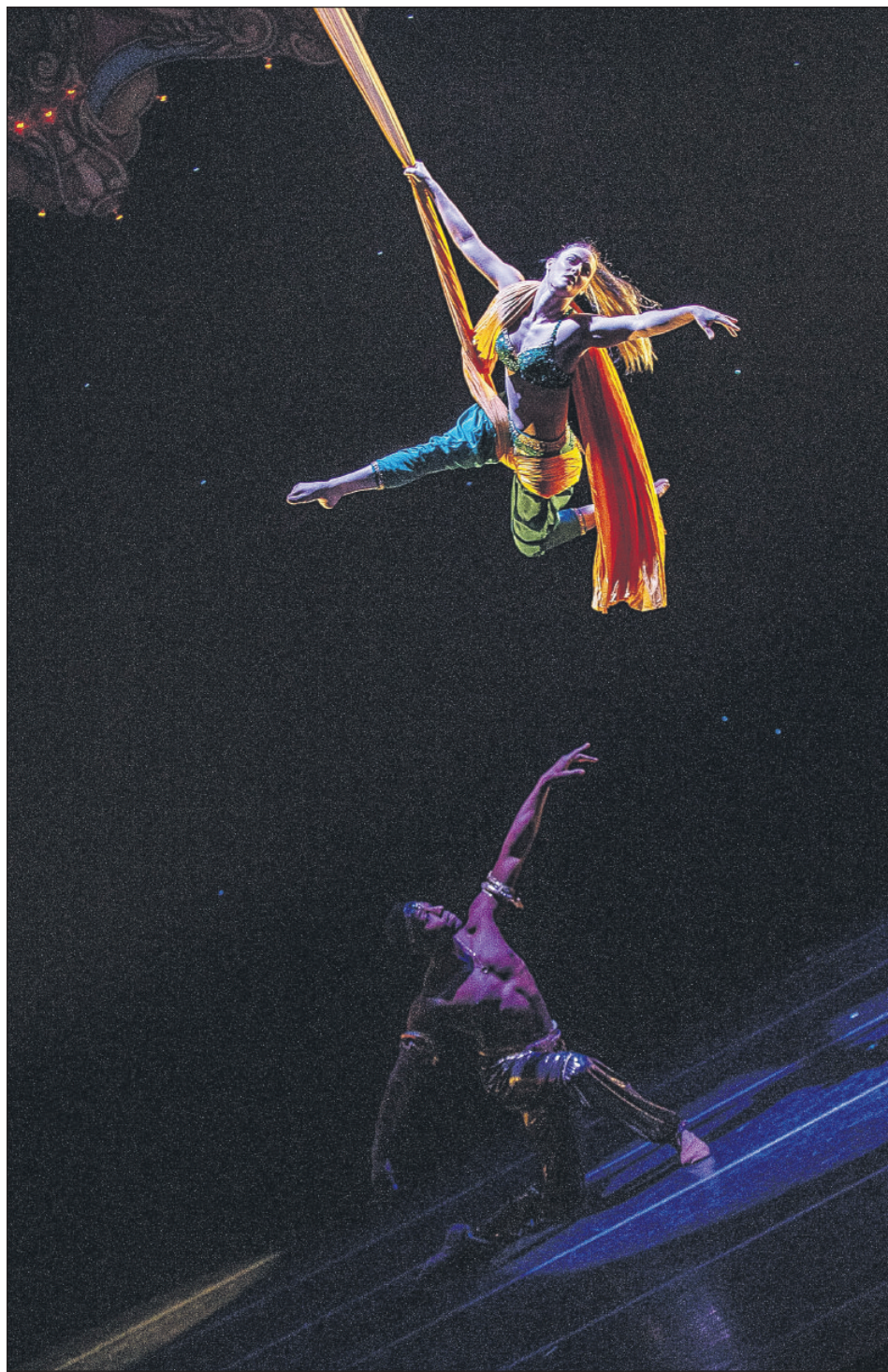


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Katrina Amerine and Joseph Watson perform as the Arabian dancers at a dress rehearsal for Aspen Santa Fe Ballet's "Nutcracker" on Thursday at the Aspen District Theater. Read the full story about the performance on PAGE B5 of the Weekend section.

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Himalayan heat-up

David Breashears hopes to inspire people to act against climate change with series of photos. His "Everest to Aspen" event comes to the Wheeler tonight. **Story on PAGE A5**

American contingent succeeds

Toby Miller, Chloe Kim lead six American snowboarders qualified for Copper Mountain Grand Prix halfpipe finals. **More on PAGE A16**

Housing survey says APCHA has work to do

Results show people are generally happy with affordable housing, but issues plague program established in 1970s

The results of a recent survey of homeowners in the local affordable-housing program show that the aging system has some big issues that need to be dealt with in order to support the community's workforce into the future.

People opined on everything from how homeowners associations should be governed to the lack of quality of resale units to compliance and enforcement of the rules within the Aspen-Pitkin County Housing Authority (APCHA).

Staff twice emailed 1,800 invitations to APCHA homeowners to complete the survey via an online link. The goal was to obtain 300 responses regarding three broad topics: customer satisfaction, customer opinions about APCHA policy priorities and governance structure, along with basic demographic information.

There are 1,658 deed-restricted households in the program. The APCHA survey collected 535 complete responses.

Fourteen questions were asked, ranging from governance to customer satisfaction to demographics. The survey was designed to collect quantitative and qualitative data for policymakers who plan to meet next week to discuss the results and how the program is governed.

The demographic of respondents varied on income levels and age, but most were either upper-moderate or middle incomes

and between the ages of 35 and 54.

"Our issues are their issues," APCHA board member John Ward said about the survey results during Wednesday's meeting. "People who are living in these units have the same concerns we do."

One question asked about policy issues and what respondents thought are most important for APCHA to focus its attention on.

The top three answers were for APCHA to address deferred maintenance of units; prevent fraud, abuse and noncompliance; and increase for-sale housing opportunities.

The other policy issues respondents want APCHA to focus on are to provide options for senior or retiree housing, improve the quality of the product and give more options for downsizing or rightsizing, among many others, including reducing politics within the program.

The board has been tackling a number of those issues, specifically the deplorable conditions of units at resale, also known as deferred maintenance, as well as instituting fines for those who don't follow APCHA guidelines and hiring a hearing officer to consider appeals from residents who have been served notices of violation.

APCHA also created a new position — compliance manager, which was filled by Bethany Spitz this summer. She has been

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SURVEY, A8

Snowmass Club sells for \$18.5 million Thursday

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The Snowmass Club sold for \$18.5 million on Thursday to ABA Hospitality, a real estate development firm that submitted its offer eight months ago.

The 212-acre property — which includes the golf course and clubhouse, fitness facilities, two restaurants and tennis courts — has been under contract since April,

according to ABA Hospitality CEO Scott Brown.

"It was a tough deal to get done, and there were a lot of moving parts," Brown said Thursday.

In an interview in July, Brown said he expected the sale to close for "around \$20 million" by mid-August. He said Thursday that negotiations held up the process.

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