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One of Tim Wilbur's first excursion with his new show horse Dude was entertaining children at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento last December dressed as a very convincing Santa Claus. Yes, that's his real beard!

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A man and his show horse, Dude

By John T. Miller

Longtime Lafayette resident Tim Wilbur, who has owned horses since his first Shetland pony at the age of 6, recently purchased a retired show horse, originally trained by Cavalia, a world-wide traveling troop similar to Cirque du Soleil, but with horses in addition to acrobats and other performers.

The horse, Dude, is a registered Tobiano Paint

and stands 15.3 hands high (approx. 5'3") and weighs 1,300 pounds. Dude was born and raised in Quebec and was liberty trained (without a halter or lead) as a performing and trick riding horse. Bone fragments in the hock curbed his career and forced his retirement. Dude underwent surgery in 2017.

Wilbur learned of Dude's availability from a representative of a horse rescue group in Danville called Horses Healing Hearts. With a purchase price

of \$6,000 and borders with Canada closed because of COVID, Wilbur had to buy the horse fairly sight unseen.

"It was a huge gamble," says Wilbur. "Anyone who knows about buying a horse understands the risks involved." With only an iPhone video, a talk with a French-Canadian veterinarian, and trusting the word of the Cavalia go-between, Wilbur bought the horse.

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COMPASS

Lafayette Council approves Samantha Townhomes construction



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By Lou Fancher

The Lafayette City Council in an extended discussion July 26 worked to balance city approval of a new housing development, Samantha Townhomes, proposed for two vacant lots south of Highway 24 and East of Stuart Street.

The project application was considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on June 7 and approved 6-0 at the following meeting. An appeal by The Child Day Schools' Executive Director/Owner R. Ann Whitehead and Jeffrey Whitehead, co-owner and head of marketing and communications, was received on July 2, citing parking and traffic safety issues.

Ann Whitehead described Stuart

Street during school drop-off and pickup hours as "very chaotic." She insisted that if someone visited the site during the pandemic and looked at Stuart Street or conducted a traffic study, the situation they viewed was not realistic. During 2020, the school was only allowed 50% of typical enrollment. Whitehead said in September of 2021 up to 85 children (full enrollment) would be coming to Stuart Street. "I just can't imagine the traffic was adequately evaluated," she said.

A single-car garage is located on the first level of each proposed unit of the 12 four-level 1- and 2-bedroom townhomes on the cantilevered site. The units include living spaces on the second and third levels, and rooftop decks.

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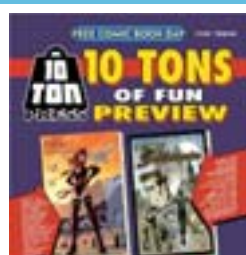
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