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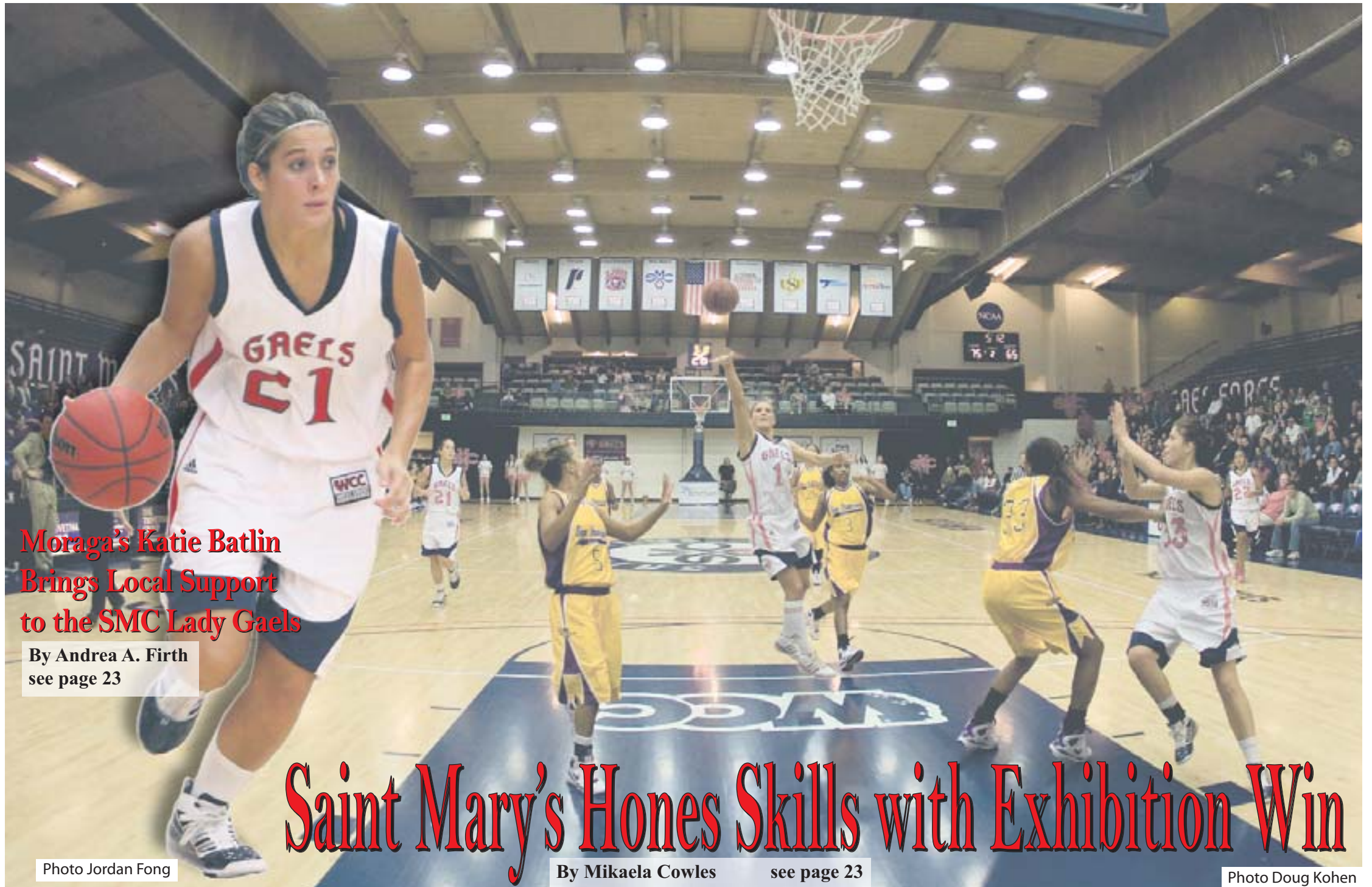
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Mancinelli to Join the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board

By Andrea A. Firth

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board will have a new member seated at the table at their meeting in December—one that brings active fire fighting experience to the position. Brook Mancinelli, who works as a fire fighter in San Francisco, will join the Board having defeated incumbent Gene Gottfried in race for the seat representing Division 5. "I am pleased to have won. I'm glad

to have the opportunity to give something back to the community that I live in," states Mancinelli. After growing up in the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, Mancinelli returned to Orinda to raise his own family and lives just 50 yards from his childhood home.

"One of the big reasons that I ran for the Board is that I don't want our Fire District to face the financial problems that they are hav-

ing elsewhere." Mancinelli wants to focus on bringing the long-term pension and health-care costs of the District under control. "The District needs to be responsible for what they can maintain," he adds.

In the race for the Fire District Board representative for Division 2, incumbent Fred Weil defeated Bob Nelson to retain his seat.

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County Connection to Cut Service Routes and Raise Fares

By Jean Follmer

As a result of severe budget shortfalls, the Contra Costa County Transit Authority (CCCTA) needs to cut 74,600 service hours (23%). CCCTA plans to make the cuts by reducing its routes, eliminating mid-day free rides, closing its transit center and increasing its fares earlier than expected. The approved fare increases that were expected to take place on July 1, 2009, may take hold as early as April 1, 2009. Fare changes follow:

CCCTA has scheduled six public workshops "to discuss cost saving measures which include service reductions and fare increases equivalent to 74,600 hours of service." As of this publication date, November 12, there are two meetings left:

November 12, 2008 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Orinda Community Center and November 13, 2008 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Pleasant Hill City Office

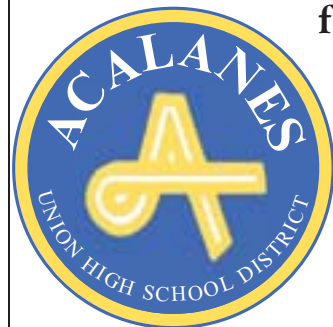
"We really are looking for community input. People can drop in and we'll be there throughout the evening to answer questions," said County Connection Administrator Mary Burdick. Burdick said they want the public to tell them which routes they use most frequently so CCCTA can determine where it can most effectively cut services. CCCTA has two route reductions options: either discontinue weekend service and shorten the weekday

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Adult 10th Monthly Pass	53.00	0.00
Adult 10th 1 Ride	1.00	0.00
Senior 10th Cash	.85	1.00
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service from 6am-6pm or implement "selective service reductions requiring system analysis." If you're unable to attend one of the meetings, CCCTA has established a dedicated e-mail link at www.cccta.org. "We have already received a few e-mails from people

asking us to keep their route," said Burdick. For more information including detailed maps of proposed route reductions in Lamorinda and throughout Contra Costa County, visit www.cccta.org and click on "Spring 2009 Systemwide Service and Fare Changes."

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