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Dole proposes 6-month trial period for Tower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, struggling to stave off rejection of John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, proposed Wednesday night an extraordinary six-month trial confirmation period so senators could judge whether Tower lived up to his no-drinking

Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell expressed "immediate serious concerns" over the proposal, but promised to

consider it overnight. Dole made his dramatic bid to salvage the nomination at the end of the fifth day of a draining Senate debate, and after conceding it would "take a miracle to win confir-

Under Dole's proposal, Tower would be confirmed, but would submit a letter of res-

ignation to President Bush dated Oct. 1, 1989. If Tower's performance were satisfactory, there "probably" would be no need to reconfirm him, Dole said. Otherwise, "he probably wouldn't be the nominee."

Dole said he offered his proposal after discussing it with Tower. It came as the Senate neared a climax in its bitter struggle

over the nomination.
Lloyd Bentsen of Texas became the third Democrat to endorse Tower's confirmation, but his speech was bracketed by declarations of opposition from Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Charles Robb of Virginia — Democrats who had been lobbied hard by the Bush administration as potential pro-Tower votes.

An Associated Press survey found 51

Democrats hold a 55-45 edge in the Sen-

Democrats and Republican Sen. Larry Pressler of South Dakota either solidly op-posed or leaning against confirmation with 41 Republicans and three Democrats either

supporting or leaning in favor of the nomi-

Dole made his extraordinary proposal to deal with Senate concerns over Tower's history of drinking. "I think we ought to give him a second chance that many of us have had," said Dole, who was seriously wounded during World War II but has risen to a position of power and prominence in the Senate.

"It gives this Senate a second opportu-ty," Dole said. "It addresses the concerns raised by the chairman and the majority

leader and by others at the same time it gives President Bush his choice for secretary of defense.

Éarlier, Dole suggested Tower be permitted to come to the Senate and answer the allegations against him, but did not immediately press the issue when Mitchell ob-

There was little doubt that Dole's maneuverings were his final bid to save the nomination. Earlier, he conceded it would "take a miracle" to do so, and Johnston's speech seemed to deflate Republican hopes.

"In the nuclear age we can't afford to take a chance on the man who holds the future in his hands," Johnston said on the Senate floor.

The Louisiana Democrat said he was troubled by Tower's drinking habits and

that alcohol altered the former senator's judgment. "There seems to be a personality hange that occurs in Senator Tower, Johnston said.

Earlier, Bentsen became the third Democrat to support the embattled nomination, saying, "I hope that when I get the next chance to talk with John Tower about the tough job of keeping this country strong, it will be while he's in his new office at the

Pentagon. Tower said, "I'm both honored to have his prestigious support, and grateful for his humane understanding of what my family has endured.

Despite Bentsen's decision, Mitchell repeated his claim the Senate will reject the nomination, and he led a chorus of Democrats who called for a quick vote.

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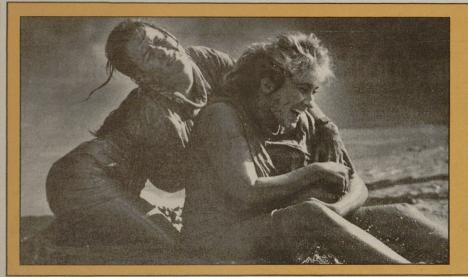
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Neb here with your body." the workshop concludes, Wilson wers some final questions. When to enoise? "A good scream in the ear is a strike or a blow. It startles them," says, but cautions, "Screaming past startle point will make them want to t you up.

Then you're running away, scream r bloody head off."

bout when to strike: "Even after the -don't think that that is the end. free to kill them afterwards. You y need to." She cautions about opriateness again, saying things different if the attacker has a knife

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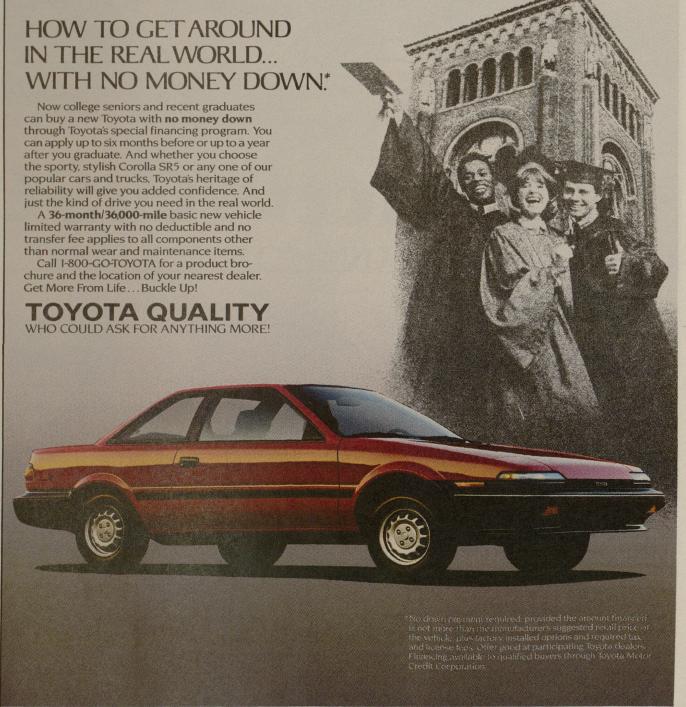


Mudfest

Residents from five U. of Florida (UF) dormitories competed in events such as mud polo, volleyball, flipper races and tug-ofwar in UF's 20th annual Tolbert Area Mudfest. Greg Schuckman, vice president of the Tolbert Area Council, said the purpose of Mudfest was to "blow off some steam during midterms." Although the festival lasted only five days, William Brown, director of the event, said it took about a week for residents to recover from their wounds and make up class assignments.

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State senator bids to take Gramm's seat

AUSTIN (AP) - Democratic state Sen. Hugh Parmer launched his bid for the U.S. Senate on Wednesday, charging that incumbent Republican Phil Gramm talks one way in Texas while he votes a different way in Washington.

Parmer, a two-term senator and former Fort Worth mayor, said Gramm is out of touch with Texas

families and their values.

"He talks like an East Texas farmer in Lufkin but votes like a Wall Street banker in Washington,"

Parmer said of Gramm. "In Texas, he says he wants to be tough on crime. In Washington, he voted against the appropriations for drug enforcement and even the FBI

hurt senior citizens. In Washington, he voted against funding for Meals on Wheels for shut-in elderly."

. In Texas, he says he wouldn't

Parmer, 49, became the first Democrat in the 1990 Senate race. Many party officials had expected Agricutlure Commissioner Jim Hightower to take on Gramm, but Hightower decided in January to seek re-election to a third term and concentrate on populist political organizing efforts.

Gramm reportedly has said he can raise \$20 million for a re-election bid. Parmer said he wasn't worried about the size of the Republican's war chest, although he admitted it would be a tough fight.

"Sure, I expect it to be difficult," he said. "One of the good things about American democracy is that we don't auction off seats in the U.S. Senate . . . If you could just buy a seat for \$20 million, then I won't have it. But I don't believe that.

"What I need is an adequate amount of money to get across a message. And the message is: Phil Gramm does not represent the values that Texans believe in, and I do. I'll have enough money to get that message across. And when I get it across, I believe I'll win.

Parmer, who never has run a statewide race, downplayed early public opinion polls that show Gramm running strongly.

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The bill, introduced by senators Beth Ammons and Mark Williams, came amidst concern over the failure of some professors to adequately explain course content or tell stu-dents of books and supplies that would be needed for their course.

Williams said the bill is not trying to restrict the professors at all, but require them to inform students up front how much they're going to have to spend for the class.

Also during the meeting, a resolution was passed encouraging the po-sition of an Advisory Student Regent to enhance communication between students and the Board of Regents.

The bill, which was introduced by Ty Clevenger, a sophomore genetics major, passed unanimously endorsing the position, while supporting the Legislative Study Group's effort to present this viewpoint to the Texas Legislature.

One viewpoint the Senate hopes George Bush will hear, is that A&M wants to be the site for the George **Bush Presidential Library**

Clevenger introduced the resolu-tion from the Academic Affairs Committee. The University of Houston, Rice University and Yale University also are in the running to attract the library.

"We want to stir up enough supe administration to port to give A&M an advantage in getting the site," Clevenger said.