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## Justin-Siena students to get iPads next year

### Mobile devices will soon replace textbooks

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Come fall orientation at Justin-Siena High School, every student will be issued an iPad, allowing digital textbooks to replace their paper books over the coming years.

Each iPad will come with a charger, earbuds, a manual and an iPad cover. Students will be responsible for purchasing applications, or apps. Justin-Siena will offer a discount on some required apps for specific courses, according to school officials.

Students at the private Catholic school say one of the apps they're most excited about is the "Notability" program, which can record a lecture and transcribe what's been said into text form.

Sixteen-year-old Luis Espino has never owned an iPad. Espino currently has six or seven textbooks for his classes and said he is looking forward to carrying a lighter backpack.

Vida Jaffe, 16, also is excited about having fewer books. Jaffe said the weight of her textbooks has caused her back problems.

"I've weighed my backpack before," Jaffe said. "It was 19 pounds."

One of the long-term goals of the program is to eliminate the need for textbooks and eventually have all required texts in electronic format.

Although the devices present a "learning curve" for those less familiar with the technology, Principal Noel Hesser said there's a "buzz" and "excitement" among the faculty.

"The excitement begins to grow as you see the possibilities," Hesser said.

Religious studies teacher Andy Hodges said iPads are an excellent tool for creating "differentiated instruction," or different ways to get students engaged.

Hodges added he's looking forward to being able to stay in the classroom instead of trekking his students to the computer lab.

"Having to leave the classroom to use computers — hopefully, that will be somewhat extinct," Hodges said.

Justin-Siena President Robert Jordan, who also

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## Council candidates reflect on campaign costs

### Some paid nearly \$5 per vote, while others got better deals

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With the November election far behind them, Napa City Council candidates and new members filed their final bit of disclosure paperwork, proving what some said throughout the campaign: Name recognition is key to

getting elected, and it doesn't come cheap.

The money spent per candidate in the seven-person council race ranged from \$2,500 to \$51,000, while the two mayoral candidates spent about \$38,000 and \$47,000 respectively. Based on those final tallies, candidates spent between \$0.75

and \$4.80 per vote.

Councilman Scott Sedgley received the highest number of votes in the council election, bringing in 11,320 at a total cost of \$19,398. Each vote cost him about \$1.71. Besides candidate Bill Bopf, Sedgley spent the least per vote, according to the financial statements filed by all candidates except Jim Krider, who said Thursday that he was still finishing up the paper-

work.

Councilman Alfredo Pedroza received slightly fewer votes than Sedgley, but ran a campaign that cost more than double what his colleague spent. Pedroza spent a total of \$51,068 and received 10,632 votes, meaning each cost him \$4.80.

Both men, along with several other councilmembers and candidates, attributed the disparity in per-vote cost to

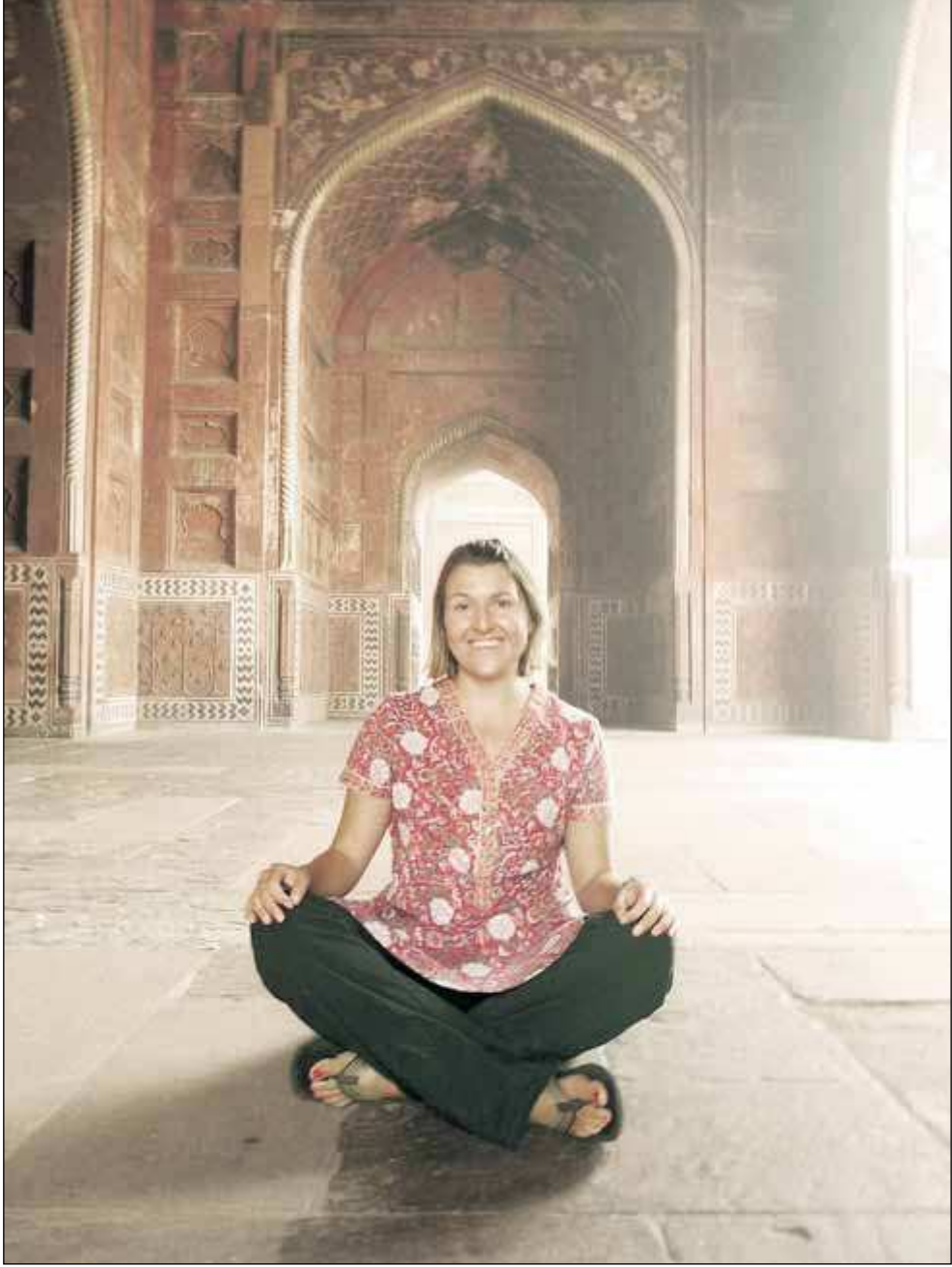
name recognition.

"My longtime community ties obviously helped me," Sedgley said. "With my years in the fire department, school district and youth organizations, people knew me. (Pedroza) is young and even though he is a well-liked young man, he had to work a lot harder."

Sedgley said he didn't feel the need to purchase

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## WORLD TRAVELER RETURNS



Hannah Euser visited the Taj Mahal in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India in early November during a solo, around-the-world journey she undertook on foot and documented in her blog, One Bag Nomad. The 31-year-old Napa resident completed her journey and returned to California on Jan. 24. *Submitted photo*

## Nine months and 24,000 miles later, 'one-bag nomad' comes back to Napa

Euser traveled alone with 40 pounds of gear, plus electronics, on her back

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Hannah Euser is back where she started — but only after a one-woman journey with a deeper imprint than the 24,000 miles on her boots.

### On the Web

■ Recap Hannah Euser's journey at OneBagNomad.com.

Nine months after leaving California to document a solo trek around the world, the self-described "one-bag nomad" returned home to Napa on Jan. 24 to cap a nine-month expedition through 14 nations from Ireland to South Korea.

During her travels through Spain and Nepal and Thailand, Euser, 31, recorded the sights and discoveries in blog entries and photos. Five days after the trek ended with a flight to the San Francisco airport, she wrote in her blog OneBagNomad.com: "Thanks, universe. I owe you one."

In her first weeks home,

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## Napa teen heads to Hollywood

### Langfitt chosen for 'American Idol'

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Just a few years ago, Tori Anna Langfitt wowed judges and audiences alike in the Idol NV competition at the Napa Valley Opera House, winning accolades for her singing skills.

Today, Langfitt, 18, has moved on to the real deal. After an unexpected audition in front of celebrity

### When to watch

Napa resident Tori Anna Langfitt will compete on "American Idol" episodes that air this Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. on Fox.

judges, Langfitt was chosen as one of the top contestants to appear on the national TV show "American Idol," now airing on Fox TV.

"I was so excited," Langfitt said about joining the popular singing competition.

The road to "Idol" had a slight shortcut for Langfitt, a New Technology High School grad and current student at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Most would-be contestants must pass through a series of preliminary reviews to determine if they will audition for celebrity judges Nicki Minaj, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey and Randy Jackson.

But Langfitt was chosen to sing directly for the celebrity judges. Unknown to her, Sandy and Keith Stansberry of Silo's jazz club in Napa had secretly nominated her to "Idol" producers. Besides the Opera House and other venues, Langfitt has performed at Silo's in the past. She was also a member of regional singing group VOENA (Voices of Eve 'n' Angels).

"We love listening to her sing," Sandy Stansberry said. "I think she could very well be the next American Idol." Hearing that the show was accepting nominations, "we decided 'Let's give it a try.' And it just snowballed from there."

Stansberry provided show producers with clips of Langfitt performing. Liking what they heard, they invited Langfitt to audition in Long Beach when the tryouts were filmed this past November.

"I had no idea" of what the producers and the Stansberrys were up to, Langfitt said. "It was a huge

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## Yountville's historic vets cemetery may get upkeep money



Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget would give more money to maintain the cemetery at the Veterans Home of California at Yountville. The first burial was in 1894. This photo was taken during a 2011 Memorial Day service. *Register file photo*

### Burials date back to Spanish-American War

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The historic hillside cemetery at the Veterans Home of California is in line for new funding to support upgrades at the Yountville burial ground.

The cemetery, home to some 5,700 veterans including soldiers who fought in the Spanish-

American War, is one of two that are slated to split \$153,000 in the state budget proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown last month.

The funds, which stem from an increase in the federal government's burial allowance for former service members, would pay for operations in Yountville and the Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, southwest of Redding. About one-fourth of the total would be allotted to the Veterans

### Learn more

- New state veterans homes in Redding and Fresno: [calvet.ca.gov/vethomes/newhomes.aspx](http://calvet.ca.gov/vethomes/newhomes.aspx)
- Veterans Home at Redding: 855-769-5791 (toll-free)
- Veterans Home at Fresno: 855-769-5792 (toll-free)

Home at Yountville, according to Steve Jorgensen, cemetery administrator for the California Department of Veterans

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