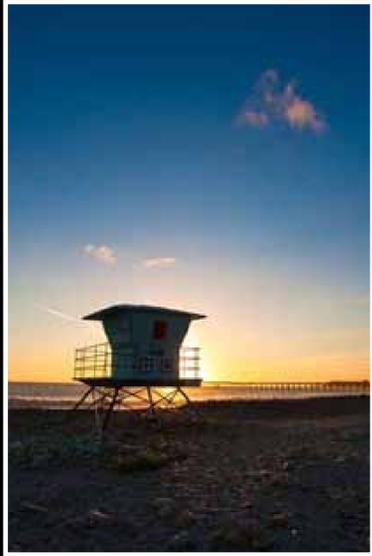


**“A great expression of community pride.”**



State Beach by Patrick Feyh

The seventh annual “The ‘Take a Shot!’” digital photography contest received well over 100 online submissions this year capturing from many perspectives the diversity of people and cultures in our community as well as our city’s stunning natural landscapes.

In November judges (professional photographers and community leaders) selected winners from Ventura’s amateur and professional photographers in these six youth and adult categories:

1. Environment — skylines, open spaces, beaches, parks & wildlife
2. Architecture — urban design, cityscapes, landmarks & infrastructure
3. People Portraits — of residents participating in city sponsored events & classes
4. Community Life — education, volunteer, street/nightlife, celebrations, arts & cultural scenes
5. Altered Images — photos manipulated for artistic purposes
6. Photo Voice — images illustrating a community issue or problem



Raindrops by Stephen Osman

139 members of the public cast their own votes online to select their favorite “People’s Choice” awards. Judges included Public Art Commissioner Kara Davis, professional photographer Lis Schwitters, Cultural Affairs Commissioner Phil Taggart and Councilmember Christy Weir.

The contest’s enduring popularity shows it is still a great tool for expressing community pride. All entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print or electronic media with photo credit.

There was also good evidence—from the huge increase in and diversity of online voters this year for the People’s Choice awards—of the new influence of Facebook and Twitter as photographers participating in the contest encouraged their social network “Friends” to vote for them.

**2011 Contest**  
 Photographers may enter the 2011 contest starting January 1, 2011 following the guidelines at [www.cityofventura.net/photocontest](http://www.cityofventura.net/photocontest) where the public may also view all of the current 2010 entries online.



Firarworks by Jac Keo



Ventura Kite Surf by Gary Talbot



State Beach by A.J. Gebhart



Ventura Harbor by Gary Talbot



Golf by Sheldon Brown



Harbor Reflection by John Benscoter



Tree and City by Natausha Greenblott

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2010 City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest

**Environment**  
*Adult*



**Judges' Choice:**  
*Ventura's Two Trees* by Donald Anderson



**People's Choice:**  
*Lightning* by Warren Barrett

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**Environment**  
*Youth*



**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Beach Seagull* by Aysen Tan

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# Architecture *Adult*



**Judges' Choice:**  
*Pierano's Parrot* by John Whitt



**People's Choice:**  
*Pier Sunset* by John Ferritto

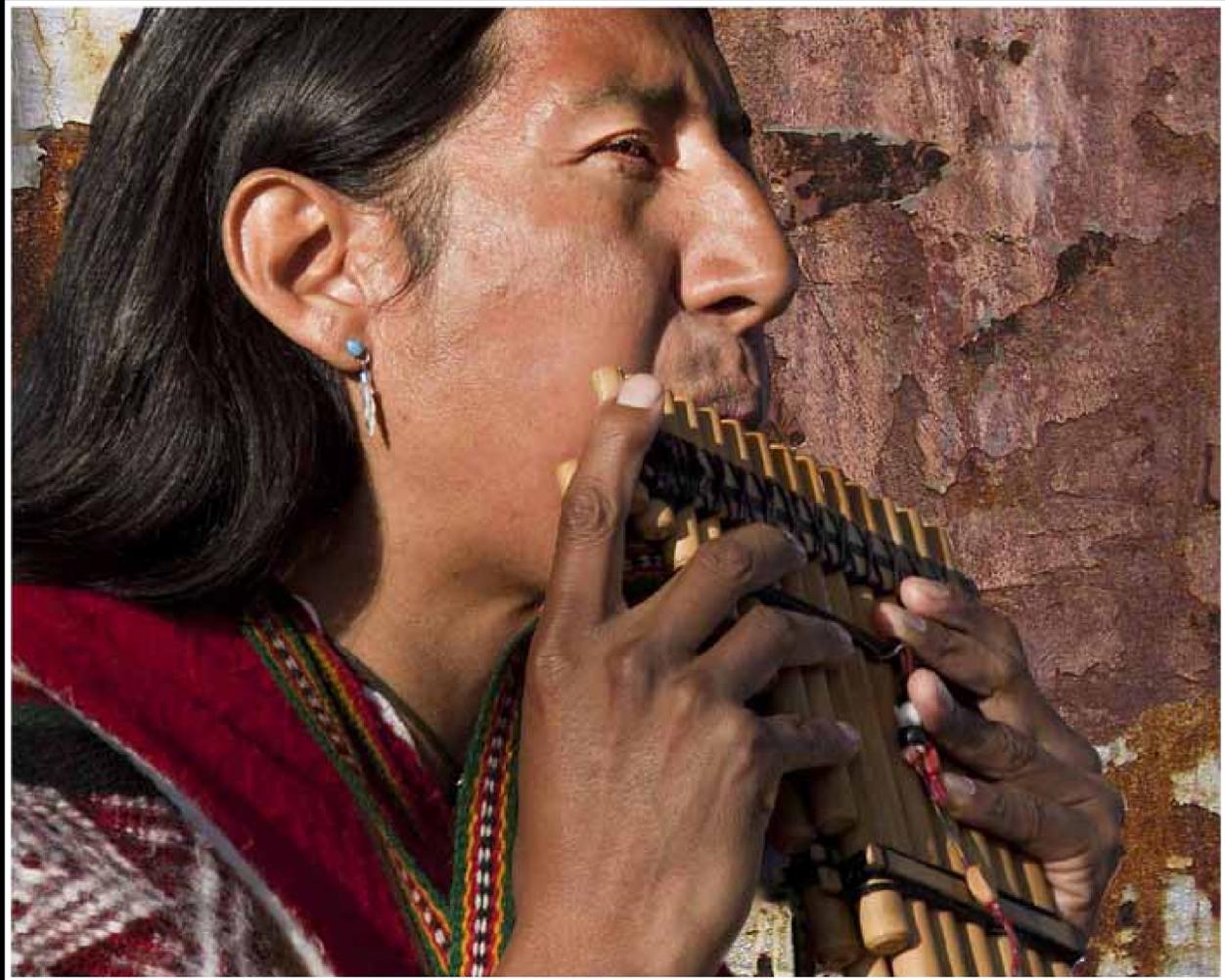
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2010 City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest

**Architecture**  
*Youth*



**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Window to Soul* by Karly Hemenway

**People Portraits**  
*Adult*



**Judges' Choice:**  
*Ventura Fair Performer* by John Ferritto



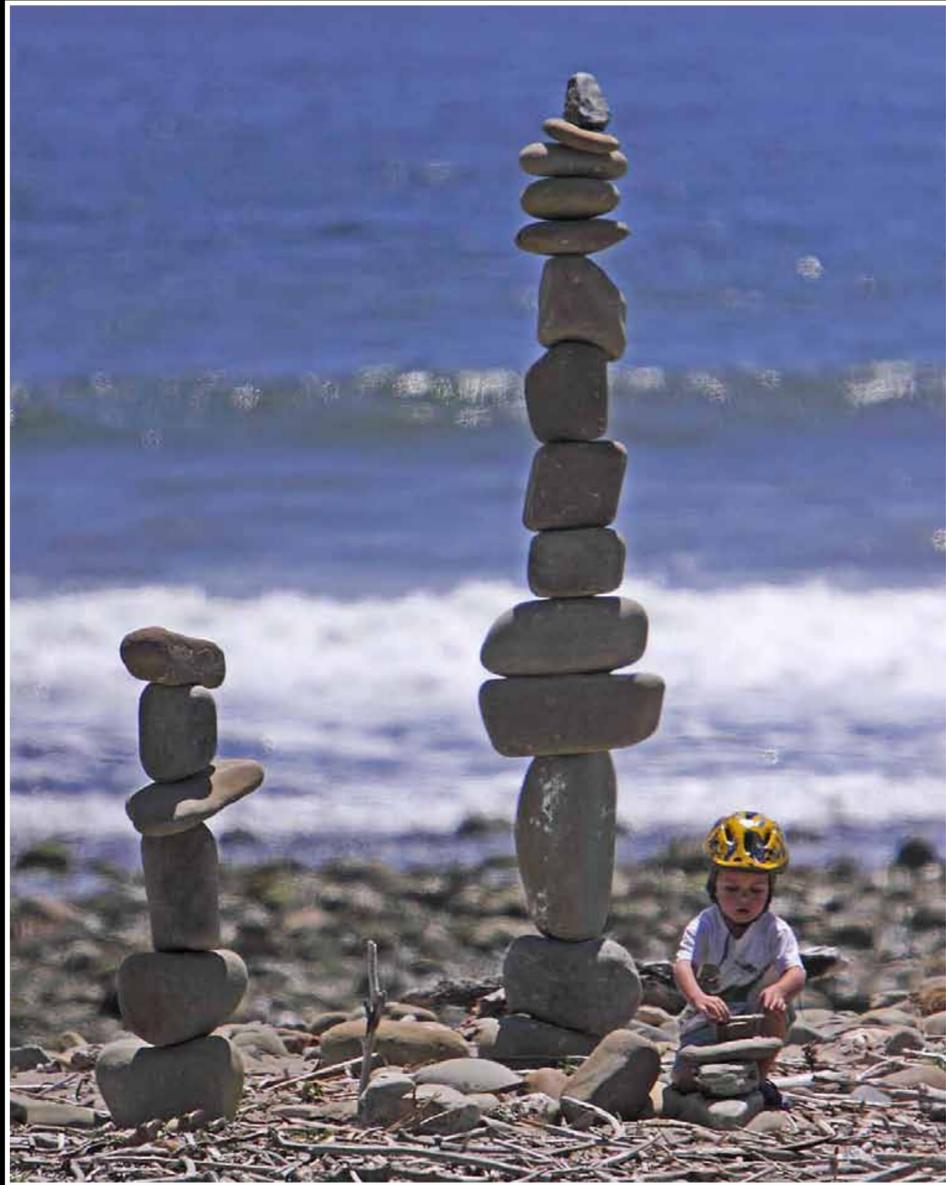
**People's Choice:**  
*July 4 Street Fair* by Mary Diamond

**People Portraits**  
*Youth*



**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Aquatic Center by Aysen Tan*

**Community Life**  
*Adult*



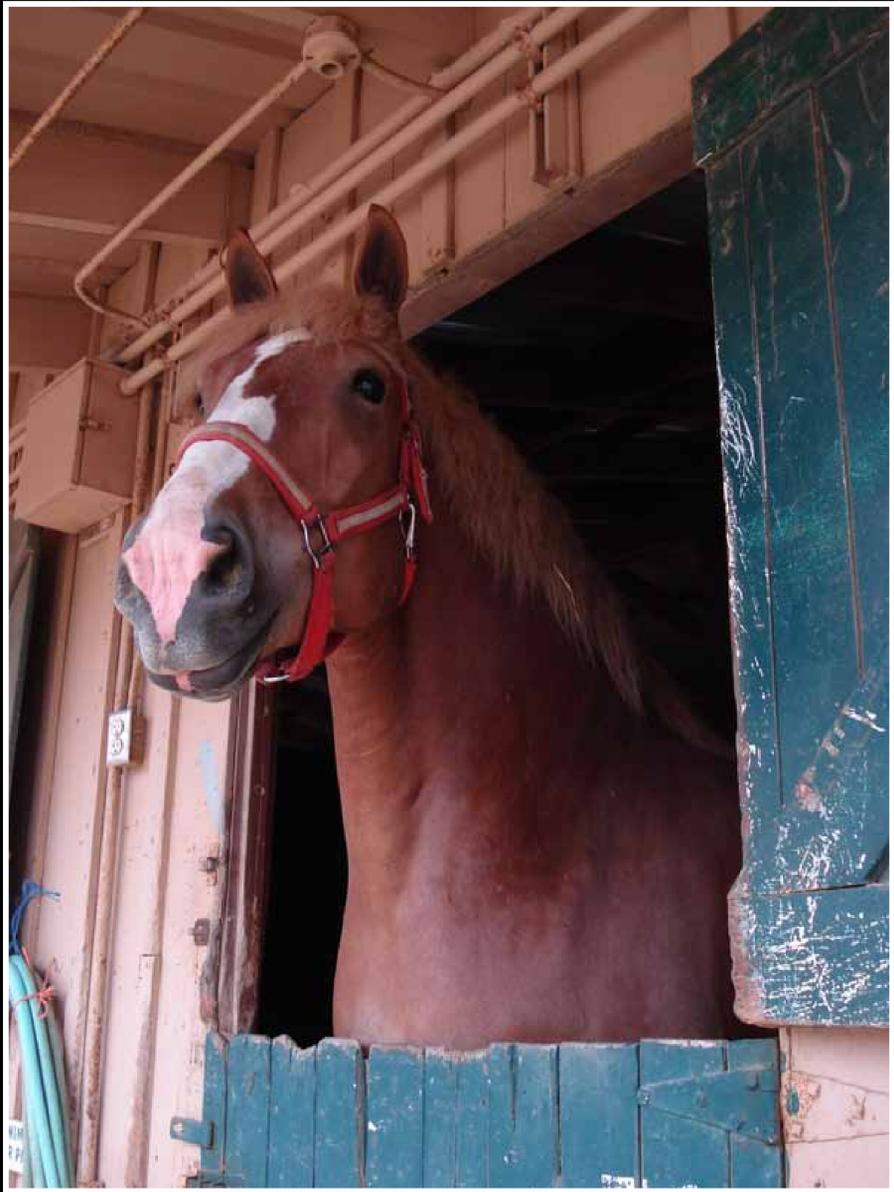
**Judges' Choice:**  
*Rockitect* by Jac Keo



**People's Choice:**  
*Feelin' Like Summer in Fall* by John Whitt

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**Community Life**  
*Youth*

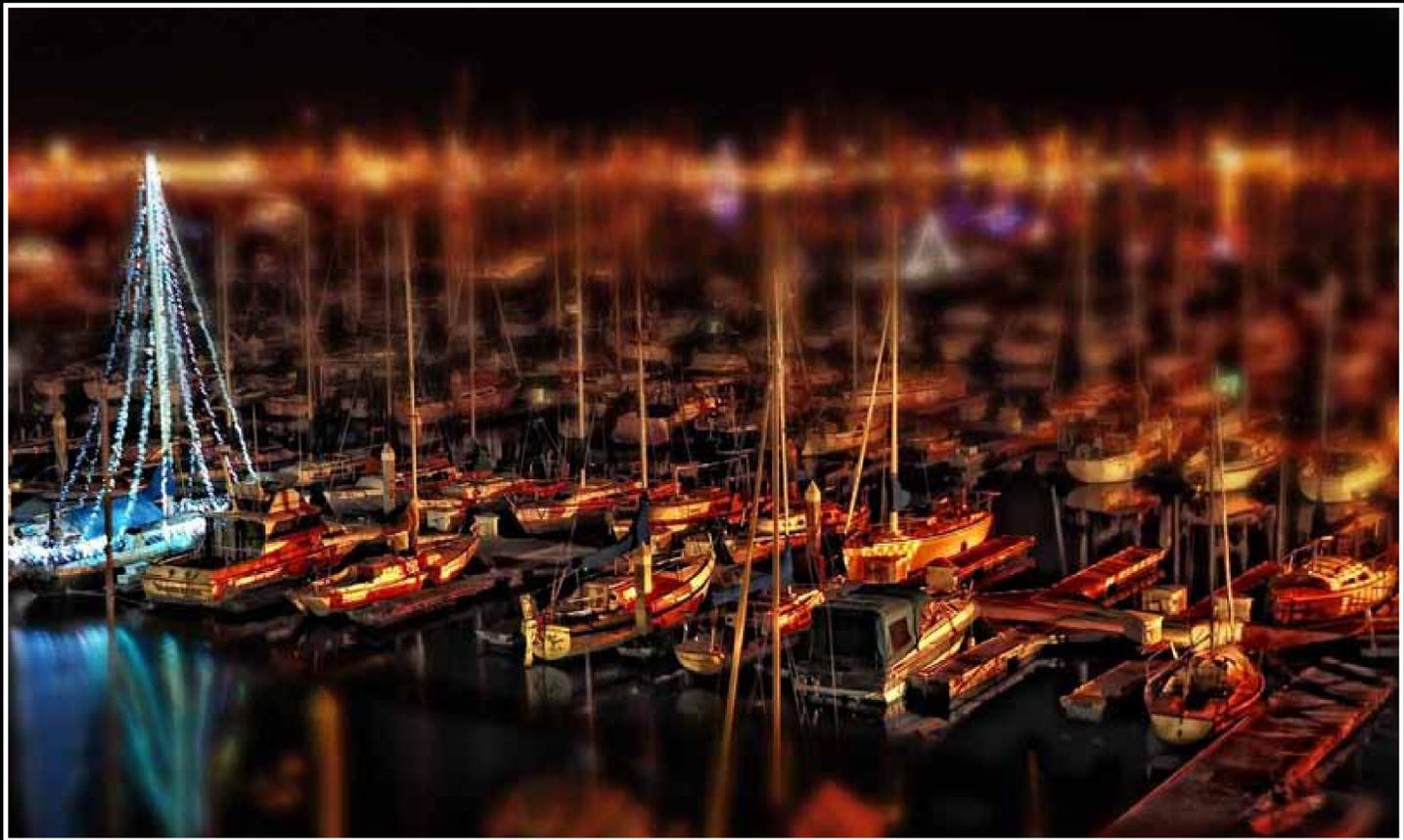


**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Fair Horse* by Karly Hemenway

**Altered Images**  
*Adult*



**Judges' Choice:**  
*Altered Sea* by Sheldon Brown



**People's Choice:**  
*Parade of Lights* by Kristine Ellison

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2010 City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest

# Altered Images *Youth*



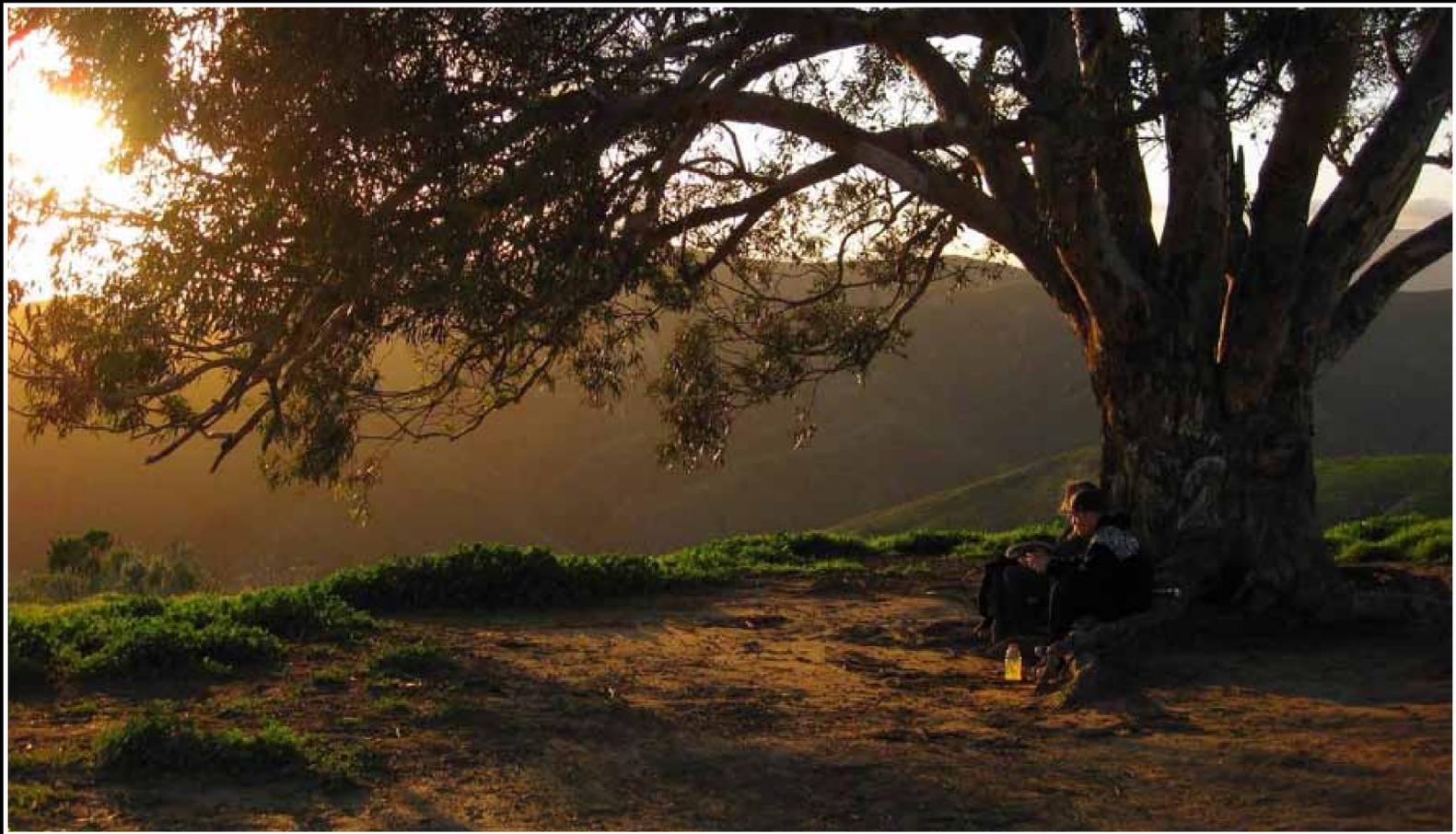
**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Carol-N-Rose* by Karly Hemenway

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**Photo Voice**  
*Adult & Youth*



**Adult**  
**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Budget Cuts* by Stephen Osman



**Youth**  
**Judges' & People's Choice:**  
*Dustin Malson Mojave Desert Racing California 200 Victim Forever in Our Hearts*  
by Justin Benscoter