



James D. Houston

## Local Author Has Story In Anthology

James D. Houston, Santa Cruz freelance writer, has had his published short story "Gas Mask" selected for the 10th annual edition of "The Year's Best Science Fiction," recently published by Delacorte Press.

His story originally appeared in Nugget magazine and concerns the possibility of a monumental traffic jam on freeways leading to a city and how it might affect the drivers.

The idea has frightening validity and potential and Houston plays it straight enough to give a feeling that it could happen today.

The anthology is edited by Judith Merril. Delacorte Press is a subsidiary of Dell, the paperback publishers. A British edition will be released next year.

Houston, who resides at 2-1130 East Cliff drive, is a San Jose State College graduate who obtained his masters degree in literature from Stanford in 1962.

He came to Santa Cruz three years ago and probably is better known as a guitarist and guitar teacher.

Next month (February 15) he will teach a Cabrillo college night school course called "Perspectives on New Fiction," open to anyone interested in recent short stories and novels.

Houston said he has a book on the history of surfing, "The Sport of Hawaiian Kings," coming out through Tuttle publishers next spring.

He also has sold an article about Santa Cruz to Holiday magazine, which is yet unpublished.

He began writing seriously eight years ago. He and his wife, Jeanne, have a daughter, Cori, age 5.