

**“Take A Shot!”**  
 2012 City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest

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



Karen Park House: Channel Islands Sunset

The ninth 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 adult categories plus one youth category:

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



Jon Osumi: Puppy Power

Over 200 members of the public cast their own votes online to select their favorite “People’s Choice” awards. Judges included professional visual artists, educators and other community leaders.

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.

**Enter the 2013 Contest**  
**Starting January 1, 2013**

Photographers may enter the 2013 contest starting January 1, 2013 following the guidelines at [www.cityofventura.net/photocontest](http://www.cityofventura.net/photocontest) where the public may also view all of the current 2012 entries online.



Gary Peterson: Pelican



Sunny Oberto: Mermaids at



Sunny Oberto: Marina Park



Sierra Marangola: Sunset



Bill Nash: Canada Larga



Denise Pendleton: Marina Park Beach



Rich Thompson: Father Junipero

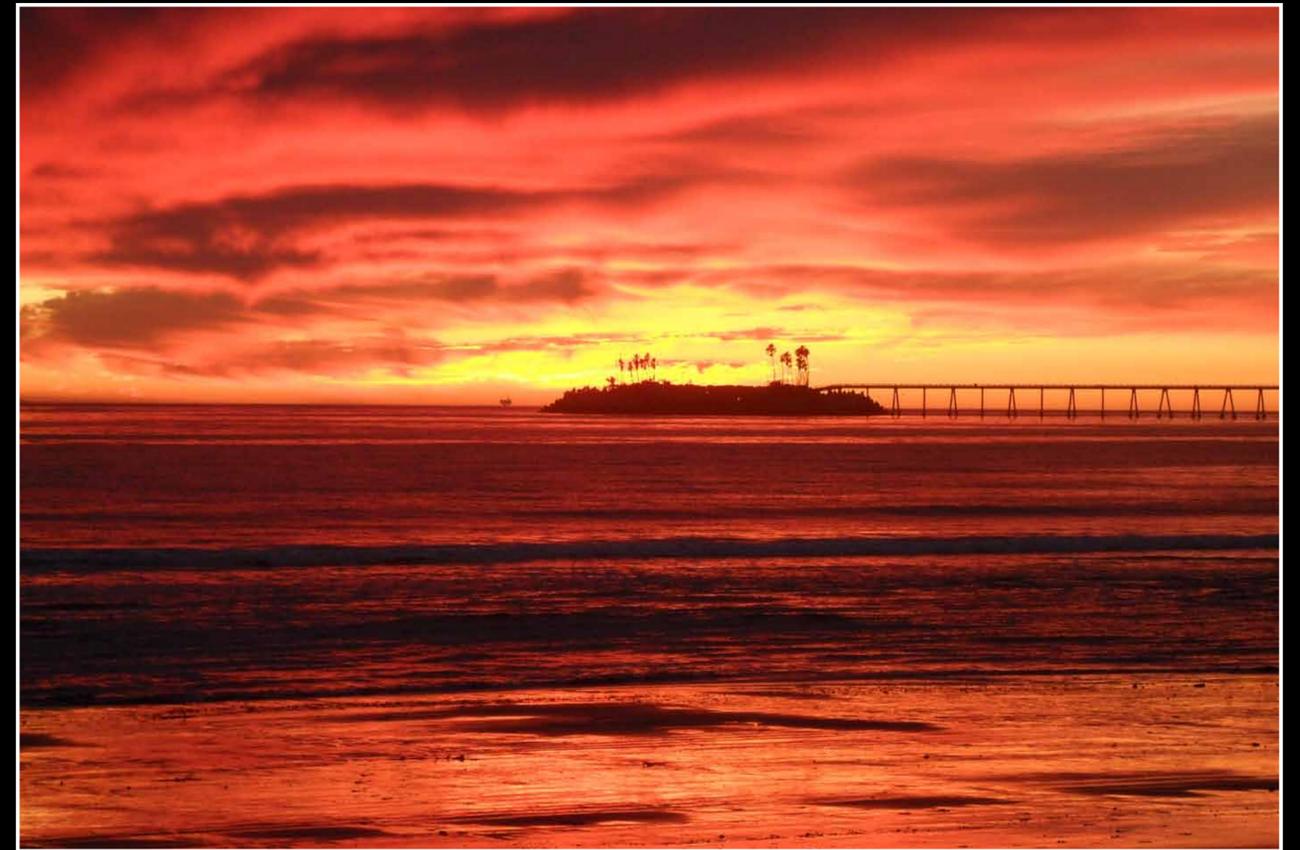
CATEGORY:

# ENVIRONMENT



**Environment • 1st Place People's Choice and Judge's Choice**

Denise Dewire: *Lifeguard Shack*



**Environment • 2nd Place Judges' Choice**

Julie Demdam: *New Year's Day*

CATEGORY:

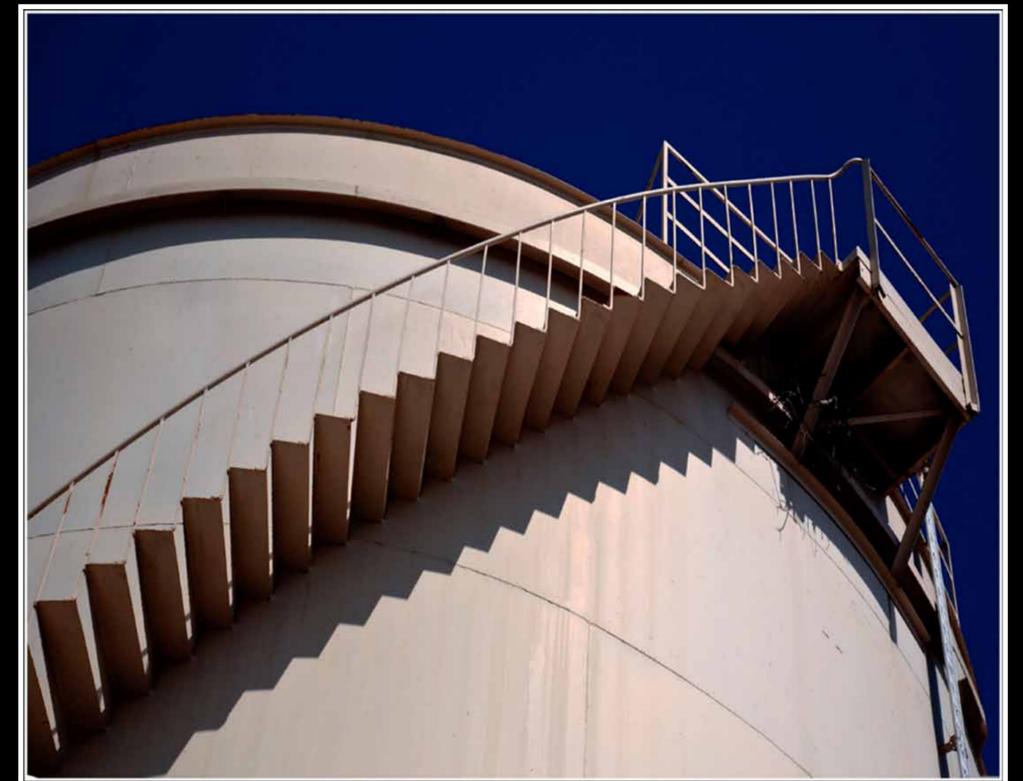
# ARCHITECTURE



**Architecture • 1st Place People's Choice**  
Denise Dewire: *San Buenaventura Mission at Night*



**Architecture • 2nd Place Judges' Choice**  
Ave Valencia: *City Hall*



**Architecture • Judges' Choice**  
John Ferritto: *Tank*

CATEGORY:

# PEOPLE PORTRAITS



**People Portraits • 1st Place People's Choice and Judge's Choice**

Nicole Messner: *Fair Refreshments*



**People Portraits • 2nd Place People's Choice**

John Ferritto: *Rodeo Rider*

CATEGORY:

# COMMUNITY LIFE



**Community Life • 1st Place People's Choice & Judges' Choice (tie)**  
John Ferritto: *Fair Fireworks*



**Community Life • 2nd Place People's Choice**  
Sheila Piala: *Ventura Marina*



**Community Life • Judges' Choice (tie)**  
Jon Osumi: *Fair Swing*

CATEGORY:

# ALTERED IMAGES



**Altered Images • 1st Place People's Choice**

Denise Dewire: *Painterly Effect the Cross*



**Altered Images • 2nd Place People's Choice & Judges' Choice**

Sheila Piala: *Ventura Marina*

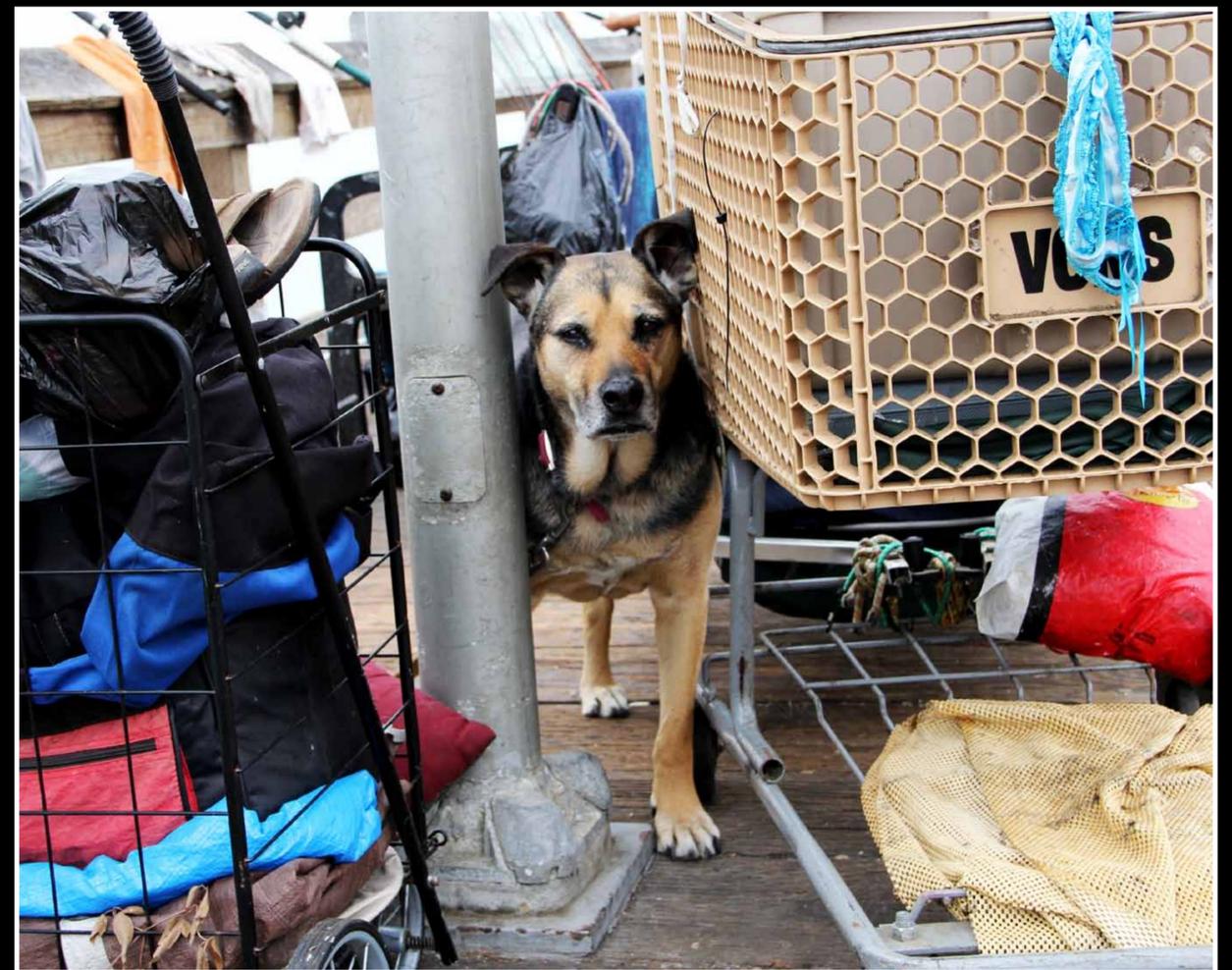
CATEGORY:

# PHOTO VOICE



**Photo Voice • 1st Place People's Choice**

Aysen Tan: *Yes on Q*

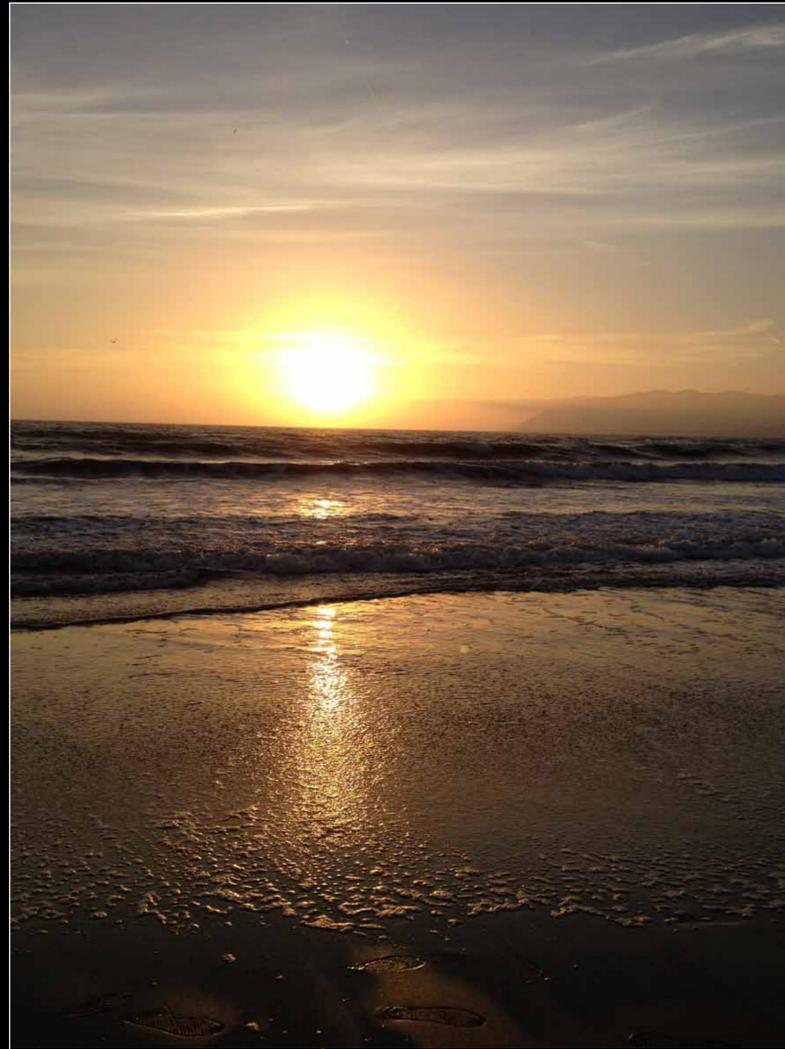


**Photo Voice • 2nd Place People's Choice Judges' Choice**

Nicole Messner: *Homeless Dog*

CATEGORY:

# YOUTH WINNERS



**Environment**

Nadine Schenker: *Sunset*



**Architecture**

Connor Mazzola: *Ventura Harbor*



**Community Life**

Connor Mazzola: *Water Taxi*