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## news and features

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### People & Places

Readers Survey Results

### Best Beach

Seabright

Natural Bridges

Twin Lakes

### Best Bike Ride

West Cliff Drive

Wilder Ranch State Park

Nisene Marks State Park

### Best Boardwalk Attraction

Big Dipper

Log Ride

Fireball

### Best Hiking Spot

Nisene Marks State Park

Pogonip

Wilder Ranch State Park

### Best Local Hero

Pink Umbrella Man

Ryan Coonerty

DeCinzo

### Best Local Villain

Robert Norse

Ryan Rittenhouse

Pink Umbrella Man

### Best Makeout Spot

West Cliff Drive

Anywhere

Beach

### Best Neighborhood

Seabright



*Photograph by Jenn Ireland*

**West is Best:** Readers just love them some West Cliff Drive; the scenic rec trail and oceanside street won best bike ride, makeout spot, place for contemplation, place to walk and sunset view.

**Westside**

**Beach Flats**

**Best Neighborhood Park**

**Ocean View Park**

102 Oceanview Ave, Santa Cruz

**Frederick Street Park**

158 Frederick St, Santa Cruz

**Blue Ball Park**

461 Old San Jose Road, Soquel

**Best NonProfit Group**

**Girl Scouts**

**Save Our Shores**

345 Lake Ave, Santa Cruz. 831.462.5660

**Second Harvest Food**

800 Ohlone Pkwy, Watsonville. 831.722.7110

**Best Place for Contemplation**

**West Cliff Drive**

**Beach**

**Pogonip**

**Best Place to Get Married**

**Beach**

**Chaminade**

1 Chaminade Ln, Santa Cruz. 800.283.6569

**Seascape**

1 Seascape Resort Dr, Aptos. 831.662.7120

**Best Place to Take Kids**

**Boardwalk**

Beach St, Santa Cruz. 831.423.5590

**Beach**

**Seymour Center**

100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz. 831.459.3800

**Best Place to Walk**

**West Cliff Drive**

**Pogonip**

**UCSC**

**Best Season**

**Fall**

**Summer**

**Spring**

**Best Street Performer**

**Great Morgani**

**Pink Umbrella Man**

**Bob Noxious**

**Best Sunset View**

**West Cliff Drive**

**Natural Bridges**

**Seacliff Beach**

**Best Surf Spot**

**Steamer Lane**

**Cowells Beach**

**Pleasure Point**

**Write-Ins**

**Best Wine Bar**

**Cava**

**Best Local Journalist**

**Jessica Lussenhop**

**Best School**

**Empire Academy**

**Best Bike Messenger**

**Pedaler's Express**

They'll bring you some cans of soup and a bottle of Tylenol when you're too sick to haul your lazy ass to the store. I mean, how awesome is that?

**Favorite Local Design Company**

**Left Coast Digital**

**Best Brunch**

**All-You-Can-Drink Mimosas at Center Street Grille**

**Best Pest Control**

**Gophers Limited**

**Best Local Motorcycle Club**

**Vampires Motorcycle Club**



**World Domination Is For Underachievers:** With Planet Cruz beaming tales of local hijinks all over the universe, Santa Cruz's mastery of the galaxy can't be far behind.