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Team Toaster members Mike Morse on roof, David Gerson behind the wheel and Phil Gaffney ready with a fire extinguisher as they pose with their sleek race car. Photo Andy Scheck

Team Toaster Almost Ready to Roll

24 Hours of LeMons race brings out the best in beater cars

By Cathy Tyson

"It's the Burning Man of road racing," said David Gerson, proud Team Toaster member about the annual 24 Hours of LeMons endurance race presented by Car & Driver Magazine at locations across the U.S. Team Toaster will be suiting up for the "Sears Pointless" event

at the Sonoma Raceway March 23-24. The beauty of this race is that it's limited to junkers with a maximum value of \$500 – hence the name, spoofing the more high-brow 24 Hours of LeMans in France.

Gerson, the executive director of Loaves and Fishes

and Lafayette school board member has partnered with four fellow Lafayette dads to form Team Toaster, a group of friends that came together when their kids were at Springhill Elementary School.

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Quote of the Week:

"I rode back to Buckeye at the end of the day, galloping bareback through the vast pear orchards along the way." Read Letters to the Editor, page A8

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MOFD Chief Has an Iron in the Fire

Station 43 + Station 16—Bradley will ask MOFD board to approve negotiations with ConFire

By Nick Marnell

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Fire Chief Randall Bradley is in the early stages of pursuing a joint venture with the Contra Costa Fire Protection District to combine MOFD Fire Station 43 with the recently closed ConFire Station 16 on Los Arabis Drive in Lafayette. Bradley is hoping to receive approval to begin formal negotiations from the MOFD board of directors Feb. 6.

"We approached ConFire three years ago," said Bradley, "but they showed no interest in negotiating. Now,

with the closure of their Station 16, it could happen."

MOFD's station 43 was set to undergo major renovations in the near future, but the bidding process has been put on hold while the proposed partnership is explored.

The two stations sit less than two miles apart. Bradley asserted that one station could be built between the two current fire stations. He is evaluating three possible locations—two in Lafayette and one in Orinda.

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2013 Year of the Snake

Gung Hay Fat Choy! The Year of the Snake arrives in February. The Snake is the sixth sign of the Chinese Zodiac and marks the beginning of the Fire cycle. Representing wealth and wisdom, the Snake is a keen observer and an action-taker. According to the Chinese horoscope, this year's snake is a water snake, reputed to be lucky with all things financial. This could be a year of opportunity for those who stay focused, pay attention to detail, and perform their due diligence.

In Vietnam, the snake is considered to be a symbol of luck and many believe the 2013 Year of the Snake will be a year of peace and prosperity.



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Are we keeping our kids out of harm's way? Laurie Snyder investigates.



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