

# UPS workers face layoffs following strike

■ Reduced business for UPS led to layoffs after the strike resolution.

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ATLANTA — For thousands of United Parcel Service workers, the end of their strike didn't mean a return to work.  
As the delivery giant slowly began recovering Wednesday from the 15-day Teamsters walkout, the company told some workers they were laid off, at least temporarily, because of lost business.  
"All of our jobs depend on our volume level," UPS spokesman Rick Warwick said.  
"Certainly as we go back to work, as our volume picks up, we will add workers. Any businesses that have gone away as a result of the strike may mean fewer

jobs."  
UPS has estimated the strike cost at least 5 percent of its business but has said it won't be able to measure lost business properly until next week.  
UPS' daily volume dropped during the strike to 10 percent of its normal 12 million parcels and packages.  
The company expected a quick, large surge as customers shipped packages that had piled up during the strike.  
Some 185,000 Teamsters struck the company, and UPS has said more than 15,000 jobs could be cut because of permanently lost business.  
The company did not release figures Wednesday on the number of workers back on the job.  
Thirty-five percent of 4,671 workers in UPS' mid-South offices were laid off Wednesday, said Doug Ashcraft, a manager in Little Rock, Ark.  
"To the degree that our customers

come back will dictate whether those jobs come back," Ashcraft said.  
In Charlotte, N.C., only a small number of the 800 UPS employees were called back to work. Rows of idle trucks were parked in the expansive parking lot.  
"There's not enough work for them," supervisor Norman Bellow said.  
Duane Tebbetts, a part-time employee in Arkansas who has worked for UPS for three years, said he was worried that his job might be among those eliminated.  
"UPS will call us, (but) they'll start with the higher-seniority people," he said. "Some might have to wait. There might be some layoffs."  
Driver Paul LaLiberte, speaking as he drove on his route in Portland, Ore., said he's certain the contract will be ratified.  
"Nobody wants to go back out on strike," he said.

# Office supply company sets sights on empty Franklin Street building

■ A Charlotte developer has applied to build seven office and retail buildings.

BY STEVE MRAZ  
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Next year students might be able to get their back-to-school necessities at a new 24,000-square-foot office supply store at the previous location of Lowe's on East Franklin Street.  
"It's been mentioned that a large office supply company is considering that location," said Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.  
Chester Crowell Little Jr. of Charlotte will hear suggestions from the Chapel Hill Planning Department Thursday on his application to build a combination of seven office and retail buildings on the site of the old Lowe's building.  
Lowe's moved from its location of 1710 E. Franklin St. near the Exxon Station to a new building on U.S. 15-501 on Aug. 10.  
Architects from Isom Associates of Wilkesboro, hired by Little, have drawn plans for three office and four retail buildings to be constructed over 4.9 acres on the property.  
One of the retail buildings is planned to be 24,000 square feet. The other three retail spaces are proposed at 3,000 square feet each, and the three office buildings are slated at 1,875 square feet each.  
Harold Humphrey, an architect from Isom Associates, said the architectural style will be understated. Bricks will cover the fronts of the buildings.  
The Chapel Hill Town Council is expected to okay Little's application without changes, Humphrey said. "Hopefully we'll get approval by March and coordinate our building with it."  
Costs for the project have not been determined.  
Because the council's agenda is full until January 1998, Gene Poveromo, a development planner for the town, said it could take until March for the council and the planning board to give approval for the building permit. The Chapel Hill Planning Department received the application on July 8.  
"We are in the process of reviewing

the application," Poveromo said. "We'll meet with the applicant in 10 days with a list of written comments. They'll make revisions to our suggestions and then resubmit their application."  
If town officials do not have any suggested changes for Little's project, they will recommend its approval by the Town Council, Poveromo said. If the project is approved, it should take another one to four months for construction to begin, Harper said.  
"It will be positive all the way around," he said. "There is a low vacancy rate in the area. The demand for stores is higher than the supply. Rent (in the area) is higher than it probably should be. This will lower it down."  
Kathleen Fresne of Carrboro attended a public information meeting on the project Tuesday afternoon. She said the architects and Little talked about how lovely they would make the property.  
"They didn't give enough definition on how they are making it lovely," she

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said. "I question development on that property because it's already congested. I couldn't imagine a place of business in that area. I just couldn't figure it out."  
Harper said development would bring congestion.  
"Congestion was the biggest issue when the new Lowe's was being developed," he said. "The traffic there now is not bad. Actually it's better than it was before. I don't think that anyone's going to be ruining their life with the new buildings there."



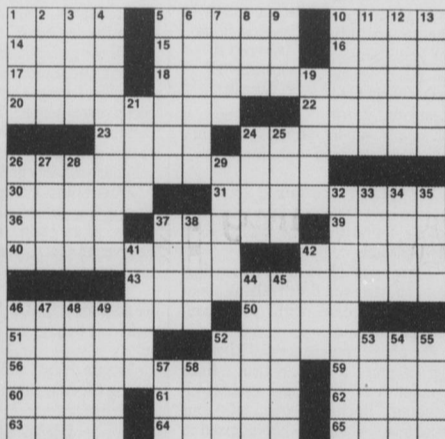
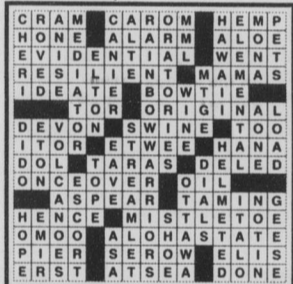
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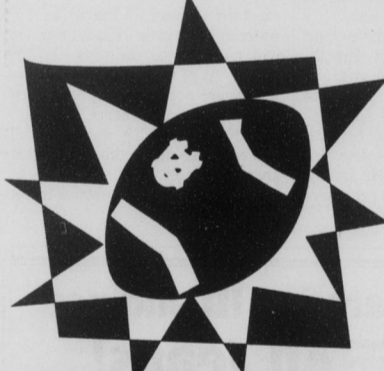
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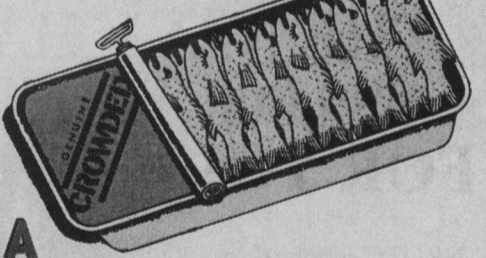


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