

*CBS Evening News*

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JOHN DICKERSON: Finally tonight, this is our last night anchoring the *CBS Evening News*.

MAURICE DUBOIS: And we want to leave you with some farewell thoughts tonight. Being invited into your homes each night has been the honor of a lifetime. This year, I have traveled the country to cover communities dealing with unspeakable tragedy and loss. [TO GIRL IN MINNEAPOLIS]: How are you feeling right now?

GIRL: Sad.

DUBOIS: But shining brightly always was the heart and soul of everyday people, really, really good people, there for each other and crying out for our leaders to do better to protect them. David and Jacquie Israel lost their home in the LA wildfires. They decided to take a bucket list trip, an RV ride across the country. They were deeply moved to discover how warm and kind and great everyday Americans can be and what has always made CBS great is its dedicated team of journalists, exemplified by Marwan Al Ghouli, our producer in Gaza. Despite bombs and bullets flying overhead, some even taking out members of his own family, he's brought the story home to America fearlessly, and for the relentless work of the entire team, who have been fulfilling our commitment to following the facts, not opinions, and accurately informing you, I cannot thank this team enough. I have walked out of here each night extremely proud of the work we have done together. And you, our viewers, I cannot thank you enough for placing your trust in us. John, you're an outstanding journalist, an even better person. I have learned quite a bit from working with you. Proud to call you not just a colleague, but a friend.

DICKERSON: Thank you, Maurice. You know, a year-and-a-half ago, we didn't even really know each other. And you have become a model for me and a trusted friend. So, thank you. What the viewers don't know is that, long before they could see us, we were thinking about you, the viewers, planning for months. In a conference room, we talked about your attention, how precious it was, and how we would honor it. That question has guided the decisions you saw and many you didn't, a research team that sweats the facts that shape how you see the world, correspondents who follow the facts into war zones, into countries where they could be jailed, into sharp exchanges with the powerful, who don't like being held to account, including a president, who insulted them for it.

NANCY CORDES [TO TRUMP, on 11/27/25]: Why do you blame the Biden administration for what this man did?

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on 11/27/25]: Because they let him in. Are you stupid?

DICKERSON: Stories of wonder, of loss, of courage, asking why until the answers ran out. It has been an honor to put the work of our correspondents, producers, editors and writers before you,

and to work with my partner, Maurice, who put his heart into our shared concern, doing right by you. Your expectation has been our responsibility and our reward.

DUBOIS: That it has, my friend, and so, for one last time, that is the *CBS Evening News*. I'm Maurice DuBois.

DICKERSON: I'm John Dickerson. Thank you for watching.

DUBOIS: And good night and good luck.