRSPKTV on Life 10:00 Hope for the Nations 11:00 Army Newswatch 11:30 Atheist Views</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali American Media 6:00 Uhuru 7:00 The Leslie Davis Earth Protector Show 7:30 We the People 8:00 Altera Vista 9:00 The Nancy Boys 10:00 Drinking with Ian 10:30 Prima Donnas 11:30 Magnetic Wednesdays</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 WWVA 6:00 Republican Roundtable 6:30 Vets Visits On TV 7:00 Kinpride 7:30 Bi Cities! 8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 8:30 MTN Access to Art 9:00 Black Economics 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Totally Scrabble Tuesday</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Gospel Hour 6:00 Search the Scriptures 7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind 8:00 Repentance and Love Center 9:00 A Rood Awakening 9:30 Prophetic World 11:00 The Bible Speaks</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Community Views 6:00 Somaliland America TV 7:00 MTN ComTV Events 8:00 Let's Learn to Get Along 8:30 Humanist Perspectives 9:00 Judy Corrao Show 9:30 Rainbow Flag 11:00 LaRouche</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Variety Show 6:00 Bat of Minerva 7:00 On Transit 7:30 House Call 8:00 The Mary Hanson Show 8:30 Perils for Pedestrians 9:00 Viva and Jerry's Country Videos 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Living Free</p> <p>MTN 75 6:00 Greater Friendship 7:00 Prescriptions for Living 7:30 Holding Forth the Word of Life 8:00 Hope Community Presents 9:00 Unheavened Bread 11:00 Healing and Victory Today 11:30 National Socialist Movement</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Somali View 7:00 Best of the Cities 8:00 Chinese News and Entertainment 9:00 Somali Democracy Center 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Lemmy O' Live 5:30 From the Mic 6:30 Fitness and Faith 7:00 Real America 7:30 Jazz Plus More 8:30 T.C. Muzique 9:30 Art Cunningham 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Angry Canadian</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center 6:00 Trinity Tabernacle 6:30 Tomorrow's World 7:00 Sword of the Spirit 8:00 Turn or Burn 9:00 Rim of Grace 10:00 Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church</p>	<p>MTN 16 4:00 Islamic View 5:00 Somali Media 7:00 SAMA TV 8:00 Midnimo Somali TV 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 6:00 MSP Sports 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 7:00 Metro Property Rights 7:30 Capitol Report 8:00 MBTV 8:30 Third Party Forum 9:00 Art Temple 9:30 Humanist Views 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Body Rock</p> <p>MTN 75 5:30 Book of Acts 6:00 Redeemed Life 6:30 Church International Bible Study Ministries 7:30 Word Encounter 8:00 First Impressions 9:00 Shalom Scripture 11:00 That Which Is</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Bulsho TV 6:00 Africa Rendezvous 7:00 Dancing with Johannahl 7:30 Capitol Insights 8:00 MTN Community Events 10:00 Undercover TV 10:30 Black Music America 11:00 T.C. Muzique Late Nite</p> <p>MTN 17 11:00 Toad, Turtle... 5:00 En Familia 5:30 Inner City Fishing 6:00 For Women Only 6:30 MTN Access to Art 7:00 Friendship Set to Music 8:00 Atheists for Human Rights 8:30 Atheists Talk 9:00 Our World In Depth 10:30 Jeff Wagner Presents 11:00 Cinema Apocalypse</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Light on the Gospel 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest 7:00 Faith Walk 8:00 Abundant Life 8:30 Solid Rock Church 9:00 Unlock Your Bible 10:00 Truth of God</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 5:30 MN at Work 6:00 Wayci TV 7:00 TV Lao 8:00 MTN Community Events 9:00 Somali Life</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Black Focus 6:00 Wolf Spirit 6:30 St. Anthony Falls Journal 7:00 Telling People's Stories 7:30 Words of Peace 8:00 ETBM 9:00 Lemmy O' Holding People Accountable 9:30 Holding People Accountable 10:00 Call In Karaoke 11:00 Maximus Report</p> <p>MTN 75 9:00 Hear What the Lord Is Saying 10:00 True Love Church Service 3:00 Keys to the Kingdom 5:00 Songs of Praise 6:00 Walking in the Light 6:30 Worldwide Outreach for Christ 7:30 Stand on the Word 8:30 One Day at a Time 9:00 The Hidden Truth 10:00 An Hour of Power 11:00 Farrahkan Speaks</p>

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