

# Perspectives

## The right to strike and the new economic reality

Plenty of fireworks are sure to go off when Congress opens debates on a very contentious labor issue: Should U.S. companies be prohibited from hiring permanent replacement workers if their current workers go on strike? Management says that the crippling effect of strikes might destroy a company and that it needs those replacements just to stay afloat. Unions counter that their biggest gun, the strike, is neutralized when companies are allowed to hire "scabs."

Many in the right-to-work south, as elsewhere, have little sympathy for union workers.

They think they're whiny, overpaid, underworked, lazy, and demanding and greedy. Many blame unions for the country's decline amongst nations in heavy industries and especially, until recently, the auto industry. Unfortunately, economic realities are more complicated than that.



All Over the Map

Tony Key

families.

Incidents of violence during strikes turn people from a union's cause. Hostile confrontations at picket lines, threatening phone calls, bullets fired into homes and cars, all are guaranteed to alienate potential supporters.

Labor relations in the U.S. are evolving. Worker ownership, stock options, management and workers performing as a team rather than opposing armies, these are the waves of the future. But as in any evolutionary process, the successors must watch and wait as the primitives that came before them fight the good fight, then surpass them.

### On the lighter side

First things first. Here are the answers to last week's teaser "Body Parts."

1. nose; 2. toes; 3. heart; 4. chin; and 5. eyes.

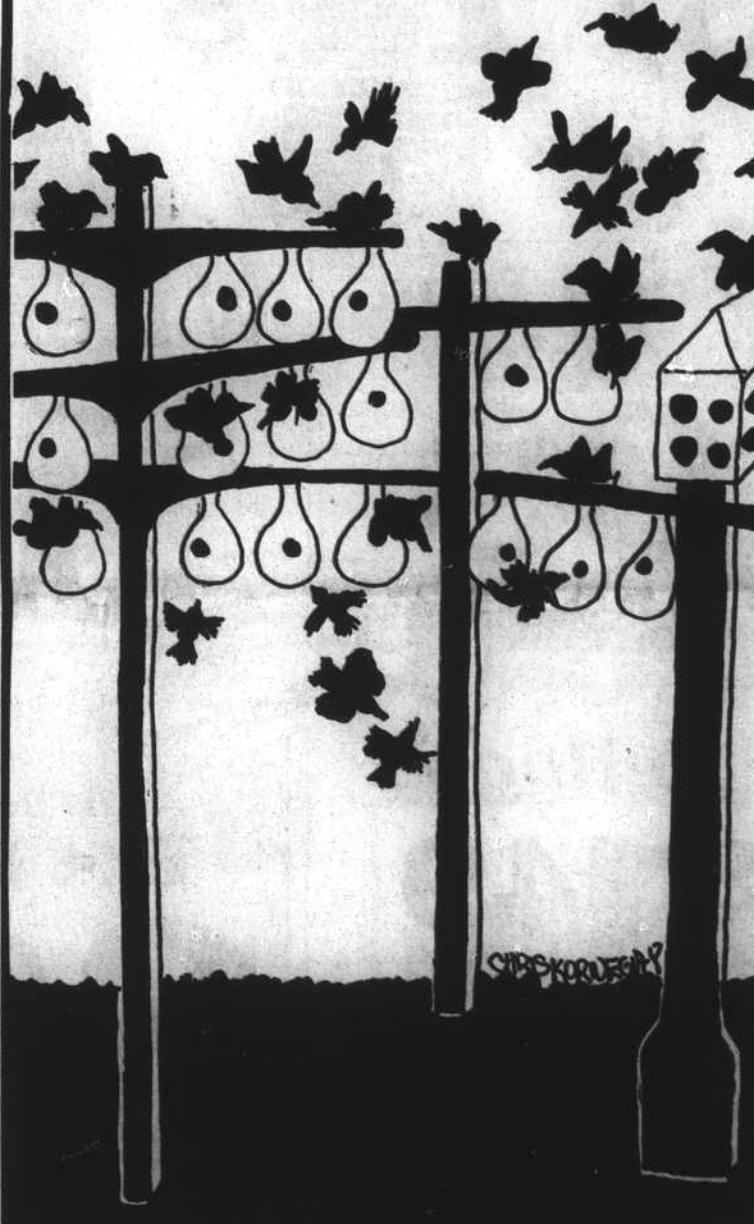
This week's offering I'll title "Overlap." Each line has two words separated by two blanks. Your job? To fill in the blanks.

with a familiar name or phrase that links all the words or names together. For example, "Cut ... hose" might be "Cut - flower - garden - hose." Now you try it. Good luck!

- Princess -----
- Perot -----
- Elijah -----
- Baba -----
- Baby -----
- Computers -----
- Fast -----
- Cub -----
- Moon -----
- Arizona -----
- Pearl -----
- Kissinger -----
- Michael -----
- Phoenix -----
- -----
- Boy -----
- Ford -----
- Plymouth -----
- River -----
- Rodney -----
- Letterman -----

## Signs of the times

Birds...Wesley Nelson has a thousand martins in his Front Street back yard.



You keep sending them, so I keep getting a chuckle from them until I have enough to pass them along to everyone else. Here are the latest public declarations found on signs that make you stop and think because somebody else either failed to, or thought quite well, on purpose:

On a neighbor's refrigerator: "housework done properly will kill you."

Over a bar: "Old drunks never die. They just get Jigger Mortis."

Complaint department: "We will accept no whine before its time."

Sign in allergist's office: "Sneezin's Greetings."

Sing in a full-service gas station: "Gas, oil, flats fixed, bumper stickers explained."

From the Omaha World-Herald newspaper: "Man's Knit Shirt. An ideal shirt for the active man with extra long tail."

Sign in grocery store window in California: "Come tomorrow morning for our special sale on apples. Remember, the early bird gets the worm!"

In a beautician's office: "Sure...I work magic with haircuts and style, and I do try to see that you leave with a smile. But don't ask to look like Dolly or Cher, 'cause you have to remember when you're in my chair, I'm a beautician, not a magician."

Sign on a home/office that said, "Veterinarian and Taxidermist." Underneath, in very small letters it proclaimed, "Either way, you get your pet back."

On a pickup truck: "If you can't run with the big dog...stay under the porch."

Gail Winds

Gail Roberson  
Syndicated Columnist

The name-sign on a boat belonging to a banker: "Float Alone."

Another name-sign on a boat: "Paid IV."

In a butcher shop: "Honest scale. No two weighs about it."

Outside a real estate office: "For land's sake, drop in."

On fish box express office: "If not delivered in 10 days, never mind."

Upholstery truck: "On the road to recovery."

From Portland, Oregon, a newspaper account of a July 4th celebration: "The crowning event will be the drowning of the queen."

A friend's sweat shirt: "I quit jogging because it was bad for my health...my thighs rubbed together so much my underwear caught on fire."

A sign every country store ought to post beside the big stove: "Sitting Bull."

And, finally this reaction: A large sign on a department store counter read: "Register here for a free door prize." As one person was filling out a card in the hope of winning a major appliance, a woman came up beside him and glanced at the sign. Reaching for a card and pencil, she said, "I guess I'll sign up, but I sure don't know what I'll do with another door."

## Coaches proud of 13-year-old State Games team

Dear Editor,

We are very proud of the 13-year-old baseball team we took to the N.C. State Games last week. They played good ball, displayed good team spirit and made us proud to say we are from Perquimans.

The members of our team were the best 13-year-olds from our Babe Ruth program and five promising 12-year-olds from the Perquimans Youth League. With only six practices together over a 9-day period, this group of

young athletes, determined to do well, quickly gelled into a competitive team.

Not only did our team make us proud, we were extremely pleased with the support of our parents. Georgia Stallings, Debbie Stallings, Helen Hunter, and Anthony and Jonthan Downing stayed all week. They cheered us on, and Georgia, Debbie and Helen, along with Candy Eley, were a tremendous help washing uniforms. Not only did our team play well, they

looked good too! Also, a great majority of the parents of our team made it to at least one game. Having a cheering section really felt good, especially so far away from home.

We appreciate all the people who bought raffle tickets and those individuals and businesses who contributed money. We couldn't have gone to Durham without you.

Again, our thanks to our players, parents and the community for allowing us to

compete in the State Games. It was an experience none of us will ever forget.

Sincerely,  
C.J. Stallings  
Lee Stallings  
Hertford

(Editor's Note: Statistics and team photographs from the State Games competition will be published next week.)

## NOTICE OF FILING FOR NON-PARTISAN ELECTION

### TOWN OF WINFALL

The Perquimans County Board of Elections will conduct a Non-Partisan Municipal Election for the Town of Winfall, November 2, 1993. Winfall will elect a Mayor and two (2) Town Council persons at that time. The filing for candidates begins at 12:00 noon, July 2nd and ends at noon August 6, 1993. Voter registration deadline for town residents who will vote in this election is October 11, 1993. Persons already registered do not have to re-register.

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## PERQUIMANS COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

Except for the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Office and Emergency Medical Services, all County Offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Recreation Department will be closed on Monday, July 5, 1993 in observance of Independence Day. The Water Department will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling 426-5751.

The Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Monday, July 5th has been changed to Tuesday, July 6, 1993 at 3:00 p.m.

N. Paul Gregory Jr.  
County Manager

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