The Montford Newsletter is Going Online

We are excited. After weighing the pros and cons for a couple of years, the pros have tipped the scales. We are taking the big leap and going entirely digital beginning with the February '18 issue. This issue will be the last printed version.

As many of you know, we have been posting the black-andwhite version of the newsletter and individual articles on Montford.org for some time. Now a color version of the Montford Newsletter will be available for anyone to read online and you can still print a copy from Montford.org.

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Montford Listserv

To sign up for the Montford Listsery, do this:

- 1. Compose a new email. In the To field, type montfordsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
- 2. In the Subject field, type Subscribe.
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- 5. In the Subject field, type a short, to-the-point descriptive subject, such as Looking for a Roofer, or Help! I have a leaky roof! Or Looking for a Dog Sitter. You get the idea.

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Calendar

Holiday Camp for Youth—December 20-22, 27-29 and January 2 we hold a camp for elementary students from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Only \$40 per child for Asheville residents.

Wednesday Yoga Classes—Contact instructor Kim De at kimde04@gmail.com

Badminton—Join this active group of players on Friday nights 5:30-8:00pm and Sunday Mornings 9 – 11am. If you don't think badminton is a great workout, you haven't played at Montford!

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Ukulele—Mondays 6pm - 8pm. This self-led group welcomes all levels of talent including beginners. **Free**.

Volleyball Pick-Up Games—Sundays 11am - 2pm. \$5 per person



On Thursday, February 1 from 10:00am -**12:00pm** come and join the A-B Tech Small Business Center and Small Business and Technology Development Center for this collaborative event aimed at preparing small business owners, entrepreneurs, and creative minded individuals for business planning. Find out how to assess your business ownership skills and the feasibility of your idea. Participants will also learn what type of information is needed in order to produce a viable and successful business plan. Session handouts will include the SBTDC Business Startup and Resource Guide, a business plan outline, additional planning documents, and helpful resources to guide the planning process. There will be an opportunity for discussion and to ask questions about specific aspects of business. This session is **FREE** and open to anyone interested in starting a business, but registration is required in order to secure seating.

For information regarding any of our programs, facility hours or special events, call the 253-3714 or email skriewall@ashevillenc.gov

Shana Kriewall, Facility Manager, Tempie Avery Montford Center





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MONTFORD HALLOWEEN

Monfordians love Halloween. Some say it is their favorite holiday. Decorated one-hundred-year-old homes (with their own ghost stories) and wide tree-lined streets make it the perfect place for "Trick or Treat".

This year we had perfect weather and lots of support from our Community. Special thanks go out to Michael McDonough, the Montford Neighborhood Association, and Vicki Korkmaz of the Montford Connection convenience store. They made the security arrangements that helped keep everyone safe.

River of children

"For several of our guests, this was their first exposure to a Montford Ave. Halloween and they were astounded by the two-way river of children in costumes. 2015: 800+ kids, 2016: 1000 kids, 2017: we lost count."— Michael Parker and Charlie Mercer

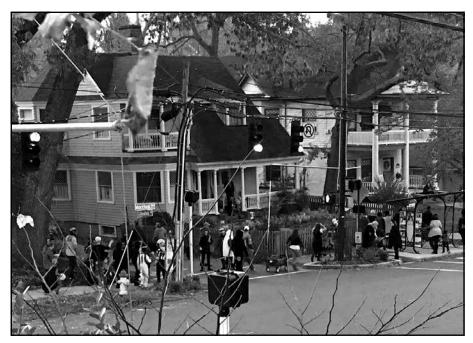


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Eli and cat. Photo credit: Madison Roberts, Tempie Avery Montford Center



Halloween pirate party. Photo credit: Michael Parker and Charlie Mercer



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THE 2017 MONTFORD HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES

Montford — Asheville's most historic neighborhood — will showcase 11 homes at the **22nd Annual Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 9 from 1 until 5 p.m.**

This is your chance to explore the lovingly restored or carefully constructed eclectic architecture of homes in one of the largest intact historic districts in the state.

New this year — a full-color "Montford Holiday Tour of Homes" Keepsake Booklet will be your ticket. It will provide directions to the self-guided tour of homes, photographs and details of the homes, historic information about the neighborhood, and colorful ads of our tour sponsors and advertisers.

Profits from the Home Tour support improvements and activities in Montford such as:

- Funds for youth programs at the Montford Recreation Center
- Support for Montford Music and Arts festival each spring
- Provide security for children to enjoy Halloween in the Montford neighborhood
- Beautification projects in the Montford neighborhood Be a part of this historic neighborhood by supporting us! For more information visit **Montfortour.com** or contact Ellen Nutter at 828-505-8242 or elnutter@aol.com.



House 1 133 Montford Avenue

133 Montford Avenue was built in 1890, one the few houses in Montford built before 1900. The house was constructed for Lt. Commander Alphonso H.

Cobb, a native of Michigan, who attended the US Naval Academy and settled in Asheville after a successful military career. In addition to a career in finance, he was an inventor, who worked on his ideas in the top floor loft of his house. His patents, which are displayed in the second floor hallway of the house, include the ball bearing, the hook and eye closure, and the refillable bladder for fountain pens.

The National Register of Historic Places describes the house as "highly irregular Queen Anne style:" including bay windows, a tower, and a combination of weatherboard and shingle siding. It features an angled porch, which, according to A. H. Cobb's grandson, was built facing the southwest to catch the breeze. The house retains its original heart of pine floors, woodwork, hand-carved mantels, crown molding, and doorknobs.

The Allens have lived in the house since 2010, and have completed two renovations, including a two-story, 1000 square foot addition to the rear of the house. Care was taken to match the original woodwork and materials, including heart of pine floors.



House 2 60 Pearson Drive

60 Pearson Drive first appears in the City Directory in 1916 as the home of Prank Gudger, his wife Elizabeth, and John Acee. In its early years, the house had a succession of

occupants, but in the 1960s it was purchased by the Burgin family, who lived there for about 40 years, until the early 2000s.

The house is a one-story bungalow, with German siding and two front gables. Originally there were two bedrooms, but in 2009 a new master bedroom and bath was added to the rear of the house. The kitchen was remodeled at the same time.

Today, 60 Pearson is the home of Foster de la Houssaye, a native of New Orleans, who says that Montford reminds him of home, with its mixture of home styles, orientations and life styles

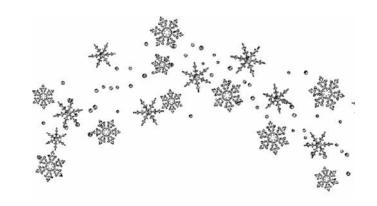
Panels on Montford history will be displayed at 60 Pearson Drive. These are copies of those at the new Montford Avenue bus shelters, designed by Sharon Faher and Ross Terry. Fundingfor the bus shelters and the history panels was provided by the Montford Neighborhood Association with profits of the Montford Holiday Tour of Homes.



House 3 129 Pearson Drive

129 Pearson Drive was built in 1907 for George R. Murray and his wife Nellie. The Murray family lived in there for 31 years, until Mrs. Murray's death in 1938.

George Murray, a lawyer, hired Richard Sharp Smith, George Vanderbilt's architect, to design his one-and-a-half story bungalow. Much of the house is shingled, but with typical Smith flourish, the front gable end is pebbledash and half-timbered to create a medieval look. The original paired and tripled multi-paned windows insure a light-filled interior. Large gracious rooms have the original woodwork, floors, mantels, and window glass. The living room features original built-in cabinetry. The upstairs master bath was converted from a sleeping porch, and retains its operable windows. The full-length front porch, which includes the Montford bracket, was shortened to accommodate enclosure of the southern end as a bedroom and bath.





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House 4 42 Soco Street

Marti and David Boyles' home at 42 Soco St. was designed by Jason Weil of Retro-Fit and built in 2016 for the Boyles by Jeremy McCowan of J&N Construction. Located in the Montford Historic District,

the house was designed in conformance with the regulations of the Historic Resources Commission.

The Boyles retired to Asheville from Boston, and the art and furnishing of their home reflect their family's rich history. David's father was raised in Burma, the son of Methodist missionaries, and Marti's family traces their history back to the prominent Pinckney and Middleton families of Savannah, GA.

Family treasures from Burma and Savannah mix tastefully with art collected on the Boyles' travels, and art by family and friends. Note particularly the telechrome clock on the desk in the living room. This was invented by David's father, whose inventions also include the electric toothbrush, the clock radio, and the gyroscope used by bombers in WWII. Note also the framed poetry and artwork by son Daniel, as well as paintings by Marti herself throughout the house.



House 5 254 Cumberland Avenue

254 Cumberland Avenue first appears in the City Directory in 1907 as the home of Wilburn K. Merrick and his wife, Mamie. Mr. Merrick was

in the lumber business, and the house is distinguished by its extremely rare quilted maple wood work and trim, now lovingly restored to its original glory. For 50 years, between 1915 and 1965, the house was occupied by Michael H. Kelly and his wife, Mary. It was converted into a B&B in 1997.

This two-and-a-half story vernacular residence has weatherboard on the first floor and shingles on the second and third floors. The comfortable and light-filled interior features the original 16 over 1 and diamond paned windows. The front facade features two bays and a glass-enclosed side porch. Don't miss the large built-in salt-water aquarium in the dining room.

You are invited to explore the one-acre gardens, which include a koi pond, waterfall, and tucked-away wedding garden.



House 6 7 Woodlawn Avenue

It is located a stone's throw from downtown Asheville, yet Trudy Galynker's house feels like an aerie in the woods. This is accomplished by means of a plethora of large

windows, and preservation of the mature trees and shrubs that existed on the site.

The house was constructed according to Trudy's own design with the help of some online plans and local architect Jason Weil. It was built in 2009 by James Bound of Greencraft. Located in the Montford Historic District, the design was approved by the Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County. Large porches nod to the past, and the interior wood trim echoes the Craftsman style of the exterior. Walls in warm shades of gold and red complement the red oak floors and cherry cabinetry.

Trudy's ancestors are from Russia and Poland, and she herself lived in Russia for two years in the 1970s. Russian mementos include the collection of folk art figures above the kitchen cabinets, a teapot collection on the dining room sideboard, and a framed 1920s poster "Peasant Woman, Go to the Collective Farm!"

The formal entrance to the house is actually on Elizabeth Place, but steep stairs there encouraged use today of the "second" entrance on Woodlawn Avenue.



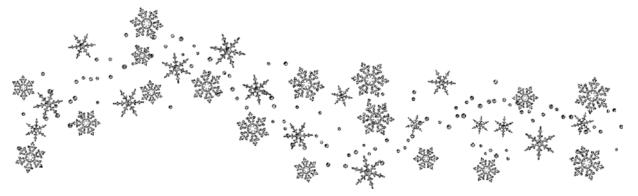
House 7 97 Flint Street

One of the oldest houses in Montford, 97 Flint Street was built in 1898. Built in the Queen Anne style and clad in weatherboard, the house saw a major addition in 1920, when the current family room

and kitchen were added to the rear of the house. In 1979, the side porch was enclosed with a glass wall, and a large parabolic arch was cut through the living room wall to create a light-filled plant room. In 2010, a separate two-story studio was added to the back of the lot (not on tour). The separate original garage is now an exercise room.

97 Flint has had a number of long-time owners. The family of J. J. Yates and his wife Bette lived there for 38 years (1904-1942), and the Robert and Kary Williams family was there 36 years (1942-1978).

Kim Rollin says that she loves living in a house with so much history, and that she feels not so much as an owner, but as a steward, "building on what others have done before."





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House 8 200 Flint Street

According to the National Register of Historic Places, 200 Flint Street is one of the finest examples of the bungalow style in the Montford Historic District. It is thought to have been built

in 1922. Set on a knoll above "the great wall of Flint Street," this one and a half story house has three front gables. Clad in large shingles, German siding and original pseudomasonry veneer, it has a massive look, especially for its size, and features heavy shingles piers and arched openings.

The half-story upstairs has a charming guest suite with original windows looking out onto Magnolia Street.

Owner Gary Taylor is an art director who worked for many years in the Los Angeles entertainment industry. His mid-century modern furnishings fit beautifully in the house and complement his collection of iconic photos of glamorous performers and musicians of the 1960s.



House 9 70 Magnolia Avenue

70 Magnolia Avenue was built in 1899, when there were very few houses in Montford. It is a prime example of the early shingle style, popular in New England during the Colonial

Revival. Meant to evoke a 17th/18th century farmhouse that had been added to over time, the various sections of the house have their own shapes and roof lines. Other New England details include fireplaces with built-in chimney cupboards, a candle closet in the stairway, and rough textured plaster walls.

The house was built for seasonal rental, and had a succession of early residents. One long-time owners in the last half of the 20th century were Walter and Stola Mapp. Mr. Mapp, who died in 1994, was instrumental in the siting of Asheville Middle School, and helped pioneer the Boy Scout program in the black community.

By 2001, the house had deteriorated badly. It was purchased and restored by Scott Patterson and Ken Jones, a museum curator for historic houses, who re-emphasized many of the authentic shingle-style touches. Restoration was completed by the current owners, Molly Cassidy and Anna Helgeson. This included rebuilding the carriage house as a guest suite, bringing the house full circle as both a home and a vacation rental.



House 10 40 Houston Street

Mary McKinley is a professional artist, and her paintings can be viewed on walls throughout her home and in her lower level studio. Mary was trained at the

Pratt Institute in NYC, and in her day job she is a graphic designer for a marketing firm in London. Working remotely allows her to spend winters in Asheville and summers in Tuscany, where she and her daughter Mia live in an apartment located in a palazzo, circa 1600

Mary's paintings are of three styles: traditional Italian renaissance realism, full-color abstracts, and sky paintings. She began painting in oil in the traditional realism style. About 10 years ago, she added the abstracts, painted in acrylic, and more recently has added the sky paintings, in oil and acrylic.

Mary and Mia's home was built in 2014 by Bellwether Builders. The recently completed lower level renovation was designed by Mary and constructed by Organic Think. Note particularly the views of the mountains and a 100-year-old oak from the home's expansive rear windows.

Parking is limited on Houston Street. If you are driving, you may wish to park on Arborvale or Courtland, and walk to Houston.



House 11 48 Houston Street

The home at 48 Houston Street was built in 2010 by Greencraft and was a Gold Craftsman Winner in that year's Parade of Homes. Built on an infill lot on a street

with both vintage and new homes, the 2342 square foot house takes advantage of its sloped site to create three daylight levels, two of which feature full-width rear decks overlooking the expansive backyard.

Suzanne and Dave Devane are the second owners of the house, having purchased it in 2015 while still living in Chicago. After a period of going back and forth, they are delighted now to be in Asheville full time. They have furnished their home with a joyous mixture of family pieces, treasures from their travels and finds from local galleries, thrift stores and festivals.

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Montford Listserv

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What is a Listsery?

Some of you might not get what a listserv is. It's a neighborhood group email for the neighborhood. It's there to ask neighborhood-specific questions like, "What's the construction at Montford Ave and Courtland Ave?" or to let neighbors know of a car break-in (where and when, and specifics is always helpful). Garage Sale This Saturday 9-5, Selling All My Husband's Belongings. . . .



There are rules, and the new Listserv Manager, Dan Rogers, will be posting those soon. It's pretty loose. Respect and civility are key. Using a Subject line that describes the subject of the email is key. Not overtly selling a business, but if you have a jewelry sale in your home in the future, or art classes in the neighborhood, or you're a new seamstress in the neighborhood, go for it and tell us who you are. We welcome that and we want to know.

Join the Montford Listsery!

Now that the newsletter is going online only, being a part of the listserv is even more important to know what's up in the 'hood. Signing up is easy.

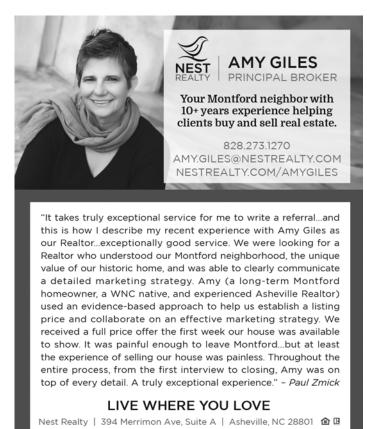


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Bus Shelters Dedicated

On October 3 the weather was perfect and the neighbors came out to celebrate and talk about the history of our community. "I wanted to personally thank you and all those who participated in the "living history" bus stop shelter areas....it was a very unifying dedication!" remarked Gary Holstein—who took lots of pictures of the event—to Sharon Fahrer.

Later that day the ashes of Julia Brown, great granddaughter of Tempe Avery were buried in Riverside Cemetery and the City Council voted to change the name of the Montford Recreation Center to the Tempe Avery Montford Center. It was a proud day for our neighborhood!



Left to right: Ken Putnam, Bill Eakins, Martha Warren, Michael McDonough (in back), Ross Terry, Sharon Fahrer, Lenora Randolph, Al Whitesides, Mayor Manheimer, Jack Thomson, Tina Council. Photo credit: Trudy Terry



Left to right: Sharon Fahrer, Mayor Esther Manheimer. Photo credit: Esther Manheimer and Alex Cole



Left to right in front: Cathryn McLeod, Martha Warren, Lea Walker, Keir Walker. Photo credit: Gary Holstein

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- For Montford's Community Resource Officer Justin Wilson call 828-450-3719

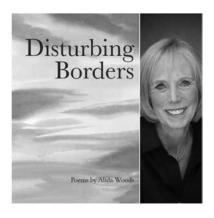




Disturbing BordersPoems by Alida Woods

I am so excited to announce the publication of my book of poems, *Disturbing Borders*. This book is a compilation of poems written in the years following my retirement as a teacher and principal of Isaac Dickson Elementary School, where I had the major part of my career from 1989-2011. A native of New England, I came to Asheville in 1975. What a different town it was!

My husband and I have lived in Montford since 1997 and have seen this neighborhood change as well. Daily walks, with and without my various dogs, in our neighborhood inform my poetry as does the changing of the season here in the mountains. Strangers and friends come and go in my poems. Birds



and skies populate my verse and borders, real and imagined are a big part of my thinking and writing verse.

Just wanted to share my excitement with friends and neighbors. I'll let you know about a launch party in January!

Alida Woods



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A Brief Look at the Habitat Monthly Calendar

- -Sunday Soul Food Brunch 12-3pm
- -Panthers' Games Sundays 1-4pm games
- -Pints w/ Professors 1st Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
- -Common Table Potluck 4th Mondays 6:30-8:30pm
- -Square Dance 1st Fridays 8-11pm

Habitat Brewing Co opened in November of 2016 and is located on 174 Broadway St at the north end of downtown. Habitat Brewing strives to craft classic and quality ales while also offering a warm and welcoming place to enjoy a beer and genuine conversation. Habitat offers 5 house beers, a rotating list of guest taps, wine, as well as a local kombucha and ginger ale.

The Tavern houses the bar and brew area, while the adjoining Commons room often holds neighborhood events, dances, weddings, workshops, and parties.

Ample parking is available out back <u>after</u> 5pm and on the weekends, and we share parking with High Five Coffee before 5pm on the weekdays.

Families and pets are welcome!

Keep an eye out for information on our one year anniversary happening November 11, 2017!

Our events calendar is found on Facebook
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Going Online

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Going Bravely Forward

The Montford Neighborhood Association will be making better use of Montford.org, Facebook, Twitter, the Montford Listserv, and email flyers to keep residents informed about community issues and events. Also, an upgrade to Montford.org is in the works including making the site responsive—that is to say, device-friendly.

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Montford Reflections

Growing Up In Montford

Pippa Dolen

I love reading neighbors' stories about the Montford of today. I grew up in Montford many years ago during the forties and fifties. My grandparents lived on Montford Avenue at one time and later we all lived on Courtland and Arborvale.

We shopped at a grocery store at the corner of West Chestnut and Pearson Drive and at another on Jersey Street. Before that, there was an A&P in the first block of Montford Avenue. Mullins Drugstore was also in the first block of Montford and Shigley's Drugstore was in the row of buildings at the corner of Montford and Soco.

One of the things we did for entertainment was going to one of the drugstores and getting an ice cream cone and then taking a stroll through Riverside Cemetery or Montford Park. I used to skate down Courtland Avenue from Pearson to Courtland Place when I was about eight or nine with my grandmother screaming all the while.



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We used to go to Shigley's Drugstore so we could see the "illustrious guests" of Highland Hospital. I was living on Courtland when the hospital burned and we could hear all the hysteria from our house.

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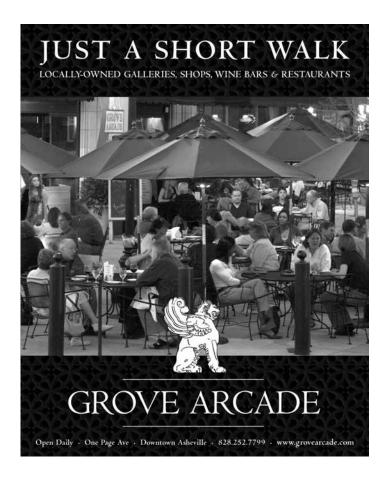
Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda, Oct 11, 2017

Members present: Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

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Historic Resources Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County

Montford Action Agenda, Nov 8, 2017

Members present: Staff present: Stacy Merten, Alex Cole, Jannice Ashley

Item, Summary and Action

49 Zillicoa Street—Revised application for construction of new porte-cochere and addition on rear elevation; extension of existing driveway along the right side of the house to access the rear porte-cochere; replacement of four windows on left side elevation with two 1/1 double-hung windows; replacement of three windows on rear elevation with new French doors with large full-size single-pane windows on either side. **Action**: Approved with conditions

254 Pearson Drive—Alteration of non-historic buildings. Proposed work to include: 1) Replacement of existing porte-cochere at side elevation with 529 sq. ft. side addition; 2) Removal of existing hip roof of accessory structure and construction of a new front-facing gable-end roof with side-gable, replacement of one garage door with accordion doors, and removal of second garage door with opening covered with siding; 3) installation of new privacy fence in rear yard adjacent to accessory structure. **Action**: Withdrawn

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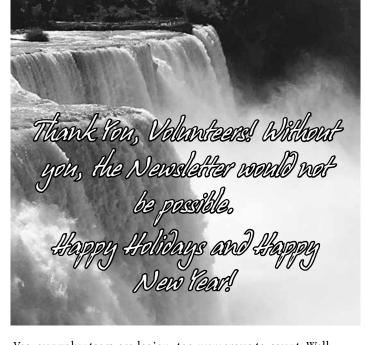
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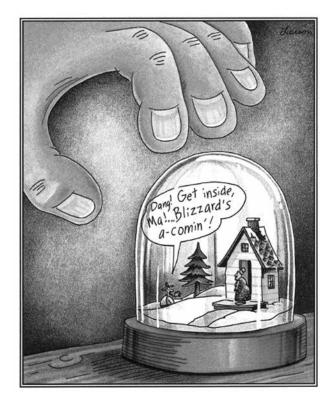
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