Issues affecting our treasured coastlines



## Beach Briefs - May 3, 2011

## Captiva Featured in *Disney*FamilyFun Magazine

Captiva has won more accolades as a vacation destination.

Disney FamilyFun Magazine, published by Disney Publishing Worldwide, featured Captiva in its "Lets Go" section of the May 2011 issue. Recommended by Aliisa and Chris Holland of Hanover, PA, and their kids Kyle (age 13) and Sydney (age 5), the article said

"Gentle waters and superb shell-seeking make this small Gulf Coast Island, just over the bridge from neighboring Sanibel, a sure bet for families in search of a low-key beach scene." Mother Aliisa was quoted as saying "We saw an octopus and stingray...and bald eagles at the near-by nature preserve. We were amazed by all the cool wildlife around us." (For a full view of the article, click on FamilyFun article.



In April 2001, TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site, announced Captiva was named the 8th best beach destination in the United States. Award winners were determined based on the most highly rated beach destinations by travelers in TripAdvisor reviews.

In December 2010, Travelocity named Captiva's Alison Hagerup Beach Park the #1 rated "Romantic Beach in the U.S. and Nearby." It called Captiva's sunsets "the most romantic in all America."

Best Beaches in the USA, the famous rankings by Dr. Stephen Leatherman (Dr. Beach) of Florida International University, rated Captiva #3 in his Best Romantic Beaches based on features such as natural beauty, privacy, good sand and water quality, and amenities such as easy access, picnic area, and places to walk along the shore

Finally, the website, <u>www.the-best-florida-beaches.com</u> rated Captiva among the top 10 beaches in Florida.

With our beautiful, pristine beaches, it is no wonder why Captiva is such a well-recognized and popular family vacation site. In 2010 alone, over 400,000 people visited our beaches. CEPD is very proud to play a role in this by maintaining and improving them.







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