

BITS AND PIECES

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Rodriguez strikes deal for Latinos; 'Simpsons' get syndicated

Comedian/actor Paul Rodriguez and his I Was Framed Productions partner Jeff Wald have signed an exclusive first-look agreement with HBO Independent Productions to produce series and other programming targeted at the Latino community. I Was Framed produces Rodriguez's Univision talk show and network specials and is currently developing the NBC movie *Blood and Justice*, starring Jimmy Smits.

Meet the freshman class. Come January, one of every four faces on Capitol Hill will be new. To help viewers get to know the new players in the legislative and executive branches, C-SPAN offers *New Faces of Washington*, a series airing Sunday afternoons throughout January. Each program will include interviews, roundtable discussions, live viewer call-ins and "day in the life" segments with the new members of Congress. In addition, C-SPAN's *Road to the White House* series will focus on the presidential transition through Jan. 20.

The Simpsons will be with us for a long, long time, now that Twentieth Television has finalized the first syndication deal for the series, selling it to sibling division Fox Television Stations for a syndication launch in the fall of 1994.



Paul Rodriguez

The 14th Annual CableACE Awards ceremony, to air live on Lifetime Sunday, Jan. 17, marks the inclusion of three new honors. The new category of Magazine Host boasts nominees including Larry King, Leeza Gibbons and Robert Urich. The category of best Cultural/Entertainment Documentary or Information Special includes HBO's *Marilyn: The Last Interview* and American Movie Classics' *Street Scenes: New York on Film* as nominees. Finally, Bravo will be the first recipient of the new Creators Award, an industry honor for programming contributions that have enriched cable's offerings to society at large.

Westward huh?: trail-dust trivia

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. Who sang the theme song for *High Noon*?
2. In what film is John Wayne the employee of a lady rancher played by Ella Raines?
3. Who plays the boisterous dance-hall girl with whom James Stewart tangles in 1939's *Destry Rides Again*?
4. In 1969's *Sam Whiskey*, what does Sam want to steal? (Bonus: Who plays the title role?)
5. What was director John Ford's last Western? (Bonus: Who portrays lawman Wyatt Earp in the film?)
6. In this 1946 picture, Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotten play brothers involved with the same half-breed woman. Name the film and the actress.
7. Identify the narrator of John Ford's *How the West Was Won*.
8. Name the performers who played the title roles in 1938's *The Cowboy and the Lady*.

Answers:

1. Tex Ritter.
2. Marlene Dietrich.
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7. Spencer Tracy.
8. Gary Cooper and Metic Oberon.

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Faye Dunaway stars in *Silhouette*, part of the USA Network's World Premiere Movie Festival on Friday.



Showtime aims for non-stop laughter with Saturday's debut of *John Henton: Comedy With an Attitude*.



Host Jay Thomas (pictured) welcomes Keith Richards to CBS' *Hard Rock Cafe New Year's Eve*.