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One of many old live oaks at Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island.  
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA

BY KEN MOORE

### Ivy removal success stories

What do Springer's Point on Ocracoke Island and UNC's Battle Park have in common? English ivy, *Hedera helix* – that's what they have in common. A decade ago, I first visited Springer's Point, where there is a mature live oak, *Quercus virginiana*, forest, an example of the maritime forest once common along south-eastern coasts. The historic “haunt” of the pirate Blackbeard was under invasion. English ivy was literally dripping from the tree canopy, where copious seed production was evident. The evergreen vine was smothering the smaller trees and shrubs beneath the big oaks. It was a scene of approaching disaster. Fortunately, that forest has come under the stewardship of the N.C. Coastal Land Trust (coastallandtrust.org), which purchased the first portion of Springer's Point Preserve in 2002. Since then, the 31-acre preserve has grown to 122 acres. Ivy was introduced by early European settlers and commonly planted on island gravesites. The ivy that adorned the memorial site of Norfolk industrialist and Ocracoke philanthropist Samuel Jones and his horse, Ikey D, gradually escaped and spread throughout the forest. The Land Trust contracted an invasive plant-control firm to remove the ivy and rallied volunteers from the island and nearby mainland. The forest is now healthy, and the ivy is confined to the gravesite of Sam Jones and Ikey D. On the local scene, the Botanical Garden has been pulling English ivy for years. Staff and volunteers have removed the ivy from Coker Arboretum and continue to battle it in the Coker Pinetum and the forest near the Visitor Education Center.

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## More info sought on mall-library deal

BY KIRK ROSS  
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**CHAPEL HILL** —Town officials are not in formal negotiations with University Mall owner Madison-Marquette just yet, but fact-finding efforts kicked into a high gear Tuesday night as the Chapel Hill Town Council delved a little deeper into the details of a possible new home for the Chapel Hill Public Library. At a meeting at Town Hall delayed for eight days as a result of last

week's foul weather, council members peppered Town Manager Roger Stancil with questions and concerns about the proposal, which would forgo expansion at the current library site and move it into 62,000 square feet of space now occupied by Dillard's at the north end of the mall. Stancil is due to issue a full report on the plan at the council's Feb. 14 meeting. New information at Tuesday's meeting included the likelihood that the town would have to purchase the property in order for bond dollars slated for the expansion project to be used toward the move and upfit of the Dillard's space. Madison Marquette has estimated that a fee simple purchase of the property would cost the town about \$4 million, a hefty sum that was not in the original proposal. The news left some council members questioning whether the town would see any savings from the deal at all.

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## The message was renewal

BY KIRK ROSS  
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**CHAPEL HILL** —In May of 1960, when Martin Luther King Jr. spoke in Chapel Hill – first on Sunday night at the Hargraves Center, then on Monday evening to a packed audience at Hill Hall on the UNC campus – “the movement,” as it is still known, was at a turning point. On Monday, with another packed house, this one at First Baptist Church on Roberson Street, those gathered in King's memory said a turning point had again arrived and urged renewal of purpose. The theme of this year's King Celebration, which began with speeches and song at Peace and Justice Plaza before the march to the church, was “Renewing Dr. King's Call to Conscience: Not One Step Backward!” As it was during that evening at the Hargraves Center in 1960, the event was part revival, part rally, interspersed with prayer and song.

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Benjamin Chavis, a native of Oxford, called on those at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day service at First Baptist Church to recommit themselves to the ideals of the civil rights movement.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

## Unified Development Ordinance reviewed

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
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**CARRBORO** — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen heard a presentation on the Orange County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) on Tuesday, and raised questions regarding changes to zoning regulations, stream-buffer regulations and the rural buffer. Perdita Holtz, planning system coordinator with the county, explained that the UDO combines all county regulations related to land development into one document. County planning staff released the first draft of Phase 1 of the UDO in August and has collected feedback and revised the draft over the past few months. Phase 1 focuses on an organizational framework effort, rather than regulatory changes. Board member Randee Haven-O'Donnell questioned how the UDO could affect stream buffers and greenways, and Holtz explained that the UDO includes some uses in stream buffers that weren't previously allowed, like boat docks. “We have gone through the state's fairly extensive list of what they allow and picked out a few things ... to either allow outright or allow with mitigation,” Holtz said. Haven-O'Donnell also questioned how residents in the rural buffer would be affected by the UDO, since that area falls under county jurisdiction. Holtz said there is virtually no change to zoning regulations in the rural buffer in the UDO.

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## Choosing to see the glass half full

### *Living in a different light*

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
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There are moments in time that can forever alter the course of our lives, seconds that leave us perpetually wondering “what if?” and events that permanently change the way we look at the world. March 10, 2010 brought one such moment for Kim Anderson.



It would be easy to look at the events that surrounded that night – including a fire that left 59-year-old Anderson with third-degree burns covering half his body – and deem them horribly unlucky, but Anderson, a former pessimist by nature, has chosen to view them in a different light.

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Kim Anderson stands in front of the home in which he was badly burned, now rebuilt.

PHOTO BY LIZ HOLM

## State implements new mental health care requirements

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Reiterating his pledge that the failed 2001 reforms of the state's mental health care system are “done and over,” Secretary of Health and Human Services Lanier Cansler has now implemented the department's long-awaited new model of services provider. The new Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies, or CABHAs, are intended, Cansler said, to offer a full spectrum of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance-abuse programs under a single umbrella agency. “The CABHA program is designed to place greater emphasis on a solid clinical and medical basis for mental health services and to assure and monitor that services that were overused in the past are better managed and controlled,” he said.

Out of more than 600 applicants for CABHA certification, 175 have been approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Twenty-five of those approvals are for agencies that will serve Orange, Person and Caswell counties. Agencies must provide comprehensive clinical assessment, medication management and outpatient therapy. Additionally, they must provide two services from a list that includes intensive in-home care, community support team, child and adolescent day treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and substance-abuse outpatient treatment. Though there are some exceptions, agencies generally will not be able to continue receiving federal and state funds without meeting these requirements. According to DHHS, CABHAs have been designed to begin the move to a “more coherent service delivery

model.” The intention is to ensure that critical services are based on a comprehensive clinical assessment and are offered by a competent organization with appropriate medical oversight and the ability to deliver a full array of services. **Yes and no** The CABHA approach has drawn support from among the state's mental health care professionals and advocates. Judy Truitt, director of the OPC Area Plan, which is responsible for the oversight and management of services in Orange, Person and Chatham counties, said that OPC has “always been blessed with a strong, clinically sound provider community and that has only been strengthened by the establishment of CABHAs.”

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