

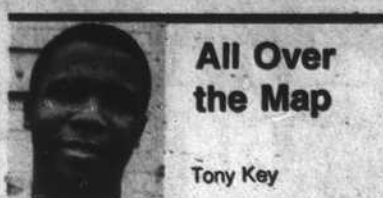
# Perspectives

## 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

The hearings will generate lots of heat and with any luck some illumination. We may not like what we see. Ugly truths will have to be faced up to. An ugly truth: In tough economic times, striking looks stupid. To a person with no job, a person who strikes to get an even better deal looks stupid. There are thousands of unemployed who'd jump at the chance to make the money and partake of the benefits that strikers turn their noses up at. So there'll probably be no grounds-well of support, no phones lighting up in Congressional offices with callers demanding representatives take the unions side, except for that from union members and their

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 -----
- Klissinger -----
- Michael -----
- Phoenix -----

- Boy -----
- Ford -----
- Plymouth -----
- River -----
- Rodney -----
- Letterman -----

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## We need loving relationships

Listen to Leo as he continues about loving each other. He says in years past, there was so much more stability, so much less moving about.

We found possible relationships in church, school at the playground, which remained constant year after year. They formed the permanent network of contracts from which we received our security and strength. Even our daily shopping once afforded us opportunities for relating. We had no one-stop-super-efficient sterile markets, but, today everything has changed.

Today 40 million people a year change residence in the United States. They move into impersonal cities where people pride themselves in having achieved privacy in that they don't even know their neighbor. They are fearful that others may invade their world and at the same time, hope that some of them will.

We don't dare to stroll our forbidding side walks. Security today has come to mean elaborate alarm systems, armed guards and high-rise housing where we can enter and leave in an elevator which delivers us directly into our living room, assuring us of not one good or bad human encounter.

Loving relationships, though necessary for life, health and growth, are among the most complicated skills. Before we can be successful at achieving relationships, it is necessary that we broaden our understanding of how they work, what they mean and how what we do and believe can enhance or destroy them.

Many marriages fail because its members are often without preparation for the partnership function. A lot of remorse and failure could have been avoided if there had been at least some early training and how to become good partners. Luciano De Crescenzo says, "We are, each of us angels with only one wing. And we can only fly embracing each other."

According to Leo, if you love, you are considered naive. If happy you are considered frivolous and simple. If generous and altruistic, you are considered suspect. If forgiving, you are considered weak. If trusting, you are considered a fool. If you try to be all of these things, people are sure you are a phony. What a sad decision.

If we don't have the inborn knowledge of knowing how to love, we end by living together in hate like two children fighting over a toy. We live in fear and loneliness, and continuing to hurt each other in ignorance. The poet, W.H. Auden



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Marian Frierson  
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said, "We must love one another or die!"

So, Leo asked and I concur, isn't it time that we forget our petty egos, give up our fears of appearing sentimental or naive and come together in our universal need, one for the other. He asked why is it so difficult for us to embrace each other fearlessly and with passion and to say, "Human being, take my human hand?" We all need each other.

My comment is that if we don't learn to live together we will all die most miserably. What is your choice? Why be miserable when we can be happy? Despite all of the odds, life can be beautiful. Let's give it a try! "These things I command you, that ye love one another." John 15:17

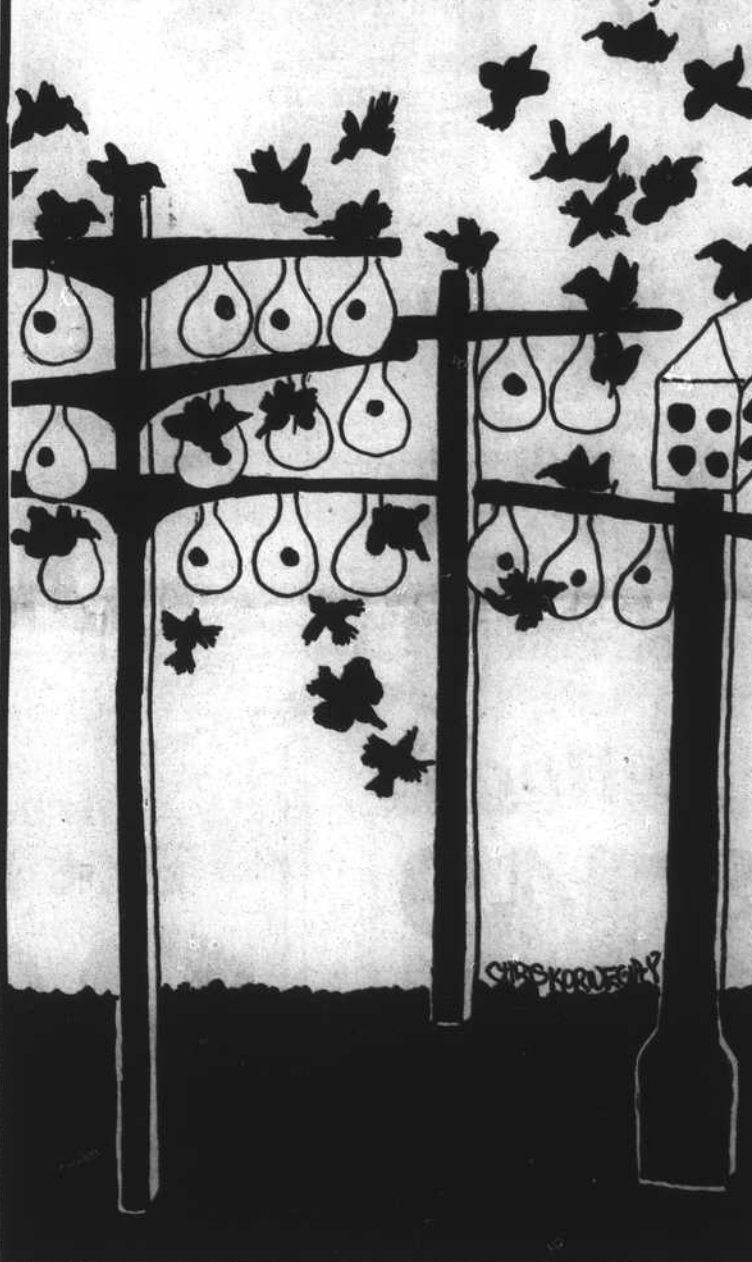
Congratulations to Mrs. La Bertha Blanchard who recently observed her ninety-eighth birthday. To see Mrs. Blanchard, you would not believe that is her correct age. She is yet agile, very alert, interesting to converse with, knows how to coordinate her colors when she dresses. She is an avid reader, not only does she do her own house work, but, is a caregiver to her daughter who is disabled because of arthritis. Hats off to Mrs. Blanchard and more power to her. She is such an inspiration to those of us who are much younger-yet feel old.

Many memories were awakened just recently when I saw the daughters of Lemuel and Luventia Felton who once lived in the swamp as it was called. It was a long ways back from the road. Later, the family moved to what is called Swamp Road in Mrs. Felton's family home. The house was rented for a while as the parents were deceased and the three daughters were in different areas, more recently, the house was renovated and is available for family members to occupy when in the area.

Two of the daughters, Sally and Alverta, spent time there recently. Sally now lives in Elizabeth City, Alverta lives in West Virginia and Janie lives in Columbia. The two brothers Presco and Thomas are deceased.

I just wanted to share that, at times we wonder what became of certain people and when we see them again, it's like getting reacquainted. It kinda helps to make you feel better to know that some of those we knew earlier in life are still with us.

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



## 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 Jonathan 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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