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Liz Laner's mirror-polished stainless steel sculpture, "X" (2013), is removed from its post in front of the Aspen Art Museum on Monday.

City votes to maintain rights for two dams

Council members say future too uncertain to abandon water rights

By Brent Gardner-Smith

Aspen Journalism

The Aspen City Council unanimously voted Monday night to tell the state of Colorado this month that it "can and will" build a 155-foot-tall dam on Maroon Creek within view of the Maroon Bells and a 170-foot-tall dam on Castle Creek two miles below Ashcroft.

The council passed a resolution directing staff to file a diligence application in Div. 5 water court in Glenwood Springs by Oct. 31 that seeks to maintain the conditional water rights from 1965 that are tied to the potential dams.

"File and pursue an application for finding of reasonable diligence in the development of the Castle and Maroon creek conditional water rights on or before Oct. 31, 2016," the resolution states.

It also says that "the city is obligated and intends to provide a legal and reliable water supply and to that end can and will develop all necessary water rights, including but not limited to, Maroon Creek Reservoir and Castle Creek Reservoir."

Despite the language in the resolution stating Aspen's apparent intent to someday build the two dams, Aspen Mayor Steve Skadron stressed that Monday's decision to file a diligence application in water court was about maintaining water rights, and was not the same as deciding to build the dams.

He said an article in Monday's Aspen Daily News by Aspen Journalism made it sound "as if the bulldozers are at the roundabout ready for this vote to come and they are going to go up tomorrow."

"The question is not, to build or not to build dams," Skadron said. "That's a false premise. The issue is

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Library program cuts coming if 4A fails

By Catherine Fishman

Special to the Aspen Daily News

The Basalt Regional Library will be forced to close one day per week, and cut staff and community programming, if voters do not pass a property tax increase that would bring in an additional \$350,000 annually for seven years, according to library district officials.

Voters will decide the matter, called Ballot Issue 4A, in the Nov. 8 election.

The \$350,000 in additional funding per year, or approximately 0.91 additional mills, means that for each \$100,000 of a home's value, the cost would be \$7.24 per year, or 60 cents a month. For example, if

you own a home valued at \$500,000 you would pay an additional \$36.22 per year, or \$3.02 per month.

That is a small price for contributing to an institution that acts as a great equalizer in society, giving all people access to resources and information that they can apply to better themselves and their community, said Anne Darby, a librarian in Basalt.

The library is asking to increase the mill levy as needed to meet the specific target of \$350,000. If real estate values go up, the supplemental mill levy will remain the same or even go down. As new homes and commercial properties are built, individual cost will decrease, as the \$350,000 is spread among more payers.

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Coroner's office identifies Glenwood Springs homicide victim

Aspen Daily News Staff Report

The Glenwood Springs resident killed on Friday evening was identified as Blanca Judith Jurado Salas, 28, according to a press release from the Garfield County Coroner's Office.

Salas was shot multiple times in a homicide authorities say is related to domestic violence.

A Grand Junction SWAT team arrested the suspect, Gustavo Olivo-Tellez, 27, in that city on Saturday morning.

At 7:45 p.m. Friday, Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority was advised of a possible homicide at the Pinon Pines apartments in Glenwood Springs, located off of Spring Valley Road. Deputies

responded and found Salas' body.

Olivo-Tellez, wanted on a previous domestic violence warrant, faces a charge of first-degree murder following Friday's incident. He also may face misdemeanor charges of assault and child abuse.

He is expected to be advised of the possible charges today in Garfield County District Court.

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Man allegedly punched neighbor

By Chad Abraham

Aspen Daily News Staff Writer

An Aspen man who allegedly slugged his sleeping neighbor in the face and threw him down a flight of stairs faces a felony charge.

The neighbor said Kevin Nielsen, 36, “kicked the door in and punched me in the face,” a police report says.

The assault occurred Friday around 11 p.m., wrote Aspen police officer Ian MacAyeal.

The neighbor said he had no idea why Nielsen allegedly did this. But he defended himself, fighting Nielsen to get him out of his apartment.

Outside the apartment, the alleged victim told MacAyeal that Nielsen “threw [him] down the stairs,” the report says.

An hour or so earlier, an intoxicated Nielsen had approached his neighbor, who was talking with a couple of friends. They have known one another for two years, and at that point in the night, the neighbor “didn’t seem threatened by Nielsen and said he didn’t have a problem” with him, MacAyeal wrote.

He went to bed around 10:30 p.m., and 15 minutes later, “Nielsen violently kicked the door open, charged him and punched him in the face,” the alleged victim said.

The man had a swollen left cheek and his knees were scraped up, consistent with being thrown down stairs, the report says.

When questioned, Nielsen said he considers the alleged victim a friend. The neighbor has a homeless brother, and “Nielsen feels [he] should be a better brother” and let the brother move in with the alleged victim, he told MacAyeal.

He became angry and went to talk with his neighbor about the homeless brother, the report says. Nielsen said the neighbor threw the first punch, though he admitted pushing him down the stairs, MacAyeal wrote.

Nielsen said the alleged victim’s punch struck him on his shoulder blade, to which MacAyeal said that didn’t make sense because Nielsen was facing the other man.

“Nielsen didn’t have an explanation,” the report says. “He said he drinks too much and needs to get back into AA.”

Nielsen faces a felony charge of burglary (a person can be charged with this crime if they enter into a residence with the intention of committing a crime). He’s also charged with misdemeanor assault.

Judge Chris Seldin of Pitkin County District Court signed a protection order prohibiting Nielsen from having contact with the alleged victim.

Nielsen’s bond was given a personal-recognition bond and has a court date of Sept. 6.

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Integrated brain, healthy mind

Aspen Institute presentation delves into ‘mindsight’

By Catherine Fishman

Special to the Aspen Daily News

Understanding that the mind consists of more than just brain activity is key to addressing mental health issues, a leading researcher said last week at the Aspen Institute.

Dr. Dan Siegel, a pioneer in the field of interpersonal neurobiology, gave a presentation Thursday explaining the importance of integration both within the physical brain and through external relationships to the wellbeing of the overall mind.



SIEGEL

Siegel believes that all symptoms of psychiatric disorders listed in the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM), used by mental health practitioners, are the result of brain integration impairment. His research and clinical experiences have taught him that fostering integration in patients and their fam-

ilies heals trauma and mental struggles and promotes wellbeing much more effectively than focusing on disorders and categorizing patients.

Integration is a way of collaborating and connecting, he said during an hour-long address at the Dorr-Hosier Center, presented as part of the Murdock Mind, Body, Spirit lecture series.

It maintains differences, and links these differences to create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, he said. Integration is also how we develop and maintain healthy relationships, whether between different areas of the brain, the relationship you have with yourself, or the relationships you have with others, said Siegel, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the University of California Los Angeles School of Medicine and executive director of the Mindsight Institute.

Studies have shown that relationships can change the anatomy of the brain, Siegel said, citing cases of abusive relationships where the brain can become malformed, especially in children.

The prevailing belief dating back to the origins of western medicine in ancient Greece is that the mind

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HISTORY ON THE MOVE



Jordan Curet/Aspen Daily News

Double Diamond Moving helps the Aspen Historical Society load over 2,000 objects into a truck for storage downvalley on Friday, ahead of the nonprofit’s renovation of its archive building, a project scheduled to start in October. The Aspen Historical Society manages over 45,000 objects, photographs and written documents in its collection.



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LOCAL & STATE

Strengthening neurological pathways has cellular benefits

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consists mainly of brain activity — that mind is what the brain does. But instead of thinking of the mind as a product of the brain, Siegel suggests to think of the brain as a part of the mind, which he defined as a complex system of energy and information flow.

“It is well known that the brain is an organ of the body that mediates electrochemical energy transformation,” Siegel said. “It is in the brain that neural firing patterns that have symbolic value become information. The brain is a mechanism that receives and interprets energy and information flow.” But it is only one part of the complex system that is the mind.

Research done by the Human Connectome Project found that the greatest indicator of wellbeing is how different areas of the brain are linked through neurological pathways. When different parts of the brain have good relationships with one another, and therefore are integrated, the individual is mentally healthy and experiences an overall sense of wellbeing, Siegel said.

Integration can be fostered through mindfulness practices, including art, meditation, yoga, Qigong, washing the dishes, certain types of therapy; anything that creates a “midnight” perspective, a term Siegel coined. Mindsight consists of insight into inner life, the capacity for reflection, empathy for others, and linking differentiated parts by honoring and promoting differences in relationships — all of which promote interconnected-

ness within the brain.

Even at the cellular level, integration can be extremely beneficial, Siegel said. Integration has been proven to raise levels of the enzyme telomerase, which aids in the successful replication and reproduction of cells through maintaining DNA integrity. It has also been shown to optimize cell function, improve the immune system and prevent inflammatory response which is the cause of many chronic illnesses.

Integration is also crucial for every form of self regulation. The ability to regulate attention and emotions all come from integration in the brain, he said. When you send a text you shouldn't have sent, or have an emotional outburst, integration is impaired. Being able to identify a mistake in behavior, such as the inappropriate outburst, through exercising reflection helps build compassionate relationships with others, he said.

Siegel, a neuropsychiatrist who was trained as a physician, suggested it is absurd that psychiatrists, who are meant to be caretakers of the mind, and psychologists who study the mind are never given a definition of the mind in their training. He suggested that to be effective healers of the mind, mental health practitioners should shift their focus from diagnoses to identifying where integration has been impaired, teaching tools that repair the damage and empowering patients to develop integrated relationships with themselves, with others, in the brain and, ultimately, their minds.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man gets 18 months for threats against college

FORT COLLINS — A Fort Collins man who threatened to burn down buildings at a community college in northern Colorado has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison.

The Coloradoan reports 30-year-old David Moscow, who was sentenced last week, referenced fire-bombing Front Range Community College and shooting a security guard. Moscow, a former student at FRCC, was arrested in October after he allegedly shared his destructive wishes with a psychologist.

While he was on a mental health hold, police searched his home and car and found a semi-automatic rifle, a .40-caliber handgun, hundreds of rounds of ammunition and multiple large-capacity magazines.

Moscow wasn't allowed to have the guns because he had been convicted of felony aggravated DUI.

Denver woman pleads guilty in death of 23-month-old son

DENVER — A Denver woman accused of killing her 23-month-old son has pleaded guilty to child abuse resulting in death.

The Denver Post reported Tuesday that 30-year-old Candice Lampley struck a deal with prosecutors, who dismissed charges of

first-degree murder and child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury.

Investigators say the toddler, Javion Johnson, was brought to a Denver hospital emergency room on July 8, 2015, with bruises and abrasions on his face and scalp as well as on his back and buttocks. He also had burns on 15 percent of his body consistent with scalding injuries.

Lampley's boyfriend, 37-year-old Delonta Crank, faces charges of first-degree murder, child abuse resulting in death and child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury. He has pleaded not guilty and is due in court in September.

Denver police officer shoots armed man outside bank

DENVER — An investigation is underway after a police officer shot an armed man in a bank parking lot in west Denver.

The Denver Post reports an officer spotted a vehicle Tuesday afternoon that matched the description of one that had been carjacked in Arapahoe County. As officers approached the vehicle, three people jumped out and tried to flee on foot.

Police spokesman John White says one of the suspects was armed with a handgun, and at least one officer fired shots.

The man who was shot was with two other suspects — a man and a woman. All three are in custody, and the injured man is expected to survive.

— From The Associated Press

LOCAL

Security director joined Sardy Field team in 2016

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He said his job includes day-to-day airport security, coordination with the Transportation Security Administration, FBI, sheriff's office and the FAA command center, among other entities. Historical practices are considered, he said, as well as recognition of the growth of private aviation.

New directives from the TSA, the Department of Homeland Security agency that oversees the traveling public, are frequent, he said, owing to influences located well outside of Aspen.

"This is reflective of the higher level of game we're bringing in terms of security," said Kinney. "You're one stop away from any corner in the world," including the Middle East.

The direct flights to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Dallas serving Sardy Field have raised the security stakes, given the easier access to international markets.

"Our game has to be right up there," said Kinney, before sharing a couple of incidents that have happened since he arrived in 2014. One involved a passenger who attempted to pass through security with a fully loaded semi-automatic pistol. And people who appeared on the no-fly list have been stopped before boarding a plane, he said.

A security breach that happened last March at Denver International Airport required a main part of the terminal to be evacuated for several hours after a suspicious package was discovered. This was in the wake of the attack on the Brussels terminal, when tensions were high.

"Aspen is not exempt or immune from bad people," nor real-world security concerns, Yaft said.

"Security is not a destination. It's a perpetual process."

John Kinney
Airport Director

So should the traveling public feel safe going in and out of this airport? He said yes, but with the caveat that it may come with hassles.

"Security is not meant to be convenient, it's not meant to be driven by customer service," he said.

Kinney added that "other airports on the other end are dependent on us to be just as capable, just as responsible protecting the nation's infrastructure."

The number of direct flights into the airport during the winter has increased about 60 percent since Kinney arrived here in 2014, from 26 daily to 40 for 2016-17. Private aviation doesn't track individual passengers, instead using the number of aircraft operations, of which there were about 40,000 last year at the local airport.

Some of those passengers "bring in their own security teams," Kinney said. "I imagine Kim Kardashian will be increasing her security team," he said of the celebrity who was reported to have visited Aspen multiple times last year.

Twitter: @Madski99

Presentation on Oct. 17 will involve dual scenarios

BASALT LIBRARY FROM PAGE 1

A statement summarizing comments submitted in opposition to the tax measure included in official election materials states that "Basalt Regional Library District is in excellent financial shape." The library "has \$1,657,353.13 in reserve funds available for future years," according to the statement, included in the TABOR notice on local election issues sent to voters.

District officials said this statement does not account for the fact that from 2010 through 2016, district property values dropped by as much as 46 percent, and pre-recession reserves will be inadequate to supplement costs of operation by the end of 2017. Since 2014 the library has been pulling at least \$250,000 per year from the reserve fund, and without supplemental funding in 2017, roughly 20 percent will have to be cut from the overall budget, district officials said. Additionally, only \$844,000 of the \$1.65 million in reserve is actually accessible. The remainder is either held back to pay off construction bonds or to

fund capital repairs and maintenance.

Carolyn Kane, the Basalt Regional Library board president, said the library not only stands as a source of pride for Basalt, but also enhances the vitality of the town.

"The quality of music and lecture offerings and other programs for adults [at the library] bring people to Basalt. After the program they eat dinner out," Kane said.

The library also serves as a necessary space for children. On Wednesday, for example, local teachers have afternoon meetings and kids are released early.

"You wouldn't believe how many kids are here that day," Kane said.

On Oct. 17 there will be a public budget hearing at the library. It will go over two budgets: one if the ballot measure passes, and another that describes what happens if the ballot measure fails and the subsequent cuts.

Voting yes for Ballot 4A means voting for a "community that encourages learning, open democratic ideals and thought," Kane said.

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Monday, October 10-Friday, October 14

Castle Creek Bridge

Living Lab Removal Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13

Roundabout

CDOT will be paving Wednesday, October 12, 9:30am-12pm

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Durant at Garmisch Street

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Durant at Spring Street

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