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Local News Brief

North Carolina House Bill 30, the Jt. Legis. Study on Alternative Currency, was introduced by NC Rep. Bradley on March 10, 2011.

This bill is an “Act establishing a joint legislative study committee on alternative currency” for North Carolina.

The full document is available online at ncleg.net, and says in part: “Whereas, the present monetary and banking systems of the United States, centered around the Federal Reserve System, have come under ever-increasing strain during the last several years and will be exposed to ever-increasing and predictably debilitating strain in the years to come” ... and “The committee may study whether this state should adopt a currency to serve as an alternative to the currency distributed by the Federal Reserve System in the event of a major breakdown of the Federal Reserve System. In conducting its study, the committee shall consider recommendations for legislation, with respect to the need, means, and schedule for establishing such an alternative currency”.

Things to Do in NC When You’re Bored

Wilson

ChiliJam (April 2)

Downtown Wilson
Call Imagination Station Science Museum for details: 252-291-5113.

Wilson Botanical Gardens Spring Symposium (April 9)

Wilson County Botanical Gardens
1806 Goldsboro Street, Wilson, NC 27893
Details available by calling 252-237-0113.

It Takes Two (April 15)

Boykin Theater, 108 W. Nash Street, Wilson NC 27893
For more details or to purchase tickets, call 252-291-4329.

Wilson Tobs Baseball (June 2, 8-9, 11-12, etc.)

Fleming Stadium, Wilson, NC.
Visit www.wilsontobs.com for details.

Shimmy for a Cause 2011 (June 25)

Curtain opens at 6pm. Proceeds go to breast cancer research & recovery.
Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson NC
Contact ShimmyForACause@DanceStudioB.com

Zebulon

Open Mic & The Sound of Waves (April 2 @ 6pm-10pm)

Eclectic Intellectual, 120 N. Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC
Visit www.facebook.com/EIZebulon for more information.

Family Movie Night (April 8 @ 7pm)

Free movie “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice” and popcorn too
Zebulon Community Center, 301 S. Arendell Ave, Zebulon NC
For more info, call 919-823-0432.

Carolina Mudcats Baseball (May 3-7, etc.)

Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC.
Visit www.gomudcats.com for tickets and promotions.

Elsewhere

NC Big Sweep in Wendell (April 9 @ 9am-11am)

Sponsored by Wendell Parks and Recreation Department, Wake County Soil and Water District and NC Big Sweep
Spring litter cleanup, Wendell Park, Wendell, NC
Volunteers needed. Contact Phillip Smith, Wendell Community Center at 919.366.2266 or psmith@townofwendell.com.

American Music Jubilee (April 9 @ 7:40pm, April 14 @ 1:40pm)

Rudy Theater Seating Chart, Selma, NC
From www.amjubilee.com: “Our Music Variety Show is a two hour extravaganza that will have you singing along with your favorite songs, laughing out loud, and feeling a stirring of pride from deep within your soul as we pay tribute to this great country.”

Spring Concert Series (April 15 @ 7pm-9pm)

Sponsored by Wendell Chamber of Commerce
Feature: “Common Ground”. American Legion is selling hot dogs/soda.
J Ashley Wall Park, Wendell, NC.
For more information, contact the Chamber at 919.365.6318.

Nashville Blooming Festival (May 6-7)

Includes live music, craft booths, a carnival, and food.
Downtown Nashville NC near Nash County Courthouse, Nashville, NC

Downtown Live Concert (May 19)

Featuring “The Band Of Oz”
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
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Visit www.imperialcentre.org for complete 2011 concert schedule.

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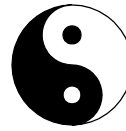
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The Backside



Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Conundrum

Definition: A riddle with a pun or play-on-words as its answer; a puzzling problem.

Example: It is easier to debate than resolve the *conundrum* of our nation's present state.

Translation of the Issue

English—"Corn"

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| German — Mais | Spanish — Maíz |
| Italian — Cereale | Tsalagi (Cherokee) — ᎠᎵ (se-lu) |
| Dutch — Graan | Korean — 옥수수 (oksusu) |

Translations for these and other languages may be found at babelfish.yahoo.com, www.wehali.com/Tsalagi (Cherokee), or in Lonely Planet phrase books and other print resources.

Quote of the Issue

Sir Winston Churchill

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."

Chuckle of the Issue

So, a couple drops off their car at a repair shop. They tell the service manager behind the counter that their car is making clunking sounds any time they turn.

The mechanic gets the repair order and takes the car out for a test drive. One block up, he makes a right turn, and a second later he hears a clunk. A few blocks later, he turns left and again hears a clunk.

Returning to the repair shop, with several clunks along the way, the mechanic on a hunch opens the car's trunk—and immediately sees the problem.

He pulls the car out of the service bay and takes the repair order back to the service counter. He tells the service manager, "Their clunking noise is gone. I took the bowling ball out of the trunk."

Shades of Grey

What Do You Think?

Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, some people think many situations also have a grey area where solutions are not so easily found.

Table Conversation: On the way to work, you stop at a local convenience store. It's busy in there and you wait in line to pay.

A loud voice at the front of the line draw your attention. The clerk behind the counter is speaking gruffly to a young man. As their voices get louder, it becomes clear to you that they are arguing over his I.D. He is trying to buy cigarettes and the clerk cannot read what he has given her.

After a few moments, the clerk looks at the young man and says loudly, "I can't tell what your birthdate is." She then lifts her head and shouts to everyone in line, "Does anybody here speak Mexican?"

What do you think? Do you think anything should be said to the clerk? If you know any Spanish, would you help the young man? Now, what if one of the people in line makes a comment about his not speaking English. Does that change what you think, or what you do?

Alternatively, what if the young man was being loud or rude right back to the clerk? Does that change what you think or what you do?

The Good News...

A Day to Be a Fool

Feeling foolish? April First is a day to be fooled or fool others...all in good fun! April Fools Day is celebrated on April 1st each year. While April Fools Day is not a legal holiday, it is widely recognized as a day for practical jokes. From a prank played by a friend to a full-blown trick published in local papers as news, April Fools' Day makes fools of many and is a good day to be cynical and double-check anything you hear! And, if you decide to pull something on a friend or loved one, keep it safe, clean, and not mean!

The Bad News...

Minor Local Earthquake

From the usgs.gov site come details of an earthquake recently felt in NC. On a very small scale and causing little-to-no damage, this Carolinas quake was a minor quake at magnitude 2.3 on the Richter magnitude scale. It happened on March 16, 2011 about 220 miles west of Raleigh and just south of Asheville.

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