



Ari Fleischer

SEPTEMBER 8, 2004
WEDNESDAY, 8:00pm

As White House Press Secretary during a tumultuous two-year period including 9/11, two wars, and economic turbulence, his grace under pressure, wit, and direct approach won the respect of the press and public.



Tommy Franks

OCTOBER 20, 2004
WEDNESDAY, 8:00pm

In June 2000, he took over as Commander in Chief of the US Central Command (includes Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East) and led the response to the attack on the USS Cole and the US war efforts in both Afghanistan and Iraq.



Mark Russell

NOVEMBER 16, 2004
TUESDAY, 8:00pm

America's quintessential political dragon slayer, his fast-moving piano parody and hilarious one-liners skewer official pomposity and the absurdities of Washington. He will arrive just in time to explain the real results of the Presidential election.



Janet Reno

DECEMBER 1, 2004
WEDNESDAY, 8:00pm

78th Attorney General of the United States and first female in that position. A major figure in the Clinton Administration, she served longer than any other Attorney General since the Civil War. Most recently, she testified before the 9/11 Commission.



Robert Ballard

JANUARY 13, 2005
THURSDAY, 8:00pm

Most famous for locating the Titanic, he is a dedicated scientist and oceanographer (and riveting speaker) whose deep-sea discoveries have created new understanding of the origins of life on earth and the potential for finding it in the solar systems.



Christie Todd Whitman

FEBRUARY 17, 2005
THURSDAY, 8:00pm

One of the most accomplished women in Government, she served in the Bush Administration Cabinet as Chairman of the Environmental Protection Agency, two terms as New Jersey's 50th Governor, and was considered as a vice presidential candidate in both 1996 and 2000.



Michael Beschloss

MARCH 10, 2005
THURSDAY, 8:00pm

Newsweek Magazine called him, "the nation's leading Presidential historian". He has authored eight books to date, and his latest is the NY Times national best-seller, *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945*.



Tom Brokaw

APRIL 6, 2005
WEDNESDAY, 8:00pm

Managing Editor and sole anchor of "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw" since 1983 and NBC-TV White House Correspondent from 1976-1981, he has covered every Presidential election since 1968. He is also the author of *The Greatest Generation* and *The Greatest Generation Speaks*.

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