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Holiday decor



Aubreana Bing adjusts her hat as she waits on her float during Denver's Annual Parade of Lights, which wound through downtown Friday night. Bundled-up crowds braved a chilly night along the 2-mile route to take in the sights, lights and sounds of the annual holiday parade. Four giant balloons, eight high school marching bands and 12 colorfully lit floats were part of excitement that lit up the night and elicited cheers. Organizers added a cultural flair to this year's festivities in an attempt to embrace the community's diversity and included samba dancers and a West African-inspired drum ensemble in the lineup. The Parade of Lights will return tonight at 6 for an encore. » STORY, 4B

Leah Millis, Special to The Denver Post

Parade encore

The Parade of Lights will repeat its route through downtown at 6 tonight. Spectator viewing is free along the parade's 2-mile route, with downtown Denver's skyline providing the background. For more information on downtown Denver holiday events, go to downtowndenver.com.

dp Photo gallery. More images from the Parade of Lights. » denverpost.com/mediacenter

Sullivan got man a job at school

Sean Moss, a meth user found dead in January, had ties to the Arapahoe ex-sheriff going back several years.

By Kevin Vaughan and Carlos Illescas
The Denver Post

Former Arapahoe County Sheriff Pat Sullivan, who was formally charged Friday in a drugs-for-sex case, in 2007 helped an acquaintance land a job at Cherry Creek schools — a young man whose unexplained death earlier this year involved methamphetamine.

Sullivan had a relationship with Sean Moss as far back as mid-2007, when the longtime sheriff was still director of security at Cherry Creek schools.

Earlier this year, Denver police detectives questioned Sullivan after Moss was found dead Jan. 26 in the South Platte River. Moss drowned with both methamphetamine and the club drug GHB in his system, according to an autopsy report made public Friday.

Moss claimed on a website to have appeared in 17 gay pornographic movies, including films with the titles "Riding Boys in Cars" and "Rough Around the Edges."

Moss, whose death remains under investigation, used the stage name Joshua Berlin.

Sullivan — for decades one of Colorado's most visible lawmen — was jailed Tuesday after a sting in which he allegedly tried to trade methamphetamine for sex with a male ac-

SULLIVAN » 7A

TOXIC SAND CREEK SPILL

Trench to halt chemical ooze into waterway

By Bruce Finley The Denver Post

Suncor Energy cleanup crews pressed ahead Friday digging a trench to stop a gasoline-like liquid oozing into Sand Creek as a second batch of test results showed that contamination of the water is declining.

The latest data show the concentration of cancer-causing benzene at levels 69 times higher than the national drinking-water standards at the point where Sand Creek enters the South Platte River.

Once the trench is completed, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emergency-response coordinators said, the EPA will scale back the federal role and rely on Colorado health officials to oversee a long-term cleanup.

Hydrocarbon pollution has been detected over the past year spreading from Suncor's refinery to the nearby Metro Wastewater plant — as well as into Sand Creek.

"We've got to get this trench done and stop the materials from getting into the stream," EPA emergency response manager Curtis

SPILL » 14A

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DENVER & THE WEST

GOP CALLS NEW MAPS VINDICTIVE

Republicans charge that new lines for state legislative seats amount to pure spite. But Democrats also aren't all happy with what's been drawn. » 1B

COMING SUNDAY

Uneven field»

Private schools are dominating high school athletics in Colorado, and some longtime coaches, athletic directors and even players are crying foul.

INSIDE & OUT



Cyrus McCrimmon, The Denver Post

AT HOME WITH OLD WEST

Karen Ross is the entrepreneur behind Prairie Karen, a purveyor of all things Old West, from fine art to antique horse tack. Most of her business is conducted online or at trunk shows, but this time of year, she opens a seasonal shop in Elizabeth, not far from her 80-acre ranch. » 1D

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SPORTS

MATH, DETERMINATION VITAL FOR PASS RUSHER



For players like Broncos linebacker Von Miller, winning the rush is what it's all about. On Sunday against San Diego, he erased an 88-pound deficit

in an overtime display of speed, reaction time, strength and effort. The bull rush is an elite skill. » 1C

Columbine advances on tried-and-true offense.

For the fifth time since 1999, coach Andy Lowry has his Columbine Rebels playing in today's class 5A championship game, against Lakewood. Columbine's commitment to rushing excellence is well-known. » 1C

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