

Swim center rolls on

Live Oak



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Dick Little stands in front of graffiti-marred sign announcing proposed swim pool.

Pool may become a reality

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LIVE OAK — It's probably hard for Marty and Kathy Little to believe, but the long-awaited 17th Avenue pool is just around the bend.

That is if you consider sometime in 1994 "just around the bend."

The Littles were teen-agers back in 1979 when their dad, Dick Little, and other parents and supporters of Santa Cruz Aquatic Team members began

pushing for a swimming pool on a vacant, county-owned park site just south of the railroad tracks.

Dick Little, well known locally as a long-time radio newsmen, calls the proposed pool "a monument to tenacity." Eric Herrick, who was chairman of the aquatic team back in the '70s, says it should be dubbed "the Dick Little Memorial Pool."

The county calls it the 17th Avenue Recreational Swim Center.

Marty and Kathy Little are young

adults now and with any luck, the community pool may be fully functional for their kids. The master plan has been approved and an environmental study is due in six months, according to county park planner Gary Carlson.

Marty Little, now a 25-year-old student at San Jose State University, was shocked at the news that the pool will be built.

"I really thought it was kind of dead," he said. "I hadn't heard it was

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