

## Okay, Let's Move On It

Congress is moving too slowly to give domestic textiles an even shot at the domestic textile market. No movement isn't much, as North Carolina Sen. Terry Sanford pointed out last week.

Sanford issued a statement late last week calling for action on the Textile and Apparel Trade Act now languishing in the congressional hopper. He represents a textile-strong state, but he wasn't just playing to the gallery.

"It's clear that the American textile industry is doing its part. It's time for the American government to give the industry the support it deserves."

The senator's appeal was prompted by recently-released U.S. Department of Commerce figures showing that the \$19 billion textile and apparel trade deficit for the first nine months of this year is nearly 20 percent higher than it was for the same period of 1986. Textile imports accounted for a disproportionate piece of this rampant pie in the face of American manufacturing.

"The new figures make it clear, once

again," Sanford said, "that the Textile and Apparel Trade Act is the only way to slow the growth of imports, both from traditional suppliers and from other countries that have begun importing clothing and other textiles into the United States."

Sanford charged that the Reagan Administration "has made promises it hasn't kept, and tough talk it hasn't lived up to."

The senator and former governor is right on all counts. The international trade imbalance grows in spite of an increase of nearly 17 percent in American exports. U.S. exports of textiles and apparel reached more than \$3 billion in the first three quarters of this year, a jump of \$500 million over the comparable period of 1986.

North Carolina's—and all America's—textile companies ask nothing more than the chance to compete fairly in the marketplace while maintaining the pay and benefit levels they must provide to compete for employees. They deserve nothing less.

## From Where I Sit

By Johnny Morrow

I'm just naturally out of synch with a lot of the goings-on around me. I size up an issue, learn all I can about it, then go with my feelings. I've been told that I march to the beat of a different drummer. On such occasions, I remind myself why large military troops are made to break cadence when crossing bridges. I'm not out to change the world, or anyone's mind for that matter. I was asked to fill this space because, due to circumstances beyond my control, I sometimes see things differently than you. A good newspaper offers its readers a well-rounded perspective on the happenings in their environment. This is my two cents worth—and a bargain at twice the price.

Thank goodness a formal institute of higher learning hasn't interfered with my writing. This isn't to imply that I haven't received an education. I have. This space is instilled within me a feeling of power, authority. I may have even underestimated the intelligence of the reading public in the beginning. I knew for a fact that I ignored the awesome responsibility of putting my opinions on public display. But I learned. I'm still learning, still going to school. The readers who set me straight tend to monitor my progress. Fair or not, such is their prerogative.

Freedom of speech is a two-way street. I am allowed to criticize almost anyone or anything—I stress "almost"—as long as I keep my remarks within ethical boundaries. Conversely, I can be criticized openly and virtually without restrictions by anyone who has a chip on his shoulder. This is just one of the nuisances I've learned to endure. Like those dreaded typographical errors, it goes along with the job. More than anything else, writing is a challenge to me. It provides an outlet to channel my thoughts, a forum to express my views and a means through which I contribute to my society. So, the only thing for me to do is to keep on keeping on, no matter how difficult it sometimes becomes.

And speaking of keeping on, I see that Mary Beth Whitehead has hit the news again. Another baby involved, a child who, through no fault of his or her own, will become the focal point of tabloids. Paternity is once again the issue. It seems that Mrs. Whitehead, who lost her bid to keep the child she bore under a contract in the landmark Baby M case, was recently divorced from her husband of nearly 14 years. She now plans to marry a New York City accountant, with whom she is living and whose baby she is carrying. Her husband filed for the divorce on grounds of incompatibility. His attorney, a woman, blamed the breakup on the pressures put on the couple by the Baby M case.

Give me a break. This isn't as much an excuse as it is an easy way out. Mr. Whitehead's attorney claims that he cares very deeply for his ex-wife, but they could no longer continue their marriage. They sat together afterward, I can't understand people like this. It reminds me of those bubbleheads you dated in high school who, when you broke up, wanted to stay friends. If I ever file for a divorce, you can bet the farm that it's going to be bitter and nasty and ugly. I took my marriage vows seriously, and would do the same with divorce proceedings. One would get the feeling that the Whiteheads had merely spent the day in traffic court.

Somehow, you have to believe that morals enter into the picture. I'm not qualified to pass judgment, but perhaps the facts speak for themselves. The Whiteheads were married in 1973, when she was pregnant with their first child. Mary Beth is now 30. Simple arithmetic shows that she had a bun in the oven at 16. I generally discount speculation, but statistics indicate that, in such cases, the girl is usually sexually active a year or two before the pregnancy occurs. Some may choose to question her character, her integrity or her fitness as it pertains to caring for and rearing a child. Others will simply turn their heads and look away. I have my own thoughts.

Under the divorce agreement, the Whiteheads' children, 13-year-old Ryan and 11-year-old Tuesday, will live with their mother. The agreement also stipulates that any profits Mary Beth may make on book and movie deals about the Baby M case are to be shared by the couple. I would call this an amicable settlement—all the way to the bank for both parties. They are going to make a mint on Mary Beth's ability to create, regardless of the man who sees fit to lend his sperm. This is capitalism abuse, yet it's legal. And it galls me to no end. Slick lawyers and agents will maneuver and manipulate the powers that be until a book is produced. A TV movie or feature film will further sensationalize the sleaze.

Did you ever get the feeling that social intercourse takes on an entirely new and different meaning with Mary Beth Whitehead? Or that she thinks, "Hey, diddle diddle" is a proposition, not the beginning of a nursery rhyme? Is she really the anathema the media make her out to be? Is she mentally or emotionally disturbed? Will she be hoisted by her own petard? It reminds me of the rich old man who propositioned the beautiful young lady: "Sleep with me for \$1,000?" "Yes." "Sleep with me for \$500?" "Sure." "Sleep with me for \$10?" "Of course not! What do you think I am?" "I believe we've already established that. Now, we're haggling over the price." The story is old, but it gets the point across.

Mrs. Whitehead sparked an international debate over surrogate parenting when she refused to turn over the child she had agreed to bear through artificial insemination under a \$10,000 contract for length and highly emotional custody battle for the child, a Superior Court judge ruled last March that the contract was valid. He awarded custody to the Sterns. Mrs. Whitehead has threatened further litigation from time to time, but it has yet to see the light of a courtroom. Any credibility she might have had would now appear lost.

Surrogate parenting is a controversial issue, no matter how you look at it. The Roman Catholic Church has come out against it. I suppose it is good that the ruling was made after Jesus was born. Think about it. I won't cast stones, because I don't approve of the procedure myself—which isn't to say that I condemn those who do. The Sterns are not without fault. They elected to go with the procedure and chose Mrs. Whitehead to be the surrogate mother. I can also understand Mrs. Whitehead's point of view. It would be difficult to carry a baby nine months, give birth, then hand the child over to another couple. Still, there was a contract. In my opinion, there is no clear-cut winner. But, then, I'm just naturally out of synch.

## OUR COMMUNITY

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Sometime late Saturday afternoon while the pool and banks were thronged with bathers at Brown's swimming pool, some one gave out the word that a mad dog was running at large about the premises. Mr. James W. Brown was informed and at once set about to make short work of the unwelcome visitor. Having no gun at hand, he grabbed an old mattress that lay near-by. He had collected the dog, which was snarling and otherwise gave evidence of rabies, and made a pass at hitting the animal. The dog dodged the first time, but another try by Mr. Brown the dog was hit and his neck was broken. There is no doubt about the dog's being mad, said Mr. Brown. It was a mixed breed, having the appearance of bull and collie.

On Sunday night another dog was prowling about Mr. Brown's place, and with a gun, the dog was shot to death.

Mr. Brown is fearful lest other dogs and perhaps some cattle in the neighborhood have been bitten, and people in that vicinity should have a close watch on their dogs and livestock.

"If people don't want their dogs killed, they had better keep them away from the pool for a time, at least."

Effective July 1, all local first class mail will be handled at two cents per pound or fraction thereof, instead of three cents as during the past year, according to orders received by Postmaster G.E. Brantley from James A. Farley, postmaster general of the United States.

The new regulations will affect many thousands of people in this county, it is stated. The order applies to all offices in the United States, and concerns only "drop letters," or purely local mail that is posted and distributed from the same postoffice.

The order will also apply to rural and city deliveries where letters are posted in an office or with carriers from an office, and delivered from the same office.

Monday's Statesville Daily: Mrs. Ernest Sherrill and three daughters of Troutman, had a close call late Saturday night when their sedan stalled on the tracks just above the station in Troutman, and a northbound freight train demolished their car.

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## Summer Dig Is Planned At Montana Site Of Real 'First Americans'

When Forest Powers, a retired Washington, D.C., insurance agent, dropped by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History one afternoon in 1964, he showed Dr. Dennis Stanford dozens of ancient weapons, stone tools and shell beads—scattered with a red substance—collected 50 years earlier near Sunrise, Wyo. Stanford, an archaeologist, could barely contain his excitement. The artifacts belonged to the Clovis people, archeologists of the Ice Age who were possibly the first Americans.

Powers promised Stanford that he would return to Sunrise, find the site and draw a map. Last year, Powers called Stanford to tell him that he was making the trip. "Forest arrived in Sunrise," Stanford recalls, "and learned that the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., the town's major industry, had closed down and was in the process of ransacking the grounds around the mine—including the site where he had collected the weapons. He could see that, before the day was over, bulldozers would destroy the site."

"Powers ran to a phone and called me," Stanford says. "I called George Frison, an archaeologist and friend at the University of Wyoming. He ran next door to the office of Mark Miller, the Wyoming State archaeologist, and within an hour the two men were in Sunrise. At the site, they found an aboriginal hematite (iron ore) mine—undoubtedly one of the major sources of red ochre pigment often found with Clovis artifacts. It is the first Paleoindian hematite site ever found and one of the oldest Early Man sites in the New World; its age is estimated at 11,500 years."

Next summer, Stanford will begin excavations of the site in collaboration with Frison. They will present their findings at a special symposium, "Americans Before Columbus: Ice Age Origins," to be held next fall at the Smithsonian. The site, Stanford explains, will illuminate unknown facets of the lives of mammoth-hunting Paleoindians who lived throughout America as far back as the close of the Ice Age.

Fortunately, the Sunrise site was saved from the tools of modern civilization through the cooperation of the mining company. "But we have not always been so fortunate," Stanford says.

The debate at Blackwater Draw—the largest, most important Early Man site in the New World—is especially poignant because of its discovery, less than two dozen sites containing significant information about the Clovis people have been found, he says.

"Many questions about the Clovis people still haunt us," Stanford says. "We really know very little about their lives."

We do know that they were mammoth hunters who made fluted points and other tools now found throughout North and South America. We know, too, that they disappeared with the mammoths, perhaps because of great environmental changes that, in many areas, reduced the water table making surface water too saline to drink. These environmental changes were unprecedented, the worst in hundreds of thousands of years. Perhaps when the mammoth population declined, the Clovis hunters delivered the top "coup de grace."

Other researchers say the Clovis people alone wiped out the mam-

moth. Although it was not deliberate, they systematically hunted the mammoth and other animals to extinction, according to Jared Diamond, a physiology professor at the UCLA Medical School, writing in Discover magazine. Assuming that mammoths reached reproduction age as slowly as modern elephants—at 10 to 15 years of age—the great beasts could not replenish their populations quickly enough in face of the Clovis kills.

"We think we know where the ancestors of the Clovis people came from," Stanford continues. "There tools and use of red ochre strike us as similar to archaeological sites in eastern Siberia and seem to confirm an Asian origin. We do not know, though, when they crossed the Bering Land Bridge."

"Were these people the first Americans or were there already people here and the superior Clovis technology simply spread across an existing population? All of the data Clovis sites fall within a couple of hundred years of one another. Could a population expand through North and South America that rapidly?" Stanford asks. The Blackwater Draw site might have provided information to help answer these questions.

Purture research, however, will provide many answers. Stanford, one of the foremost Paleoindian field archaeologists in America, has been interested in Clovis man since his high school days in Rawlins, Wyo., when he started to pick up Clovis points in the mountains. He has excavated Clovis sites at Lewisville, Texas, and at Blackwater Draw, where he and Dr. Vance Haynes, an archaeologist at the University of Arizona in Tucson, located a number of Clovis encampments and kill sites. They are now assembling a plan for the further preservation and scientific investigation of this classic site with a grant from the National Geographic Society.

Amateur archaeologists, Stanford says, help with this work by discovering new Clovis sites. Three years ago, for example, while attending the Loveland, Colo., Stone Age Fair, Stanford met Orvel Drake, a retired taxidermist, who, in 1978, found a cache of 15 Clovis points in a plowed wheat field near Stoneham, Colo. Drake donated his collection to the Smithsonian in 1980.

And two others, he says, are associated with the site. One is a fluted arrowhead, a red and white-banded chert that we traced to a quarry in the Texas panhandle, 250 to 300 miles from where the points were found. This quarry was also scored by Blackwater Draw Clovis hunters, the Clovis people must have been willing to travel great distances to obtain high-quality materials for the stone tools that were the centerpiece of their culture," Stanford says.

In his quest to determine if the Clovis people were indeed the first Americans and to answer other questions about their lives, Stanford says he maintains ties with many archaeologists and amateur collectors throughout the country. "In this business you have to get out and meet amateur collectors and archaeologists," he notes. "They're the ones covering the ground while I'm sitting at my desk in Washington, D.C. If they don't let me know what they've found, I'll never know."

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## Where Are The Well-Armed Doves?

You're not shedding tears of joy? Then you must not have been paying attention. We're more than halfway to what many insist will be the crowning glory of the Reagan administration: an arms-control treaty with Moscow. This one is supposed to eliminate U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces.

Well, maybe the Kremlin, bless its peace-loving heart, will finally agree by a treaty. All that's necessary to believe that fantasy is to pretend that nothing can be learned from history.

Those who can't so pretend are called trigger-happy hawks by the treaty lovers, who call themselves peacemakers. In truth, the reason realists don't want to disarm America is that we fear it would make the Soviets trigger-happy. That's why we think the INF deal could be the Reagan administration's crowning glory—it would leave NATO forces defenseless before the Soviet's overwhelming superiority in tanks, heavy artillery and other conventional weapons.

But it seems that the deed is done, and all that remains is to flesh out the details. And on the morning after the final document is signed and all the toasts to world peace have been raised, maybe the Reagan administration can answer some questions that no other administration has been able to answer. Such as:

- How can we verify the thing?
- What do we do when we verify non-compliance, as we have repeatedly?

As Secretary of State George Shultz recently said, we "let the Soviets know" we've caught them in another violation. In other words, we do nothing.

Indeed, rarely do we use proof of non-compliance even for propaganda purposes. To do that, you see, would jeopardize the spirit of amity necessary for signing more

## Clear Constitutional Circumvention

From The News and Observer, Raleigh

In its final report, the joint congressional Iran-contra committee recommends tighter reins on covert operations. But the committee understands—and explains well—that the fundamental flaws it uncovered have to do with people, not law. Critical policy went awry as a result of failures on the part of the president and key aides.

President Reagan, the White House continues to insist, "did not violate any laws." The committee makes no such charge. But it does pointedly hold him responsible in a way all presidents should be held responsible, citing the presidential oath of office: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office."

By raising money from foreign governments and private individuals to finance the contras in Nicaragua, the Reagan administration spent money not appropriated by Congress and thus "evaded the Constitution's most significant check on executive power." By re-directing proceeds from the sale of arms to Iran, the administration engaged in a "misappropriation of government funds." By various means, the administration circumvented laws restricting aid to the contras.

President Reagan still wants the people to focus on the narrow issue of whether he broke a law or knew of the diversion of arms-sales profits to the contras. But the committee wants the people to focus on the wider issue of

adherence to the Constitution, and it was President Reagan who, as the committee report says, fostered an atmosphere in which aides felt free to flout the nation's basic document.

## When The Laughing Stopped In Louisiana

From The Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock

So the political career of Edwin Edwards has come to an end, evidently, and it is tempting to speculate that Louisiana is entering a whole new political era. After all, the man who defeated Edwards in the governor's race, Charles (Buddy) Roemer, has a reputation for honesty, and that used to be something of a liability in Louisiana politics.

But we wouldn't declare the coming of a new just yet. It may be simply that the voters had grown tired of Edwards' personality, just as voters eventually tire of most politicians—he was seeking a fourth term and not that they had developed a sudden craving for clean government. Or it may be that, having forgiven Edwards certain peccadilloes in the past, the people finally wouldn't forgive him for something that wasn't really his fault—a statewide recession caused by the drop in oil and gas prices. Whatever, it was a chastened Edwards who conceded defeat Sunday, the first defeat in 33 years of political life. "People in Louisiana have come to the conclusion they just don't trust me," he said. Give the man credit—he has a certain style. How many losing candidates offer such a brutally frank assessment?

Roemer has promised to change Louisiana's image as a haven for political corruption. He'll have his hands full; we wish him well. Although there will be some political aficionados among us who will hope, secretly, that he doesn't make too thorough a job of it. The colorful corruption of Louisiana politics has always been such fun to read about and talk about for those of us outside the state, who didn't have to pay for it.

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