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## Local and National Unusual News

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“I'M FREE—Take Me With You!”

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## Local News Briefs

The Office of the Governor issued notification on April 17th that Gov. Bev Perdue “has declared a state of emergency for North Carolina following storms that generated tornadoes across the state. The declaration puts the state’s emergency management plan into action and provides access to resources needed to aid communities affected by the storms.”

The Governor also issued an order that made it possible for utility workers to work more hours repairing power lines, by temporarily suspending the restrictions on their work hours. The same order temporarily waives the restriction on truck driver driving hours, allowing them additional hours to transport supplies to affected communities or truck out debris.

Later that same week, the Governor received a federal disaster declaration from the US government. This gives access to federal loans and grants for residents and businesses impacted by the storms.

The Governor is also awaiting response on a request to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack for an agricultural disaster declaration. This would augment state programs available from county Farm Service offices which helps farmers with debris removal to aid replanting, or helps recoup losses of livestock and poultry.

More specific information and complete releases from the Office of the Governor may be read online at [www.governor.state.nc.us](http://www.governor.state.nc.us).

## Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

### Wilson

#### Downtown Farmer's Market (Wed., May 4 @ 8am-1pm)

207 W. Green Street (grass lot), Wilson NC.

From [www.wilsonnc.org](http://www.wilsonnc.org): “Featuring local, seasonally grown fresh produce, fresh baked goods, canned items, fresh cut flowers, homemade ice creams, crafts, etc., and activities for the kids!”

#### Fabulous Friday! (Friday, May 6 @ 2pm)

Imagination Station Science Museum, 224 E. Nash St. Wilson NC  
*Theme: Egg Drop III.* This event involves “dropping eggs like crazy”. Create a structure to protect an egg, and then drop it 4 stories onto cement. Visit [www.imaginescience.org](http://www.imaginescience.org) or call 252.291.5113 for details.

#### Super Science Day - May 11, 2011 (1:30pm - 5:00pm)

Imagination Station Science Museum, 224 E. Nash St. Wilson NC  
This *Nature Encounters* class’ size is limited and there is a fee to register. Visit their website for more details: [www.imaginescience.org](http://www.imaginescience.org).

#### Wilson Tobs Baseball (Home Opener May 31 @ 7:05)

Fleming Stadium, Wilson, NC  
Visit [www.wilsonsports.com](http://www.wilsonsports.com) for details.

#### Shimmy for a Cause 2011 (June 25)

Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson NC  
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### Zebulon

#### Zebulon Chamber Annual Golf Tournament (May 4)

Zebulon Country Club, Zebulon, NC  
To reserve a team, call the Chamber at 919.269.6320.

#### Carolina Mudcats Baseball (Home Games May 3-7)

Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC  
Visit [www.gomudcats.com](http://www.gomudcats.com) for tickets and promotions.

#### Open Mic & The Sound of Waves (May 7, 14 @ 6pm)

Eclectic Intellectual, 120 N. Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC  
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#### East Wake Relay For Life (May 13-14)

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American Cancer Society's Relay for Life includes multiple local teams. Email [ewrelayforlife@nc.rr.com](mailto:ewrelayforlife@nc.rr.com) for more information or to join a team.

### Elsewhere

#### Nashville Blooming Festival (May 6-7)

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

#### Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival (May 7-8)

Downtown Smithfield, NC  
Festival, cook-off, food, music, and much more.  
More details and schedule at [www.hamandyam.com](http://www.hamandyam.com).

#### Rocky Mount Downtown Live Concert (May 19 @ 6pm)

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**Little Bits**

**Word of the Issue**

**Congenial**

**Definition:** Easy to get along with, possibly because of shared qualities or interests.

**Example:** "The Prince is a very congenial fellow."

**Translation of the Issue**

**English—"Food"**

German — Nahrung Spanish — Alimento  
Italian — Alimento Dutch — Voedsel  
Cherokee (Tsalagi) — **D Y O J** (ah gee sss tee)

Translations for these and other languages may be found at [babelfish.yahoo.com](http://babelfish.yahoo.com), [www.wehali.com/tsalagi](http://www.wehali.com/tsalagi), and other online and print resources.

**Quote of the Issue**

**Tommy Lasorda**

"The only way I'd worry about the weather is if it snows on our side of the field and not theirs.

**Chuckle of the Issue**

Two buddies, John and Bill were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. Their entire adult lives, John and Bill discussed baseball history in the winter, and they pored over every box score during the season. They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, John passed away in his sleep after watching the Yankee victory earlier in the evening.

He died a happy man.

Several nights later, Bill awoke to the sound of John's voice from beyond.

"John, is that you?" Bill asked.

"Of course it's me," John replied.

"This is unbelievable!" Bill exclaimed. "So tell me: is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have good news and bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

"Tell me the good news first."

"Well, the good news is that, yes, there is baseball in heaven, Bill."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news, John?"

"You're pitching tomorrow night."

**Shades of Grey**

**What Do You Think?**

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

**For Your Consideration and Conversation:**

You're out in Raleigh, and as you come out of the store you see your neighbor's 15-year-old child panhandling in the street. The young man does not see you.

Do you talk with the kid? Would you mention the panhandling to his parents?

Would you give any money to the young man? Do you think you have a duty to help, or do you prefer to just walk away and forget about it? Is there a choice in between? What do you think?

**The Good News...**

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina released a report April 27th that the unemployment rates decreased in 99 of North Carolina's 100 counties in the previous month.

"Unemployment rates declined in nearly every county in March," said ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes. "We are beginning to see more counties drop below a rate of ten percent unemployment. This reflects the commitment by Gov. Perdue and our workforce partners to grow jobs in our state, and this agency remains focused on putting people back to work."

During the same month, North Carolina gained 13,900 nonfarm jobs. More information on these ESC news releases, including recent updates on the jobs picture for North Carolina, is available at [www.ncesc.com](http://www.ncesc.com).

**The Bad News...**

Wilson took a hit from a serious tornado in mid-April, damaging multiple business near Forest Hills Road and Tarboro Street. Weeks later, Walgreen's, Worrell's, and several other buildings continue cleanup and repair. Despite the early hour of the storm, many people in the stores and the area were able to escape without serious injury.

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