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MTN instructor Beth Peloff and Get Ready teacher Zong Vang oversee the editing by middle school students in the Get Ready program. To read about Get Ready and the South High-Humphrey Voices programs, see pages 6 and 7. Photo by Doug Cain.

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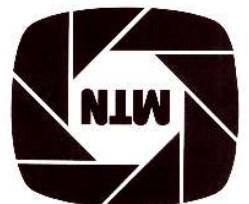
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# meet mtn: eboun singhathip

**E**boun Singhathip is the Administrative Assistant at MTN. She “helps everyone with everything” around MTN, she says. You might know her from her letters reminding you to renew your membership. You did renew your MTN membership,

didn't you?

Eboun was born in Chicago but grew up in the Twin Cities. Her family emigrated from Laos. She said that people are always trying to guess her ethnicity.



She is a student at Minneapolis Community and Technical College, where her focus is Women's Studies.

She likes working at MTN because it is such a welcoming place. She says that she likes how everybody is so polite and open. She also likes the vibe from all the creative people working here.

She spends much of her free time doing homework. She also enjoys walking around parks and knitting.

- John Akre

MTN Administrative Assistant Eboun Singhathip takes a break from her duties to stop and smell the flowers.

## hizzoner? you betcha

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak joined Viva and Jerry Beck to guest star in an episode of Viva and Jerry's Country Videos. Hamil Griffin-Cassidy, jack of all trades around MTN and director of the show, joins them in the pose. Photo by Peter Wilson.



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# director's corner conference in july

This July the Twin Cities will be hosting the **International Alliance for Community Media (ACM) conference** in downtown Minneapolis. This is a fantastic event that brings together community television producers from across the country and world.

**Anthony Riddle**, MTN's former Executive Director, is now the Executive Director of the ACM and he is very excited about hosting the event in Minneapolis. The conference takes place at the downtown **Marriot**. Also on the schedule is the **Hometown Awards Ceremony** and a youth video showcase at the **Walker Art Center**. There will also be a large celebration at the **Nicollet Island Pavilion** featuring local bands **Honeysuckle Rose** and **Sunplug'd**.

MTN is offering five free scholarships to our members (see article on page eight). After the scholarships are gone there is an opportunity to volunteer time at the conference in exchange for attendance. In either case you will not regret having this opportunity to meet other dedicated producers and learn more about what is happening in our field.

The conference offers a variety of fascinating tracks that feature panels and speakers from production to new media to policy and legal issues. It's all good and valuable.

The conference theme this year is *Navigating the Currents of Change*. The world of community television is changing and changing quickly. We really need to do some strategic navigating to make it through these days.

- 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.

way to label your disk is to write the show info (show name, episode name or date, your name, Total Running Time) 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, episode title, producer name and total running time on the tape itself, and also need to be submitted in a case or sleeve.

## tape returns

Does this, by any chance, describe you? Your program has run on MTN and you want your tape back.

your played tapes or disks to be returned for pick-up. In just a couple of business days you will be able to pick them up at the MTN front equipment desk.

Do not fear. Just contact MTN's Director of Programming, **Vera Allen**, and ask for

To request a tape or disk return, call 612-331-8575 extension 312.

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# mtn series

## MONDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali Mai TV Network  
7:00 Capitol Insights  
7:30 MN at Work  
8:00 MTN Community Events  
10:00 Wacyi TV  
5:00 Somali TV  
6:00 Discover Islam  
7:00 Health and the Environment Now  
7:30 As Above, So Below  
8:00 Monday Night Live  
9:00 The Hemp Channel  
10:30 Difference Makers  
11:30 You The Man

### MTN 17

12:00 Heavy Metal  
6:00 Black Focus  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
9:00 Lemmy O  
9:30 Holding People Accountable  
10:00 Telling People's Stories  
10:30 Words of Peace  
5:00 Spectator  
7:30 Our Turn  
8:00 MTN Youth Presents  
8:30 Moving Forward  
9:30 The Review  
10:00 Democracy Now!  
11:30 Shape Up

### MTN 75

8:00 Walking in the Light  
8:30 One Day at a Time  
9:00 The Hidden Truth  
10:00 Songs of Praise  
11:00 An Hour of Power  
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

## TUESDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali TV of MN  
1:00 Two Channel Show MJ  
7:00 Oromo TV  
8:00 MTN Community Events  
9:00 Islamic View  
11:00 Discover Islam  
5:00 Somali America 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 Donns

### MTN 17

1:00 Two Channel Show MH  
6:00 ETBM  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
8:00 Our World In Depth  
9:00 Moving Forward  
5:00 WWA  
6:00 Republican Roundtable  
6:30 Vets Visits On TV  
7:00 Kinpride  
7:30 Bi Cities!  
8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 4  
8:30 MTN Access to Art  
9:00 Black Economics  
10:00 Democracy Now!  
11:00 Totally Scrabble Tuesday

### MTN 75

6:30 Beyond Today  
7:00 Lovepower  
8:00 Stand on the Word  
9:00 That Which Is  
10:00 PRSPCTV on Life  
11:00 Living Word Church  
12:00 Spirit Walk  
5:00 Gospel Hour  
6:00 Search the Scriptures  
7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind  
8:00 Repentance and Love Center  
9:30 Prophetic Word  
11:00 The Bible Speaks

## WEDNESDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali American Media  
7:00 The Leslie Davis Earth Protector Show  
7:30 Uhuru  
11:00 Difference Makers  
4:30 Butter City  
5:00 Community Views  
6:00 Somaliland America TV  
7:00 MTN Community 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

### MTN 17

12:00 Spectator  
2:30 Call In Karaoke  
6:30 Republican Roundtable  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
8:00 Living Free  
9:00 Black Economics  
10:00 Bi Cities  
10:30 Kinpride  
5:00 Variety Show  
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

### MTN 75

8:00 Repentance and Love Center  
9:00 Pure Heart, Clear Mind  
10:00 Resurrecting YFB  
11:00 Fire of Change  
4:30 Healing and Victory  
6:00 Greater Friendship  
7:30 Holding Forth the Word of Life  
8:00 Hope Community Presents  
9:00 Unleavened Bread  
11:00 Healing and Victory Today  
11:30 National Socialist Movement

## THURSDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somaliland American TV  
7:00 Humanist Perspective  
7:30 Rainbow Flag  
8:00 Monday Night Live  
9:00 Community Views  
11:00 Quaranimo Somali TV  
12:00 As Above, So Below  
5:00 Somali TV  
7:00 Best of the Cities  
8:00 Chinese News and Entertainment  
10:00 MTN Community Events

### MTN 17

12:00 WWA  
12:30 Jeff Wagner  
2:30 Totally Scrabble  
6:30 Vets Visits on RV  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
9:00 Viva and Jerry's CMV  
10:00 Variety Show  
5:00 Lemmy O' Live  
5:30 From the Mic  
7:00 Real America  
8:30 T.C. Muzique  
9:30 Art Cunningham  
10:00 Democracy Now!  
11:00 Angry Canadian

### MTN 75

7:00 Army Newswatch  
7:30 Holding Forth the Word  
8:00 Hope Community Presents  
10:00 Greater Friendship  
11:00 Christian World Today  
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  
11:00 Spirit Walk

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# program schedule

## FRIDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali TV  
 1:00 The Prima-Donnas  
 1:30 Black Music America  
 2:00 TC Muzique Late Night  
 7:00 Chinese News and Entertainment  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 4:00 Islamic View  
 5:00 Somali Media  
 6:00 SAMA TV  
 7:00 Oromo TV  
 8:00 Quaranimo Somali TV  
 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network  
 10:00 MTN Community Events

### MTN 17

12:00 Heavy Metal TV  
 12:30 The Review  
 1:00 Maximus Report  
 2:30 TC Muziaue  
 7:00 Democracy Now!  
 8:00 Atheists for HR  
 9:00 Humanist Views  
 11:00 Perils for Pedestrians  
 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

### MTN 75

7:00 Sword of the Spirit  
 8:00 Turn or Burn  
 10:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center  
 11:00 Trinity Tabernacle  
 1:00 The Gospel Hour  
 5:30 Book of Acts  
 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International  
 6:30 Bible Study Ministries  
 7:00 Word Encounter  
 7:30 Hour of Restoration  
 8:00 First Impressions  
 9:00 Shalom Scripture  
 11:00 That Which Is

## SATURDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali Media  
 1:30 The Nancy Boys  
 2:30 Drinking with Ian  
 7:00 Best of the Cities  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 10:00 Ladha Ya Kenya  
 11:00 SAMA TV  
 1:00 Two Channel Show MJ  
 2:30 You the Man  
 5:00 Bulsho TV  
 6:00 Africa Rendevous  
 7:00 Dancing with Johannah!  
 7:30 Capitol Insights  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 10:00 Undercover TV  
 10:30 Black Music America Video Magazine  
 11:00 T.C. Muzique Late Nite

### MTN 17

12:00 Art Temple  
 1:00 Angry Canadian  
 2:30 Cinema Apocalypse  
 3:00 Body Rock  
 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News  
 7:00 Metro Property Rights  
 7:30 MBTV  
 8:00 Shape Up  
 8:30 Soap Factory Gallery 4  
 9:00 MTN Access to Art  
 10:00 Our Turn  
 10:30 MTN Youth Presents  
 12:00 MSP Sports  
 1:00 Two Channel Show MH  
 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

### MTN 75

6:30 Bible Study Ministries  
 7:00 Word Encounter  
 8:00 Shalom Scripture Studies  
 9:00 The Bible Speaks  
 10:30 Book of Acts  
 11:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying  
 12:00 First Impressions  
 1:00 Redeemed Life CM  
 1:30 Hour of Restoration

2:00 Hope for the Nations  
 3:00 True Love Church Service  
 4:00 Key to the Kingdom  
 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  
 9:30 Resurrecting YFB  
 10:00 Truth of God

8:00 Friendship Set to Music  
 9:00 For Women Only  
 9:30 The Real America  
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 9:00 Lemmy O'  
 9:30 Holding People Accountable  
 10:00 Call In Karaoke  
 11:00 Maximus Report

### MTN 75

5:30 Unlock Your Bible  
 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Friend  
 7:00 Faith Walk  
 8:00 New Vision  
 8:30 Tomorrow's World  
 9:00 Hear What the Lord Is Saying  
 10:00 True Love Church Service  
 11:00 Truth of God Broadcast  
 12:00 Unleavened Bread  
 1:00 Prophetic Word  
 1:30 Solid Rock Church  
 2:00 Light on the Gospel  
 3:00 Keys to the Kingdom  
 3:30 Redeemed Life Church  
 4:00 Worldwide Outreach for Christ  
 5:00 Songs of Praise  
 6:00 Walking in the Light  
 6:30 Worldwide Outreach for Christ  
 7:30 Stand on the Word  
 8:00 Christian World Today  
 8:30 One Day at a Time  
 9:00 The Hidden Truth  
 10:00 An Hour of Power  
 11:00 Farrahkan Speaks

## SUNDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Bulsho TV  
 1:30 Undercover TV  
 2:30 Dancing with Johannah  
 7:00 We the People  
 7:30 Judy Corrao  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 11:00 Africa Rendevous  
 12:00 Altera Vista  
 1:00 Health and the Environment  
 1:30 Ladha Ya Kenya  
 4:00 Let's Learn to Get Along  
 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News  
 5:30 Minnesota at Work  
 6:00 Wayci TV  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 10:00 Butter City

### MTN 17

12:00 Third Party Forum  
 6:00 House Call  
 6:30 Fitness and Faith  
 7:00 Capitol Report  
 7:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News

### 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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# youth media cleveland tigers take action

For the second year in a row, MTN hosted a mini-media camp with students from the **Get Ready** program over spring break. This year, students from **Cleveland Middle School** in St. Paul came to MTN with their teachers to learn about video production and make television programming about environmental issues.



are making.

**Get Ready** is a school program that focuses on career planning and college preparation. Students in the program this year came ready to make television about the Ames Lake project, an effort in St. Paul to reclaim a former wetland. The students took several field trips in the fall, and **Carrie Volk**, MTN Freelancer, shot some of those trips. The students were able to use her video in the projects they made.

During the Media Camp, the students learned how to make studio shows, and how to plan, shoot and edit short field productions. Their videos were packaged into a show they titled, **Cleveland Tigers Take Action**, which has been airing on MTN. Their short videos can also be viewed on [mtn.org](http://mtn.org).

The students in the program, who gave up three days of their spring break for the camp, talked about how much fun it was. Several said they wanted to come back to MTN for more.

The **Get Ready** students shot several short studio talk shows and formed groups to make three short field production videos that addressed issues such as controlling invasive plant species, using permeable surfaces to let rain water drain naturally, and how we deal with all the trash we

MTN staff who helped out with the program included **Doug Cain**, **Hamil Griffin-Cassidy**, **Beth Peloff**, **J.C. Bagdadi**, and myself. The two **Get Ready** staff members were **Jesse Jahnke** and **Zong Vang**. **Jahnke** is a veteran of MTN youth media programs. She was a **Voices** student (see article at right) when she was in high school.

- John Akre

Above right: Get Ready students work in MTN's iMovie lab to edit their project. Left: Get Ready students work on camera, in the edit systems and in the studio to create their program. Left photos by Jesse Jahnke. Above right photo by Doug Cain.



# at mtn video voices go live

**E**ven if you are not going to high school, it is always easy to tell when the school year is ending if you spend any time at MTN. The end of the school year also means the wrap-up of the year for the seventy students from **South High** who are part of the **Video Voices** collaboration.

Each year, students in the Voices program make video documentaries about some kind of social science issue. They make the video with the help of training, staff, and production facilities at MTN.

But this year a new twist was added. That new twist, called **Voices Live**, brought students to MTN in the evening hours to produce live, interactive TV shows about their research topics.

In each **Voices Live** TV show, students presented the documentary video they made and then opened the phone lines and e-mail box to questions from the viewing audience. They then spent the rest of the hour or two hours fielding questions about and defending their research into the issue that they investigated.

**Voices** is a collaboration between **South High, MTN, and the Humphrey Forum** at the **University of Minnesota. Humphrey Forum** director **Steven Sandell** said, "**Voices Live** is a great assignment, a lesson in public discussion, TV that captures the attention of its

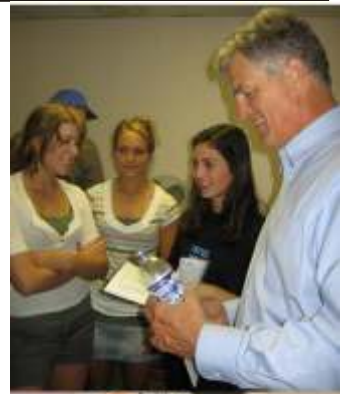
viewers, and it's fun. More than that, it's really a lesson in democracy and the skills of citizenship. It's a serious challenge for the students who know they'll be on live TV for an hour or two. They know that they need to be informed and to help others frame and direct a serious discussion.

"Each of the students will be a voter in the next election. What better way for public access TV and public schools to promote informed and involved citizens. From our standpoint at the Humphrey Forum, Voices has been at the center of our mission for 18 years. Our partnership with MTN and South High is a model collaboration involving the University, the media, the schools, and the citizens of Minneapolis, encouraging thoughtful, informed and active citizens."

Topics addressed by the Voices Live students in their shows included: "Global Warming," "Urban Art," the "Influence of Hip-hop on young Somalis," "Anti-War Protest," "Libraries," "Revitalizing Native American Languages," "Schools: Intelligent Design, Lunch, and public versus private," "The New Twins Ballpark," "the Veterans Home," and "Interracial Relationships."

Check the MTN schedule online at [mtn.org](http://mtn.org) to find out when these programs will be repeated.

Voices students work with MTN staff members Hamil Griffin-Cassidy and J.C. Bagdadi, as well as guests such as Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, on their live shows. Photos by Steve Sandell and Jill Pridemore.



# a convention for unconventional tv acm annual conference comes to town in july

The community television nation is coming to Minneapolis this summer. From **July 25 through the 28**, the **Alliance for Community Media's** national conference will take place at the Marriott City Center hotel in downtown. The name of the conference this year is **Navigating Currents of Change in Community Media.**

The **Alliance for Community Media** is a national organization that represents over 3,000 access organizations and community media centers around the country.

The conference features a wealth of workshops in areas such as new media, production, and outreach. The first day of the conference features half day workshops on Final Cut Pro. There will also be a number of special events. Those events include the



annual **Hometown Video Awards**, which will take place at the **Walker Art Center** on Thursday evening. There will be a keynote luncheon on Saturday afternoon, and a Friday night party at the **Nicollet Island Pavilion.**

The cost of a conference registration is \$320. There is an additional fee for special events. MTN is offering five scholarships for MTN Member/Producers (see below).

SUNplug'd, a St. Anthony Main regular, is one of the bands that will perform at the Alliance for Community Media Conference.

## win a scholarship to the acm conference!

**M**TN is offering up to five scholarships for **MTN Producer/Members** to attend the **Alliance for Community Media International Conference and Exhibition.** Fill out the form to the right and leave it in the box at the MTN checkout desk.

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must be an MTN Producer and member and be able to attend the conference in full. All entries must be turned in by **Wednesday, June 20 at 5 p.m.** A random drawing will be held to choose scholarship recipients. The drawing will be held on **Wednesday, June 20 at 5p.m.** The scholarship will pay for your entry to the entire conference. If you are not able to attend the conference from July 25-28, do not enter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to attend the ACM Conference from July 25 - 28: \_\_\_\_\_