

## Join The Reporter's college blogging team

**By Reporter Staff**

As the college year came to a close, so did the first full-year experience of The Reporter's College Blogging Team.

Made up of five local students who headed to campus as far away as Utah, the "Reporter U" team blogged through the year, sharing their journey with our readers. We learned about cool hangouts, homework, roommate troubles and more.

Of the five, one has graduated, one has

dropped out of our blogging biosphere, and three have elected to continue blogging for Reporter readers.

Starting in the fall, Courtney Innes, Sean Carpenter and Jamie Crabtree will resume their blogs. They may even update a few times this summer, if the spirit moves them.

Courtney will be a sophomore at Brigham Young University, where she is majoring in anthropology, with an emphasis in archeology

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and a minor in journalism.

Jami Crabtree is a Fairfield High School graduate who is majoring in literary journalism

at UC Irvine.

Michael Sean Carpenter, aka Sean Flood, is a 2004 Vacaville High School graduate who this past year attended California State University, Long Beach, but this fall will begin courses at San Francisco State University.

There is room for more college bloggers in

our fold.

If you or a student you know from Solano County is about to embark on a college journey and wants to blog about it, contact Editor Diane Barney at [dbarney@thereporter.com](mailto:dbarney@thereporter.com). College bloggers are asked to update their "Reporter U" Web sites once a week by e-mailing a journal entry.

The Reporter occasionally features excerpts from their entries in the newspaper.

## On the hunt, with dad



### She's got the shot

In the mountains, Stephen Snow hunts for game during a daddy-daughter hunting trip. This image earned Samantha Snow an honorable mention in the high school photojournalism category of The Reporter's Campus Star competition. At the time the image was submitted, Samantha was a junior in Jared Austin's classroom at Buckingham Charter Magnet High School in Vacaville.

## Mom answers the online call

When people click, she goes shopping

**By Micaela Laa-Robles**  
Honorable Mention,  
Feature Writing  
Division: 3-4 Grade

My mother is the manager for Safeway.com in Vacaville. She takes orders that are downloaded to her computer every morning. Customers place their order online at Safeway.com and pick items that they want her to stop for. Customers are allowed to place an order two weeks in advance and they know the sale prices.

She has a mini computer on a shopping cart with six totes. The computer has information from each customer's order, and lets her know as she walks down each aisle what they want.

The first thing she picks are "ambient items." Ambient items are any dry good items that are not cold or frozen.

Then she picks chilled items which are found in the refrigerated sections of the store. Then the last thing she picks is frozen items.

When she picks items, she tries to pick the best quality possible. She tries not to pick over ripe, bruised or damaged items. She tries to shop for items that she would buy for her family. After she's done picking all of the customers' orders, the goods are bagged, and then she puts them on a delivery truck that has three sections. A dry section for the ambient, a chilled section for all the cold items and a freezer for the frozen items. She does not deliver the groceries. There is a driver who makes the deliveries.

The author is a fourth-grader at Dan O. Root II Elementary in Suisun City.

## Suisun students take Roadrunner Challenge

**By Samantha Samayoa**  
3rd place, News Reporting  
Division: 3-4 Grade

Dan O. Root II Elementary School in Suisun City has been taking a challenge. It's called the Roadrunner Challenge.

Every class has to take this challenge at least once a week. First-graders and second-graders have three minutes to do it. Fourth-graders have two minutes and fifth- and sixth-graders have one minute to do it.

The first lap you have to try and complete 50 subtraction problems. For every paper a student competes, they get a little car sticker up on the cafeteria wall by their



**Samantha**

teacher's name.

For every car sticker on the wall, students get an award. On the award the student is congratulated for passing that lap. So far at Dan O. Root, the class that is in first place is Mrs. Cooper's class and they have a total of 42 car stickers on the wall. In second place is Ms. Schaefer's class with the total of 36 car stickers.

The author is a fourth-grader at Dan O. Root II Elementary in Suisun City.

## Mall could use some improvements



**Dominic**

**By Dominic Maes**  
2nd Place, Opinion Writing  
Division: 3-4 Grade

My opinion is that Solano County would benefit by improving our mall like The San Francisco Center. It would create more jobs for the people in Solano County and maybe would result in fewer homeless people.

New jobs would include positions such as valet parking, bag

carriers, mall greeters and feet massagers.

More security guards would also help shoppers feel safe and comfortable shopping here.

A better mall with better stores will create more spending in the county and people who live in Solano County would not have to go to San Francisco for shopping.

Also the mall would have an ice skating rink in the winter, which

could be melted into a swimming pool in the summer so kids could skate or swim while parents are shopping.

A connected movie theater and a day-care center for babies, along with an arcade and a Walgreens at the mall would be nice.

The author is a third-grader in Ms. Frey's classroom at Holy Spirit School in Fairfield.

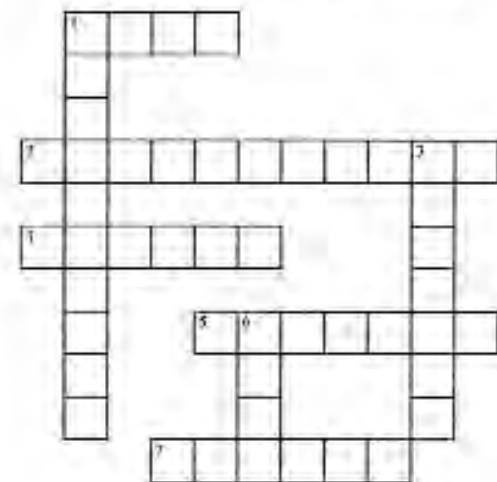
### Design-an-Ad winner



Vacaville High School student Marty Wyma won an honorable mention award in the high school division for this advertisement he designed for Honda of Vacaville in The Reporter's Campus Star Design-An-Ad competition. Marty is a student in Rodney Orosco's journalism class.

### Puzzles, Games, Comics winner

#### books of the bible



#### ACROSS

- 1 What was the third history book
- 2 What was the last law book
- 4 Who was the fourth prophet
- 5 What was the last book in the old testament
- 7 What was the first history book

#### DOWN

- 1 What was the last book of the bible
- 3 What was the first book of the new testament genesis/what was the first book of the bible
- 6 Who was the seventh prophet in the old testament

Garrett Adair earned an honorable mention award in the middle school division for this puzzle, which asks questions about the books in the Bible. Garrett entered this in The Reporter's Games, Puzzles, Comics category of the Campus Star competition. Garrett is a seventh-grader in Mrs. Williams classroom at Vacaville Christian School.