

## Sports stars, musicians and celebs bid George H.W. Bush farewell

HOUSTON (AP) — George H.W. Bush, who shaped history as America's 41st president and patriarch of a family that occupied the White House for a dozen years, is going to his final rest Thursday in Texas.

More than 11,000 people paid their respects to Bush as his casket lay in repose all night at a Houston church where his family worshipped. Some visitors waited for hours to pay tribute to Bush, who will be buried following a funeral at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Thursday's service began with "America the Beautiful" and a robust rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

It attracted local sports stars including Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt and was featuring eulogies from Bush's grandson, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, the only member of the famous family still holding elected office, and James Baker, his former secretary of state and a close friend for decades. Hymns being sung were chosen and loved by the former president, said the church's pastor, Rev. Russell J. Levenson Jr.

Performing were some of Bush's favorite country music stars including the Oak Ridge Boys doing "Amazing Grace" and Reba McEntire offering "The Lord's Prayer" as three days of official ceremonies in Washington gave way to more personal touches for the former president in Texas. The nation's capital bid him goodbye Wednesday in a Washington funeral service that offered high praise for the last of the presidents to have fought in World War II — and a hefty dose of humor about a man whose speaking delivery was once described as a cross between Mister Rogers and John Wayne.

Bush's casket returned for the services in Houston, a ride on a special funeral train and eventual burial at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University in College Station. His final resting place is alongside



Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia at age 3.



Baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros (and other lesser teams)

Scroll through the slideshow above for a look at the celebrities who came to pay their respects.

The full celebrity guest list:

Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Actress Teri Hatcher

Actor Chuck Norris

Astronaut Walter Cunningham

Houston Texan J.J. Watt

Baseball Hall of Famer Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros

Baseball Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell of the Houston Astros

Baseball Hall of Famer Tommy LaSorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers

Baseball player Bob Aspromonte of the Houston Colt .45s

Astros Baseball player Ken Aspromonte of the Houston Astros (and other lesser teams)

Baseball player Larry Dierker of the Houston Astros

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**Editor's Choice**



Young spectator waves American flag along route where Bush casket will travel aboard Union Pacific funeral train in Navasota



Former President George W. Bush and Laura Bush watch as the flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Spring, Texas, to a Union Pacific train. At left is Columba Bush and her husband Jeb Bush and at far right is Barbara Bush and her husband Craig Coyne. Army Maj. Gen. Michael L. Howard, commanding general, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region salutes. David J. Phillip/Pool via REUTERS



A protester wearing a gas mask holds a petrol bomb as clashes erupted during an anniversary rally marking the 2008 police shooting of 15-year-old student Alexandros Grigoropoulos, in Thessaloniki



Former President George W. Bush and Laura Bush watch as the flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, in Spring, Texas, to a Union Pacific train. David J. Phillip/Pool via REUTERS



Protesters wearing yellow vests, the symbol of a French drivers' protest against higher diesel fuel prices, count ballots as they elect a representative to liaise with other blockade points in Aubevoye



Members of the clergy stand by the casket of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush during his funeral service at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston



Funeral service for the former U.S. President George H.W. Bush in Houston, Texas



Demonstrator mock-crucifies himself at Eduardo Abaroa Square in La Paz

HOUSTON (Dec. 4, 2018) - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has selected the Houston Community College Weekend College for the 2018 Star Award.

The HCC Weekend College offers the opportunity for working adults to receive an associate degree in two years by attending school only on Saturdays. Classes are offered in eight-week sessions. Students take two courses at a time and the entire two-year schedule is mapped out ahead of time.

"The coordinating board is proud to recognize HCC's Weekend College program that helps working adults efficiently complete a degree. It supports Texas students and the state's 60x30TX plan," said Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes. "There were many excellent programs to choose from among this year's Star Award finalists, but the judges unanimously agreed that this innovative HCC program and its potential to positively impact a great number of working adult students made it the decisive Star Award winner this year."

"This award affirms HCC's commitment to creating innovative pathways to student success," said Chancellor Cesar Maldonado. "I congratulate our Weekend College team for this recognition."

**60x30TX**

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The coordinating board received 36 nominations and 26 applications for this year's Star Award. The program recognizes exceptional contributions toward meeting one or more of the goals of 60x30TX:

- \*Increasing the postsecondary educational attainment level of the state's 25 to 34-year old population (Educated Population Goal).
- \*Increasing the number of students

completing a certificate, associate, bachelor's or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas (Completion Goal).

\*Increasing the number of programs with identified marketable skills at Texas public institutions of higher education (Marketable Skills Goal).

\*Implementing programs or cost efficiencies that help to ensure undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages (Student Debt Goal).

The Star Award was established in 2001. Winners are selected by a review committee consisting of coordinating board members, out-of-state higher education experts and Texas community leaders. Representatives of institutions, organizations and groups from across Texas have been recognized for their efforts to develop and implement the state's most successful programs, projects, activities and partnerships.

**Also In The News From HCC**  
**20 Gingerbread Houses Entered In HCC's First Culinary Student Design Competition**

HOUSTON (Dec 3, 2018) - Few things embody the holidays more than a spectacular gingerbread house with their intrinsic, whimsical beauty, their colorful decorations, their surprising uses of candy and, of course, all that soft, delicious gingerbread.

The Houston Community College Baking and Pastry Arts Program invites

the public to decide which gingerbread house is the most beautiful at the first Gingerbread House Student Design Competition. It takes place Wednesday, December 5, at NEO Cafe - Red Dining Room, 3100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002.



The competition will allow students to showcase the baking and design skills they've developed through HCC's highly regarded Baking and Pastry Arts Program. Guests will enjoy custom cookies, pastries, exceptional eggnog and delicious hot cocoa while helping to select the top gingerbread house. Construction of the houses begins today with the finishing touches being added at the Wednesday event.

Space is limited for the event. All guests will be admitted on a first-come, first served basis.

**What:** The First Gingerbread House Student Design Competition

**When:** 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dec. 5

**Where:** NEO Cafe - Red Dining Room, 3100 Main St., Houston, TX 77002

For more information about the competition or the HCC Baking and Pastry

Arts Program, please call (713) 718-8654 or visit here.

**About HCC**  
Houston Community College (HCC) is composed of 15 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country's largest single-accredited, open-admission, community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. To learn more, visit [www.hccs.edu](http://www.hccs.edu).

**HCC Weekend College Wins Prestigious State Award**

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The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan on December 7, 1941, occurred 77 years ago today and the vast majority of people reading this article more than likely were not even born at that time, and those of later generations may even lack a basic understanding of the impact this event had on history. But along with being the overriding action that forced the United States into World War II, the attack on Pearl Harbor shaped the structure of future relationships between the U.S. and other countries for years to come, right up to the present day. With a single, carefully-planned and well-executed stroke, the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, one of the great defining moments of history, removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, completely unprepared and considerably weakened by the surprise strike, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.



On the following day, December 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking before the United States Congress, stated that, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 --- a date which will live in infamy --- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." Continuing his address, the President announced that at the same time the Japanese had simultaneously also attacked Malaysia, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Wake Island and Midway Island.



## Japan's Attack on Pearl Harbor – 77 Years Ago Today REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR "Day of Infamy" Shaped the Course of History

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"Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area," the President explained. In conclusion, Roosevelt said, "I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire." Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable. By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.



The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one

across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. Its planes hit just before 8AM on December 7th. Within a short time, five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

These great Japanese successes, achieved without any prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered. However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a relentless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.



The USS Arizona Memorial presents the ship's deck six feet below the water line. The 184-foot memorial was completed in 1961 and a flag is flown from

the destroyed mast. Visitors can see a historic short film recapping the events and explore the Pearl Harbor Museum, complete with wartime memorabilia. The Pearl Harbor Memorial is one of the top Oahu attractions attracting more than a million tourists each year. Numerous Pearl Harbor tours arrive in the afternoon making the morning hours the best time to go. The USS Arizona Memorial can be toured from 7:30am to 5:00pm daily and is closed on all major holidays.

Today, The USS Arizona Memorial pays tribute to those moored at Battleship Row. They were the initial targets of the first wave of attacks on the Americans. The first stop on a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial is the Visitor Center where the Pearl Harbor Museum, dual theaters, restrooms, a snack bar and Pearl Harbor Memorial exhibits are located. Those driving from Waikiki Beach or Honolulu can expect an hour's trip before arriving at the Pearl Harbor tribute. The memorial is also easily reached from the North Shore.

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