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## Boardroom Obscenity

"Corporate Bonuses, Obscenity In The Boardroom," is the heading of an interesting article by Sandy Grady which appeared in the editorial section of Sunday's Charlotte Observer. The article was written, under a Washington, D. C., dateline, for Knight-Ridder Newspapers, of which The Observer is a member.

The article is about salaries, and Grady begins, "If you are talking about salaries the most famous quotation is Babe Ruth's retort when reporters asked why he was making \$5,000 more a year than President Herbert Hoover.

"I had a better year than he did," said Ruth.

"After hearing that quotation for years," said Grady, "I looked up Ruth's stats. Portly and aged as he was in 1932, he hit 41 homers, drove in 130 runs and batted .341.

"Hoover? Anybody who has ever heard of the Great Depression knows he hit 000.

"Babe was right, he deserved his 80 grand that year.

"When a guy delivers in sports, entertainment or business, there aren't many squawks about his heavy wallet.

"But something weird is happening in America's boardrooms.

"They are not just paying their top executives big money. They are handing out unreal money, the kind of loot that emperors and Sun Gods would envy."

Grady pointed out that George Shultz, secretary of state is paid

\$72,000; Ronald Reagan, President \$200,000; and Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia Phillies third baseman \$1,652,337.

"Sure Schmidt's comic salary will tune up the boo-birds. But this is a Hall-of-Famer, maybe the best who ever played his position. He puts people in the seats, draws them to TV sets. The Phils gave him that contract in a competitive, pay-him-or-lose-him situation.

For the sake of argument, writes Grady, pick the man on the list who was overpaid in 1983 (salary, bonuses, stocks, etc. included):

"William S. Anderson, NCR Corp.—\$13,229,000.

"According to a list in Business Week magazine, Anderson was America's No. 1 paid executive. But his company which makes computers and business stuff, only paid its stockholders 80% of their investment...."

Grady lists many others: "J. Robert Fluor, who drew \$4.3 million although stockholders in his engineering giant lost their shirts during the last three years.

"There's David Roderick, president of U. S. Steel. His company lost millions last year. Yet Roderick made \$606,000 in salary alone, a 9% raise.

"Something to remember the next time Roderick comes to Capitol Hill to bleat about the terrible 'labor costs' in his Pennsylvania mills."

The list continues, but editorial space does not.

## Worth Quoting

"Observations, A Collection of Notable Quotes," compiled by Ed Williams, Charlotte Observer Associate Editor, this week contains, among its quotes, "Rosalyn Carter Sums up," by Washington Post book critic Jonathan Yardley, on Rosalyn Carter's autobiography, "First Lady from Plains" (Moughton-Mifflin \$17.95); and "Toward The Land of Back," by Henry Fairle in Harper's Magazine.

**Rosalynn Carter Sums Up**  
The common characterization of her as a "steel magnolia" probably is more malicious than factual, but by her own account she is a tough, even coldblooded, politician. The shy girl from Plains grew into a determined campaigner and a ruthless strategist. She describes herself as "much more politician than Jimmy and...more concerned about popularity and winning re-election."

...This is how she ends her book:  
"I would be out there campaigning right now if Jimmy would run again. I miss the world of politics. Nothing is more thrilling than the urgency of a campaign — the planning, the strategy sessions, getting out among people you'd never otherwise meet—and the tremendous energy it takes that makes a victory ever so sweet and a loss so devastating. I'd like people to know that we were right, that what Jimmy Carter was doing was best for our country, and that people made a mistake by not voting for him...."

To her enormous credit, she remains in this book the girl from Plains who dreamed of seeing the great world out there, who as an adult ended up seeing far more of it than she could possibly have hoped for and who has come through all of it with her feet quite firmly on the ground. That is a rare and wholly admirable accomplishment.

**Toward The Land Of Back**  
...America according to Reaganism is to progress toward its past. The fact that it is to be a more idyllic past than ever existed does not corrupt the innocent beauty of the vision. There never was a past of republican virtue and thrift and prudence and neighborliness and self-help to which Reagan invites the American people. So where does he promise to take them? Why, back to the Land of Back.

A vague prevailing mood in the country responds readily to this. The United States is plagued with "back to" movements. Back to Basics. Back to the Family. Back to Babies. Back to Religion. (But not, very clearly, back to God.) Back to Discipline. Back to the Rod. And, of course, Back to the Closet... That progress, which usually frightens the average conservative, should lead to so green and familiar a pasture is a wonder. This idea of progress is no more real than the fishes' dream of heaven in Rupert Brooke's poem:  
And in that heaven of all their wish,  
There shall be no more land, say fish.

## No Women Allowed

For nearly a thousand years, no woman has been permitted to set foot on Mount Athos, an Eastern Orthodox religious community on Greece's Aegean Sea coast, National Geographic says.

**How To Trim The Budget**  
Beach wear on display at the mall suggests that designers of swimming apparel should be put to work on the federal budget.—Billy Arthur in Chapel Hill Newspaper.



A statue of the Greek goddess of hunting, Diana, is shown with arched bow atop a reflecting pool at Brookgreen Gardens near Myrtle Beach, S.C. The former ante-bellum plantation is filled with what is called the world's largest collection of outdoor sculpture. (Staff Photo)

## Mostly Personal

## Visiting S. C. Garden

By BIGNALL JONES

As we drove the 18 miles from Myrtle Beach to Brookgreen Gardens in South Carolina, I was impressed with the difference in trees near the South Carolina beaches and those in North Carolina where as one nears the coast one sees short trees twisted and knarled by the strong sea winds. All along the roads in South Carolina, although only a few miles from the ocean, fine stands of both pines and hardwood appeared to be unaffected by the winds, and similar to forests in the hill country.

In last week's column, I wrote of finding a description of Brookgreen Gardens in Pete Hulth's column in The Smithfield Herald. Pete is a capable writer who has visited the famous statuary gardens, and I copy his comments by way of introduction.

"I'm repeating myself, I know," Pete wrote, "but about this time every year, I have to go to Brookgreen Gardens on the South Carolina coast and come back and urge Herald readers to go there. The period from three weeks before Easter to three weeks after Easter is my favorite time because the dogwoods, redbuds, azaleas, and blooms from bulbs are at their height of beauty. There is a variety of plants there to produce much color throughout the season.

"Brookgreen is America's most beautiful sculpture garden. Over 400 works of art are exhibited on the grounds of what was a rice plantation. It is the dream of the late Anna Hyatt Huntington, a sculptress who joined with her husband to create the gardens—which have many pieces of work they did and who enticed friends to place sculpture there.

"In addition to over 1,600 species of plants in a series of gardens within a garden, there is a visitor center, a museum, picnic area, rest and refreshment building, and a wildlife park. There is no way you can describe what's

there. Just seeing the row of massive live oaks on the walk that formerly led to the residence that was destroyed by fire is worth the trip.

"The Huntingtons willed the gardens to the State of South Carolina, which has vastly expanded the facilities and charges a nominal fee to offset its operation and care.

"Brookgreen is located on Highway 17 midway between Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. Nearby Murrells Inlet offers seafood considered the best on the South Carolina coast."

As Pete said, "there is no way of describing what is there," and it is truly a scene to be remembered. It must be lovely when the dogwoods, redbud and azaleas are in bloom. There were roses, and some flowering shrubs, but it is hard to imagine a time when the gardens are not both inspiring and beautiful, as many persons from this section who have visited the gardens will testify.

The giant live oak trees, with hanging moss, and the green lawns of gardens after gardens are scenes of unimaginable beauty. When we walked over the gardens, we encountered the first hot day of spring, and the temperature must have been around 85-90 degrees. The distances were great, and in spite of the pleasure of viewing statue after statue, we will have to return to see it all. Toward the end of our visit we were taking advantage of the many benches strategically located over

the gardens.

From the entrance gate we received a beautifully illustrated brochure, headed AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SCULPTURE GARDEN, from which we quote:

Hundreds of works of sculpture are exhibited to create a garden museum that features America's finest sculptors of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Gardens are located on the site of a former plantation home where indigo and rice crops were once raised. Magnificent avenues of live oak trees, interesting plants, and attractive lily ponds provide a perfect showcase for the sculpture and a pleasant experience for the nature lover.

Picnic areas, wildlife park and Visitors Pavilion make a delightful trip for the entire family.

## BROOKGREEN GARDENS

A Society for Southeastern Flora and Fauna, was organized on July 13, 1931, by the late Archer Milton Huntington under the laws of the State of South Carolina as an eleemosynary corporation for the purpose of exhibiting and preserving flora and fauna of South Carolina and objects of art.

The gardens, museum, wildlife park and sanctuary constitute a public trust and are administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of persons representing the fields of art, natural science, law, finance and business.



"Gardening is simple - all you do is dig a hole, toss in th' seeds, cover 'em up... an they GROW!"

## News Of Yesteryear

## Looking Back Into The Warren Record

May 12, 1944

Pfc. Palmer W. King, son of Mrs. Leyta King of Warrenton and the late J. F. King, has landed in Italy. A graduate of John Graham High School, Pfc. King entered service in 1943 and was trained at Camp Howze, Tex. and Camp Claiborne, La.

"It was truly an experience, the piano concert of the eighth-grade child, Margaret McRae Shaw of Macon, which was played in Raleigh this past week." These are the words of Agnes Cooper, in her column "Notes and Half-notes" in last Sunday's News and Observer.

William J. Peete and Charles Peete of Harvard are spending their furlough here.

May 8, 1959

Dr. Robert Burton House, ex-chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be guest speaker at the confederate Memorial Day Service Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 3 p. m. on the courthouse square in Warrenton.

Every spring the Warren County home demonstration club women's fancy turns to galavanting. On Thursday morning, the alarm clock started buzzing and at 6:45, Miss Emily Ballinger and Mrs. William T. Skinner checked the list of 41 of the women who boarded the bus for a trip to Jugtown, Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Iving Harris announce the birth of a daughter on May 4 in Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount. Mrs. Harris is the former Betty Kaye Wesson of near Littleton.

May 9, 1974

Macon is one of 20 North Carolina towns scheduled to get a new post office under a new building program announced this week by the U. S. Postal Service.

Incumbent Sheriff Clarence Davis outdistanced the field in Tuesday's Democratic Primary, sweeping to victory in 12 of 14 precincts, but failing by five votes to reach the magical number needed to prevent the possibility of a runoff election.

Announcement of the retirement of Dr. Cecil W. Robbins as president of Louisburg College was made at a meeting of the college board of trustees on April 26.



"The Star Bangled Banner," when it was first published, bore the title "The Defense of Fort McHenry."

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