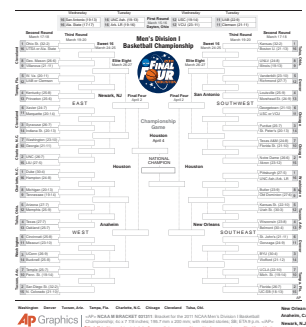


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Tax delinquents are named

Three Elizabeth City officials were listed last week among Pasquotank County taxpayers who did not pay all their local property tax on time. — 3A

Sports



Duke 3-peats in ACC

Nolan Smith and Kyle Singler who led the fifth-ranked Blue Devils to last year's national championship have yet another Atlantic Coast Conference title to savor. — 1B

Racers take advantage

Racers filled the staging lanes at Northeast Dragway Saturday afternoon eager to blow the cobwebs out of their mighty machines with hope of logging in their first win of the season. — 1B

State

Collector returns sword

A sword that saw action in the Civil War battle at New Bern has returned to the city 149 years after the fight that left the Confederate city under U.S. occupation for the rest of the war. — 3A

Nation

Critic resigns after flap

Chief State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley quit on Sunday after causing a stir by describing the military's treatment of the suspected WikiLeaks leaker as "ridiculous" and "stupid," pointed words that forced President Barack Obama to defend the detention as appropriate. — 5A

World

Japan nuke crisis worsens

Japanese officials warned of a possible second explosion at a nuclear plant crippled by the earthquake and tsunami as they raced to stave off multiple reactor meltdowns, but they provided few details about whether they were making progress. — 5A

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ECSU honorees reminisce

1945 graduate talks of helping others

By **WILLIAM F. WEST**
Staff Writer

Edna Gray Randolph came quite ready to accept a community service honor from Elizabeth City State University.

Just how prepared was Randolph? She had written her re-

marks on a yellow legal pad.

Randolph in June 1945 received a degree in elementary education from what was Elizabeth City State Teachers College. She also has served as an ECSU trustee.

Although now limited to moving about in a wheelchair, she spoke approximately 10 minutes Saturday evening at the ECSU Foundation's Founders Day Scholarship

See **GALA**, 3A



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Founders Day Scholarship Gala, Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Tossing bags for education



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Tim Phelps takes a turn at the cornhole tournament in the parking lot of Big Daddy's Pizza to raise funds for the The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools Foundation, Saturday. Hayden Winslow (top photo, bottom) appears to doze off as Melissa Stallings watches on.

State lift of charter school cap is welcomed

Corolla education group: Options needed for families

By **KRISTIN PITTS**
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Although a Senate bill that would lift the state's cap on charter schools has drawn strong opposition from several local school districts, at least one local group is welcoming the lift.

Currently, the state allows no more than 100 charter schools. Two weeks ago, the Senate passed Senate Bill 8, which would lift the 100-school cap. The bill would also do away with the rule that charter schools serve a minimum of 65 students.

Citing potential economic harm to the state's public schools, several local boards of education have adopted a resolution opposing passage of Senate Bill 8 by the General Assembly.

But for members of the Corolla Education Foundation, Senate Bill 8 is anything but negative.

For years, the group has been working to create Water's Edge Village School — a school that would serve a geographically isolated segment of students in Corolla.

Last year, the foundation came close to nabbing charter school status, but fell short to Union Independent School in Durham. Despite not having the minimum 65 students — a rule that can be overlooked for special circumstances — WEVS made it to the final round of considerations.

The idea for WEVS originated from a desire to meet the needs of students who don't have convenient access to a free public education.

Currently, parents of students in the Corolla area may either send their children on what for some students amounts to a three-hour round-trip commute to a Currituck school, pay out-of-county tuition to a closer Dare County school, or home-school

See **CAP**, 3A

Residents object to campground plan

By **CINDY BEAMON**
Staff Writer

Plans for a high-end RV resort in Powells Point met resistance this week as the developer attempts to break a 20-year ban on new campgrounds in Currituck.

The proposed 61-acre campground on South Spot Road

would benefit the local economy and meet a growing vacation demand, one resort spokesman told the Currituck Planning Board Tuesday. Nearby residents and Currituck officials were not convinced, however, that the campground could avoid the same problems that

See **CAMPGROUND**, 5A

Bertie citizen's group protests Lamb's raise

By **REGGIE PONDER**
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Former Pasquotank County Commissioner Zee Lamb is at the center of a controversy in Bertie County over his salary as the county manager there.

Lamb, who served as a county commissioner in Pasquotank from the late 1980s through the

mid-'90s, received a salary increase of more than \$42,000 in a contract renewal in August 2009, according to Bertie citizens who have organized to protest the raise.

Last week the citizens' group hired the Chapel Hill-based Brough Law Firm to represent

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