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“Stand right/  
walk left/ on  
the Metro  
escalator/ It’s  
what the locals  
do/ Walk left/  
Stand right/  
It’s my piece of  
advice to you”

**AARON MYERS**, a jazz musician, in his song “Stand Right,” to be released on his upcoming album this month. In the song, Myers sings about how D.C. is unable to agree on politics, but can “unanimously” agree on how to properly ride the Metro escalator.



NATIONAL ZOO

## CONTESTS

### Be one of the first people to see Bei Bei in person

The National Zoo says winners of an Instagram contest will be invited to be among the first to meet panda cub Bei Bei. The zoo said it will choose 25 people to see the cub as part of a “behind-the-scenes experience” Dec. 19. The zoo says that to enter the contest, participants must, by Monday, make a 15-second or shorter video using Instagram explaining why they want to be part of the event and fill out a registration form. (AP)

## CLOSURES

### Several streets to close in D.C. for tree lighting

Police are warning of street closures before the lighting of the National Christmas Tree. The ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday on the Ellipse near the White House. Street closures will begin at 2 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. Portions of 17th Street NW, 15th Street NW, Constitution Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive will be closed. (AP)