

NO SCHOOL TAX HIKE VOTE

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ARK TRAUTWEIN

-G Staff Writer
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OIL RIG GROUNDED — The oil rig Deep Sea Driller is seen grounded off the western coast of Norway. The rig grounded in

heavy sea and six members of the crew are presumed killed. Another 44 were saved and taken to the hospital in Bergen.

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Industry park is defended

The West Berkeley Industrial Park, much of which has yet to be developed and sold, has already brought 364 new jobs to the city, according to Berkeley Redevelopment Agency (BRA) officials.

This claim was made at a BRA public hearing last night at which the park was described as everything from a "great land ripoff" to the answer to Berkeley's slumping economy.

Unlike other industrial park hearings in recent memory, supporters of the park outnumbered opponents.

Minnie Ruth, chairwoman of the BRA, opened the hearing with a brief outline of the park's status that was a positive account.

Mrs. Ruth said that to date the park is responsible for 364 new jobs in Berkeley "despite economic adversity over which the agency has little control."

She said there have been 10 blocks of street reconstruction, new street lighting and landscaping and several new buildings erected or old buildings renovated.

She said that every parcel of land the BRA has had available to sell has been sold and that although none of the sales have been made to firms from outside of Berkeley, these sales have helped to keep what industry Berkeley does have within the city limits.

Mrs. Ruth said the park will be responsible for \$550,000 in increased

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A change of heart by board majority

By NORMAN COLBY
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A proposed 50-cent tax-rate hike for Berkeley Unified School District will not be on the June 8 primary ballot.

This leaves the local school board wrestling with possible staff cuts and other "alternative" economies for erasing the expected \$1.3 million budget deficit.

An apparent change of heart by three board members led to a 3-2 vote last night, killing Director Louise Stoll's proposal to raise the district's revenue limit by \$125 per child above the present \$1,609.

If approved by the voters, this would have amounted to about 45 to 50 cents added to the present schools tax rate of \$7.30 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Several board members believe that the rate proposal would fail if submitted to the voters, leaving a bad taste in the mouths of voters if and when a later rate increase is sought.

The three opponents of the plan, Board President Gene Roh and Directors James Guthrie and Marc Monheimer, appeared influenced by the argument that the board should "set its house in order" before asking the voters to tighten their belts.

Ms. Stoll was supported by Director Mary Jane Johnson, who said the loss of educational programs without a tax rate hike would do great harm and that the present administrative staff can be justified except for the single fact there is now enough money.

A month ago, four board members, with Mrs. Johnson absent due to illness, voted in favor of a resolution of "intent" to place the tax rate hike on the ballot.

It was indicated last night that this was a final decision unless the board decided against the Feb. 3 action.

Ms. Stoll argued that it is easy to tell the district to put its house in order, but in fact it is restrained from effective and prompt action in this direction by state regulations.

The state forbids reductions such as laying off incompetent teachers, she said, while it requires the district to eliminate valuable programs such as Latin, German, interscholastic athletics and others.

She argued that the people should be allowed to make a decision, with a "no" vote indicating their "backing for curtailment of services."

She said that the tax rate will decrease next year under state requirements, and adding about 50 cents would still leave the rate less than the current year.

A tax rate increase could prevent

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Rainfall

(From Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory Fire Department)
7 a.m. yesterday to

7 a.m. today 49
Total to date 8.34
Last year to date 14.14
Normal to date 19.57

Albany seeking ways to recoup