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Large housing plan rejected

■ Council won't negotiate over proposal to build 250 units on rural city property

By Kim Beltran
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Calistoga's City Council agreed Tuesday night with residents that a San Ramon developer's plan to build 250 housing units on a rural Foothill Boulevard property known as Yellow Rose Ranch is too big.

Because of this, council members unanimously rejected The True Life Companies' request to

enter formal negotiations over the proposed project.

The council did not rule out the possibility of future talks with True Life, which has an option to purchase the 47 acres at 2650 Foothill Boulevard, but the company would need to come back with a proposal that is much less dense, its members said.

"The 250 is obviously a huge number. I have a problem with that," said vice mayor Michael

Dunsford, countering that he also thinks the property's current zoning that allows one single-family residence per acre offers no solutions to the city's lack of 'work-force' or 'affordable' housing.

"I'm not opposed to taking a look at the higher density issue but it has to be something that's a little bit more palatable, and also has to have a lot of imagination

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Is Calistoga ready for a cannabis dispensary?

■ Residents attend mayor's forum to listen, weigh in

By Kim Beltran
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About 25 Calistoga residents attended a forum Wednesday night designed by the city to gauge community interest on whether or not one or more marijuana dispensaries should be allowed to set up shop here.

No one in the crowd said a dispensary shouldn't be allowed. Several people, in fact, urged the city to move forward with plans to allow such businesses – at least one, maybe two, people said.

Several others expressed concerns about the message opening a cannabis dispensary would send to youngsters and teenagers. They worried about under-age access to

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Breakfast Club



Calistoga Boys & Girls Club members, above, enjoy an early morning meal on Friday, April 13, as part of the organization's fifth annual Breakfast for Kids fundraiser with keynote speaker Levi Leipheimer, shown below right with event master of ceremonies Genevieve Welsh. Above, right, seven-year-old Cooper Barrett enjoys the food during the breakfast, which raised more than \$50,000 for the Boys & Girls Club.



At left, eight-year-old Hayden Freutl applauds the speakers at the Breakfast for Kids, held in the Vera Torres Trinchero gymnasium at the Calistoga Boys & Girls Club on North Oak Street. Retired pro cyclist and keynote speaker Levi Leipheimer pointed out the importance of kids following their hearts in life. Leipheimer currently serves as an advocate for at-risk youths.



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New fair/fiesta event May 5-6 at fairgrounds

■ And, rumor has it, a carnival may have been booked for July 4

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For the first time ever in May, the Napa County Fairgrounds will host a Fair & Fiesta featuring everything from craft exhibits to animals and games, a circus, motor-cycle racing, bull riding, live music, food and one heck of a Cinco de Mayo party.

Produced by Celebrate! Napa Valley, a business arm of the Napa County Fair Association, the Fair & Fiesta has been developed to bring back traditional county fair

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Production co. names filming dates for movie

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Cali Productions, the company producing a an original Netflix comedy starring Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and Maya Rudolph, says filming along Lincoln Avenue in Calistoga is set to take place May 2-5.

According to a press release from the company, the bulk of filming for Wine Country, a movie about friends celebrating their 50th birthdays in wine country, will take place Friday, May 4, beginning at 9 a.m. and running into the wee hours of Saturday morning.

"We will be filming exterior scenes along the south side side-

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