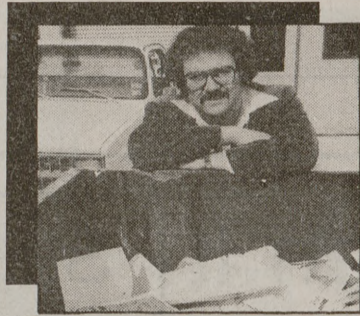


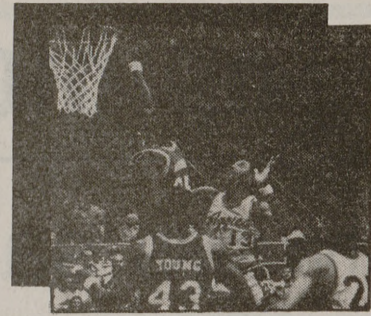
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Vice president's limousine struck by possible bullet

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A "projectile" — possibly a bullet — struck Vice President George Bush's armored limousine about eight blocks from the White House today as he was being driven to work, the Secret Service said. No one was hurt.

Secret Service spokesman Jack Warner said agents had not determined what had actually hit the car but, "It sounded like a shot. It sounded like one shot and it looks like only one shot," he said, referring to a dent in the roof of the automobile.

The incident was under investigation by both the Secret Service and FBI. Officials stressed they could not determine whether the vehicle was hit by gunfire until the damage caused by the projectile was thoroughly inspected.

An aide said Bush, unshaken by the incident, arrived safely and "on time"

at his office in the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House.

"He's in a meeting, continuing on with his normal schedule," Shirley Green, the vice president's assistant press secretary, told NBC News just one hour after the incident.

"He's perfectly calm," she said. "I don't think he was at all shaken. He said he heard a loud noise — he did not know what it was."

Security at the White House compound was intensified minutes after Bush's arrival. The incident occurred near a construction site as Bush's motorcade was making its way through morning rush hour traffic.

"At approximately 7:25, the vice president's limousine was hit by some sort of projectile," said Warner. "It was hit in the left roof area and this occurred in the vicinity of 21st and L Street. The Secret Service currently is

investigating the origin of this projectile."

Police Lt. Daniel Kerr said, "The reports we were getting were that it was gunfire. They (the Secret Service) were the ones advising us it was" gunfire. Police officer Joseph Gentile also told reporters witnesses heard what sounded like gunfire in the vicinity.

However, a White House aide said, "Until they examine the dent to see if it was a metallic object," it will not be known whether the object was a bullet.

Police were at the scene shortly after the incident, searching the area.

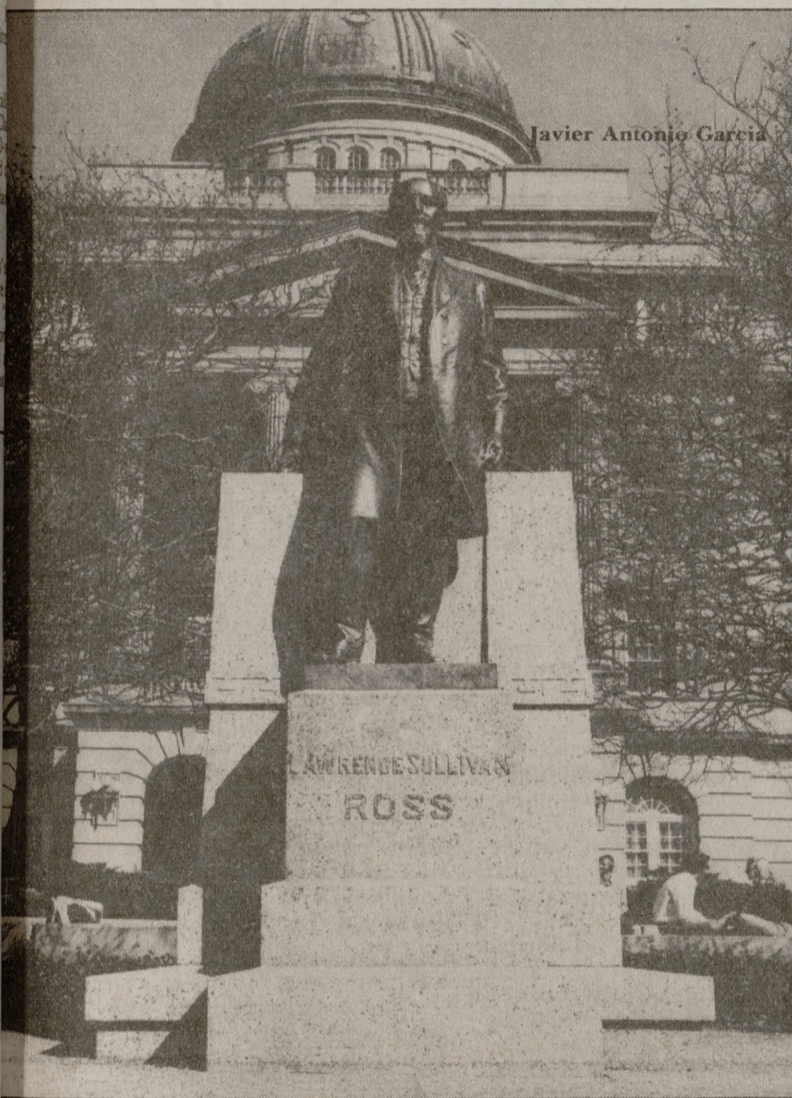
The limousine was struck near a construction site as Bush was en route from his official residence in northwest Washington to the White House. An aide to Bush said the vice president and agents in the car heard a loud thud hit the roof of the vehicle. The motorcade then speeded up

and made its way to the White House.

Warner said the projectile "ripped up a portion of the vinyl" covering the roof of the armored limousine. The car was impounded by the Secret Service immediately after Bush arrived safely at the White House.

Jerry O'Leary, special assistant to national security adviser William Clark, interrupted the daily breakfast meeting of President Reagan's advisers, including chief of staff James Baker and deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, to inform them of the incident. O'Leary said the aides then informed Reagan.

Security around Bush, Reagan and other top government officials has been tightened in recent months, in the aftermath of the attempt on Reagan's life last March and amid reports of alleged assassination plots. Aides said Bush usually arrives to work at 7:30 a.m., but varies his route to the White House.



Javier Antonio Garcia

Photo by Janet Joyce

Silver Taps will be held tonight at 10:30 p.m. for Javier Antonio Garcia, a sophomore economics major from Honduras who died in an automobile accident Dec. 4. Lights will be extinguished between 10:20 and 10:50 p.m.

General recalls imprisonment

United Press International
VICENZA, Italy — U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier said today he was embarrassed he failed to heed Italian police warnings about a possible terrorist attack against him and took full responsibility for being kidnapped.

"Yes, I was warned," Dozier told a news conference at the U.S. Army base in Vicenza. "However the experience in the past had been that these folks did not have U.S. personnel in mind."

"Quite frankly I was so busy before the kidnapping that I paid no attention to these threats, so I accept full responsibility for not heeding the warnings that I had been given."

Dozier, the top-ranking American officer at NATO's southern European land forces headquarters in Verona, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, explained a daily routine of exercising, sleeping, eating and resting he used to regulate his 42 days in captivity by the Red Brigades.

Dozier said the terrorists always interrogated him in Italian and they did not believe him when he told them he

did not speak Italian very well. "In about a week they bought me an Italian-English dictionary," Dozier said.

The general said an interrogation contained in a terrorist communique released during his captivity "was more of a composite of the series of interviews." He said his captors edited his responses and made up some of their own.

"For instance they were using Italian terms (in the interrogation transcript) that I don't understand. They would edit things that I did say and add things I did not say," he said.

Dozier described his captors as businesslike and indifferent and said they forced him to wear earstoppers and to listen to music so he would not be able to identify them if he were released.

Meanwhile in Rome, Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni told Parliament Monday, police investigating the Dozier abduction may have uncovered where the Red Brigades terrorists imprisoned former Premier Aldo Moro before killing him.

Nature's 'reliable' weather predictor

Groundhogs' special day

by Tanya Yanta
Battalion Reporter
Can a groundhog predict the weather as well as television meteorologists?

Old wives' tales claim that such an animal can — and today is the day that the reliable groundhog will predict whether winter will linger on for six more weeks.

The groundhog is the only animal that has been honored with its own special day. On this day each year, groundhogs supposedly emerge from hibernation and cast a knowing eye over the landscape.

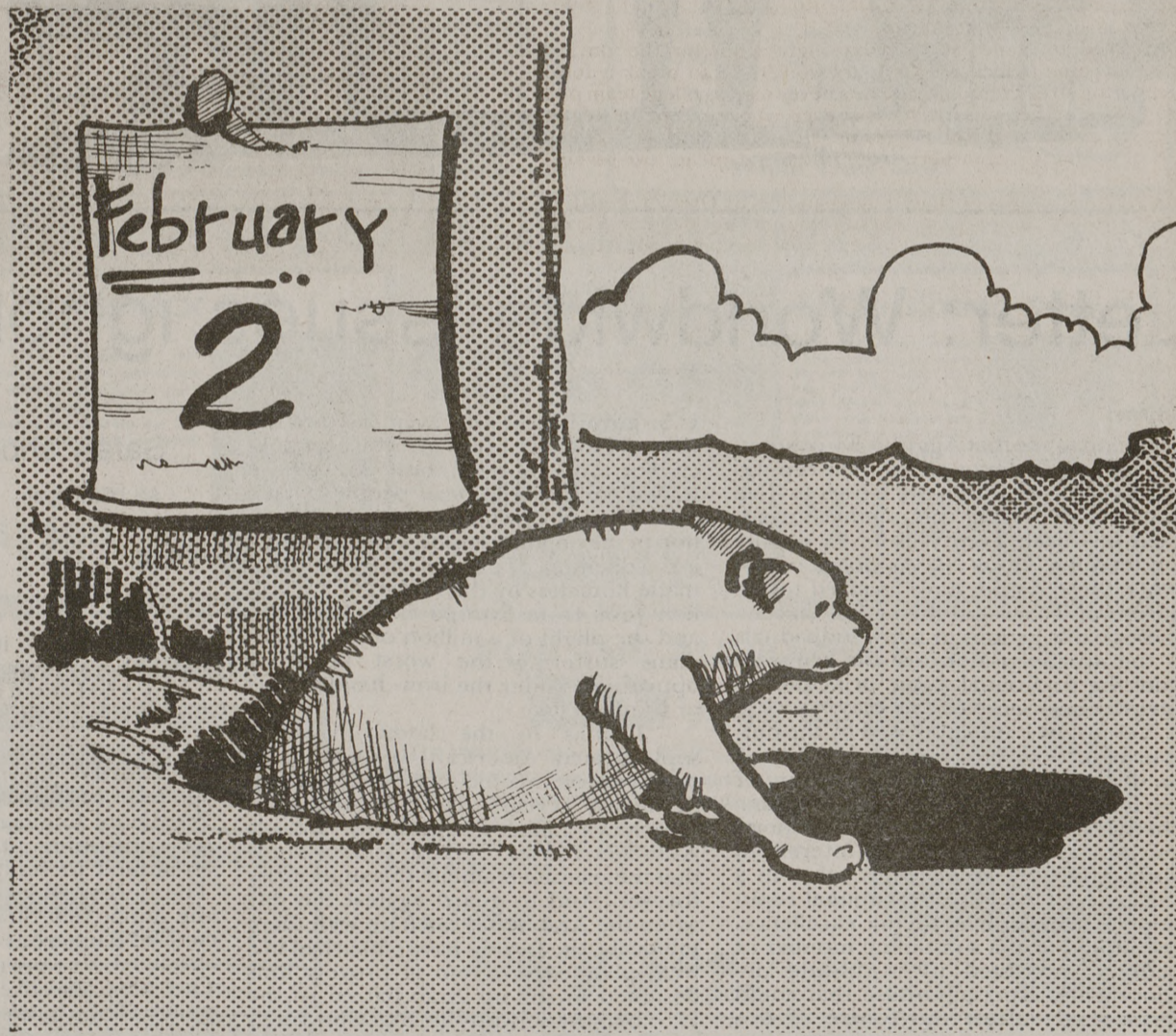
If the sky is cloudy and the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, he stays outside and everyone knows the weather will be mild for the remainder of the winter.

However, if the groundhog sees his shadow, he is supposed to scramble back into his burrow and continue his hibernation. Everyone then knows that six more weeks of cold weather are forthcoming.

The groundhog is just about as good a long-range weather prophet as a coin tosser — and just about as bad, too. He guesses right about 50 percent of the time — anyone could predict weather as well as that by flipping a coin.

The groundhog never asked for this job. He had it wished on him by early colonists who brought over a superstition about the hedgehog seeing his shadow on Candlemas day — and the absence of European hedgehogs in America thrust the burden on the groundhog.

In addition, the name groundhog is misleading. The animal does live in a burrow in the ground, but he is no hog, nor kin to one. He is related to ground squirrels, prairie dogs, chipmunks and squirrels.



Important A&M dates

Students who have had second thoughts about any particular class this semester should note that today is the last day to drop courses with no record.

Degree candidates should be aware that Friday is the application deadline for graduate and undergraduate degrees to be awarded in May.

The following are additional noteworthy dates for the spring semester:

- Feb. 19 - last day for dropping courses with no penalty (Q-drop)
- March 8 - mid-semester grade reports
- March 15-21 - spring break
- May 7 - last day of spring semester classes; Commencement
- May 8 - Commencement and Final Review

Council selects new president

by Johna Jo Maurer
Battalion Staff

A senior chemical engineering major from Daingerfield was named MSC Council and Directorate president for 1982-83 at Monday's regular council meeting.

Todd Norwood, who held the position of vice president of finance prior to being appointed president, was one of two applicants interviewed Sunday by the council nominating committee.

Norwood was applauded by council members as he reentered the council conference room following a closed executive session.

Two faculty advisers, two MSC staff members, one former student and 11 students from the MSC Council

and Directorate selected Norwood for the post.

The committee also interviewed a second applicant, Craig Hanks, a junior philosophy major. He presently is vice president of programs.

Equal weight is given to the application, the applicant's past performance on the MSC Council and the interview in the selection process.

The president of the council must have experience in the organization, a broad range of leadership skills such as efficient time management and communication abilities, said Doug Dedeker, current MSC Council president.

"Todd's been in for four years and he has continuously exhibited those skills," Dedeker said.

"Craig has (exhibited those skills) as well; it was a tough choice and a real close decision."

In other business, Hanks, spokesman for the Program Study Committee, submitted recommendations on three committees that have been under review.

The council voted to continue the budget and programming review of the MSC Arts Committee. A staff adviser and the vice president of programs will review proposed programs and expenditures for the next few months. This was decided in order to help the committee in planning for future programs, Dedeker said.

The arts committee, as well as MSC Black Awareness Committee, MSC

Recreation Committee and MSC Videotape Committee was referred to the Programs Studies Committee last year because of financial difficulties.

The studies committee was responsible for guiding the committees during the year, so they could build up their credibility.

However, during this year's budget hearings, student service fees were increased for the arts committee and council members said the committee had "completely turned around — that is why the budget was increased."

Hanks also proposed that the council require a review program budget to be submitted by the Black Awareness Committee to compare with preliminary program budgets to see how well the committee had forecast expenses.

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forecast

Tuesday's forecast: mostly cloudy and breezy today with a 60 percent chance of rain with decreasing cloudiness tonight; high today in the mid-60s, low in the mid-30s. Wednesday's forecast calls for clear skies and cooler temperatures.