



Center stage

On Friday afternoon at the 5Point Adventure Film Festival, Mike Schwartz, director of “Annika:Where She Lands,” left, producer Nadchielly Sain, Annika Malacinski and moderator Stephanie Berger discuss the documentary. The film follows Malacinski, a nordic combined skier advocating for equality in the Winter Olympics, which currently does not have nordic combined for women participants. Approximately 720 students from area high schools attended the student film program at the Carbondale Recreation and Community Center. Jason Charme/Aspen Daily News

Aspen wants residents to ‘commit to tomorrow’

Sustainability campaign highlights city’s environmental efforts

By Lucy Peterson
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The city of Aspen is asking residents and visitors to “commit to tomorrow” and engage in environmental efforts in the community. It launched the Commit to Tomorrow campaign to encourage the community to take individual and collective action toward sustainability efforts and to inform the

community on the efforts the city is taking. It was born from community outreach and listening sessions to gauge sentiments around the city’s climate action work, environmental work and knowledge of local programs. “What we heard, simply put, was no, people did not know what we were doing on the environment, but they cared a lot and they wanted to get involved,” said Sustainability Manager Clare McLaughlin. “But there’s the sense of overwhelm of where do

we even start, especially because a lot of people feel like the actions they have been taking or have been coached to take just feel like a drop in the bucket.” McLaughlin said the campaign is meant to “pour some hope into this” and encourage progress at all levels. The city has posted signage around town that describes some of Aspen’s environmental initiatives, like

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Fletcher of AMFS joins select company

Named to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Aspen Daily News Staff Report

Alan Fletcher, president and CEO of Aspen Music Festival and School, has been chosen to a select company of leaders in the arts and sciences. On Wednesday, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences announced 250 new members to its roster. Fletcher was included in the Scientific, Cultural and Nonprofit Leadership category of the academy’s Leadership, Policy and Communications classification. Other notables selected include José Andrés, founder and chief feeding officer of World Central Kitchen; CNN news anchor Anderson Cooper; filmmaker, screenwriter and producer Ava DuVernay; actor, producer and humanitarian Danny Glover; and activist and journalist Gloria Steinem, for example. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences was founded in 1780 “to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people,” according to a news release from the organization. Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were among the first members selected to the academy in 1781; John Adams and John Hancock were some of the founders of the academy. “These new members’ accomplishments speak volumes about the human capacity for discovery, creativity, leadership, and persistence. They are a stellar

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26
3:00PM - 5:00PM

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Logan also spoke of how important it was for her to not “wreck” her relationship with her kids. One of her sons, Michael, is the principal at the Carbondale Middle School.

“It is our proximity to people who are different from ourselves that teaches us compassion,” Michael said. “My dad’s transition was a huge opportunity for me to know and understand trans people, and I think the film can do the same for others. I am so proud of Jamie.”

Executive Producer Sarah Shaw saw Logan’s story as a hopeful one that would hopefully engender compassion with audiences who might not be familiar with a trans person.

“Trans people have some of the highest rates of suicide in the country and a positive message of hope is always a welcome narrative in this space,” Shaw said. “Jamie’s story also felt like a conduit to conversation with audiences who may

not naturally engage on this topic. We felt her accomplishments in the climbing and professional realms buy her a lot of respect with an, at times, more conservative audience and would therefore open up more discussion or at least curiosity. We see her story as a unique perspective on trans lives and one of love and acceptance.”

Logan echoed the sentiment saying, “If someone doesn’t know a trans person, maybe I can be a trans person they get to know and maybe that’ll help a little bit. I also feel I can help trans people too. One of the things young trans people tell me is that they don’t have any elders and so in some ways I can serve the purpose of being an elder in that community. I just really wish that they would stop beating up on trans people. It’s just so hard on these young kids. Most of all, I just want people to be nice to one another.”

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Aspen Music Festival and School President and CEO Alan Fletcher was named this week to the American Academy of Arts and Science's newest class of members. Photo by Lynn Goldstein

Induction ceremony for new class of members in October

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testament to the power of knowledge to broaden our horizons and deepen our understanding,” said Academy President Laurie L. Patton in a statement. “We invite every new member to celebrate their achievement and join the Academy in our work to promote the common good.”

The induction ceremony for the new members takes place in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in October.

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We are thrilled to announce the latest addition to our medical team, Sonia Mookherjea, PA-C, who joins us as a highly skilled Physician's Assistant. With an impressive background in functional, integrative, and regenerative medicine. Sonia brings a deep understanding of bioidentical hormone replacement therapy (BHRT), peptide therapy, exosome treatments, and longevity medicine.

We are confident that Sonia's expertise will greatly benefit our patients and contribute significantly to the high standard of care we strive to maintain. Please join us in welcoming Sonia Mookherjea, PA-C to our team and wishing her success in her new role.

We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly make in our community by providing Women's health care, BHRT therapy, pellet therapy, O and P-shots utilizing Platelet Rich Plasma and Botox.



Sonia Mookherjea, PA-C

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Spring Clean Up

MAY 5-8, 2025

Get ready to spruce up your space with the City of Aspen Street Department's annual Spring Cleanup event! Say goodbye to clutter and hello to a fresh start by scheduling your FREE curbside trash pickup at your residence. Here's how it works:

- Call 970-920-5130 before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 2, 2025, to schedule your pick up.
- Gather up your unwanted items for pickup.
- Relax as our team swings by to haul away your trash hassle-free.

PUT INTO SEPARATE PILES OF:

Branches/wood
8 feet or less in length, anything longer will be le
Leaves
In certified compostable bags
Metals • Trash • Tires

All piles must be labeled “City of Aspen Spring Clean-Up” or they will not be picked up.

Waste should be placed at the curb with branches/wood parallel to the street.

We do not pick up from the alley, no exceptions.

WE CANNOT TAKE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Household Garbage •
Construction Debris • Batteries
• Paint • Oil • Refrigerators •
Hazardous Waste •
Electronics* (anything with a memory chip)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: ASPEN.GOV/STREET

*RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT
May 3 • 8 am - 12 pm • Marolt Ranch Parking Lot

