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Abdimalik Askar & Zacharia Aden produced a special two-hour Somali Media live program on the topic of missing Somali young people and the role a local mosque may have played in their disappearance. This show was followed up by an MTN Update program with host Pam Colby, covering the topic for English speakers as well. Photo by Doug Cain.

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mtn will be closed monday, may 25 for memorial day.

# meet mtn: ashley siebels

**A**shley Siebels began working for MTN as a correspondent for MTN Access to Art last year, and soon after joined the teaching staff. She teaches the Video Production Workshop Basic and Pro classes, and has also helped out with MTN's youth classes. She also produced a couple segments for the Minneapolis Neighborhood News show.

Ashley grew up in the Twin Cities and began her media career at age six, presenting original plays for a select audience. She continued theater work after high school, putting on Fringe Festival productions and acting with local improv and sketch comedy troupes.

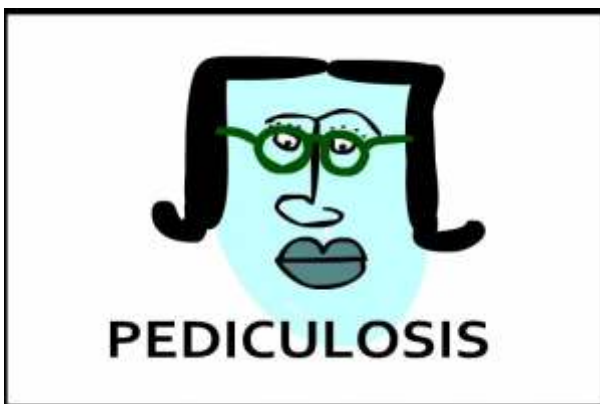
She started recording her plays, which led her to the idea of creating work directly for video or film. She ended up in the Filmmaking program at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Ashley likes the people she meets at MTN, the staff, the volunteers, and her students, who are excited about video production and also forgiving of her rare memory lapses. She thinks that community-produced programs and citizen journalism are vitally important.

She loves working on segments for MTN Access to Art. There is so much going on in the Twin Cities art scene, she said, and Access to Art helps her navigate that world. She also likes that the work she does for the show can help small arts organizations get the word out and give them a video piece to show potential audiences and funders.

When she isn't teaching, taping, or editing for MTN, she likes to read. Jonathan Safran Foer is one of her favorite authors. She also enjoys writing, and has been working on a book for the last three years. And she is still making her own film projects; she and her boyfriend recently turned their apartment into a set, filling the floor with a cardboard box city suitable for dinosaur rampages.

She has a dream of making a soap opera for MTN, but she doesn't yet have the necessary cast and crew.



MTN 16, 17 and 75...  
the local word on the  
whole wide world



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# director's corner

## interns, board, americorps

**M**TN has three enthusiastic interns who are willing and available, with notice, to assist you with your public access studio program. If you are interested in interns to help out on your production, please contact Doug Cain at the Accessdesk.

The Mayor and City Council recently appointed the following people to the MTN Board: Rashad Hasan, Kevin Jenkins, Peter Larsen, Patrick Scully and Mayoral appointment Ben Weeks. The March 12th Board of Directors meeting will serve as a

Board Orientation for our newly appointed board members. (See page 6 for articles about MTN's departing board members).

MTN is pleased to announce that we have been selected for a CTEP AmeriCorps position beginning in September. This AmeriCorps member will work primarily with John Akre on South High Video Voices and other MTN Youth programs. Look for more information about this in future editions of the Monitor.

--Pam Colby

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## a number of words about numbers

Greetings MTN Monitor Readers!

For those of you who produce a program that airs on MTN, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you!

For a few weeks now I have noticed that a number of shows are broadcasting with a telephone number on for the duration of the program. For those of you who do not know, a telephone number is to be restricted to the first and final 30 seconds of a program. At NO time is there to be a commercial telephone number listed. If you are acknowledging an underwriter you are allowed to show their brand, give the cross streets of their location, and if available their web address; NO phone

number or direct address should be listed or given. If you are giving a telephone number where more information can be requested, the telephone number should be yours.

The most pressing issue with telephone numbers right now is that they cannot be on the screen for the entire program, unless you are giving a live MTN call-in number. This is an MTN policy, and when you submit your program you sign a form that states that you are aware of MTN policies and abide by them. We appreciate the time you volunteer to the programs that make MTN! Thanks!

- Vera Allen

from midnight to midnight

# mtn series

## MONDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali Mai TV Network  
7:30 MN at Work  
8:00 MTN Community Events  
10:00 Wacyi TV  
11:00 Regional Somali TV  
5:00 Somali TV of MN  
6:00 MDTV  
7:30 As Above, So Below  
8:00 Community Events  
9:30 Philo  
11:30 DJ Cooley Show

### MTN 17

6:00 Black Focus  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
8:00 Our World Today  
9:30 Holding People Accountable  
10:00 Telling People's Stories  
10:30 Words of Peace  
5:00 Spectator  
6:00 Girltalk  
6:30 King Henry Show  
7:00 Sub Cinema  
7:30 Our Turn  
8:00 Video Voices  
9:30 The Review  
10:00 Democracy Now!  
11:30 Shape Up with Sheila

### MTN 75

8:00 Walking in the Light  
8:30 One Day at a Time  
10:00 Songs of Praise  
5:30 Living Word Church  
6:00 Sharing Miracles  
6:30 Beyond Today  
7:00 Lovepower  
8:00 Book of Acts  
8:30 Yeshua's Line  
9:00 True Love Church Service  
11:00 Army Newswatch

## TUESDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali TV of MN  
8:00 MTN Community Events  
10:00 Jig Jiga TV  
5:00 Somali America Media  
6:00 TWVS  
7:00 The Leslie Davis Earth  
Protector Show  
7:30 We the People  
8:00 The Messenger  
8:30 In the Studio  
9:00 The Nancy Boys  
10:00 Drinking with Ian  
10:30 The Prima-Donnas

### MTN 17

7:00 Democracy Now!  
8:00 Our World In Depth  
9:00 ADHA tv  
10:00 Atheists Talk  
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 Tuesdays

### MTN 75

6:30 Beyond Today  
7:00 Lovepower  
9:00 That Which Is  
10:00 Hour of Restoration  
10:30 Companion on a Journey  
11:00 Second Coming Church  
5:00 The Gospel Hour  
6:30 God's Word in Depth  
7:00 Prophetic Word  
8:00 Repentance and Love  
Center  
9:00 Humanist Views  
11:00 The Bible Speaks

## WEDNESDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali American Media  
3:00 The Messenger  
7:00 The Leslie Davis Earth  
Protector Show  
8:30 Philo  
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 Connection

### MTN 17

12:00 Spectator  
2:30 Freaky Deaky  
6:30 Republican Roundtable  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
10:00 Bi Cities  
10:30 Kinpride  
5:00 Variety Show  
6:00 Bat of Minerva  
7:00 Perils for Pedestrians  
7:30 House Call  
8:00 The Mary Hanson Show  
9:00 Viva and Jerry's  
Country Videos  
10:00 Democracy Now!  
11:00 Living Free

### MTN 75

8:00 Repentance and Love  
Center  
9:30 Living Word Church  
10:00 Resurrecting YFB  
10:30 Abundant Life  
11:30 Come and See Ministries  
6:00 Greater Friendship  
Missionary Baptist Church  
7:00 New Vision  
7:30 Holding Forth the  
Word of Life  
8:00 Hope Community  
Presents  
9:00 Unleavened Bread

## THURSDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somaliland American TV  
7:00 Humanist Perspective  
8:00 MTN Community Events  
10:00 MDTV  
12:00 As Above, So Below  
12:30 Baby Blue Arts Presents  
5:00 Somali TV of MN  
6:30 Finnish Talk and Variety  
7:30 Spanish Words of Peace  
8:30 Drexel Interview  
9:00 MPLS Expression  
10:00 MTN Community Events

### MTN 17

12:00 WWA  
2:30 Totally Scrabble Tuesdays  
6:30 Vets Visits on RV  
7:00 Democracy Now!  
8:30 Heavy Metal  
9:00 Viva and Jerry's Country  
Music Videos  
10:00 Variety Show  
5:00 Lemmy O' Live  
7:00 The Real America  
7:30 The Dog Show  
8:00 Street Talk  
8:30 T.C. Muzique  
9:30 Art Cunningham  
10:00 Democracy Now!

### MTN 75

1:00 Rhema Word  
7:00 Army Newswatch  
7:30 Holding Forth the Word  
8:00 Hope Community Presents  
9:00 Sharing Miracles  
10:00 Greater Friendship  
Missionary Baptist Church  
11:00 Muhammad and Friends  
5:00 Cornerstone Prayer  
Center  
6:00 Bible Based BC  
6:30 Tomorrow's World  
7:00 Hidden Truth  
9:00 Bible Q and A  
10:00 Islam in Focus  
11:00 United Street Ministry

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# program schedule

## FRIDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali TV of MN  
 1:00 The Prima-Donnas  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 4:00 Islamic View  
 5:00 Somali Media  
 6:00 SAMA TV  
 7:00 Jig Jiga TV  
 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network  
 10:00 MTN Community Events

### MTN 17

12:30 The Review  
 2:30 TC Muziaue  
 7:00 Democracy Now!  
 8:00 Atheists for Human Rights  
 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News  
 7:00 Metro Property Rights  
 7:30 ADHDTV  
 8:30 Third Party Forum  
 9:00 Twisted TV  
 10:00 Democracy Now!  
 11:00 Monkey Mugs

### MTN 75

9:00 Book of Acts  
 10:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center  
 11:00 Bible Based Baptist Church  
 1:00 The Gospel Hour  
 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International  
 6:30 Bible Study Ministries  
 7:30 Spiritual Men  
 8:00 Hour of Restoration  
 9:00 Shalom Scripture  
 10:00 Come and See Ministries  
 11:00 That Which Is

## SATURDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Somali Media  
 1:30 The Nancy Boys  
 2:30 Drinking with Ian  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 12:00 Finnish Talk and Variety  
 3:00 Bi Weekly Live  
 5:00 Bulsho TV  
 6:00 Regional Somali TV  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 11:00 Ogadenia

### MTN 17

12:00 Heavy Metal  
 12:30 Fab Under  
 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News  
 7:00 Metro Property Rights  
 8:00 Shape Up with Sheila  
 8:30 Soap Factory Gallery 4  
 9:00 MTN Access to Art  
 9:30 The Dog Show  
 10:00 Our Turn  
 10:30 Video Voices  
 11:30 King Henry Show  
 5:00 En Familia  
 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  
 10:00 Our World Today  
 11:00 MN Hip Hop

### MTN 75

6:30 Bible Study Ministries  
 8:00 Shalom Scripture Studies  
 9:00 The Bible Speaks

11:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying  
 1:30 United Street Ministry  
 4:00 Key to the Kingdom  
 4:30 God's Word in Depth  
 5:00 Light on the Gospel  
 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest  
 7:00 Hour of Power  
 8:00 Abundant Life  
 8:30 Solid Rock Church  
 9:00 Unlock Your Bible  
 9:30 Resurrecting YFB  
 10:00 Truth of God

## SUNDAY

### MTN 16

12:00 Bulsho TV  
 2:00 DJ Cooley  
 7:00 We the People  
 7:30 Judy Corrao  
 8:00 MTN Community Events  
 2:00 Baby Blue Arts Presents  
 4:00 Let's Learn to Get Along  
 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News  
 5:30 Minnesota at Work  
 6:00 Wayci TV  
 7:00 Oromo TV  
 8:00 MTN Community Events

### MTN 17

12:00 Third Party Forum  
 12:30 Twisted TV  
 6:00 House Call  
 7:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News

8:00 Friendship Set to Music  
 9:00 For Women Only  
 9:30 The Real America  
 10:00 The Mary Hanson Show  
 10:30 En Familia  
 12:00 Bat of Minerva  
 3:30 Art Cunningham  
 5:00 Black Focus  
 6:00 Politically Speaking  
 7:00 Telling People's Stories  
 7:30 Words of Peace  
 9:00 Lemmy O'  
 9:30 Holding People Accountable  
 10:00 Freaky Deaky

### MTN 75

5:30 Unlock Your Bible  
 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Friend  
 8:30 Tomorrow's World  
 9:00 Hear What the Lord Is Saying  
 10:00 True Love Church  
 11:00 Truth of God Broadcast  
 12:00 Unleavened Bread  
 1:00 Bible Q and A  
 2:00 Light on the Gospel  
 3:00 Keys to the Kingdom  
 3:30 Redeemed Life Church  
 4:00 Companion on a Journey  
 4:30 Prophetic Word  
 5:00 Songs of Praise  
 6:00 Walking in the Light  
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 8:30 One Day at a Time  
 9:00 Second Coming

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# four mtn board members retire

**T**he Minneapolis Television Network is guided by the MTN Board of Directors, a group of volunteers who are appointed by the City Council and the Mayor. Positions on the MTN Board are subject to term limits. Recently, the board had a major turnover, with four members stepping down. Four new members were appointed by the City Council and Mayor, and current board member and Vice Chair Kevin Jenkins had his term renewed by the Council.

The four members who recently left the board were **Bob Vose, Tamir Nolley, Tom Cassidy, and Floyd Child.**

**Bob Vose** is an attorney who began serving on the MTN board in 2002. He was chair of the organization from 2003 through 2005, and was a strong voice for MTN during the renegotiation of the cable franchise for Minneapolis. At its January meeting, the MTN Board passed a motion thanking Vose for his service and his expert legal advice.

**Tamir Nolley** also joined the board in 2002. He is a music teacher and an access producer who always brought a fresh perspective to board discussions.

**Tom Cassidy** joined the board in 2004. He worked with Nolley and MTN staff members on the MTN Public Relations Committee to link MTN with local arts organizations. He also came up with the crazy brilliant idea of bringing public access television to the Minnesota State Fair. And so was born the Minnesota Community Television booth at the State Fair, where access centers from all over the Twin Cities worked to staff a table and promote media access by creating short programs right at the fair. Cassidy is an artist, writer and performer, and hosts **MTN Access to Art**, MTN's regular review of the art scene in Minneapolis. Read more about the show on the facing page.

In Pam Colby's column on page 3 you can read about MTN's incoming board members.

-John Akre

# child leaves board but still directs

**F**loyd Child recently stepped down after eight years on the MTN Board of Directors. While on the board he served two years as Chair and 4 to 5 years on the Executive Committee.

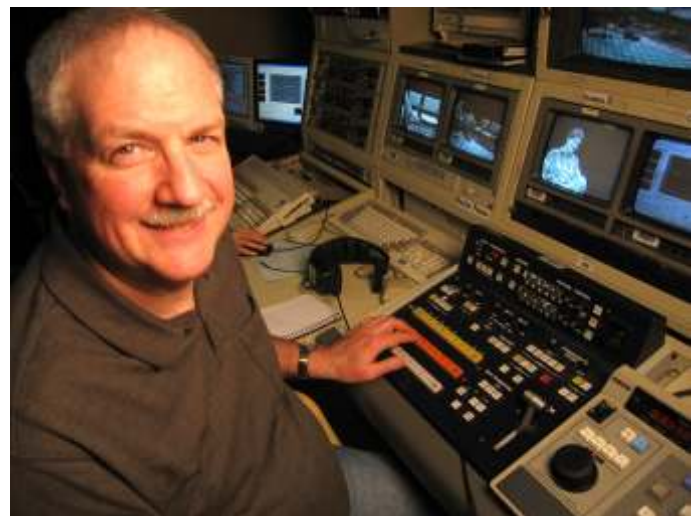
Floyd is considered the longest continuous volunteer crew member in public access television at MTN. He recently found a receipt of his first year membership and class registration from August 1986. He started right after that as a camera operator with **The Mary Hanson Show.**

He currently directs three of the longest running shows on MTN, **We, The People** with the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, **The Judy Corrao Show**, and **The Mary Hanson Show.**

He said that the work of the MTN Commission was a highlight of his time on the board. Not only did the report lay out the breadth of community support which MTN enjoys but it also presented the many challenges that face the organization, and a path which MTN must maneuver to survive in the future.

Floyd recruited three friends as crew for MTN from his day job with Northwest Airlines, where he delivers software electronically to almost 20,000 computers worldwide. Thank you Floyd for your continuing dedication to MTN!

-Doug Cain



Floyd Child in the Studio A Control Room.  
Photo by Doug Cain.



Access to Art host and retiring MTN Board Member Tom Cassidy (above left) introduces a segment of the show from the Accumulated Objects Gallery. (To left) Audience members applaud a performer at Anodyne Coffee House's Open Mic. (Above) Accumulated Objects Gallery co-owner Sherri Dahl shows off one of her works of art.

## access to art #18 is inspiring, open and spot on

**G**et ready for a great new episode of **Access to Art**. Be sure to catch the show on **MTN channel 17 Tuesday nights at 8:30** or online at [mtn.org/accesstoart](http://mtn.org/accesstoart). This time we go with our host **Tom Cassidy** to an opening at the **Accumulated Objects Gallery**, a new gallery in Northeast Minneapolis in the Thorpe Building. Tom talks with gallery co-owners and artists Sherri Dahl and Aaron Hinkel about their art, their gallery and their involvement with the larger Northeast Minneapolis arts community.

The show also features the following segments:

“Pinocchio: Story, Stage and Screen” is a six-month collaboration between the **Minnesota Opera** and **Story Board**, a non-profit organization which teaches youth filmmaking skills and gives them the opportunity to work with professional filmmakers. In this project, high school students plan, shoot and edit short films inspired by the Pinocchio story. Access to Art correspondent Ashley Siebels talked with staff from Story Board and the Minnesota Opera and with some of the youth participants as they went through the filmmaking process.

All over Minneapolis, aspiring musicians and poets sign

up to perform at open mic nights in coffee shops, bars and other venues. One of the longest running open mics in the city happens at the **Anodyne Coffee House** in South Minneapolis on the first Friday night of each month. Started 13 years ago by our own multi-talented host Tom Cassidy, the Anodyne open mic continues under the guidance of current host Troy Russel who has been creating a warm and accepting atmosphere for performing artists for the last two years. Access to Art Correspondent Beth Peloff attended a recent open mic night and spoke with Troy and some of the performers.

**Spot Art** is an art gallery in Northeast Minneapolis committed to giving emerging artists the opportunity to exhibit alongside established artists. Their annual call-for entries includes two days when artists, on a first come first serve basis, bring their work into the gallery for consideration. Firmly rooted in its neighborhood, Spot Art also hosts poetry readings and other events organized by different arts and community groups. Access to Art Correspondent Laura Stopyro attended a recent opening for a group show and spoke with the artists and the people behind Spot Art.

-Beth Peloff



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# class schedule gets some class

**M**TN's classes are taught by MTN staff members who also work in other areas, including production and the access desk. The teachers recently started meeting as a Teacher's Team to improve MTN's training program. The first project the group worked on was to revisit MTN's class listings.

This Teacher's Team looked at the names of classes, the order and prerequisites for them, and also how we promote them in our class schedule, and developed some new ideas. You can see those ideas for yourself in the separate MTN Class Schedule publication, which you will find inside this and future issues of The Monitor.

Our team includes instructors **Doug Cain, Beth Peloff, John Akre, Fanuel Tsehaye, Hamil Griffin-Cassidy,** and **Ashley Siebels**, who also designed the new publication. **Alex Betzenheimer** and **Eboun Singhathip** from MTN's Administrative team also participated.

The team developed new class descriptions and will continue to refine MTN's course offerings in the

upcoming months. Hopefully these changes will help us reinvigorate our commitment to make media tools accessible.

Please let us know what you think about these changes, and any other suggestions you might have. You can send an e-mail to [jakre@mtn.org](mailto:jakre@mtn.org), or talk to one of us at MTN.



Video Voices students edit at MTN.