



Best You-Name-Its

Best Reason to Think That Rock Is Dead:

The local punk scene

Best Badly Timed Traffic Signals:

Pacific Avenue and Water Street, Center and Water streets

Best Motorcycle Gang:

The Santa Cruz Vampires

Best Local Issue Being Ignored:

The continuous increase in students being enrolled at UCSC. When is a local politician going to protest this instead of freeing Mumia?

Best Place to Be Hassled by Homeless People and Then Have Your Tax Money Go to Put Them Up For the Night:

Santa Cruz

Best Music in a Convenience Store:

At the Quik Stop on Soquel Drive, Soquel. KPIG, Glenn Miller, Patsy Cline, Satchmo, Janis, Coltrane, Bags, Dvorak, Copland, Hooker, KBAQ, Duke: You never know what you're gonna get.

Best Nonrepresentational Sculpture:

Poised at the wharf's entrance, overlooking Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary, it lacks any marine

reference at all! It's FRUITHENGE! My fave!

Best Landlord: Nick Trowbridge of La Selva Beach for choosing to keep three tiny, charming (and affordable) rental cottages on a lot instead of leveling them and building one of those monster homes that probably would yield twice the rental income.

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