

# Sebastappeal

COMING in April...Sarah Gurney & Robert Bialkin keep you in touch with your home town

## Analy Theater Arts Supports Local Food Bank



The students of Starr Hergenrath's Theatre Arts Productions class at Analy High School don't just put on good shows, they do good in the community. This week the class presented the Redwood Empire Food Bank with a check for \$500, the proceeds from a matinee show of *The Servant of Two Masters* last fall.

"Every production we do, whether it is the fall play or the spring musical, we always set aside one show to benefit groups who do important work locally or globally," said program director Starr Hergenrath. "Our Spring 2009 run of *Beauty and the Beast* was a big hit, and we were able to donate \$2,000 to Architects Without Borders."

Every semester for the past eight years, the students have voted on which non-profit will get their donation. The discussions alone bring social awareness and help them see how easy—and important—it is to "feel good about what we are doing."

The kids of Analy Theater Arts are currently rehearsing the musical *The Wedding Singer*, which will run the last two weekends in March. "This should be a popular show, which means we can be even more effective in the community," says Hergenrath. The **March 21st Benefit Show** proceeds will go to the Honor Choir for their Carnegie Hall trip in April. 824-2360 or <http://analy.org/th>.

## Transportation Meetings Bringing People Together

West County school districts have been holding meetings at each school to help parents plan for no bus transportation for next year. Only special Education buses will be used to transport designated students. At the Oak Grove School meeting on February 16th, members of the **Sonoma County Safe Routes to School, 511 carpooling**, and **Clean Air** agency were on hand to help parents work through options to get their children to and from school. This was an important meeting, but only eight people attended. There will be additional meetings in March to help parents form car pools and walking routes to schools for next year. We all agree that our student's safety is paramount and together we will be able to insure a safe transition to a new school year. Please contact your local school for meeting dates and times.

## My Friend Joe...Alexis Bauer



Alexis already has a reputation for being enthusiastic. Her double espresso businesses at both **Andy's Market** and downtown Sebastopol on the Square have earned her high marks among friends and patrons. Sadly for her Andy's fans, she's consolidating to just the store on the Square. But beyond that, Alexis wowed the crowds at O'Reilly Media's Global IGNITE event and her words of wisdom are available to anyone who wants to watch her teach us how she "turns strangers into friends" at her coffee stands. And that she does! Follow Alexis to the Square for her tasty goodies and feed off her enthusiasm on O'Reilly's web site: <http://igniteshow.com/events/ignite-sebastopol-3>

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