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### Weir needs history lesson

I am very disappointed that Christy Weir was re-elected to Ventura City Council. She claims to be in favor of the historic preservation of the city of Ventura, but her comments and actions regarding St. Mary's Cemetery (Memorial Park) disprove this.

Part of the problem may be that she is not a Ventura native. Perhaps we should make a rule that City Council members should have to be native to our city.

At the September 2005 City Council meeting, Weir made a comment about how she couldn't see anything wrong with dogs relieving themselves on the graves. How can we go and visit the resting places of our ancestors if there is a pile of dog droppings on them?

Isn't it hypocritical to push for the preservation of the cross at Grant Park but refuse to exercise power to restore the second-largest cemetery in the city of Ventura? My ancestors paid for their final resting places at St. Mary's Cemetery, and they have the right to that.

How would the citizens of Ventura feel if, 75 years from now, Ivy Lawn was to become a dog park? I can imagine there would be quite an uproar.

Historical preservation? I think not.

Weir makes me feel like my vote doesn't count.

— Robin Blanchard, Ventura

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