

Storm Watch

Nobody asked but ...

When I was a kid, we only saw Hurricanes on newsreels at the movie house — always showing palm trees bent near double. Same for blizzards, droughts, and floods, except for the palm trees. After the fact, history subsumed into the parade of human affairs, they were shown in grainy black and white. Nothing to fear. Move along, folks. Now we get days of warning, graphics, and hyperbole. I have a friend on Daufuskie Island, in Georgia, who says the worst part is the waiting. I suspect the waiting would be tolerable without the handwringing and flatscreen teevees.

— Kilgore Forelle