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**Dear Evan Hansen: Broadway and Mental Health**

Can a Broadway musical actually help destigmatize and further the mental health conversation in our culture? The Tony Award-winning musical *Dear Evan Hansen* has proven that the answer is yes – doing just that through sensitive storytelling on stage and the cast and crew’s work with mental health not-for-profits off stage. In this panel, Dr. Harold Koplewicz, president and medical director of the Child Mind Institute, and Steven Levenson, the Tony Award-winning book writer of *Dear Evan Hansen*, discuss the delicate task of creating the characters in the musical and how they have helped further the dialogue about this important topic. The session also features a performance from Josh Strobl, a cast member seen in both the Broadway and Toronto productions of the musical.

**Underwritten by American Hospital Association**

**HAROLD KOPLEWICZ** Child Mind Institute

**STEVEN LEVENSON** Playwright

**JOSH STROBL** Musical theater actor

Moderator: TBD

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**The Cut on Tuesdays’ Podcast: How Leana Wen Gets It Done (Live Taping)**

When Leana Wen became only the second physician ever to lead Planned Parenthood, she was returning to an organization that years earlier had provided health care to much of her own immigrant family. Emerging from poverty, Wen graduated from college summa cum laude at age 18 and became a Rhodes scholar, a practicing ER doctor, a public health leader, a book author, and a passionate advocate for reproductive health and rights. She joined Planned Parenthood after four years as health commissioner for the City of Baltimore and is now the mother of a two-year-old. How does Leana Wen get it all done? Join a live podcast recording of “The Cut on Tuesdays” to find out.

**LEANA WEN** Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Host: **MOLLY FISCHER** "The Cut" podcast host

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CBD: Hype or Hope?

Suddenly, CBD is everywhere — it’s being sold in major drugstore chains and showing up in skin lotion, smoothies, baked goods, lozenges, pet food, and Ben & Jerry’s ice cream. Some people swear by CBD to treat inflammation, anxiety, pain, sleep disorders, epilepsy, diabetes, high blood pressure, and just about everything else. Derived from the cannabis plant, it is part of a class that also includes THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. The US Food and Drug Administration held its first public hearing on CBD in early June, but doesn’t yet regulate the product, and concerns about mislabeling and other hazards abound. What does the science tell us about CBD? Is the $600 million market a triumph of hype or a hopeful promise?

MARCEL BONN-MILLER University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
HUNTER LAND Canopy Growth Corporation
MALLORY LOFLIN US Department of Veterans Affairs
Moderator: MATT LASLO Freelance reporter

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30

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Is Immortality the Goal?

Can aging be cured? Hypothesizing that damage to the body accumulates over time, in fairly random ways, researchers and venture capitalists are investigating the mechanisms involved and searching for therapies to prevent or reverse the harms. If their breakthroughs don’t bring true immortality, they could at least vastly extend the healthy years of human life. Other pioneers focus more on a public health approach that emphasizes opportunities to postpone frailty and compress debilitating and degenerative diseases into a relatively short time frame. Are there absolute limits on the human lifespan? How good can things get until the end?

SUSAN GOLDEN Stanford Center on Longevity
JAY OLSHANSKY University of Chicago Center on Aging
Moderator: ALAN WEIL Health Affairs

12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55

Food, Elixir of Life

Fresh, nutritional foods are much more than one of life’s greatest pleasures, although they are certainly that. The science of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease, cancer and multiple sclerosis, increasingly reveals healthy eating to be a primary determinant of health and healing. Research is bringing new rigor to recommendations that we put more whole grains, nuts, seeds, fruits, and vegetables on our plates. Drawing on findings that healthy foods can reduce the cost and use of the medical system, some advocates are calling on insurers to cover a portion of their price. What’s new in nutrition science and how can we promote health-generating food choices?

ISABELLA KAMARIZA SolidAfrica
VICTORIA MAIZES University of Arizona Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine
DARIUSH MOZAFFARIAN Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
Moderator: DAN GLICKMAN The Aspen Institute

12:00 PM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $55

The Pros and Cons of E-Cigarettes

E-cigarettes are getting our children addicted to nicotine and may be dangerous to the developing brain. More young people now use e-cigs than tobacco and there is growing concern that someone who vapes will eventually start smoking conventional cigarettes. So why not just ban e-cigs, or at least regulate them more vigorously? In part, because many researchers believe they are less harmful than tobacco and may help adults quit smoking. How do we protect our children from the risk of nicotine addiction, while also helping people break their smoking habit? Hear reasoned arguments on both sides of an issue that has left everyone confused.

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DEBORAH ARNOTT Action on Smoking and Health
MATTHEW MYERS Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Moderator: ELIZABETH COHEN CNN

5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $15

Undaunted: Stories from the Frontlines

As our planet warms and we face an acrimonious fight over resources of all kinds, how do the global health movement’s most impassioned advocates take care of themselves and others? In this dynamic evening of short, personal stories, hear doctors, farmers, scientists, educators, and activists from all over the world zero in on why precariousness is only properly met with communities that care for one another. These experts will share what they have learned living and working in some of the world’s hardest to reach communities, where developing trust is crucial to building healthy communities.

WENDO ASZED Dandelion Africa
MICHELLE DUBON Estrada Wings Guatemala
EDINAH MASIYIWA Women’s Action Group
BRENDA MOORE Kids Educational Engagement Project, Liberia
WALTER OCHIENG US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
FREDROS OKUMU Ifakara Health Institute
ADAEZE OREH Nigeria Health Ministry
MONALISA PADHEE Barefoot College
TABITHA SAOYO KELIN-Kenya
MAULIK SISODIA Tarun Bharat Sangh
Host: COURTNEY MARTIN Solutions Journalism Network

5:30 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30

Our Children Are in Trouble

From academic pressures to classroom shootings, economic uncertainty to climate change, young people are facing more stressors than ever, and it’s surfacing in some terrible ways. In the past 12 months, 62 percent of college students said they had felt overwhelming anxiety at some point, 41 percent were so depressed that it was difficult to function, and 11 percent had seriously considered suicide. Younger teens are struggling too, expressing their emotional wounds in self-harm, eating disorders, violence, apathy, and other destructive behavior. Hear from teen siblings Charlie and Hannah Lucas, who have created an innovative mental health app, discuss how to help people when they are not OK with Christine Moutier from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and journalist Maria Hinojosa.

CHARLIE LUCAS NotOK App
HANNAH LUCAS NotOK App
CHRISTINE MOUTIER American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Moderator: MARIA HINOJOSA Futuro Media Group

7:00 PM | PAEPCKE AUDITORIUM | $12

Ask Dr. Ruth (Film and Discussion)

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RUTH WESTHEIMER Sex therapist and author
RYAN WHITE Filmmaker and director, Ask Dr. Ruth
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RUTH WESTHEIMER Sex therapist and author
The question is commonplace, the answer routine. Just about every day, someone will ask, “How are you?” And your rote response is almost sure to be, “Fine, thanks” — even if you’re totally dying inside. Not on this show. In a live performance, “Terrible, Thanks for Asking” takes just the opposite tack as Nora McInerny asks real people to share their complicated and honest feelings — sometimes sad, sometimes funny, often both at once. This spectacular, multimedia theatrical event features McInerny’s signature storytelling and bold visuals as it brings the audience on an emotional journey that celebrates human connection. McInerny also reads from her new book, No Happy Endings, and signs copies.

NORA McINERNY Podcast host and author

8:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
'Terrible, Thanks for Asking' LIVE

8:00 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30
How to Live Forever: The Enduring Power of Connecting the Generations

As medicine and public health make it possible for us to stay healthy well into our eighties, nineties, and beyond, we are challenged to find purpose in the gift of those extra years. Marc Freedman, president and CEO of Encore.org, believes that dedicating ourselves to the greater good is the pathway to fulfillment. In his new book, How to Live Forever, he reflects on the value of knitting the generations together, warns against the perils of age segregation, and issues a stirring cry for older people to help younger ones thrive.

MARC FREEDMAN Encore.org

Interviewer: COURTNEY MARTIN Solutions Journalism Network

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45
KHN’s ‘What the Health’ Podcast: The Politics of Health Care (Live Taping)

Despite the ferocious partisanship that too often characterizes health policy discussions in the United States, temperate experts on both sides of the political aisle are thinking about what needs to happen, how it can get done, and where they can forge effective partnerships. Health is likely to be a central part of the 2020 election season as Democrats and Republicans refine their positions on Medicare, Medicaid, insurance coverage expansion, reproductive health, the cost of pharmaceuticals, and more. Health policy journalist Julie Rovner and her co-hosts on KHN’s “What the Health?” talk to top strategists, one from each political party, about the role of health care in the coming election. What do these insiders expect to see about health on the campaign trail?

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LANHEE CHEN Hoover Institution
CHRIS JENNINGS Jennings Policy Strategies
Host: JULIE ROVNER Kaiser Health News
Co-Host: JOANNE KENEN POLITICO
MARGOT SANGER-KATZ The New York Times

8:00 AM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $45
Immunotherapy: Supporting the Body’s Fight Against Cancer

It’s no secret that chemotherapy is a brutal and all-too-often unsuccessful way to treat cancer, one that harms healthy cells even as it tries to ferret out malignant ones. The search for alternatives is leading researchers deep into the human immune system, seeking ways to exploit the body’s extraordinary drive to heal. They are going to the frontlines of science to understand the pathways that regulate antitumor immunity, using nanotechnology to design tumor-inhibiting immunotherapies, and building models that use immune cells as drug-delivery devices. What is the role of the immune system in the progression of cancer? How can it be enlisted to halt tumor growth?

MIRIAM MERAD Mount Sinai Health System
ELIZABETH WAYNE University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
NIH Carolina Center for Nanotechnology
Moderator: JONATHAN LAPOOK CBS News

12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55
Beyond the Science: Where Are the Safeguards in Gene Editing?

No argument against genomic editing is going to halt that advancing science, given the remarkable potential of CRISPR and other disruptive technologies to treat or cure disease. But the pace of knowledge has come at breakneck speed, outpacing dialogue about the ethics and safety of altering human DNA. The announcement last November that a Chinese researcher had created the first genetically edited babies sent shivers through the research community. Recognizing the need to develop international guidelines, scientific leaders have come together to consider the societal, legal, and ethical implications of gene editing. An international commission with representatives from scientific academies around the world and a World Health Organization expert advisory committee are both studying the issue. What’s the wisest approach?

VICTOR DZAU National Academy of Medicine
MARGARET HAMBURG National Academy of Medicine and American Association for the Advancement of Science
DUANQING PEI Guangzhou Regenerative Medicine and Health Guangdong Laboratory
Moderator: WALTER ISAACSON Tulane University

12:00 PM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $55
Change of Heart: New Findings in Cardiology

Conventional wisdom about heart disease was upended twice within a few short months this year. First, the longstanding recommendation urging just about everyone over 50 to take a daily low-dose aspirin to prevent heart attacks was tossed out. Then, we discovered that many people who need to have a heart valve replaced can avoid the rigors of open-heart surgery in favor of a much less invasive technique called transcatheter aortic valve replacement. With the emerging role of artificial intelligence, precision medicine, tissue engineering, and new technologies being implemented in cardiology, it’s hard to keep up. What else is shifting in our approach to preventing heart disease, or treating it when it occurs?

JOANNA CHIKWE The State University of New York, Stony Brook Cardiovascular Institute

12:00 PM | JAZZ ASPEN SNOWMASS VIP TENT | $55
Listen Up: Musicians Talk about Healing

No one knows the restorative power of music better than the musicians who make it (although brain scientists keep learning more). In collaboration with Jazz Aspen Snowmass, well-known artists performing at the June festival talk about the history and origin of the music they perform, share personal stories about their own relationship to music, and riff on its link to health and healing.

PATTI AUSTIN Pop and jazz singer
JOSE JAMES Jazz vocalist
BOOKER T. JONES Musician and songwriter
TAJ MAHAL Blues musician and singer-songwriter
BRIA SKONBERG Trumpeter, vocalist, and songwriter
Moderator: PEGGY CLARK The Aspen Institute
Moderator: JIM HOROWITZ Jazz Aspen Snowmass

5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
How Do We Measure the Value of Health?

Who decides what something is worth? The price of health care doesn’t follow many of the rules of other commodities because it is so inelastic — people value restorative treatment and will almost always try to pay for it. And what happens when we confuse price with value? Care ends up being undervalued and things like medication end up being more expensive. Rather than generating treatment breakthroughs and pricing them fairly, the economics of health care often enables distortions that increase inequality and reward value extraction activities over value creation. Economist Mariana Mazzucato talks about costs, revamping economic structures, and her new book, The Value of Everything.

MARIANA MAZZUCATO University College London
5:30 PM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $30
Wiped Out: Medical Debt in America
Medical debt is the number one reason people go bankrupt in the United States. Seventy-nine million Americans, including seven million elderly people on Medicare, are either paying off medical bills or struggling with costs they can’t cover. Worse, this often triggers a cascading financial catastrophe, as unpaid bills move through a credit-damaging collections process. Absent a societal consensus on some form of national health insurance, fixes are needed to help people cope. Crowdsourcing platforms are stepping up to the plate, as are counselors navigating people through their tax deductions and negotiations with creditors. What strategies can help people avoid medical debt? How do they dig out once it happens?

LUCY MARCIL StreetCred
COURTNEE MELTON The Sycamore Institute
ROB SOLOMON GoFundMe
Moderator: JULIE ROVNER Kaiser Health News

5:30 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $15
Brigham Health Presents: Overhauling Health Care
Leveraging Innovation and Technology is certain to transform both the health care industry and the patient experience, with tools like artificial intelligence disrupting all aspects of care across the life span. Also, new technology like fast healthcare interoperability resources — FHIR — will give rise to new business models as patients decide what data to share with providers, health advocates, and one another. Today’s disruptors aren’t just tinkering around the edges of expensive systems that too often fail to achieve their goals; they are looking at entirely new models. Their bold new ideas blend technology with payer, provider, and patient incentives, overhaul the relationship between clinicians and communities, and redefine value.

KAREN DESALVO University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School
ASHISH JHA Harvard Global Health Institute
BETSY NABEL Brigham Health
SAUM SUTARIA Tenet Healthcare Corporation
Moderator: ALISON KODJAK NPR

7:00 PM | PAEPCKE AUDITORIUM | $12
At the Heart of Gold (Film and Discussion)
For more than two decades, Dr. Larry Nassar was the physician for the US women’s Olympic gymnastics team — and a serial sexual abuser who chalked up hundreds of victims. Director Erin Lee Carr’s powerful documentary, with its brave testimonials from athletes at the center of the story, reveals a dangerous system that prioritizes winning above all. Based on years of research and interviews with dozens of survivors, coaches, lawyers, and journalists, the film exposes the competitive environment in which world-class female athletes pursue victory, juxtaposed against a culture of hidden and life-damaging abuse. Two of the gymnasts featured in the film, and its producers, join a panel discussion following the screening.

TRINEA GONCZAR Survivor Strong
JESSICA ANN SMITH Small Talk Children’s Advocacy Center
DAVID ULICH Foundation for Global Sports Development
STEVEN UNGERLEIDER Foundation for Global Sports Development
Moderator: ELIZABETH COHEN CNN

8:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
Sex Recession: Why Isn’t Everyone Doing It?
Sex, that great purveyor of arousal, ecstasy, heartbreak, and disease, that dominant theme of poetry, gossip, and entertainment, is on the wane. Surveys suggest that that adults are having a lot less of it and high-school students are likely to have had none at all. Theories to explain the shift abound, with responsibility variously placed on social media, increased stress, environmental toxins, sleep deprivation, career pressure, shifting gender roles, attitudes toward sexual harassment, acceptance of masturbation, community isolation, and just about every other feature of contemporary life. What’s up with the libido?

DEBBY HERBENICK Indiana University Center for Sexual Health Promotion
KATE JULIAN The Atlantic
DAN SAVAGE Writer and advice columnist
Moderator: AMANDA MULL

8:00 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30
The US Health Care Agenda: Top Journalists Explore the Issues
Once again, health care is bubbling to the surface of public and policy conversations. The phrase “Medicare for All” is on everyone’s lips — in the halls of Congress, on the political campaign trail, in the offices of activists and academics. But there is no agreement about what such a plan would actually look like, beyond offering some kind of public health care benefit to individuals under age 65. Meanwhile, drug prices remain a fiery topic and the Affordable Care Act is still under attack in some quarters. The nation’s leading health journalists come together to explain and explore the issues that are sparking debate. Underwritten by The Commonwealth Fund

JOANNE KENEN POLITICO
JULIE ROVNER Kaiser Health News
MARGOT SANGER-KATZ The New York Times
Moderator: ALAN WEIL Health Affairs
**ASSEN IDEAS FESTIVAL EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

7:00 PM | PAEPCKE AUDITORIUM | $30
**(Re)Building the Good Society**

In a time of uncertainty, rapid change, and disruption, who is best positioned to move society forward? Many are losing faith not only in government, but in the institutions of journalism, nonprofits, and higher education. What role should these organs of civil society play in today's fractured world, and how can people of good will come together to best make a difference? Join Aspen Institute President and CEO Dan Porterfield for a conversation with the Institute’s former leader, acclaimed journalist and author Walter Isaacson, about leadership, citizenship, and the future of our democracy.

WALTER ISAACSON Distinguished Fellow, The Aspen Institute
DAN PORTERFIELD President and CEO, The Aspen Institute

7:00 PM | BELLY UP ASPEN | $30
**Finding My Voice**

How did an Iranian-born single mom make her way to the “room where it happened,” ultimately serving as one of the closest advisors to the president of the United States? Join Valerie Jarrett as she tells her story, from breaking race and gender barriers in the 1970s and 1980s to working on equality for women and girls, civil rights, and our criminal justice system — along the way offering real stories behind some of the most stirring moments of the Obama presidency.

VALERIE JARRETT Obama Foundation

8:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
**In Conversation with Paul Ryan**

Former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan talks with Judy Woodruff about his life after Congress. How have the policies he helped implement fared under the current administration? What are Ryan’s views on current economic policies? He’ll address what is going well, what we can do better, and the issues he’ll prioritize in his post-Washington world. Underwritten by Southern Company.

PAUL RYAN Former speaker of the US House of Representatives
JUDY WOODRUFF "PBS News Hour"

9:00 PM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $30
**The Atlantic After Hours**

Wind down the evening with The Atlantic’s writers and editors for a nightcap conversation about the stories behind the headlines.

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

7:50 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45
**Brexit or Bust**

The resignation of Theresa May and the subsequent victory of Nigel Farage’s new Brexit Party in the EU Parliament elections paint a portrait of an extremely polarized United Kingdom, with deep divides between those who favor Farage’s hardline stance toward Europe and those who favor a re-do on Brexit. What’s at stake for the United Kingdom, the European Union, and the global community as October approaches with no exit agreement in sight? Two of the UK’s foremost journalists — editors in chief of The Economist, past and present — offer their perspectives.

JOHN MICKLETHWAIT Bloomberg
ZANNY MINTON BEDDOES The Economist
Moderator: ELLIOT GERSON The Aspen Institute

12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55
**The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty**

Wife to one president, mother to another, Barbara Bush may be one of the most influential and underappreciated women in American political history. Join the biographer whose recent portrait — based on extensive interviews and even access to Mrs. Bush’s diary — brings to life this formidable and complicated American icon famous for her candor, her wit, her fearlessness, and, yes, her pearls. Underwritten by Nestlé Waters North America.

SUSAN PAGE USA Today
Interviewer: Eric Motley The Aspen Institute

12:00 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $55
**Why Women Now**

In the post #MeToo era, the potential to shift women’s political, economic, and philanthropic power is profound. How will this activism be harnessed to fundamentally change our nation’s course? What is the agenda for women going into the 2020 elections? Can a broader consensus in support of women’s issues be mobilized? Fundamental concepts of diversity and inclusion are being crafted in whole new ways by corporate leaders who are responding to cultural pressures and market opportunities. Where will this momentum for an inclusive and diverse agenda lead and who will lead it?

LOLA ADEDOKUN The Doris Foundation
MYLA CALHOUN The Alabama Power Foundation
ALICIA GARZA Black Lives Matter
ANNE MOSLE The Aspen Institute
CECILE RICHARDS Supermajority

2:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | FREE
**Free Solo Film Screening**

National Geographic Documentary Film’s Free Solo is a stunning, intimate, and unflinching portrait of the free soloist climber Alex Honnold, as he prepares to achieve his lifelong dream: climbing the face of the world’s most famous rock, the 3,000-foot El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, without a rope. The film won the 2019 Oscar for Best Documentary. (Alex Honnold will not be present at this screening.)

12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55
**Tackling Glass Ceilings: Football’s Female Phenoms**

The NFL was long-considered the final frontier for women in sports. But with landmark hirings of women in the league, is the playing field finally starting to even out? Two trailblazing female NFL coaches share what it’s like to hang with the boys and open up about what it takes to overcome stereotypes and gender discrimination for the sake of girls everywhere and for the love of the game. Underwritten by Allstate.

KATIE SOWERS San Francisco 49ers
JEN WELTER Atlanta Legends
Moderator: CARI CHAMPION ESPN “SportsCenter”

5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
**A Thousand Small Sanities**

Where do we come from — ideologically? What comfort and lessons are we to take from our forebears? Acclaimed author and essayist Adam Gopnik performs from his newest work, A Thousand Small Sanities, taking the audience on a tour of the great places and people who crafted and furthered the liberal vision. From Montaigne to Mill and from Middlemarch to the Civil Rights Movement, Gopnik tells intertwining stories of the great thinkers of modern liberalism with an eye on coping with our present.

ADAM GOPNIK The New Yorker

5:30 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30
Underwriter Presenter
5:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30

*It's Not Just the Hormones: Unpacking Teen Emotions*

They’re up, they’re down, they’re up again — at least that’s what it looks like from the outside. But maybe the myths we perpetuate about the adolescent emotional roller coaster represent a cultural habit more than reality. Is understanding how humans experience feelings over the course of a lifetime the key to understanding teens? Join us as we explore how parents, coaches, teachers, and other adults can help teens communicate and navigate the intensity of their feelings. Leading experts on girls, boys, and the neuroscience of the adolescent brain shed light on this perplexing — and exciting — decade of development.

LISA DAMOUR Clinical psychologist
MICHAEL REICHERT Center for the Study of Boys’ and Girls’ Lives, University of Pennsylvania
LEAH SOMERVILLE Affective Neuroscience and Development Lab, Harvard University

Moderator: LORI GOTTLIEB Psychotherapist

7:00 PM | BELLY UP ASPEN | $30

*Covering 2020: What Lessons Should the Press Take from 2016?*

Studies completed after the 2016 election show that media coverage of both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump was overwhelmingly negative, extremely light on policy, and disproportionately focused on sideshows. What’s more, all of the major prediction models that use polls to game out election outcome probabilities predicted a Clinton victory. Could these entities, which are so critical to how we make our most important collective decision, do better? What have they learned since 2016 — and what’s the role of the reader, viewer, listener, or “clicker” as we head into another election year?

YAMICHE ALCINDOR “CBS NewsHour”
ROBERT COSTA “Washington Week”
ART CULLEN The Storm Lake Times
LAUREN LEADER All in Together

Moderator: JOHN DICKERSON “CBS This Morning”

8:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30

*The Republican Party in the Age of Trump*

Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, a one-time presidential hopeful, shares his perspectives on his party and on the president — a figure who, he says, is both a corrosive influence on today’s political discourse but also a net positive for the economy and for the right. In recent months, Christie has shared that he turned down any number of jobs offered by Trump’s White House. He also wrote a book earlier this year in which he excoriates much of the White House staff (called “amateurs, grifters, weaklings” by the president). How does Christie see his friend, the president, as well as the party he calls his own? And who does he think will win in 2020? The Atlantic’s editor in chief, Jeffrey Goldberg, promises an entertaining and wide-ranging interview.

CHRIS CHRISTIE Former governor of New Jersey
Interviewer: JEFFREY GOLDBERG The Atlantic

8:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30

*Alex Honnold: A Soul Freed*

On June 3, 2017, Alex Honnold became the first person to climb the 3,000-vertical-foot granite face of Yosemite’s El Capitan, alone, without ropes, a feat that was chronicled in the Academy Award-winning documentary, *Free Solo*. In his New York Times op-ed column, Bret Stephens wrote that with that act, “Honnold gave an extraordinary gift to everyone who believes that the limit of human achievement is far from being reached.” The climber and journalist explore questions like: How do you manage fear? What’s the line between daring and recklessness? What should we sacrifice in the pursuit of excellence? And what is the connection between freedom and happiness?

ALEX HONNOLD Professional rock climber
Interviewer: BRET STEPHENS The New York Times

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:50 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45

*Where the West Lost Its Way*

World order is never in stasis for too long. And indeed, we seem to be witnessing a historic shift now. The relatively stable decades after World War II saw gains for global democracies, rapid economic growth fueled by globalization, and the birth of the Internet. But they also saw the speeding of global warming, widening inequality, and the scourge of transnational terrorism. The institutions and agreements that have grounded the modern international order are showing signs of weakness, while illiberal sentiment gathers strength across the West. Nationalism is having a moment. Europe is having an identity crisis. And China is challenging the dominance of the United States. How did we get here? What’s next?

DOUGLAS LUTE Former US Ambassador to NATO
GEORGE PACKER The Atlantic

KORI SCHAKE International Institute for Strategic Studies
Moderator: ZANNY MINTON BEDDOES The Economist

7:50 AM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $45

*Can We Spend Our Way to Happiness?*

It’s hard to be dispassionate about money. Whether we have a lot, not enough, or a comfortable amount of it, our emotional relationship with money is often fraught. Hear about fascinating research that reveals that luxury cars often provide no more pleasure than economy models, that commercials can actually enhance the enjoyment of watching television, and that residents of many cities frequently miss out on inexpensive pleasures in their hometowns. How can we change the way we think about money? Join behavioral economist Robert Frank, author of numerous books including *Luxury Fever*, and psychology professor and researcher Elizabeth Dunn, author of *Happy Money*, as they explore how we can spend money in happier ways.

ELIZABETH DUNN University of British Columbia
ROBERT FRANK Cornell University
Moderator: ADRIENNE LAFRANCE The Atlantic

12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55

*Educated: A Conversation with Tara Westover*

Raised by uncompromising survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover survived extreme adversity, from never being allowed to go to school, to suffering serious physical injuries (and a dad that prohibited doctors or hospitals), to being at the mercy of a volatile and often abusive older brother. How did she not only make it through this childhood, but ultimately achieve success at the highest levels? How does she look back on her childhood and her family? What has she learned from her incredible and improbable journey? Underwritten by General Mills.

TARA WESTOVER Author, Educated
Interviewer: JEFFREY GOLDBERG The Atlantic

12:00 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $55

*The Shared Roots of Extremism*

Recent years have seen the wane of the threat of ISIS, even as white supremacists carry out more violent attacks across the globe, from Christchurch, New Zealand, to Charlottesville, VA. What leads someone down the path of political extremism, what causes them to become violent, and how do authorities or community leaders help stop — or reverse — extremism?

JJ MAGNAB George Washington University
FARAH PANDITH Harvard University
GRAEME WOOD The Atlantic
Moderator: NICOLE CARROLL USA Today

[Underwriter Presenter]
5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30
Is 40 the New 20 for Pro Athletes?
Williams, Jordan, James, Brady. They’re among a growing class of the superstar athletes delivering career-best performances well past what’s been considered peak age for their sports. As this phenomenon becomes more common in myriad professional sports, it begs the questions how and why now? What has changed? How are experience and maturity winning out over inevitable, natural physical decline? Top athletes in their respective sports share details about the training and lifestyle changes that are keeping them as strong as their younger selves.

KYLE KORVER Utah Jazz
KEVIN LOVE Cleveland Cavaliers
HILAREE NELSON Ski mountaineer
Moderator: JON FRANKEL “Real Sports with Bryan Grumbel”

5:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30
Not Your Parents’ Party: How Gens X, Y, and Z Will Shake Up Our Politics
Whether it’s their views on cord-cutting, socialism, gun laws, or climate change, young people today are changing the face of politics. Are young people becoming more progressive, or will they “grow into” conservative views? How might they change the Democratic 2020 primary? And how has their support for Trump changed since 2016? Two prominent pollsters — one a Republican, one a Democrat, and both with a keen interest in the rising generations of voters — discuss what political leaders can learn from young people.

KRISTEN SOLTIS ANDERSON Echelon Insights
MARGIE OMERO GBAO
Moderator: MIKE ALLEN Axios

5:30 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30
Suicide Touches All of Us — What Can We Do about It?
Over the last 20 years, suicide has become a full-blown national emergency. There are now more than twice as many suicides in the United States as homicides, and it’s the tenth leading cause of death. For every person who dies by suicide, approximately 30 more attempt it. Adding to the complexity of the issue, the spike can’t be explained by any sort of demographic logic. Rich, poor, seniors, teenagers, men, women, and nearly every ethnicity — they are all struggling — and more than half of people who died by suicide did not have a known mental health condition. This crisis touches us all. What needs to be done, both at a national level and a community level, to reverse the trend? What can the average person do to make a difference? Are policymakers making headway? How can we support those left behind?

If you are at risk, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for support: 800-273-8255.

AGNES MCKEEN Just Talk Suicide Prevention
CHRISTINE MOULTIER American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
LAURA TRUJILLO Random House
Moderator: NICOLE CARROLL USA Today

7:00 PM | BELLY UP ASPEN | $30
Formidable or Fractured? The Democrats and the Road to 2020
What does the Democratic Party stand for today? Even its most ardent supporters might offer widely divergent answers to this question. Can it form a coherent set of priorities amidst internal struggles between its centrist establishment and its ascendant liberal wing? Which is more important in 2020 — energizing the base by veering left, or attracting swing voters by upping its centrist appeal? Is it possible to do both of these at the same time as the party navigates the shoals of the economy, health care, access to college, and the question of whether to impeach the president?

JONATHAN CAPEHART The Washington Post
JEMELE HILL The Atlantic
MARGIE OMERO GBAO
AMY WALTER The Cook Political Report
Moderator: SUSAN PAGE USA Today

8:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $12
Into the Canyon (Film and Discussion)
In 2016, filmmaker/photographer Pete McBride and writer Kevin Fedarko set out on a 750-mile journey on foot through the entire length of the Grand Canyon. But their quest was more than just an endurance test — it was also a way to draw attention to the unprecedented threats facing one of our most revered landscapes. Throughout their passage, McBride and Fedarko encountered an astonishingly diverse and powerful landscape, rich in history, that is now facing perhaps the gravest crisis in the 100-year history of Grand Canyon National Park. Into the Canyon is a story of extreme physical hardship that stretches the bonds of friendship and a meditation on the timeless beauty of this sacred place. It is an urgent warning about the environmental dangers that are placing one of America’s greatest monuments in peril and a cautionary tale for our complex relationship with the natural world.

PETE MCBRIDE Filmmaker
Interviewer: PERRI PELTZ

8:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30
Is Diplomacy Dead?
The hard work of diplomacy, often mostly invisible, is arguably more important now than ever. In a shifting geopolitical landscape characterized by the emergence of Russia and China as significant rivals to the United States, new dangers threaten the American idea and an American-led world order. And yet, our diplomatic muscles have atrophied. Ambassador William Burns, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, served five presidents and ten secretaries of state in postings all over the world. Join Burns, The Atlantic’s George Packer, and NPR’s Mary Louise Kelly for a conversation about the art of diplomacy, lessons from our shared past, and musings on diplomacy’s destiny in the emergent world order.

WILLIAM BURNS Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
GEORGE PACKER The Atlantic
Moderator: MARY LOUISE KELLY “All Things Considered,” NPR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:50 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45
The Surprising Power of Joy
We’re often taught that our surroundings are incidental to our well-being, but an emerging body of research shows that the physical world can be a powerful tool for cultivating happier, healthier lives. Studies show that workers in colorful offices are more alert, friendly, and confident than those in drab ones, that windows can speed healing, and that children progress faster in classrooms with better lighting. Join Ingrid Fetell Lee, author of Joyful, as she shares how simple changes to the world around us can improve our health, stimulate creativity, facilitate social harmony, and of course, promote joy. Underwritten by Sotheby’s.

INGRID FETELL LEE The Aesthetics of Joy

7:50 AM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $45
Are We Headed for War with Iran?
President Trump says he does not want a major war in the Middle East. But many allies and observers worry that hardliners in the United States and Iran are on a collision course toward conflict. The US exit from the Iran deal and “maximum pressure” campaign have escalated tensions between Washington and Tehran. Iran has called the announced deployment of US troops to the region “a very dangerous game,” adding to fears of a military clash, whether by design, by miscalculation, or by accident. The Atlantic’s Jeffrey Goldberg is joined by William Burns, a career diplomat who served five US presidents and led the secret bi-lateral negotiations, that resulted in the Iran Deal.

WILLIAM BURNS Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Interviewer: JEFFREY GOLDBERG The Atlantic
The New Power Players: State Activism and the Rebirth of Federalism
With Congress mired in partisan gridlock and presidents of both parties relying on the growing use of federal executive power, states are playing an increasingly important role on issues ranging from climate change, immigration, and banking regulation to health care, data privacy, and the opioid crisis. State attorneys general are leading the charge, alternately teaming up and competing against one another in their efforts to reshape the national policy landscape through coordinated litigation against both the federal government and corporations. Is this resurgence of federalism simply a casualty of our country’s polarization, or is it a new, constructive force in national policymaking? Underwritten by Comcast NBCUniversal.  
MARK BRNOVICH State AG of Arizona  
ELLEN ROSENBLOM State AG of Oregon  
PHIL WEISER State AG of Colorado  
Moderator: JOSHUA JOHNSON “1A,” WAMU and NPR

Info Wars: The Global Fight for Truth
The public optimism that came with the launch of social media a decade ago has settled into a wariness that we might instead face a long, grueling daily fight for truth and facts in the face of unrelenting, automated disinformation online. As the 2020 elections gear up, how should our country face the threat from Twitter bots and Facebook trolls? What responsibility should the government have to police the truth—and what role should the tech platforms play? What’s the line between free speech, personal opinion—from anti-vaxxers to white supremacists— and disinformation?  
KATIE HARBATH Facebook  
NATHANIEL PERSILY Stanford Law School  
ALEX STAMOS Stanford University  
RICHARD STENGEL Former Undersecretary of State  
Moderator: JOHN CARLIN The Aspen Institute

Afternoon of Conversation
Common, an Oscar, Golden Globe, Emmy, and Grammy award-winner, will open the Afternoon of Conversation with Arthur Brooks, the president of the American Enterprise Institute. They will discuss Common’s recent book, Let Love Have the Last Word, which explores love as an action and a tool for self-betterment and healing humanity.  
Pop-Up Magazine (“a sensation,” according to The New York Times) will appear for the first time at the Festival with their latest issue. The touring “living magazine” is created for a stage, a screen, and a live audience. Contributors will tell vivid, multimedia, nonfiction stories, accompanied by illustration, animation, photography, and an original score performed onstage by their musical collaborators, Magik*Magik Orchestra.  
COMMON Musician, actor, and activist  
ARTHUR BROOKS American Enterprise Institute  
POP-UP MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTORS

The First Democratic Debate: Watch Party and Discussion
Gather together to watch the 2020 presidential primary season kick off with the first night of the official Democratic primary debate. What issues will dominate the discussion? Will the leading candidates meet expectations? Which dark horses will score unexpected points? We’ll watch the first group of contenders in this uncommonly large and diverse field take on our country’s most important job interview, with some of the country’s smartest (and most delightful) political junkies offering observations and insights along the way.  
KRISTEN SOLTIS Anderson Echelon Insights  
JONATHAN CAPEHART The Washington Post  
ART CULLEN The Storm Lake Times  
RICH LOWRY National Review  
Moderator: AMY WALTER The Cook Political Report

7:00 PM | HARRIS CONCERT HALL | $20
Common Presents: Let Love — An Expression of Art, Words, and Song
Oscar®, Golden Globe®, Emmy®, and Grammy®-winning cultural icon Common continues to break down barriers with a multitude of diverse roles and critically acclaimed music. Join Common and his band for an intimate concert and conversation from his new memoir, Let Love Have the Last Word, which explores love as an action and a tool for self-betterment, and healing humanity.  
COMMON Musician, actor, and activist

What Is Conservatism?
No democracy can last for long absent a morally sound and seriously intellectual conservative movement, posits New York Times op-ed columnist Bret Stephens. By definition, he argues, conservatism in any country has stood for the politics of order and caution, and for cherishing social norms. Historically, conservatives in the United States have “believed in unalienable rights, in the pursuit of prosperity and free markets, in the pursuit of happiness, and in representative government.” Today, however, this view of conservatism is being replaced by an “America First” philosophy that, at its core, supports protectionism, imposing limits on immigration, and a form of nationalism that isolates the nation from even its most loyal and traditional allies. What is next for conservatives? What does “conservatism” really mean now?  
CHRIS BUSKIRK American Greatness  
BRET STEPHENS The New York Times

7:30 PM | BELLY UP ASPEN | $30
The Urgency of Now
Since the 1989 release of Bill McKibben’s landmark book, The End of Nature, little has been done to tackle climate change. But McKibben says we’re finally in a moment when voters, media, and political leaders are paying attention. From school strikes to the Green New Deal, young people around the world have opened a window for action. His plea is this: Seize the opportunity while we still have leverage to change the fate of our planet.  
BILL MCKIBBEN 350.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45
#MeToo, Time’s Up — What Now? Ensuring Opportunity for All Women and Girls
By some measures, American women are enjoying more opportunity today than ever before. And the #MeToo movement brought women’s stories of surviving harassment and assault to the center of the national conversation in an unprecedented way. But dig a little deeper, and you’ll find that critical disparities persist when it comes to income security, health and reproductive rights, education access, and workplace fairness—especially with regard to low-income women and women of color. Explore the most significant gains of recent years, and the most vexing challenges in the struggle for a society that truly values all women.  
FATIMA GOSS GRAVES National Women’s Law Center  
Interviewer: GILLIAN WHITE The Atlantic

7:50 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45
The Return of Rivalry
After decades with no significant geopolitical rivals, the United States now has two. How will the emergence of Russia and China as major adversaries change the threat landscape of the emerging world order? How will domestic trends at home affect our ability to adapt? What new forms of geopolitical conflict will arise? What new forms of cooperation are necessary?  
RICHARD HAASS Council on Foreign Relations  
ROBERT KAGAN Brookings Institution  
MIRA RAPP-HOOPER Yale Law School  
Moderator: NICHOLAS THOMPSON WIRED
12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55

Biased: The Unseen Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do
Unconscious bias is at work in every aspect of our society, with subtle — and sometimes dramatic — daily repercussions, from classrooms to boardrooms to newsrooms. It has an enormous impact on the conduct of criminal justice, from the rapid, sometimes life-and-death decisions police officers have to make to sentencing practices in court. The good news is that we are not hopeless dooms by our innate prejudices. Deepen your understanding of this very human problem, and learn how all people can play a role in solving it. Underwritten by Prudential Financial.

JENNIFER EBERHARDT Stanford University
Interviewer: ROB REICH Stanford University

12:00 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $55

On Climate Policy, Cities Lead the Way
Cities are responsible for 70 percent of global carbon emissions, and by 2050, two out of every three people will live in one. Fortunately, cities are getting serious about environmental footprint — New York announced its own Green New Deal, Melbourne aims to be carbon neutral by 2020, and Los Angeles will use 100 percent renewable energy by 2045. Mayors are often more nimble than state and federal officials, installing policies faster and to greater impact. From infrastructure to transportation systems to water management, hear from the mayors’ offices in San Jose and New York on the heavy lifting they’re getting done in the absence of federal leadership in the climate movement.

KEISHA BOTTOMS City of Atlanta, GA
SAM LICCARDO City of San Jose, CA
DANIEL ZARRILLI City of New York
Moderator: AMY HARDER Axios

5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30

Is the UK-US Special Relationship Still Special?
Many would argue that some of the same forces that propelled Donald Trump to victory in 2016 also fueled Britain’s Brexit vote that same year. Both countries are still grappling with the results of those elections, facing new questions about trade, security, and to some extent, national identity. For decades, the special relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States has been the cornerstone of a world order. As the world changes, we ask: Is the special relationship still special? Sir Kim Darroch, British ambassador to the United States, joins Council on Foreign Relations President Richard Haass.

KIM DARROCH British ambassador to the United States
Interviewer: RICHARD HAASS Council on Foreign Relations

5:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30

The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life
During a personal low point of loneliness and pain, David Brooks wanted to write his way to a better life. For five years, he did just that, researching and writing about people who’ve lived joyous and committed lives, exploring the wisdom they offer on finding purpose and living well. The result is his latest book, The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life. Brooks shares what he learned: how to fall in love with things, serve those things, and what happens when we put commitment-making at the center of our lives.

DAVID BROOKS The Aspen Institute

5:30 PM | WHEELER OPERA HOUSE BAR | $30

Hacking Human Psychology for a Fairer Criminal Justice System
Criminal justice reform is gaining momentum across the country in the hope of turning the page on the era of mass incarceration. But even the best possible laws must be carried out by humans. Implicit racial, religious, and gender biases, confirmation bias, tunnel vision, and myriad other human psychological foibles make objectivity all but impossible. Add to the mix the often unchecked power of prosecutors, and the result is a system rife with profound injustices. But there is hope: The authors of two new books related to our human shortcomings and how we beat them discuss what it would take to build a better justice system.

EMILY BAZELON The New York Times
JENNIFER EBERHARDT Stanford University

7:00 PM | LIMELIGHT HOTEL | $30

The Mueller Report: Where Do We Go from Here?
Robert Mueller’s final report left almost as many open questions as there were before he began his probe. At the same time, others argue that the president has been cleared, it’s time to move on, and any further probes should target the investigators and the media that they feel predetermined Trump’s guilt. What did Mueller really say in the report? Did the president commit impeachable offenses, or was he the victim of an extended partisan smear? Will Americans ever agree on the meaning of this body of work — and where do we go from here?

VERONICA ESCOBAR US House of Representatives
GARRETT GRAFF The Aspen Institute
NEAL KATyal Georgetown Law
RICH LOWRY National Review
THEODORE OLSON Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Moderator: MARY LOUISE KELLY “All Things Considered,” NPR

Underwriter Presenter
**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

**7:50 AM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $45**

**The Cost of College: Is It Worth It?**

Americans now owe a staggering $1.5 trillion in student loan debt, and many take 20 years to pay it off. With growing online opportunities catered to self-taught learners and the ever-evolving digital nature of work in the modern world, do we still need to sit in classrooms to get a college education? Are companies and government institutions rethinking the long-standing requirement of a four-year degree for new hires? Or are we overestimating new forms of unconventional education? Leaders of higher ed — from private and public universities and community colleges — weigh in on some of the biggest questions facing American families today.

**ÁNGEL CABRERA** George Mason University  
**JANET NAPOLITANO** University of California  
**JUAN SALGADO** City Colleges of Chicago  
Moderator: **JOSHUA WYNER** The Aspen Institute

**7:50 AM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $45**

**Straight Talk from the US Southern Border**

If you assume things have quieted down on the US-Mexico border, think again. The chaos and questions that have plagued the region for decades are reaching fever pitch while tens of thousands of lives remain in flux. How did we get here? Where — and how — are the children who were separated from their families? Are the administration’s latest crackdowns making any progress in preventing illegal border crossings? What big challenges are on the horizon? And what do those closest to the border see as the best way to handle the continuous flow of people looking to America for a better life?

**JULIÁN AGUILAR** The Texas Tribune  
**VERONICA ESCOBAR** US House of Representatives  
Moderator: **MARY LOUISE KELLY** “All Things Considered,” NPR

**12:00 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $55**

**When is “Big” Just Too Big?**

A large, unsettling question looming among Washington regulators, lawmakers, and now state Attorney’s General across the US is whether the time has come to break up the big five: Facebook, Amazon, Google, Netflix, Apple. Have these powerful tech companies, once the darlings of the start-up community not twenty years past, become so dominant that they are stifling competition and entrepreneurship? Does their respective dominance in search, retail, apps, operating systems, cloud technology and more pose anti-competitive threats? And, if so, is the current state of antitrust law able to tackle them? While still a student at Yale Law School, Lina Khan gained wide celebrity for her analyses of anti-competitive behavior. Studying the digital marketplace, she is making waves by arguing that in this time of big data, artificial intelligence, and winner-take-all markets, tech companies have immense structural power that the current approach to antitrust law fails to capture.

**LINA KAHN** Committee on Antitrust and Commercial and Administrative Law, US House of Representatives  
Moderator: **NICHOLAS THOMPSON** Wired

**12:00 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $55**

**Can the Center Hold?**

Partisanship has been a hallmark of American democracy since the Hamiltonians and Jeffersonians first squared off. But many political thought leaders have begun to worry that this period — with partisans gravitating toward distant poles and the energy of each party coming from their extreme wings — is different. Especially in Congress, where compromise has become a dirty word, the ability to govern on a basic level is in question. Yet a wide majority of Americans hold views that put them somewhere in a broad political center. How did we get here? What would it take to make our politics reflect us more accurately? Underwritten by Walton Family Foundation.

**BOB CORKER** Former US senator, Tennessee (R)  
**HEIDI HEITKAMP** Former US senator, North Dakota (D)  
Moderator: **JEFFREY GOLDBERG** The Atlantic

**4:30 PM | PAEPCKE AUDITORIUM | $30**

**Capturing a Legend: Aretha Franklin — Amazing Grace**

Originally recorded by Sydney Pollack over two days at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Watts, LA, in 1972, and then brought to life decades later by producer Alan Elliot, Amazing Grace is a raw and unfiltered documentary of the live recording of the incomparable gospel music album. Join us for a screening of the film that captures the majestic Franklin at the height of her artistry, and which Rolling Stone describes as “…the closest thing to witnessing a miracle,” followed by a panel discussion.

**Presented in partnership with Eisner/Lauder New Views Documentary Series**

**ROBERT JOHNSON** Institute for New Economic Thinking  
**EMILY LORDI** Vanderbilt University  
**SABRINA OWENS** Niece of Aretha Franklin  
**ED PAVLIC** University of Georgia  
Moderator: **ELLIOT GERSON** The Aspen Institute

**5:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30**

**The Fate of Food: What We’ll Eat in a Bigger, Hotter World**

With crop production increasingly threatened by unpredictable weather and a world population expected to grow 30 percent by midcentury, how are we going to feed everyone? One company is tackling the problems of industrial agriculture by growing cell-based meat in a lab, eliminating both the need for animal slaughter and the grains we grow to feed them. Imagine a world where industrial animal farming and its harmful greenhouse gases no longer exist, where beef, poultry, and fish are consumed without interfering with the food chain. Hear from that company’s CEO, as well as a journalist who traveled around the world to meet other pioneers of the future of food.

**AMANDA LITTLE** Author, The Fate of Food  
**UMA VALETTI** Memphis Meats  
Moderator: **SUSAN GOLDBERG** National Geographic

**5:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30**

**Life Will Break Your Heart**

Kate Bowler, a young scholar of Christianity, had just written a book called Blessed, about the Christian idea that good things happen to good people, when she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer at the age of 35. Suddenly confronted with this devastating news, and people’s well-meaning but often lacking responses to it, Bowler wrote a book, launched a podcast, and became a leading voice in a national conversation about suffering. David Brooks joins Bowler for a conversation about human frailty, why optimism can sometimes be a burden, and the dangers of worshiping at the altar of success. Underwritten by PayPal.

**KATE BOWLER** Author, Everything Happens for a Reason  
**DAVID BROOKS** The New York Times

**7:00 PM | BELLY UP ASPEN | $30**

**Nine Nasty Words: The Words That Make Us What We Are, for Better or for Worse**

The language of our time, be it in the twittersphere, spoken-word poetry, or simply our day-to-day discourse, is blemished by a set of profanities — some more vile than others — whose roots go way back in the history of words. Are ideas about the four-letter words of our past shifting? Acclaimed linguistics and philosophy professor John McWhorter dissects and discusses how some words we used to consider profane are really just salty, and accepted as such. Others, especially in racist code, are positively explosive — and for good reason. Join McWhorter and the frequently funny (and irreverent) Jeffrey Goldberg for what promises to be a hilarious and also sobering look at modern-day parlance.

**JOHN MCWHORTER** Columbia University  
Interviewer: **JEFFREY GOLDBERG** The Atlantic
**8:30 PM | HOTEL JEROME BALLROOM | $30**

**Why Russia Hacked Our Election**

Vladimir Putin offered Donald Trump a swap at the now infamous Helsinki summit: I’ll let you interview the twelve Russian agents accused of hacking DNC emails, if you give my team access to Bill Browder. Browder is the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management and author of the 2015 *New York Times* best-seller *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice*, which recounts his experience as the largest foreign investor in Russia until 2005. Join Browder for an evening of conversation about Putin, hacking, and why his human rights activism has him lodged so firmly under Putin’s skin.

**BILL BROWDER**, Author, *Red Notice*

**INTERVIEWER:** MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ Freedom House

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**8:30 PM | ST. REGIS HOTEL BALLROOM | $30**

**What Does It Mean to be an American Citizen?**

We live in a time of anxiety about national identity—a time when citizenship is at the heart of the American culture wars. But what does it actually mean to be a citizen in America today? What should be required of American citizens—and expected from them? What’s the relationship between citizenship as papers and citizenship as ethics? Can we reimagine the cultural and moral meaning of citizenship in America?

**HELENA RAMÍREZ**, Richardson Heritage Foundation

**REIHAN SALAM**, National Review

**RICHARD STENGE**, Former Undersecretary of State

**MODOATOR:** ERIC LIU, Citizen University

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**AFTERNOON OF CONVERSATION**

**JUNE 26, 2:30 PM – 5 PM BENEDICT MUSIC TENT**

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**TICKET INFO**

Ticket prices for public sessions range from $12 for films to $100 for the Afternoon of Conversation. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 14, at 9 AM through the Wheeler Opera House box office in person, by phone at (970) 920-5770, and online at aspenshowtix.com. Due to high demand, individuals are limited to purchasing four tickets per event. The schedule and presenters are subject to change.

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