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Get Ready Student Guadalupe (above) reports and then edits her video (right) with classmates (left to right) Nou, Estephania, and Symmieona (story on p. 2).

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mtn will be closed tuesday, july 4 for independence day. regularly scheduled series programs will not

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# community tv funding threatened

**T**oday, perhaps more than ever before, funding for community television is in real jeopardy. This time the threat is at the national level.

The phone companies want to do what the cable companies are already doing, provide multi-channel television, but they do not want to pay the local governments for the "right of way" permissions. This is the right to put their equipment (cables, fibers, etc.) in the ground or on the poles owned by the local government. This "right of way" is very valuable in some places, like downtown Manhattan or Minneapolis. It is not so valuable in rural areas like Floodwood, Minnesota, population 650.

In Texas, the phone companies have already had some luck at the state level with the type of legislation they are now trying to pass on the national level. This legislation would seriously limit the amount of local control communities could have on the cable or phone companies serving them.

If there is no local control to regulate and collect money from cable television providers, then there is no funding for community television. This is the type of legislation that the phone companies are trying to get out of Washington in this session of congress.

Scary bills are gathering steam. What can you do? If you have Internet access, go to the MTN Web site, [www.mtn.org](http://www.mtn.org), and click on "Save Public Access." MTN does have a public Internet station in our space by the dub rack if you'd like to do some activism work while making a dub. A letter to your Senator or Representative, from your perspective, is always a great idea. What does community television mean to you? Those are the letters that make a difference. If you do not have Internet access and would like assistance in writing a letter, call Pam Colby at 612-331-8575 x 304.

- Pam Colby

## get ready kids in action at mtn

**T**welve middle school students from the Minneapolis Public Schools spent three days of their spring break at MTN this year. They were part of the **Get Ready** programs at **Anderson Open, Lincoln Community** and **Cleveland Junior High** schools. Get Ready helps young people start thinking about careers and college. Their job at MTN was to learn a little about video production, and about the possibility of media careers.

editing, and the studios. They worked on two studio shows, and also worked in groups to make a short, field-produced dramatic video.

One group made their short video about dancing. Another group made their video about the influence of violent television on youth. The third group made a movie about kids following up on a news report about a haunted house.

**Jesse Jahnke** was one of the Get Ready teachers who worked on the program. She knew all about MTN from her experience as a VOICES student when she was in High School.

MTN put the TV shows that the youth made into one program called **Get Ready Kids in Action**, a title chosen by the youth. Watch for it on MTN's channels!

- John Akre



The young people spent three days at MTN and learned the basics of camera, movie

Get ready students (left to right) Cristhian, Albert, and Victor edit their class project, titled Copy Kats.

# mtn adds new live initiatives

It is difficult to describe MTN. Is it the people or the programming, the classes or the facilities? MTN is **VOICES**, **Scrabble**, the Somali programs, **Altera Vista**. There are programs you'll never see elsewhere. It is like a fog-shrouded mountain peak - you have to do some hiking to see it!

In the past year, MTN has started some live programming initiatives to highlight some of the programming on its channels.

MTN is international, with 12 programs each week from Somali producers. We have an Ethiopian and an Eritrean weekly show and two Oromia community cablecasts. Now we have a Sudanese show called **Gambella TV**. We also program a Chinese news show, two programs in Spanish, a wide number of shows from an African American perspective, three Humanist or Atheist productions, and a whole channel of spiritual or religious

programming. You may see some experimental art pieces, talk shows, or music. There is a new program called **Wolf Spirit** to bring a voice and presence on air to the American Indian community.

MTN's live show initiatives are called **Monday Night Live** and **MTN Goes Live**. **Monday Night Live** is a phone-in show with new guests each week. It goes live from 8 to 9 pm Mondays on MTN 16. In this show, MTN producers are able to carry on a dialogue with their viewers. **MTN Goes Live** is two hour variety show that appears occasionally on Friday nights at 10 pm. The series started off with an evening of Pan-American entertainment called "Noche Latina." Other episodes have featured sports, spoken word, Somali community information, dance, and cabaret.

Nothing stands still at MTN. The show must go on, and the show is YOU!  
- Doug Cain

next mtn member's screening:  
friday, july 14 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.

## flaming film fest wants your video

The **Flaming Film Festival** closes on Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm at the **Suburban World Theatre** in uptown. The closing night show is called "Killing Rock Stars - Music Video meets Open Reel" and is sponsored by MTN and Rift Magazine.

Every year the Flaming Film Festival likes to open its venue to anyone and everyone to submit a movie (five minutes or less). This year's theme is music video, and we accept absolutely anything submitted on VHS up until the night of the show. Get your movies in early, though, as

we will only screen the first 90 minutes of shorts submitted. All filmmakers are admitted free (and get free drinks), and there will be cash prizes and other fabulous gifts given to the audience and festival staff favorites. Following the screening is a Closing Night After Party hosted by the Suburban World Theater.

Bring your tape to the **Suburban World** the night of the show. Give me a heads up at [lganser@hotmail.com](mailto:lganser@hotmail.com) so I can reserve a slot for you, and guarantee your short will show.

- Lisa Ganser

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# mtn series program schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Discover Islam 7:00 Islamic View 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 Heavy Metal TV</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Spectator 6:00 Friendship Set to Music 7:00 SPNN Youth Videos 7:30 Our Turn 8:00 Video Voices 8:30 Moving Forward 9:30 The Review 10:00 Democracy Now 11:30 Diet to End Diseases</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Holding Forth the Truth 5:30 Living Word Church 6:00 New Vision 6:30 Beyond Today 7:00 Lovepower 8:00 Fire of Change 9:00 PRSPKTV on Life 11:00 Army Newswatch 11:30 Atheist Views</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali American Media 6:00 Uhura 7:00 Leslie Davis Show 7:30 We the People 8:00 Altera Vista 9:00 The Nancy Boys 10:00 Drinking with Ian 10:30 Prima Doms 11:00 Rock and Roll Girl 11:30 The Jezebel Johnson Show</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 WWA 5:30 30 Minutes with an Author 6:00 Republican Roundtable 6:30 Vets Visits On TV 7:00 Kinpride 7:30 Bi Cities! 8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 8:30 Creatures for Adoption 9:00 Black Economics 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Totally Scrabble Tuesday</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 First Community Baptist 6:00 Search the Scriptures 6:30 Piercing Darkness 7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind 8:00 Trinity Tabernacle 9:00 Word Encounter 10:00 Curtis Farrar Ministries 11:00 The Bible Speaks</p>	<p>MTN 16 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 10:00 Irene on TV 10:30 Holistic Health Now! 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 5:00 Book of Acts 5:30 Hour of Restoration 6:00 Greater Friendship 7:00 Word of God 8:00 Hope Community Presents 9:00 Unleavened Bread 11:00 Healing and Victory Today 11:30 National Socialist Movement</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Somali Children Association of MN 6:30 Fitness and Faith 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 TV Bookshelf 7:30 Jazz Plus More 8:30 T.C. Muzique 9:30 Art Cunningham 10:00 Democracy Now 11:00 Time Warner Connections</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center 6:00 Transforming Kingdom Hearts 6:30 Tomorrow's World 7:00 Sword of the Spirit 8:00 Turn or Burn 9:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali Media 6:00 Oromia Regional State TV 7:00 Oromo TV 8:00 Hablando de Salud 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 6:00 Toad, Turtle and Whoever Else Shows Up 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 7:00 Purple Funk 7:30 MSP Sports 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 5:00 The Best is Yet to Come 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International 6:30 Bible Study Ministries 7:00 Walking By Faith 7:30 Prophetic Word 8:00 Greater Faith 9:00 Shalom Scripture 10:00 Help is on the Way 11:00 That Which is</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Busho TV 6:00 Awude Ethiopia 7:30 Atheist Alliance 8:00 MTN Community Events 10:00 Undercover TV 10:30 The Marty Doogin Show 11:00 T.C. Muzique Late Nite</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 En Familia 5:30 Inner City Fishing 8:00 My World 8:30 Atheists Talk 9:00 Somali Mai TV 11:00 Cinema Apocalypse 11:30 Just a Show</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Light on the Gospel 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest 7:00 Faith Walk 8:00 Eagle Christian Church 8:30 Solid Rock Church 9:00 Hour of Power 10:00 Truth of God 11:00 Key to the Kingdom 11:30 Galatians Study</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 5:30 MN at Work 6:00 Wayci TV 8:00 MTN Community Events 9:00 Somali Life</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Black Focus 7:00 Telling People's Stories 7:30 Strictly Seniors 8:00 ETBM 9:00 Lemmy O 9:30 Holding People Accountable 10:00 TBA</p> <p>MTN 75 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 Bethel Church 11:00 Farrankan Speaks</p>

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