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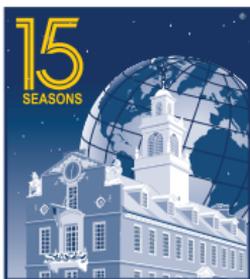
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US Secretary of Transportation (2021–2025), Buttigieg launched critical infrastructure projects and instituted landmark protections for air travelers. He is a veteran Navy Reserve intelligence officer who served in Afghanistan, two-term South Bend mayor who spearheaded urban revitalization, and a 2020 presidential candidate.



BORIS JOHNSON

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

UK Prime Minister (2019–2022) and Conservative Party leader, Johnson led the UK through its withdrawal from the European Union. Formerly the British Foreign Secretary and Mayor of London, he provides a unique firsthand perspective on global politics and Ukraine.

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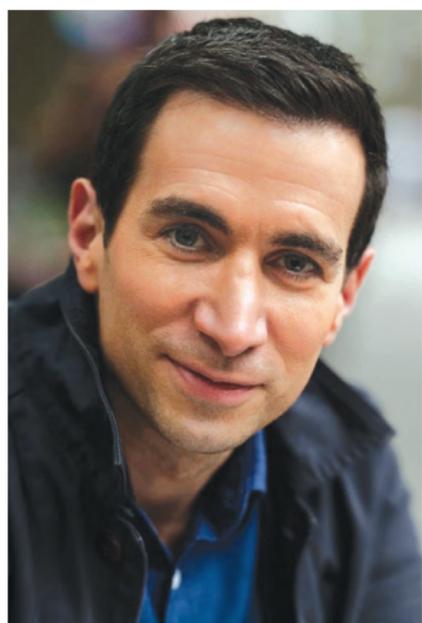


DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, Goodwin is celebrated for masterful narratives on US presidents and pivotal historical events. Her books include *Team of Rivals* on Abraham Lincoln and *No Ordinary Time* on Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. A sought-after commentator, she provides essential historical insights on current events.



ANDREW ROSS SORKIN

Tuesday, January 26, 2027

Wednesday, January 27, 2027

A financial expert on Wall Street and corporate America, Sorkin is an award-winning *New York Times* journalist, anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box*, and founder of the influential NYT DealBook. The bestselling author of *1929: The Inside Story of the Greatest Crash* and *Too Big to Fail*, he also co-created the hit TV series *Billions*.



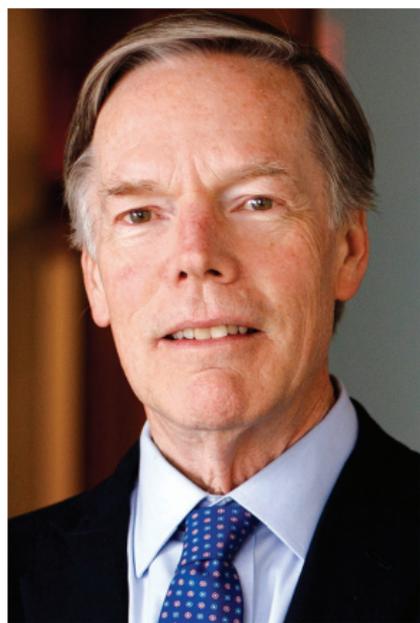
CHARLES F. BOLDEN JR.

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Head of NASA for seven years (2009-2017) and a two-time Space Shuttle Commander who flew on four missions, Bolden is only the second astronaut ever to lead the space agency. A Marine Corps major general, he piloted the shuttle that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope and flew over 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

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NICHOLAS BURNS

Tuesday, March 16, 2027

Wednesday, March 17, 2027

US Ambassador to China (2021–2025), Burns is the leading expert on US–China relations. A trusted voice on diplomacy and national security, he served six presidents from both political parties during his 35 years of public service. He was US Ambassador to NATO during 9/11, and led negotiations on India and Iran’s nuclear programs.



LYNSEY ADDARIO

Wednesday, April 7, 2027

Tuesday, April 27, 2027

Award-winning war photographer, Addario’s powerful images from the front lines appear on *The New York Times* front page, capturing the realities of war, humanitarian crises, and human resilience. Twice kidnapped, her work over 25 years in conflict zones like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan earned two Pulitzer Prizes.

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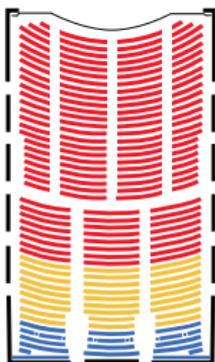
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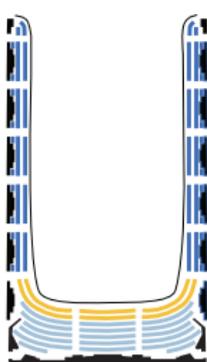
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Van Jones
Adam Kinzinger
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Céline Cousteau

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2021–2022

John Bolton
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2019–2020

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2018–2019

James Comey
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Jeb Bush
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Jon Meacham
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2017–2018

David Cameron
Jon Meacham
Cokie Roberts
Robin Wright
Rick Steves
Mark Kelly and
Gabby Giffords
Paul Nicklen

2016–2017

Stephen Breyer
Ehud Barak
Rita Moreno
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Ted Koppel
Michele Norris, Jason
Riley and Morris Dees

2015–2016

Leon Panetta
Sanjay Gupta
Michio Kaku
Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Diana Nyad
John Irving
Dennis Ross

2014–2015

Madeleine Albright
Julia Gillard
Ken Burns
Olympia Snowe
David Gergen
Ishmael Beah
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2013–2014

Bill Bryson
George Papandreou
Robert Gates
Steve Wozniak
Billy Collins
Jon Huntsman, Jr.
Doris Kearns Goodwin

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Jeannette Walls
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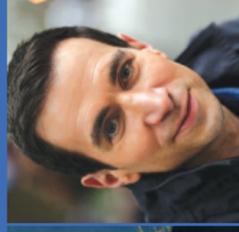
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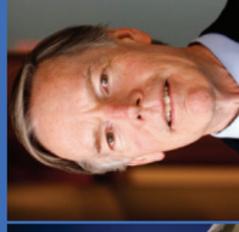
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