



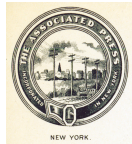
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## Honoring George H.W. Bush



The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush lies in state in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Pool)

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Today's issue brings you more of your memories of President George H.W. Bush from colleagues who covered him.

We also bring you reaction to Monday's profile of **Larry Laughlin** - from those who worked with him over his 33 AP years.

And our colleague **Ted Anthony**, in the wake of the recent death of his mother, shares the story of how he and his mom - **Ann Terbrueggen Anthony** - had AP bylines on the same newspaper section front. We send our condolences to Ted on her death.

Finally, your first responses are in on most unusual AP email addresses:

**From Larry Hamlin - [critter@ap.org](mailto:critter@ap.org)** - Chris Ritter, former AP photo technology staffer, and [slang@ap.org](mailto:slang@ap.org) - Steve Lang, former AP New Orleans Technician.

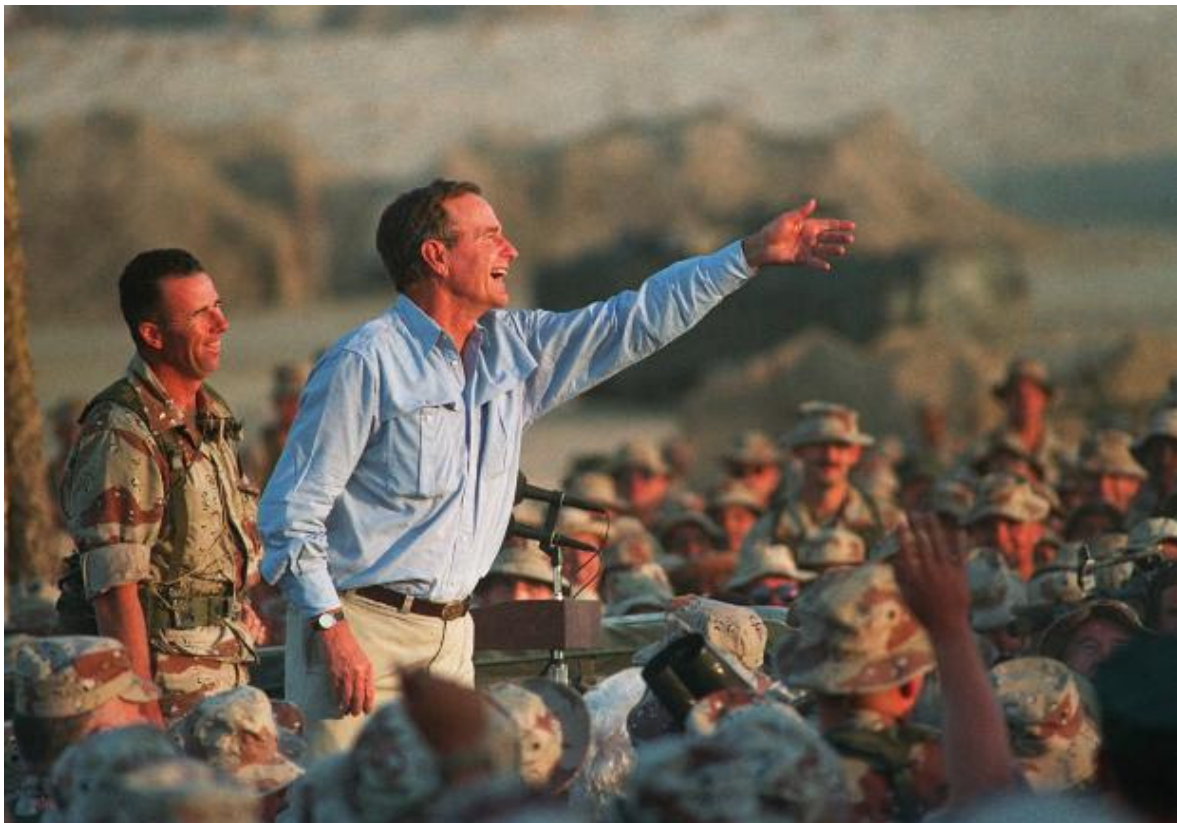
**From John Rogers - [nut@ap.org](mailto:nut@ap.org)** - Nick Ut, former Los Angeles and Saigon photographer.

Are there more?

Have a great day!

Paul

## George H.W. Bush's nod to White House 'photodogs'



**President George H.W. Bush tosses presidential tie clips to U.S. Marines at a desert encampment in eastern Saudi Arabia, Nov. 23, 1990. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)**

**By Lauren Easton**

"The men and women who have covered the White House for the AP dating back to the middle of the 19th century have truly had a 'front row seat to history,'" former President George H.W. Bush wrote.

Bush composed this [nod to press photographers](#) at the request of the AP in 2012, and his comments were used to introduce AP's "The American President" photo exhibit the same year.

Bush wrote:

Like most - if not all - who have been privileged to serve as president of the United States, I did not always have the warmest of relations with the news media. In fact, it wasn't until after I left the White House and joined a local chapter of "Press Bashers Anonymous" that I realized every chief executive dating back to President Washington has been routinely criticized and second-guessed by the Fourth Estate.

But for me, relations were always much warmer with the news photographers - or "photodogs," as I called them - who covered the White House. Without exception, the photodogs I knew were a decent, hard-working and good-natured group of dedicated professionals who were passionate about their work. It could be that I loved the photodogs because they wielded their talents behind the camera, and let their work speak for them. Yet, there was something more to it. They were fun, and always so nice to Barbara and me.

The men and women who have covered the White House for the AP dating back to the middle of the 19th century have truly had a "front row seat to history." Through their lenses, succeeding generations of AP photodogs have captured both the ecstasy and agony of the American Presidency, and contributed in important ways to the historical record of each administration.

George H.W. Bush

Explore ["The American President."](#)

## Reaction to Monday's Larry Laughlin profile

**Joe McGowan (Email)** - Larry (Laughlin) was one of the brightest ones I hired during my time as domestic COB. We had a few people in the BX bureau who kept their eye on the clock at all times. It could be time for their break and a plane could be crashing at Logan Airport and they would not care. But not Larry. He was always the newsman, even when off duty. And it was my extreme pleasure when he became a fellow AP COB. I certainly agree with him that Boston is a great city. All the best to him.

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**Hal Spencer (Email)** - It was great to see Larry Laughlin profiled Monday. Larry was my first AP boss after Boston COB Mike Short hired me away from The Salt Lake Tribune for the Providence Bureau. You couldn't do better than break in under the tutelage of those two men. My first day, Larry sent me to West Warwick to babysit a teachers' strike and call in updates. The second he sat me down and, kindly, got right to the point. He said he knew I could write, but not the AP way. (For example, he said, we don't write that somebody "exclaimed." We write that somebody "said." Larry explained it this way: Think of the AP way as a new suit of clothes. Learn to wear them well. Once you've done that, change the outfit a little and see if it works. Best advice I ever got.

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**Jeff Barnard (Email)** - I am happy to see Larry Laughlin and his family well and enjoying the Red Sox. He was my first boss at the AP and one of the best I ever worked for. He is way too modest about his role in the careers of myself and many others. Boston COB Mike Short hired me away from the Cape Cod Times to work as a staffer in the Providence office in June, 1980. Larry was always a kind and generous boss, explaining how to load and maintain the printers, what a coffee regular was, and where to get a hamburger any time day or night (the Haven Bros. van parked on the little plaza in front of City Hall was an institution). I was still on probation when I got my first bulletin kill, working alone on the 4:30 a.m. to noon shift, which was a mad dash of member pickups for broadcast and PMs papers. The story had been from the Providence Journal, citing unnamed sources about a runaway from a state institution being picked up. Somehow it involved an assault with a hammer. I didn't know how to handle the unnamed sources part and screwed it up. I got the news from Larry over the phone at home. I had just moved my wife and 1-year-old son to Providence. I asked Larry if I still had a job. He replied, "I don't know." Turned out I did, but Larry being upfront and straightforward that way was the best thing at the time. I failed him again on the America's Cup finals the year the Australian boat with the winged keel beat the Americans for the first time ever in about a century. Larry dictated his story over the phone, I filed it and left off his byline. No one noticed until it was too late. No one at NY Sports even questioned it. Larry was VERY disappointed, but never lost his temper with me. I was amazed. We also covered the trial of millionaire socialite Claus Von Bulow in Newport, RI, together. It was a very big deal, with reporters from Boston and New York, too many



for all to be inside the courtroom. We used to joke that if we screwed up, we would find ourselves in Fargo, ND. Larry was on AMs and in the courtroom in the morning and I was on PMs filling updates directly to the General Desk through Mike Silverman from the video feed in the adjacent pass room. At lunch time we would switch. The jury took nine days to reach a guilty verdict (he was later acquitted on appeal) and it broke late on PMs and ran into AMs, but the General Desk kept filing leads under my byline. Larry never protested. On the courthouse steps I asked prosecutor Steve Famiglietti, "Is it a whodunnit anymore?" and he smiled and replied, "It's not a whodunnit anymore," giving me my lead quote. In the bureau, Larry always worked the Saturday shift, making it possible for everyone to have two days off in a row. When he moved on to be news editor in Richmond, VA, that was no longer a given. Larry supported my quest for a one-person correspondence, which landed me in Grants Pass, OR in 1983, where I was happy to stay for 32 years. Larry went on to be COB in Concord, NH. It all might have been very different without Larry as my first boss.

### ***A special memory of his mom:***

## **Sharing a newspaper section front with a two-byline package**

# Party memories reflect era's mind-set

By Ann T. Anthony  
The Associated Press

**A**LLISON PARK, Pa. — Sometimes something takes your thinking back to an isolated memory of decades ago. And without your bidding, other memories — memories of that era of your life — come flooding in.

When asked what I remember about Tupperware parties, I pulled out some of my pieces of Tupperware from long ago.

Along with finding the "Bacon Keeper" that I have used for perhaps 35 years to refrigerate deli sandwich makings, I located an entire part of my life.

We didn't have a dishwasher back then — what struggling young family did? When my two daughters were old enough, we made a deal. I would prepare the dinner. They would do the dishwashing and I'd be free.

What made me remember that? The Tupperware pieces I was looking at were of the pre-dishwasher type plastic that has not survived the heat very well in the many years since dishwashers have been taken for granted. My later pieces have withstood the dishwasher onslaught. They still look new.

In those days, we thought very little about most women's designated roles in suburban society. Your husband went to work; you were home when the children

arrived after school.

Once in a while in the evening, you left the young ones in the care of their dad and went to a friend's home for a Tupperware party.

It was fun. You saw 10, maybe 20 friends and acquaintances who had also escaped for an evening. It never occurred to any of us that no men were there. We played little games and took home small Tupperware pieces as prizes.

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Do we have Tupperware party equality at long last?



Women gather at a Tupperware party in 1958

The Associated Press

**Ted Anthony (Email)** - I don't think it's all that often that a son gets to share a newspaper section front with his mother in a two-byline package. But that's what happened in 1996 with me and my mother, linguist and educator Ann Terbruggen Anthony, who died this past weekend at age 94.

As a newly minted national writer, I had been assigned by then-Newsfeatures editor Bruce DeSilva to do a story on the 50th anniversary of Tupperware and its role in the culture (in fairness, I may have sold the idea very enthusiastically and told him that it was "about everything - about who we are as a nation!"). And guess what? I said to him, "Hey, you know, my mother used to go to Tupperware parties in the 1950s - why doesn't she write a sidebar about what it meant to women and how it brought them together in the lonely landscape of the postwar suburbs?"

Bruce agreed, and my mother wrote a delightful and wry piece (much tighter and sharper than mine) that ended like this: "Now that so many women have taken their place next to men in the working world, do Tupperware parties still exist? Do they fill the same needs? Do men also attend? Are some of the newer items designed to

solve gentlemen's storage problems? Do we have Tupperware party equality at long last?"

Tonight, as I look this story up in an online newspaper archive, I am grateful and kind of emotional to see my mom's byline pop up: "By ANN T. ANTHONY/The Associated Press."

[Click here](#) for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story on her death.

[Click here](#) for her obituary.

# Memories of George H.W. Bush

## Difficult to dislike a guy you invites you to his office to share pizza

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# Food & More

# Tupperware forever

Molded plastic is home fixture

**H**y Ted Anthony  
 The Associated Press

UNTINGTON, N.Y. — On a cool spring evening, in a kitchen on the edge of one of America's original suburbs, Patti Tupper is busy preparing to live up to her name. She opens a closet and reaches. On five shelves sit nearly 180 kinds of stackable plastic containers brimming with everything from Quaker Oats to white chocolate chips to light brown sugar.

"I guess it's pretty obvious — I love Tupperware. There's not much I don't have," says Tupper, 68, who is the founder of East Tupper but enthusiastic enough to be

Twilight, Patti Tupper is about to play

**Tupperware parties are held everywhere from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and 800,000 people sell Tupperware across the world — 5 percent of them men.**

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honest to an American tradition: the Tupperware party.

For five decades, since East Tupper molded some innovative plastic cups and bowls and figured they'd sell better if they brought suburban housewives together, Tupperware has been a fixture on the national landscape.

Today, its maker estimates it can be found in 90 percent of the nation's households. And Patti Tupper, who lives in an immaculate Long Island home with her husband, Jeff, her 6-year-old daughter, Cati, and a breathtaking view of Huntington Harbor, is but the latest to fill the role of Tupperware party hostess.

She is far different than her counterparts of a generation ago. Unlike most housewives of the 1950s, Patti Tupper is a business investment banker in Manhattan. Unlike many housewives of the 1950s, she must balance family and career. And, unlike some housewives of the 1950s, she has more to fill her life than a plastic bowl's luring seal and a lifetime guarantee.

"Tupperware — a piece of the foundation of the American suburb — is a housewife's domain no longer.

"This is a product for the woman of the '90s — women who do everything," says Roseann Stephens, who will be selling the Tupperware on this night.

Six people are invited, all women. Except for one who is slightly older, all appear between the ages of 30 and 50. This, though, is the kind of crowd where

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Party leader Roseann Stephens with, from left, Anne Hayes, Patti Tupper, Lois Deniso and Gordie Jamieson

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 The Associated Press

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Women gather at a Tupperware party in 1958





**Mike Gracyk with Bush 41 and James Baker III in Bush Houston office. Photo by AP's David J. Phillip.**

**Mike Graczyk (Email)** - It's difficult to dislike a guy whose favorite food is chicken fried steak and likes to eat at a Houston barbecue joint. And who invites you to his office to share pizza.

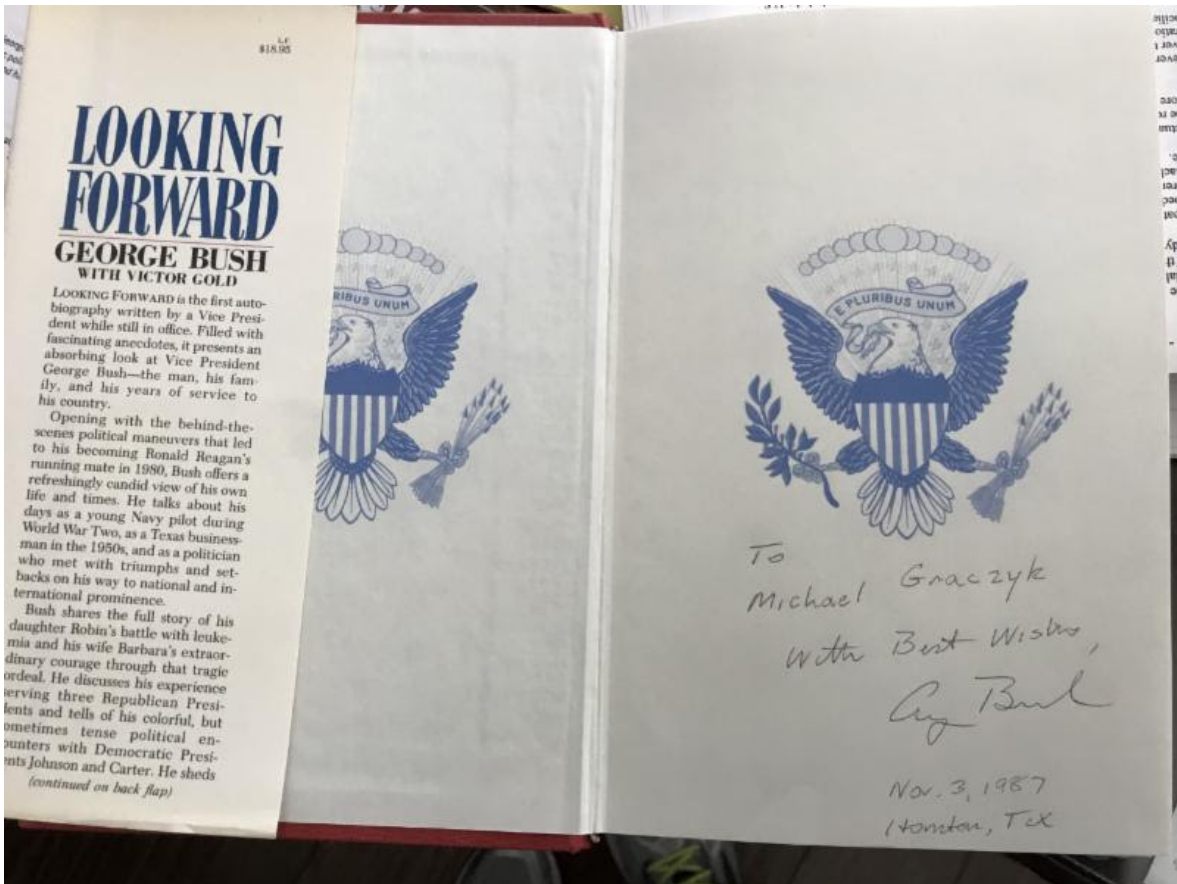
That was the George H.W. Bush we came to know in Houston, his adopted hometown where the nation's 41<sup>st</sup> president died Friday night.

The native New Englander already had a decades-long history in Texas and in Houston by the time the AP moved me from Detroit to Houston in 1983, while he was vice president under Ronald Reagan, He'd occasionally return home, particularly to vote. Democrats accused him of being a carpetbagger, a phony Houstonian whose home address was a suite at the Houstonian Hotel. I recall at least once they rented the hotel room he called home to poke fun at Bush, stationing a life-size cutout of him standing and greeting you as you walked in the room.

In November 1987, he was poised to run and succeed the term-limited Reagan in the election the following year when he showed up in Houston to vote. His polling place was a hotel ballroom and I was among reporters camped outside waiting for him to emerge. I needed a quote for our election story so I brought with me a copy of his then-new autobiography - the now obligatory book presidential candidates unleash in advance of running - and held it up as he was walking past.



Photo by Ed Kolenovsky/AP



"You want me to sign it?" he asked as he stopped.

I got quotes. And his signature.

The presidential years are kind of a blur. He'd come back to Texas but the Houston AP bureau generally played a secondary role in the coverage, staffing airport arrivals and departures as was the routine back then but little else. He did select Houston to host the G7 Economic Summit in 1990 and the GOP National Convention in 1992 at the Astrodome. Our bureau's role primarily was to cover the chaos outside the venues.

I recall the distinct change in mood the day Bill Clinton was inaugurated, succeeding Bush as president, and George and Barbara later that afternoon came here for good. Normally we'd be held behind a fence at Ellington Field, the former Air Force base. But instead, the security was diminished, we walked right up to the plane on the tarmac and I found myself standing next to James Baker, his lifelong friend and former Secretary of State, and then was able to approach 41 himself.

He became a fixture in Houston, attending the annual PGA Houston Open golf tournament, Texans NFL games and Astros baseball games where he and Barbara sat behind home plate. She kept score and they both left after about the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. I once asked about leaving the game early and he said he didn't want the security kept around him to block the other fans who would have had to remain in place until he departed if he had stayed to the end of the game.

In 2005, I was invited to fly with Bush to southwest Louisiana to visit folks devastated by Hurricane Rita. In the helicopter we were seated directly across from one another, both wearing headphones, and were able to chat. I received a note from him the next day complimenting me on my story.

Over the years we had numerous contacts as dignitaries visited his Houston office or the presidential library at Texas A&M University, about 100 miles northwest of Houston. There were parachute jumps, health episodes with Barbara and the day his email account got hacked.

For a story on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gulf War, he and Baker met with me at Bush's office, which occupied the top floor of a small glass-walled building not far from his home in West Houston.

The pizza invitation came unexpectedly one day. He just wanted to sit down with a handful of Houston media, and we did around a table at his office. Sometimes while entertaining visitors he'd reach into a box by his desk or into a drawer and toss them

a tiny blue box containing a tie bar or cuff links bearing the presidential seal. Yes, I have one.

When I retired from the AP at the end of July, he sent me a very kind letter that I have framed and displayed in my home office.

In his book "Looking Forward" he described discovering chicken fried steak in a restaurant outside Abilene, Texas, while heading to the West Texas oil patch in his 1947 Studebaker to learn the oil business. "It became one of my favorite Texas delicacies," he wrote. I used that in a "10 Things To Know" story that ran over the weekend.

I honestly couldn't tell you when I wrote Bush's obit that carried my byline last weekend. Like other news organizations, it's no secret that the AP has obit preparedness material for scores of prominent people. I've written many, some of them still yet to run and ensure that I'll haunt the AP for years. (One I was particularly proud of was Jimmy Hoffa's, written in the weeks following his disappearance in 1975. I don't believe it's ever been seen, kind of like Hoffa.)

Bush's prep underwent frequent updates and rewrites and tweaks from I suspect numerous editors as health issues in recent years repeatedly put him in Houston's Methodist Hospital and we braced for what eventually occurred a few days ago.

He was always gracious and friendly with me and, as others have opined the past few days, struck me as a fundamentally good man.

## ***Bush was accessible to press, funny and friendly***

**Kelley Shannon (Email)** - former AP San Antonio correspondent - I fondly recall covering President George H.W. Bush as a Texas AP reporter when he traveled to San Antonio and the South Texas region, whether campaigning, attending a major event like the seven-nation drug summit in San Antonio or quail hunting near Beeville between Christmas and New Year's. At the time, the AP had local reporters work with the White House reporters to help share the national load and provide separate state stories. I remember Bush being accessible to reporters, friendly and funny.

Once, after Bush left office, there was this gem: Before a speech at Trinity University in San Antonio, several of us journalists were watching him enter the building for what we were told would be only a photo opp. We called out to him, and Bush



strolled over and proceeded to chat with us and answer questions. One local journalist asked ex-president Bush if he would ever run for office again. His reply, "Hell no, man, are you crazy?"

## ***Bush brought caring and dignity to the office***



**Mark Duncan (Email)** - Like many others have written, I always admired George H.W. Bush for his character and kindness. One of the first memories of this was while covering an event in Toledo, Ohio in 1982.

Then Vice President Bush was to speak at a fundraiser for Ohio GOP gubernatorial candidate Clarence J. Brown Jr. but earlier in the day visited nursing home in the area.

The White House press advance had us all in the back of the room where Bush would speak to residents, awaiting his arrival. We were told he would be stopping in the facility's day room to visit residents there before the speech.

After pleading and cajoling with his press secretary (I believe her name was Maxine Green), a few other photographers and I were allowed to stand in the back of the day room to photograph the Vice President's visit.

Mr. Bush entered and began speaking to a group of residents playing cards. Photos of him smiling and checking the poker hand of one gentleman were far better than any from the speech.

At the dinner later that night, I gave Bush's press secretary a couple of extra prints as thanks for getting us access. A few days after the event, I received a large envelope from the White House containing the attached print. He kept the one from the poker game, I guess.

Years later I told the story to my uncle, who worked in the Department of Defense as DARPA chief during Bush's presidency. He said it wasn't uncommon for him, and others in his department to get hand-written notes from the President congratulating them for work on particular projects.

George Herbert Walker Bush may not be remembered as one of our greatest commanders in chief, but certainly as a man who brought caring and dignity to the office.

## ***His Dana Carvey impression brought down the house***

**Mike Holmes** ([Email](#)) - I first met George (H.W.) Bush in 1979, while a staffer in the Des Moines bureau covering the Iowa caucus campaign. I last covered him at the 1994 groundbreaking for his presidential library at Texas A&M University. That came about a month after his son, George W. Bush, had been elected Texas governor.

Beyond his straightforwardness and integrity that others have recalled, I admired his sense of humor. At that groundbreaking, among former Cabinet members and other dignitaries, speakers included Dana Carvey, whose impression of Bush had been a fixture on "Saturday Night Live."

Bush spoke last. He said that the organizers had worried about his inviting Carvey. Then, in a spot-on impersonation of his impersonator, Bush said he told them he

wouldn't leave Carvey out: "Not gonna do it. Wouldn't be prudent." He brought down the house.

## ***Remembering this genuinely nice man's personal attributes***

**Carl P. Leubsdorf** ([Email](#)) - I first met George Bush on a fall day in 1970, as he toured Texas, campaigning for the U.S. Senate in his chartered DC-3. The lanky, youthful looking Houston congressman struck me as open and friendly, moderate in manner and approach.

But when he spoke, I was struck by the contrast between his manner and his sharply conservative comments.

That contrast always seemed present as the man who grew up among the liberal Republicans of his New England youth rose to political power in the far more conservative GOP of his adopted Texas home.

He eagerly embraced the latter's ideology, as a youthful critic of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, in his sometimes harsh 1988 presidential campaign and in picking abortion rights foes for the federal bench. But he always seemed vaguely uncomfortable doing what he felt he had to do to succeed politically. It may explain why he always seemed more at ease dealing with foreign policy.

One thing never changed: his inherent decency and graciousness, whether dealing with fellow Republicans who undercut his efforts to curb the budget deficit or a press that sometimes treated him unfairly by calling this genuine World War II hero a "wimp" or taking advantage of his good manners to suggest he was out of touch with technological advance.

As Americans mourn the 41st president, I'd rather recall this genuinely nice man's personal attributes, rather than his occasional political missteps.

I remember the gracious host who made visitors feel welcome at his seaside Maine home, in the Vice President's hillside mansion and in the White House, who welcomed dozens of journalists and their families to his Kennebunkport estate each summer and to the same holiday parties with officials, lawmakers and family friends, instead of segregating them like other presidents and vice presidents.

When I was working on a major profile of him, he invited me and my wife Susan Page to dinner and theater, making sure we met an old friend starring in the show, "Chuck" Heston.

Like many others, I got one of those little notes he wrote to everyone from journalists to county chairmen to heads of state. It chided me for a tongue-in-cheek column in which I predicted his various offspring would emulate his son George and run Texas sports teams.

In the process, I omitted Mrs. Bush. "What about the silver fox?" he asked.

I got another after a 2014 column citing his receipt of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award and praising his good manners in going out of the way to welcome President Barack Obama to Houston at a time many fellow Republicans were showing him little respect. After saying the JFK Award "means a great deal to me," he added, "Your nice comments were icing on the cake."

Bush had a great, sometimes childish sense of humor. In her memoirs, the former first lady recalled how she discovered some grandchildren had downloaded porno pictures using her computer. Several weeks later, she got a letter summoning her to a regional Federal Trade Commission office to discuss the matter.

She asked the former President to read the letter aloud but, when she noticed lots of smiles, "it came to me that my husband had composed this letter. I fell hook, line and sinker - again!"

Voters saw his somewhat goofy side, when he denounced Al Gore as "ozone man...far out" in the 1992 campaign and, bemoaning his troubles, inexplicably exclaimed, "Don't Cry for Me Argentina."

But the term that best characterized him was loyalty; members of the Bush family often said they believed "loyalty is not a character flaw," and they remembered those who stood by him \_ and those who did not.

They were especially grateful to those who remained by his side in 1992, even when it became evident he would probably lose.

Similarly, the man friends affectionately called "41" remained totally loyal to his presidential son, known as "43," even when it was widely believed he disapproved of the latter's decision to attack Iraq; after all, in his 1998 book with National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, Bush described the problems he would have faced had he tried to overthrow Saddam Hussein after the Persian Gulf War.

They closely resembled what transpired under his son.

The ultimate irony was that 43's efforts to make up for 41's perceived failures, both politically and in Iraq, only made the first President Bush look better.



History won't likely rate him as a great president, though his management of the end of the Cold War and the Gulf War look even better today than when he left office. But no more decent, honorable and genuinely nice man ever occupied the Presidency.

*Carl P. Leubsdorf, who covered the Bush presidency for The Dallas Morning News, is the paper's former Washington bureau chief and a frequent contributor.*

## ***An interview with then-VP George H.W. Bush***

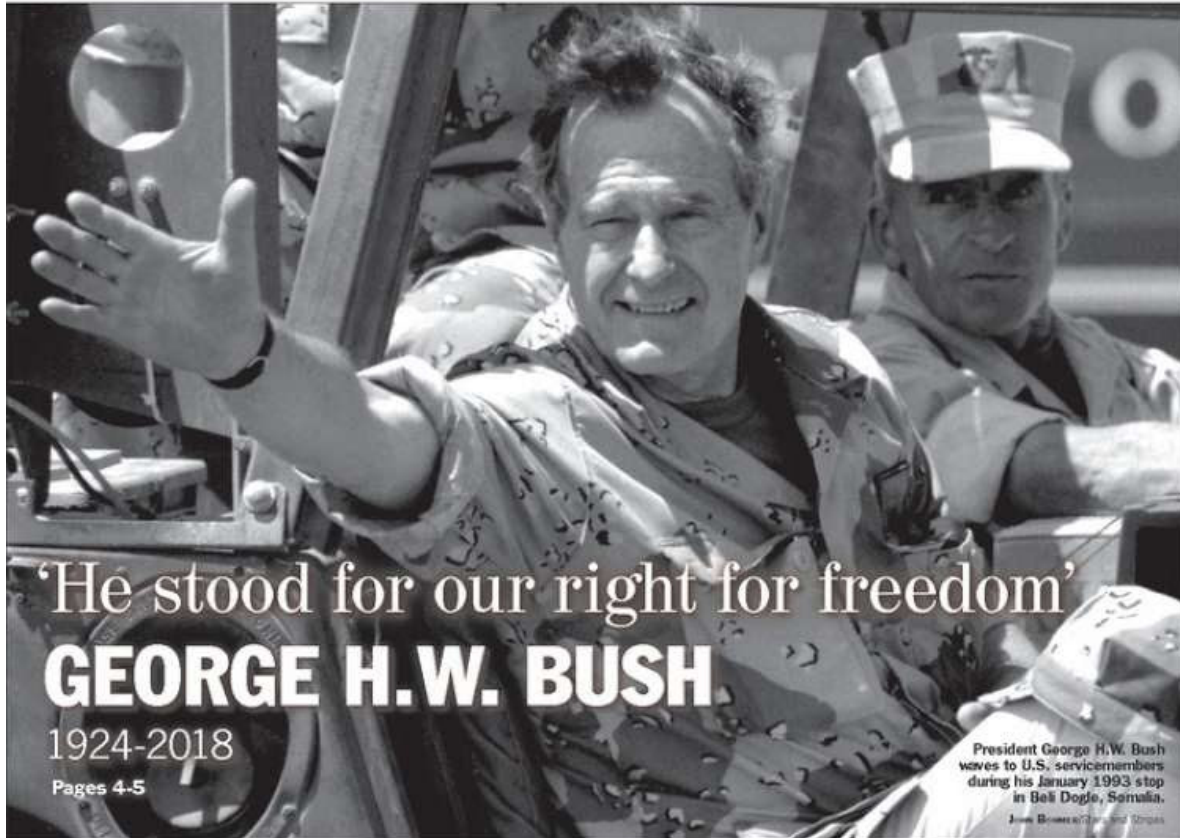


**Greg Nokes** ([Email](#)) - This from my interview with George H.W. Bush when he was vice president, taken in his office in the Old Executive Office Building. I regret that the subject and date escape me from the distance of many years. But I do recall, as so many others have, that he was gracious and welcoming, and didn't dodge my questions.

## ***Front pages around the country honor President George H.W. Bush***

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## 'He stood for our right for freedom' GEORGE H.W. BUSH

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President George H.W. Bush waves to U.S. servicemembers during his January 1993 stop in Belu Doge, Somalia.

John Brown/Star and Stripes

## Massive earthquake in Alaska damages Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY  
*Star and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson sustained a major water leak Friday and only necessary personnel are now permitted on the base after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit about 7 miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska.

Roughly 90 minutes after the earthquake, a post on the base Facebook page stated they had shut off water to the Elmendorf side of the facility due to the leak. The Facebook post

**Anchorage's Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is home to more than 13,000 military personnel, nearly 20,000 family members and 3,000 civilian employees.**

also reported all gates at the base are intact but access onto the base was limited until further notice.

"Servicemembers from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are accounting for personnel and conducting a damage assessment of installation facilities from today's earthquake, and are preparing to provide emergency support to the base populace and the community if needed," Pacific Air Forces public affairs wrote in an email. "We are not expecting to be impacted by the tsunami, but

are trained and prepared. Regular updates will be posted on the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) official Facebook page."

The earthquake occurred about 8:30 am Friday local time, according to the Alaska Earthquake Center website. Additional smaller earthquakes have been detected in the region.

The Anchorage Daily News, a local newspaper, reported power is out in areas throughout the region and some roads have been severely

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By Fernando Ramirez  
Houston Chronicle

Dozens of newspapers paid tribute to the death of George H.W. Bush at the age of 94 on Friday. Many of the publications remarked on his tenure as the nation's 41st President, as well as his time as vice president and congressman.

His hometown paper, Houston Chronicle, praised his life of service and said the nation had lost a leader "who represented the best of politics and public service."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

## Monday was the most liberating December 3 she's had in 12 years

**Tricia English** ([Email](#)) - Connecting colleague who is the wife of Army Capt. Shawn English, killed in action in Iraq, Dec. 3, 2006, shares these thoughts:

Twelve years ago tonight, when they notified me of your death, I was devastated that your light was gone from this world. Heartbroken over the impact and influence I felt had been stolen. But God had a different plan. The date for the start of this trial was all I needed as confirmation.

This was the second hardest December 3rd I have experienced. It was also the most liberating December 3rd I have had in twelve years.

This isn't about me, or even you. It is far bigger than either of us could have imagined. This is about right and wrong. This is about standing with those willing to do "the impossible". It is a desperately needed assault on the epidemic of apathy, and this is just the beginning.



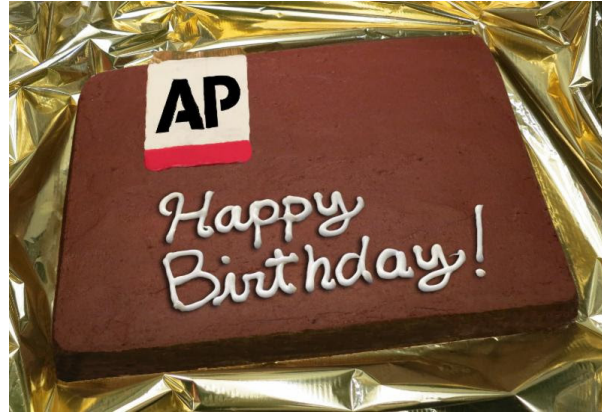
**Capt. Shawn English**

I felt you in that courtroom today. I know you were there. Your light is still glowing.

[Click here](#) for a story in the Military Times on a three-day federal trial that began Monday that pits a New Jersey and Arkansas law firm against the Islamic Republic of Iran, alleging that the regime funneled funds, personnel and training in a long-

running and deeply organized plot to exact as much damage as possible on U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq - all to keep the country destabilized and further their political and military aims.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Media coverage contrast's George H.W. Bush's era with Trump***





**The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard to a hearse at Andrews Air Force Base in Md., Monday, Dec. 3, 2018. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)**

**By DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) - With a week commemorating the death of former President George H.W. Bush due to climax with a memorial service Wednesday at the Washington National Cathedral, the national media has almost inevitably focused on the contrast between his era and the present day.

Even without President Donald Trump giving fresh fuel to those comparisons, they led to at least one angry television confrontation Monday on ABC's "The View."

TV networks marked Bush's passing late Friday with reminiscences and coverage of Bush's body being flown Monday from Texas to Washington, D.C. The top broadcasters and cable news networks will cover Wednesday morning's ceremony live with Bush's son, former President George W. Bush, delivering one of the eulogies. A funeral service will take place Thursday in Houston before Bush's body is laid to rest.

Like when parents die, giving rise to remembrances among their families, the death of a president is one for a country to reflect on the world when the president was in

office, between 1989 and 1993 in Bush's case, said Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington bureau chief and now a George Washington University professor.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***In Bush coverage, the media finds another foil for Trump*** (CJR)

By JON ALLSOP

SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY, George H.W. Bush died at home in Houston. He was 94. Bush's death set the stage for a weekend of tribute. Although some media coverage of America's 41st president (mostly in left-leaning outlets) was harshly critical, the majority was glowing and nostalgic. In between, nuanced depictions of a complicated life got crowded out. The tenor of the news cycle felt much as it did in August following the death of John McCain.

As the news filtered through, many outlets published their obituaries of Bush. Obituaries are a strange art-most big news organizations write them in advance then keep them in cold storage, particularly when subjects are advanced in years and/or have a serious medical condition (Bush announced, in 2012, that he was living with vascular parkinsonism, a mobility-limiting disease). Political obituaries, in particular, can thus feel suspended in time-infusing the historical period they cover with the assumptions and values of when they were written. When finally published, obituaries are updated to mirror the mood of the day-setting a narrative around a dead public figure that subsequent coverage tends to reinforce.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Media swipes at George H.W. Bush legacy fuel outrage: 'Should be ashamed'*** (Fox News)

**By BRIAN FLOOD**

Media missteps in the coverage of former President George H.W. Bush's death -- from a derogatory Associated Press tweet to the Gray Lady including misleading info in its obituary -- have fueled new accusations of liberal bias.

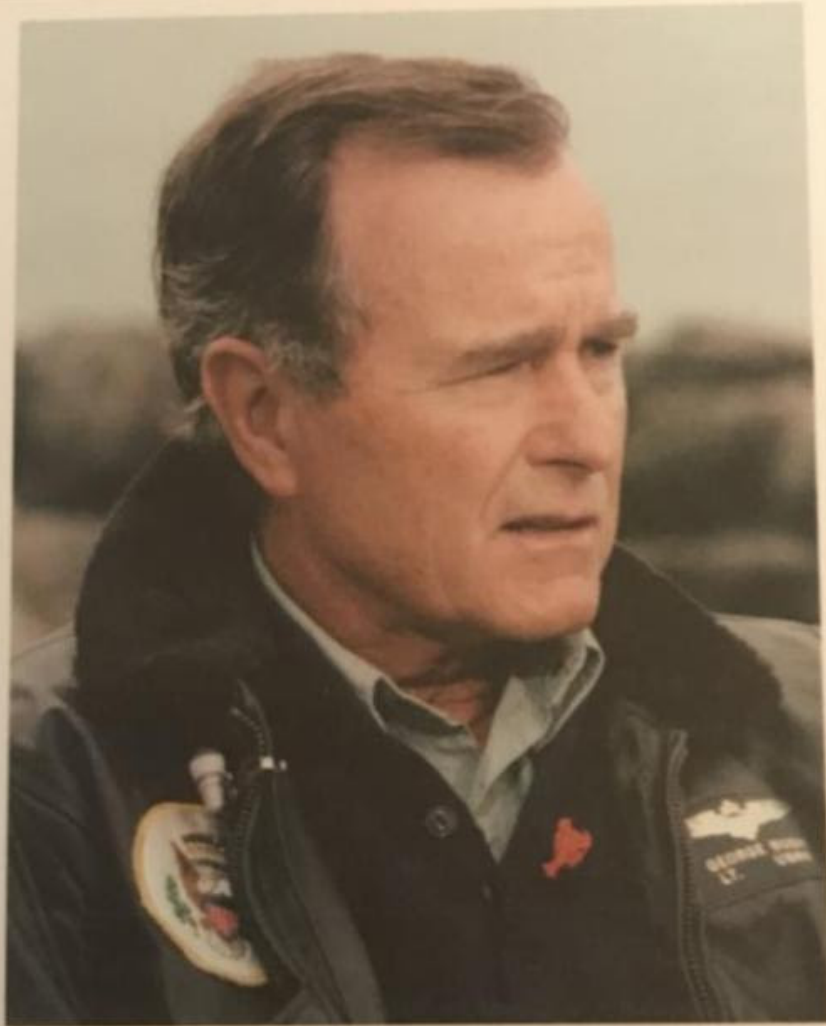
While several publications and media figures used Bush's death to take shots at President Trump, even some standard obituaries were panned as slanted and unfair.

The AP notably backed off a widely criticized tweet sent shortly after Bush's death was confirmed. The now-deleted message said: "George H.W. Bush, a patrician New Englander whose presidency soared with the coalition victory over Iraq in Kuwait, but then plummeted in the throes of a weak economy that led voters to turn him out of office after a single term, has died. He was 94."

The tweet was immediately slammed, with everyone from Sarah Palin to Parkland shooting survivor Kyle Kashuv condemning the news service.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Michael Rubin.

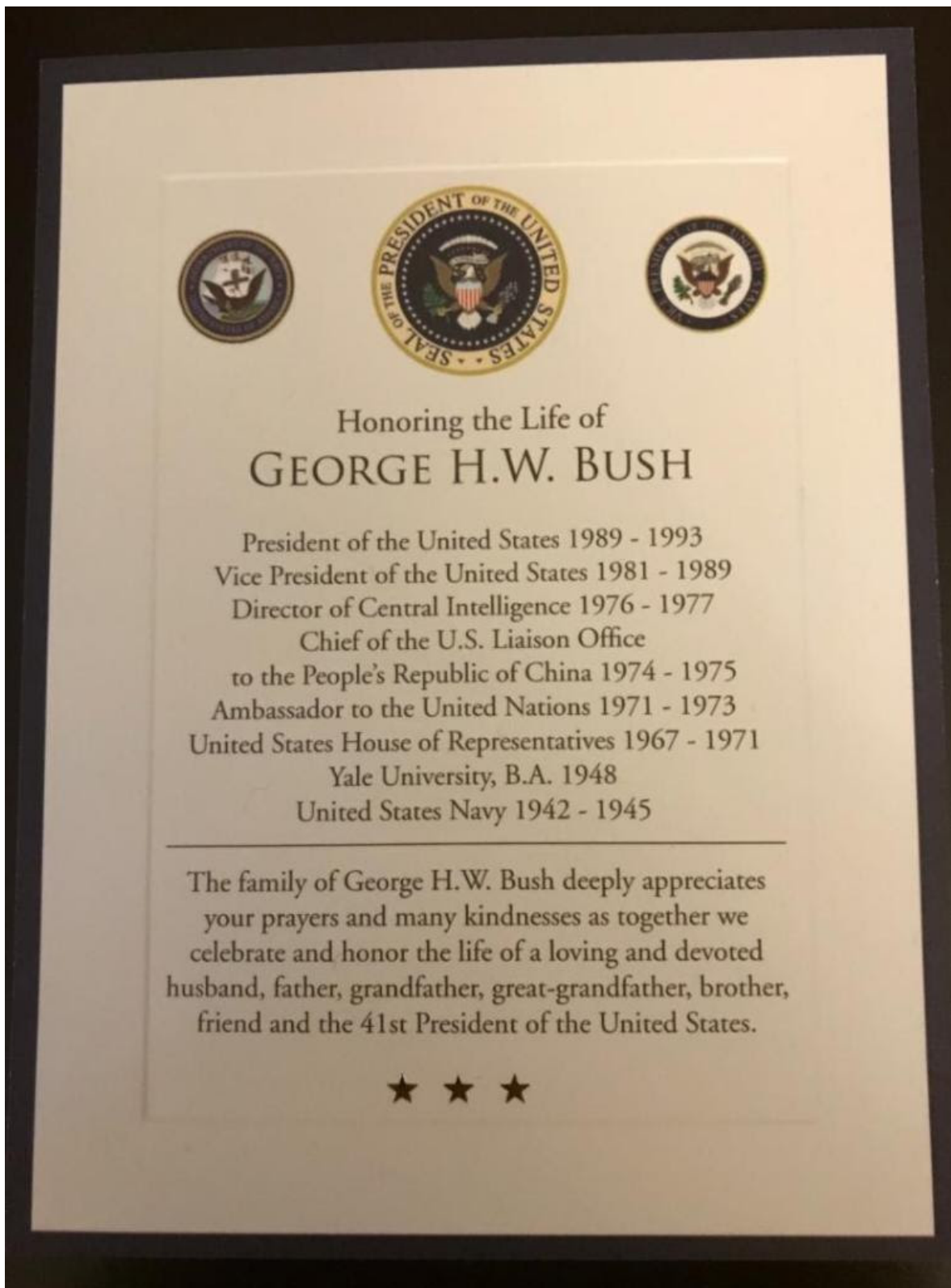
## The Final Word



GEORGE H.W. BUSH  
JUNE 12, 1924 - NOVEMBER 30, 2018







**Chris Connell** ([Email](#)) - Handed out at the Capitol to people after they paid their respects inside the Rotunda. Bush family members were there late into the evening, shaking hands and thanking the thousands who waited for two hours or longer to bid farewell to President Bush.

# Today in History - December 4, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2018. There are 27 days left in the year.

## **Today's Highlights in History:**

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

## **On this date:**

In 1619, a group of settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Virginia, where they held a service thanking God for their safe arrival.

In 1867, the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, also known as The Grange, was founded in Washington, D.C., to promote the interests of farmers.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY') Peace Conference.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard on a two-week mission. (While Gemini 7 was in orbit, its sister ship, Gemini 6A, was launched on Dec. 15 on a one-day mission; the two spacecraft were able to rendezvous within a foot of each other.)

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein (FYN'-styn) was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee).

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity. The original Pan American World Airways ceased operations.

In 1995, the first NATO troops landed in the Balkans to begin setting up a peace mission that brought American soldiers into the middle of the Bosnian conflict.

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward the red planet on a 310 million-mile odyssey. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

In 2000, in a pair of legal setbacks for Al Gore, a Florida state judge refused to overturn George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

Ten years ago: U.S. automakers drew fresh skepticism from lawmakers during a Senate Banking Committee hearing over their pleas for an expanded \$34 billion rescue package they said was needed for them to survive. For the first time, an NFL game was broadcast live in 3-D to theaters in Boston, New York and Los Angeles. (Although the telecast was marred by technical glitches, fans were mostly forgiving as they watched the San Diego Chargers beat the Oakland Raiders 34-7.)

Five years ago: A senior commander in the militant group Hezbollah, Hassan al-Laquis, was shot dead outside his home in Lebanon, the latest in a series of attacks against the Iranian-backed organization, which accused Israel of the attack. Oscar De La Hoya was selected for induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame; two of his contemporaries in the modern era - Puerto Rican star Felix "Tito" Trinidad and Joe Calzaghe of Wales - were also selected.

One year ago: Declaring that "public lands will once again be for public use," President Donald Trump scaled back two sprawling national monuments in Utah; it was the first time in a half century that a president had undone that type of land protection. The Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to fully enforce a ban on travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries. Trump formally endorsed Republican Roy Moore in the Alabama Senate race, looking past sexual misconduct allegations against the GOP candidate.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 85. Pop singer Freddy Cannon is 82. Actor-producer Max Baer Jr. is 81. Actress Gemma Jones is 76. Rock musician Bob Mosley (Moby Grape) is 76. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 74. Musician Terry Woods (The Pogues) is 71. Rock singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 70. Actor Jeff Bridges is 69. Rock musician Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd; the Rossington Collins Band) is 67. Actress Patricia Wettig is 67. Actor Tony Todd is 64. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 63. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 63. Rock musician Bob Griffin (formerly with The BoDeans) is 59. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 56. Actress Marisa Tomei is 54. Actress Chelsea Noble is 54. Actor-comedian Fred Armisen is 52. Rapper Jay-Z is 49. Actor Kevin Sussman is 48. Actress-model Tyra Banks is 45. Country singer Lila McCann is 37. Actress Lindsay Felton is 34. Actor Orlando Brown is 31. Actress Scarlett Estevez (TV: "Lucifer") is 11.

**Thought for Today: "A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as the joke he resents." - Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, German scientist (1742-1799).**

## Got a story or photos to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.

- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.

- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.

- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.



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