

Daily Show” visited the island to investigate the issue of hairbraiding on the beach. Correspondent Samantha Bee interviewed Eileen Harrell, whose company, *Funky Beach*, had been ordered to stop braiding hair.

Burton Wells Park opens

Beaufort County unveiled its new Burton Wells County Park to the public in a ribbon-cutting event that included a public cook-out. The new park includes a 24,000-square-foot recreation center with a gymnasium that seats up to 300 spectators, two state-of-the-art racquetball courts, a spacious fitness and aerobics area, an administration wing and large activity rooms for senior and youth programs. Plans for the athletic complex call for three baseball fields with press box seating and three soccer fields.

Mall buyers announce plans for change

Petrie Ventures has their work cut out for them. Besides plans for two new entrances and three restaurants, the new owners of The Mall at Shelter Cove have big plans for the struggling mall. The new entrances would help the mall take advantage of the surplus of parking spots at the rear of the mall, and ease congestion at the front of the mall. Among some of the options discussed for the mall are outdoor-style restaurants including a seafood and a steak restaurant, and fashion retails from shoes to jewelry. At a meeting between the new owners and individual store managers, Petrie Ventures reiterated its commitment to making the island mall successful.

College spring break springing back

After a 14-year lull, statistics are showing that Hilton Head might be mounting a comeback as a popular spring break destination for the college set. The area that saw the largest increase in college-age visitors is Coligny Beach, understandably due to the popularity of such beach landmarks as the Tiki Hut. Fortunately, the increase in college tourism hasn't led to an increase in arrests like those seen in other spring break hotspots. One factor that led to the decline in spring breakers is the banning of alcohol on the beach 14 years ago.



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Foremost on readers' minds in our June 1994 issue was the potential impact of the new Sun City development (including a proposed extension of 278 all the way to I-95) on then-sleepy Bluffton. Also, we took an in-depth look at beach renourishment and covered the groundbreaking of the brand-new VIM clinic. □

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A river runs through it

The Savannah River, from which the city of Savannah and much of Beaufort County get their water, is in danger of running critically low during drought periods in the future because of increased demand in Atlanta and tighter regulation of groundwater laws in Savannah. To ensure South Carolina continues to get its share of the river, Gov. Mark Sanford has put together a task force charged with protecting our state's interests in the river. Communications have already improved between the states, and both governors are looking to broker an agreement concerning parceling out the water usage on the river, and push it through the legislature.

Students losing LIFE scholarships early

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education released a study revealing that 42 percent of students given the LIFE lottery scholarship were ineligible after their freshman year of college. By the senior year of college, 62 percent of scholarship recipients have lost their scholarship. Awarded by the state and funded by the state lottery, the LIFE scholarship awards \$5,000 a year for college if the student maintains a B average. The study also found that while students can regain the scholarship if they bring their grades back up, only 9 percent of students have been able to.

Cities split over money

The cities of Myrtle Beach and Greenville have found themselves in a dispute over \$7 million in state funds to be used for a new trade center. The money, part of the Life Sciences Bill, was intended to be used in Myrtle Beach. However, since state legislature can't allocate money for specific cities, Greenville was able to step in and qualify for the money in order to revitalize one of its own trade centers. Greenville's trade center, "The Palmetto Expo," was purchased by the city three years ago. The city is trying to get funds together for a renovation, including \$12.4 million in federal and bond revenue. Myrtle Beach city leaders say building a trade center in their city would help the entire region grow.

Group makes recommendations for growth

With South Carolina quickly becoming one of the fastest growing states in the Southeast, plans for smart growth are coming together. One group, citing the fact that South Carolina stands to gain one million new residents in the next 20 years, has come up with a series of recommendations for smart growth throughout the state. The report, titled "Growing by Choice or Chance," advocates cooperation between cities and counties in order to avert a situation like that found in Atlanta, where rapid growth led 17 counties to grow separately, creating an infrastructural nightmare.