



The proposed Freedom Plaza.

Freedom Plaza planned for '86

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The Oceanography and Meteorology Building will lose its claim as the tallest building in Brazos County when Freedom Plaza is completed in late 1986.

"We have heard that it will likely be the tallest building between Houston and Dallas," said C. Leon Williamson of Freedom Three Architects, the designers of the project. Construction on the 21-story tower, which will house the Brazos-Banc Savings Association of Texas, will begin in early 1985, Briarcrest Capital Corporation president Warren Harmon said.

Briarcrest Capital Corporation is developing the 19-acre tract located on Briarcrest Drive and Freedom Boulevard near Viking stadium. The \$200 million development will include a 800-car parking garage connected by a covered walkway to the tower.

The 275,000 square foot, glass-exterior building will cost about \$30 million. Office space in the tower already is 60 percent leased, Harmon said. Law firms, insurance agencies, accounting offices, office suppliers, coffee shops, a laundry cleaners and

a print shop are expected to fill the space in the building, he said.

"It will be oriented to the people working there," Harmon said.

The printing center will be located below the parking garage so the vibrations and noises of the presses will not bother the employees.

Another feature designed for the employees benefit will be an outdoor shaded courtyard. Harmon said the landscaping of an area is important to the employees. About five percent of the project expenses will be spent for landscaping, Harmon said.

Employees are demanding such features as covered parking and excellent landscaping from their employers, he said.

"It is a prerequisite of functional buildings today," he said.

Fire safety in a skyscraper also is important to employees. The tower will have a many faceted fire alarm system, Harmon said.

Some of the features will include elevators that switch to their own power supply when a fire is detected, locks that electronically unlock, but do not unlatch, and smoke removal systems. The entire fire safety system will cost about \$500,000, Harmon said.

'Fun and Frolic' for handicapped

Jaycees sponsor summer camp

By CLARA HURTER
Reporter

About 50 handicapped campers met this morning at Central Park for a day at Camp Fun and Frolic.

The 19th annual summer camp began last Wednesday with an Education Day for camp counselors. The camp ends Thursday.

The camp, sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Jaycees, a young men's organization, gives handicapped children between the

ages of eight and 21 the chance to enjoy summer camp.

During the week, campers work with arts and crafts, swim at Thomas Park, go bowling and horseback riding, see puppet shows, and learn to reel in a catfish or perch.

The College Station Fire Department shot water over the heads of campers Thursday while demonstrating the pumper truck's ability to fight fires.

"We give the demonstration to

help kids out," says Captain Tim Fickey. "Most kids are scared of ambulances and firetrucks and this makes them feel more comfortable."

Jaycee Director Ed Golden says the camp is rewarding for those who care.

"This is my first year to be actively involved in the camp and it has been really rewarding," he says.

The camp counselors, junior high to college-aged students, work and play with the campers.

"The counselors stay with the camper, help them around, help them get involved with the activities and provide them with someone who cares," Golden says. "That's what the camp is all about," he added.

Anyone interested in counseling can show up at Central Park or call the Jaycees. The camp starts every day at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m.

McGovern says Hart should seek party unity

United Press International

WASHINGTON — George McGovern said Tuesday he understands why Gary Hart is "having some difficulty letting go of the prize," but his aides should stop talking about "tainted" Walter Mondale delegates and seek party unity.

"I personally think that the longer this goes on, the more difficult it will be for us to beat President Reagan in November," said McGovern, who was nominated at the fractious 1972 Democratic presidential convention.

Speaking to reporters following testimony to the Democratic Platform Committee, McGovern said he is concerned over reports that presidential contender Hart has not given up the idea of challenging the legality of some of Mondale's national convention delegates.

"Gary Hart assured me last

Thursday he is not going to play a divisive role," the former senator from South Dakota said.

"I don't see any point in talking about 'tainted delegates.' If we get into a bitter head-to-head charge-countercharge, it's going to be very hard to win."

McGovern was referring to a statement Monday by Frank Mankiewicz, a senior adviser to Hart, that the campaign of the Colorado senator still may challenge some Mondale delegates it considers "tainted."

Hart has complained some of Mondale's delegates were won with the help of money from independent political action committees — a source Mondale renounced for the financing of his campaign.

"I'm going to wait and see about Senator Hart," McGovern said. "I'm relying on his assurances. I think

he's going to play a role we can live with."

During a question-and-answer session with the platform committee, McGovern acknowledged Reagan will be hard to beat because of the "Teflon factor" — his ability to protect himself politically from policy failures.

"The Teflon factor is a very real fact of life that we're going to have to deal with," he said, citing Reagan's ability to deflect blame for the deaths of U.S. soldiers in Lebanon and Grenada.

"I'm puzzled about Ronald Reagan's understanding with the American public. I don't understand it. The worse he does, the higher he goes up in the polls. Somehow President Reagan has the political skill to finesse problems the rest of us would have great trouble with," he said.

McGovern was responding to a question by delegate and committee member Billie Carr of Texas, who said, "The question is not, 'Where's the beef?' But it's 'where's the outrage?' among the American public toward Reagan."

The committee concluded public hearings and is preparing to draft next week a party platform — a set of positions and ideas — that will be presented to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco next month.

Mondale, having claimed he now has enough delegates to win the Democratic presidential nomination, is vacationing on New York's Long Island.

Hart remained in his Senate office making phone calls and planned no public appearances for Tuesday or Wednesday.

Reagan urged to meet with Soviets

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WASHINGTON — Two leading Senate Republicans urged President Reagan Tuesday to start holding annual summit meetings with his Soviet counterpart to discuss world problems and "figure out some way not to blow each other up."

But the White House appeared to reject their call, saying the president would only take part in a carefully prepared meeting where there is assurance of "tangible results."

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles Percy, R-Ill., and Senate GOP leader Howard Baker pressed the idea during an Oval Office meeting.

"It's been five years since we met with our chief adversaries," said Percy, referring to the 1979 Vienna meeting between President Carter

and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, when they signed the SALT 2 agreement that was never ratified by the Senate.

"I think we ought to announce today that we ought to be willing no later than next year to begin regular annual meetings, without high expectations but to take the agenda as to what the problems of the world are right now," Percy said, adding, "It's dangerous not to do it."

Baker told reporters after the meeting, "The world is so dangerous and the Russians are so stubborn and obstinate right now on coming back to the table on arms control, we ought to say, 'Look, OK, forget about that. Let's just get together and talk about the general world situation because we've got to figure

out some way not to blow each other up."

White House spokesman Peter Rousell said, "The president has made clear his readiness to meet with his Soviet counterpart without any preconditions as to venue or schedule." But he added, "We would only seek that any such meetings be carefully prepared and have the prospect of producing tangible results."

Rousell said the president is ready to meet with the Soviets "as soon as they return to the bargaining table," but he later withdrew that as a condition for a summit.


"Setting a fixed schedule for summit meetings would not in and of itself solve the very real substantive


problems existing between our two countries with such different values and interests," he said.


A senior administration official said Reagan wants to keep the issue focused on a Soviet return to the arms control talks. "We want to keep them on the main road and not take any side roads," he said.


The issue came up at a time when Republican campaign strategists are worried about Reagan's image on the war and peace issue. Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale has been calling for such summits for months, and Democratic television ads are playing up the fact that Reagan is the first president since the United States recognized the Soviet Union in 1933 not to meet with a Soviet chief executive.


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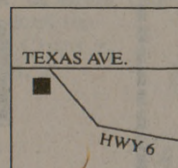
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