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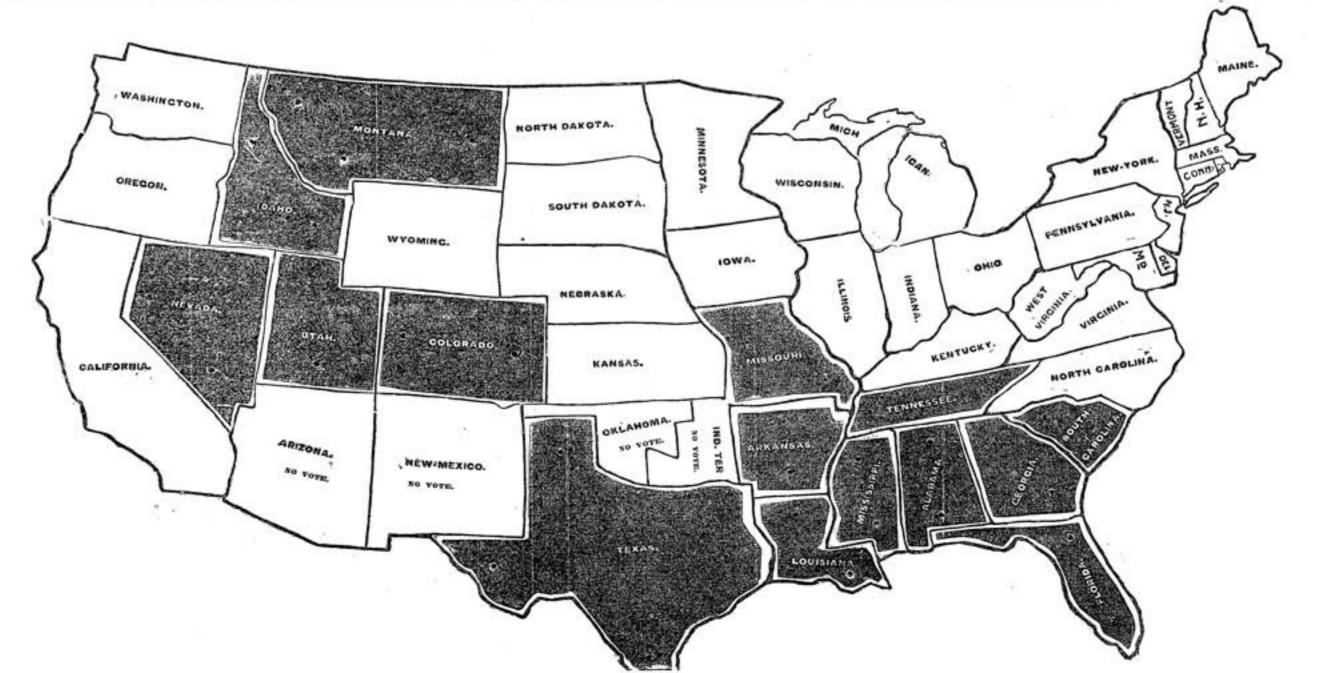
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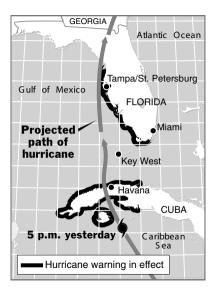


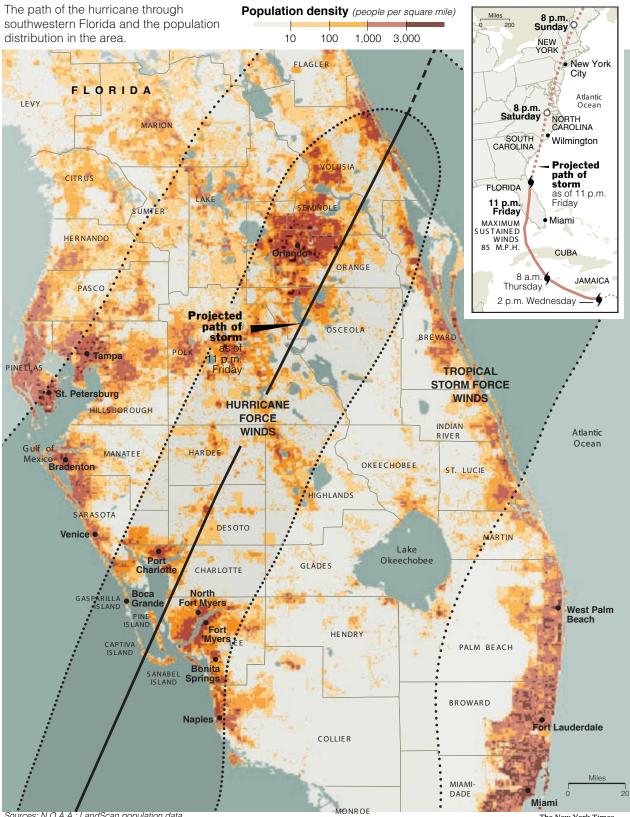
MCKINLEY	TIMES OFF.CE, Nov. 4	CONGRESS	THE CONGRESS. The Republicans have secured control of both branches of the Fifty-fifth Con-	NEW-YORK	TIMES OFFICE, Nov. 4 4 A. M. McKinley carried New-York State by a plurality that broke all previous rec-	BLACK
ELECTED	Provident and Vice President of the United States, have been elected by a tremendous majority in the Electoral	GOLD	great. In the Senate the Republicane gain	270,000	erds. It is about 270,000. The sound-money wave took every-	ELECTED
	Collego and by an enormous plurality		Senators from Kentucky, Illinois, In-		thing before it.	
RESIDENT UNITED STATES	of the popular vote.	HOUSE AND SENATE	dians, Kansas, New-York, South Da-	REPUBLICAN PLURALITY	The greatest plurality ever given to	COVERNOR STATE NEW-YORK
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	Democratic - Populist combination of	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Free silver has now 49 votes in the	the second s	year was 102,854. That was the Demo-	
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#1014. Kg	position by more than 1,000,000 ballots. In the analysis by States, as shown in	Markarhusetta	Republicans, that party will be able	Allegasy 3,30	"come down to Harless," led the pro-	Cattanaispus 2244
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assure	and thorough failure.	New Jampahare	Republican by nearly, if not quite, 130	Clintas	McKinley which was not far from that	Cutumbla 2,854 20
brasila	The boasted "Solid South" has been	North Carolina		Cottand	of New-York, and Brie, Monroe, Onan-	Delawaie 2.74 1111 19
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orida	Kansas, and Nebraska have followed.	Idaho	and was indereed by the Republicans;	Otsego	the only county in the State which gave	Oswygo 2.20
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mant	150,000, Massachusetts 110,000, and Wie-	Washington 2	The Populists have certainly doubled,	Wyoming 2,100 Yatos	enemy's country " gave McKinley 247	Yates 1.275
Allegitor	consin 100,000.	West Virginia, 1 1 1 1	their strength in the present Congress,		votes more than it gave to Gov. Morton	Total
lacossin arrest 100.000	The landslide for honest money came-	Wyoming mining a constant	and it is possible they may increase by	Total	two years ago.	Black's net plurality, 221,130.
coming 1/000	according to prediction,	Tolal	contesta in close districts.	McMinley's net placelity		

SECOND EDITION

A MAP SHOWING HOW ALL THE STATES IN THE UNION HAVE CAST THEIR ELECTORAL VOTES, THOSE WHICH HAVE GONE FOR M'KINLEY BEING IN WHITE AND THOSE FOR BRYAN IN BLACK







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Sources: Amazon.com; Amazon.co.uk

Comparing Caviars

How American paddlefish roe compares with traditional caviar, which comes from sturgeon in Russia or Iran.

TYPE OF CAVIAR	SIZE OF FISH		SIZ	E OF EGG	COLOR OF EGG	COST PER OUNCE	
Beluga	8-20 feet			2.5-4.0 mm	Gray	\$35-70	
Osetra	5-8 feet		٠	2.0-3.0 mm	Golden to brown	25-55	
Sevruga	3-5 feet		٠	1.5-2.5 mm	Gray or brown	15-30	
Paddlefish	5 feet		٠	2.2-2.4 mm	Dark gray	5-15	

Sources: American Seafood; Great Atlantic Trading

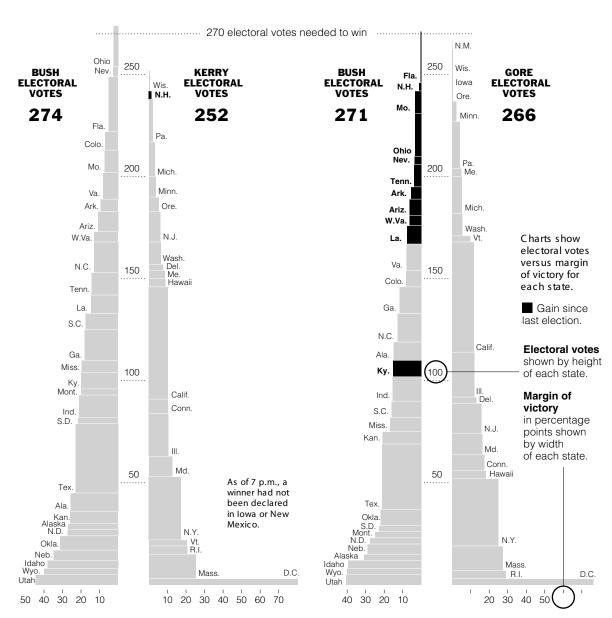
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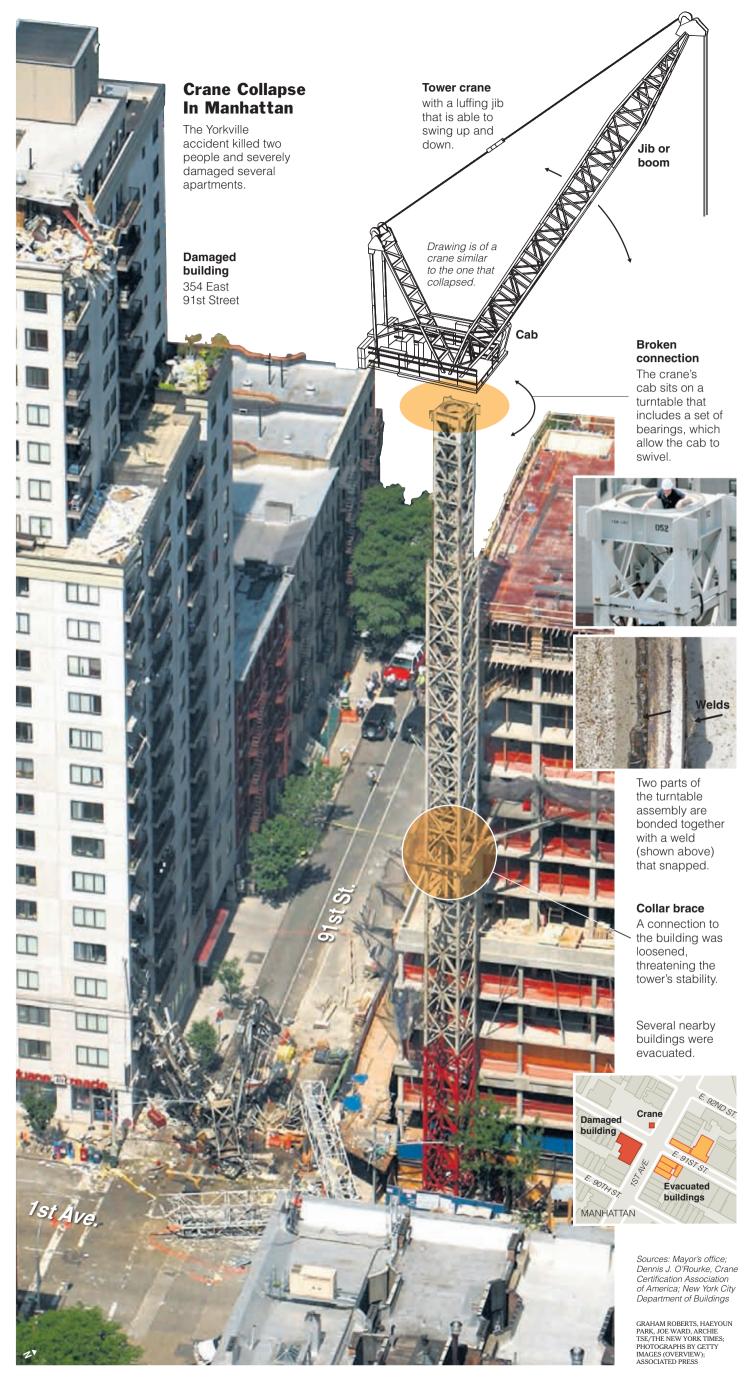
Reaching the Finish Line

John Kerry was only able to take one state — New Hampshire — that George Bush had won in 2000, while Mr. Bush was leading in New Mexico and Iowa, both states that AI Gore won.

THE 2004 ELECTION

THE 2000 ELECTION





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Provide context. Reveal patterns. Describe processes. Explain the geography.

Provide Context

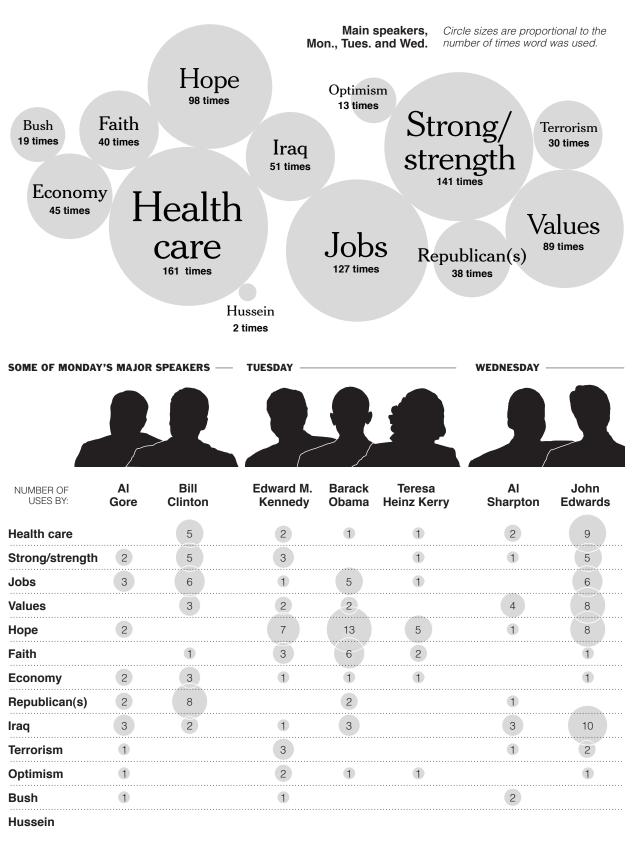
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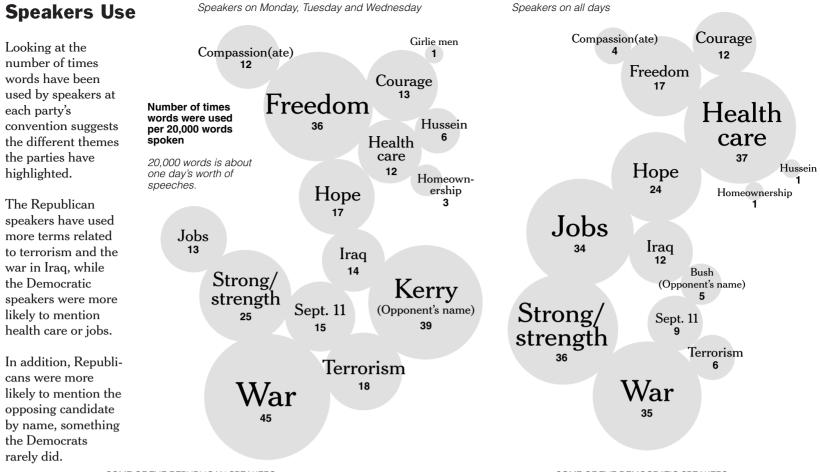
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The Words They've Used

Different speakers, including Senator Edward M. Kennedy, shown above preparing for the speech he delivered Tuesday, have emphasized different themes, sometimes indicated by their repeated use of specific words. A look at how often some words have been used.



The Words Speakers Use



SOME OF THE REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS

Republican Convention

SOME OF THE DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS

Democratic Convention

Speakers on all days



NUMBER OF TIMES SPEAKERS USED EACH WORD OR PHRASE	John McCain	Rudolph W. Giuliani	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Laura Bush	Zell Miller	Dick Cheney	Bill Clinton	Barack Obama	John Edwards	John Kerry
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Afghanistan	1	2		3	2	2	1		1	
Courage	5	1			1	1	1		1	
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War	18	13		7	8	10	6	6	10	14
Iraq	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	3	9	4
Education		1		4		1			2	3
Strong/strength	2	3	1	4		2	5		5	8
Troops		1	2		2	2		1	1	4
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Health care		2		1		1	5	1	9	12
Jobs				1		1	6	5	6	12

Describe Processes

INTERACTIVES What Happens in a Nuclear Meltdown

Explain the Geography

INTERACTIVES Oil Spill in the Gulf



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Report and Research

What information do you have? What information *should* you have? INTERACTIVES Steve Jobs Patents One 9/11 Tally: \$3.3 Trillion



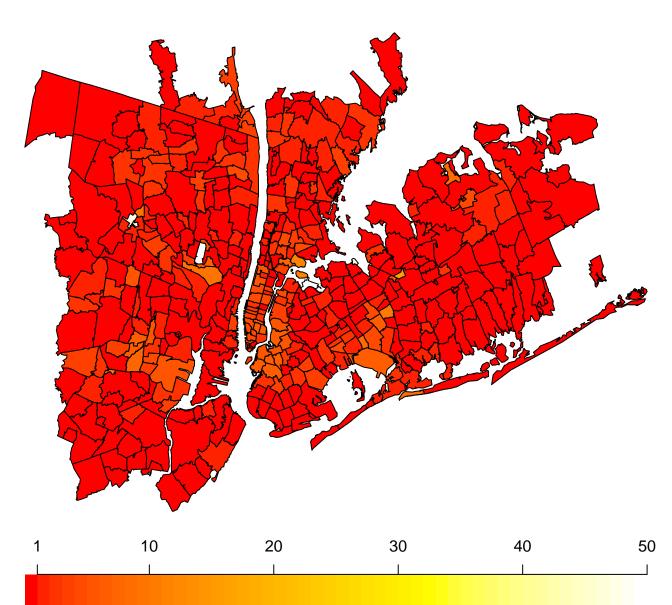
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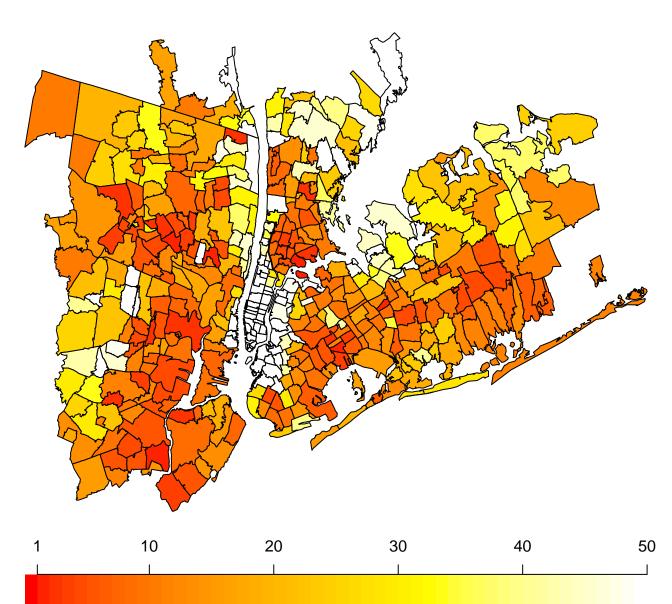
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	06880	IRON MAN	Action & Adventure	43	Westport	06880	
	06880	I LOVE YOU MAN	Comedy	44	Westport	06880	
	06880	BURN AFTER READING	Comedy	10	Westport	06880	
	06880	VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA	Comedy	7	Westport	06880	
	06880	MARLEY & ME	Comedy	40	Westport	06880	
	06880	SUNSHINE CLEANING	Comedy	39	Westport	06880	
	06880	HAPPY-GO-LUCKY	Comedy	46	Westport	06880	
	06880	GHOST TOWN	Comedy	34	Westport	06880	
	06880	TROPIC THUNDER	Comedy	42	Westport	06880	
	06880	THE PROPOSAL	Comedy	35	Westport	06880	
	06880	MAN ON WIRE	Documentary	31	Westport	06880	
	06880	RELIGULOUS	Documentary	37	Westport	06880	
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	06880	REVOLUTIONARY ROAD	Drama	5	Westport	06880	
	06880	SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE	Drama	4	Westport	06880	
	06880	MILK	Drama	3	Westport	06880	
	06880	DOUBT	Drama	2	Westport	06880	
	06880	THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON	Drama	1	Westport	06880	
	06880	FROZEN RIVER	Drama	36	Westport	06880	
	06880	AUSTRALIA	Drama	26	Westport	06880	
	06880	THE SOLOIST	Drama	24	Westport	06880	
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	06880	THE DUCHESS	Drama	20	Westport	06880	
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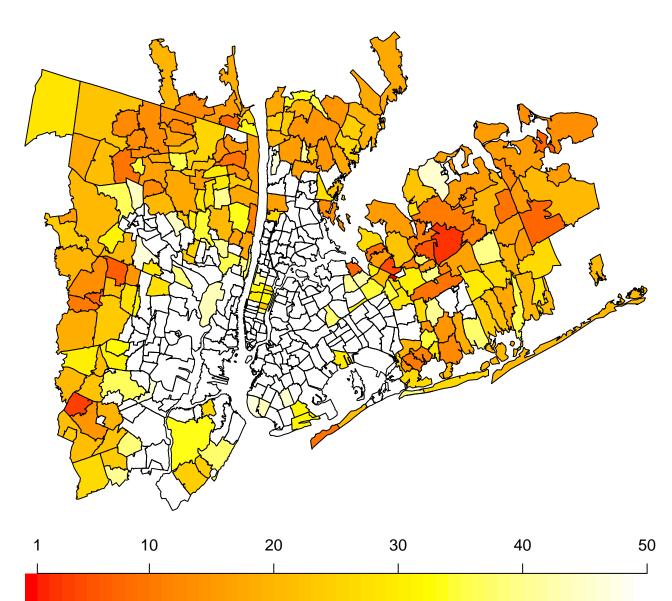
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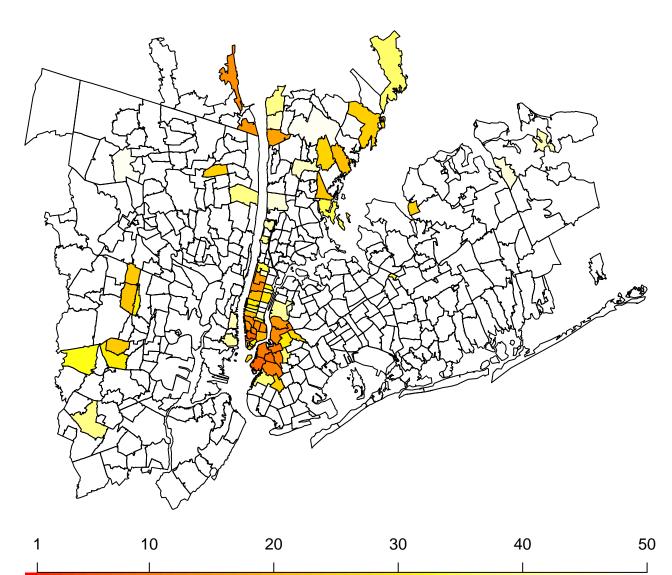
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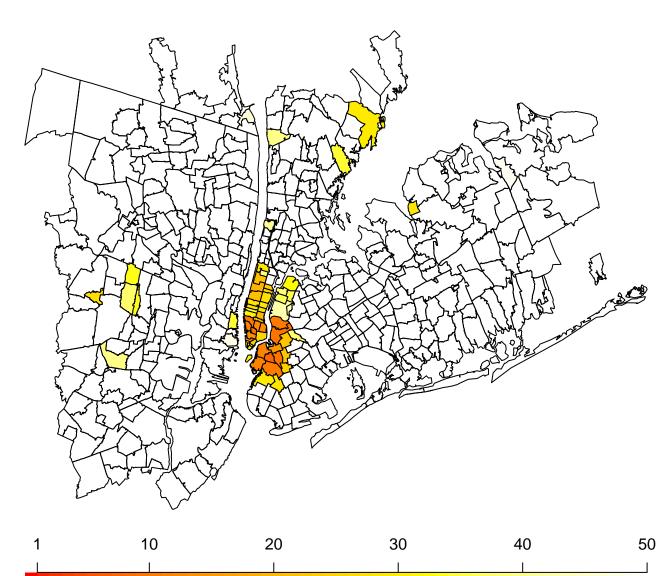
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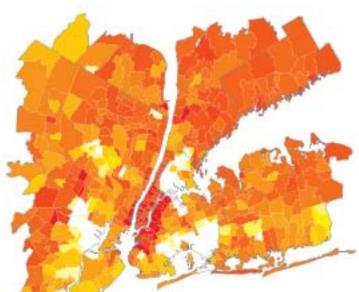


Where Movies Were Popular

While many of the region's most popular titles were well-liked everywhere, others had pockets of strong support – and pockets of little interest. In many cases, a rental most popular in one ZIP code was not among the top 50 titles of a neighboring one. Some patterns of support: The ZIP codes are shaded according to each movie's rank.

No. 50





Milk (R, 2008) Gus Van Sant's Oscar-winning biopic was one of the 10 most rented movies for more than half of the region but mostly absent from the South Bronx.

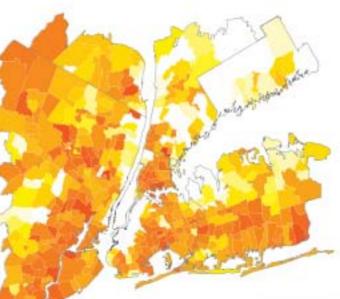




Last Chance Harvey (PG-13, 2008)

Aside from a handful of neighborhoods on the Upper West Side and Upper East Side, most people renting this romantic comedy starring Dustin Hoffman were outside New York City.





Ranked No. 1

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG-13, 2009) Hugely popular outside Manhattan and western Brooklyn, this comedy was in the top 25 across Staten Island.





Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys (PG-13, 2008)

Only one in six ZIP codes had this in their top 50, but it ranked No. 1 in some places, including Jamaica, Queens; East Orange, N.J.; and the Brownsville and East Flatbush neighborhoods in Brooklyn.



Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13, 2008) This Woody Allen-directed drama was popular everywhere in Manhattan and in Westchester, but not in the top 50 for most of the

South Bronx and Brooklyn.



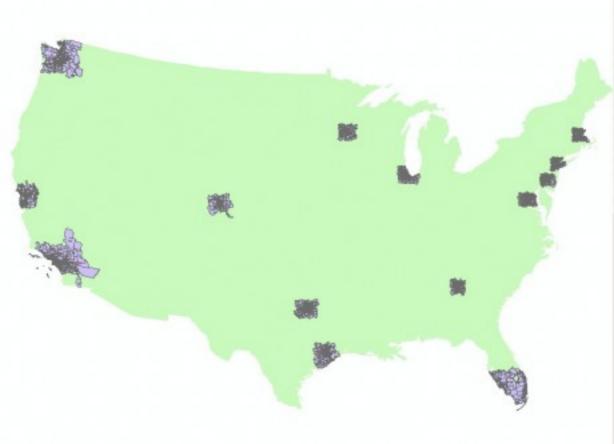


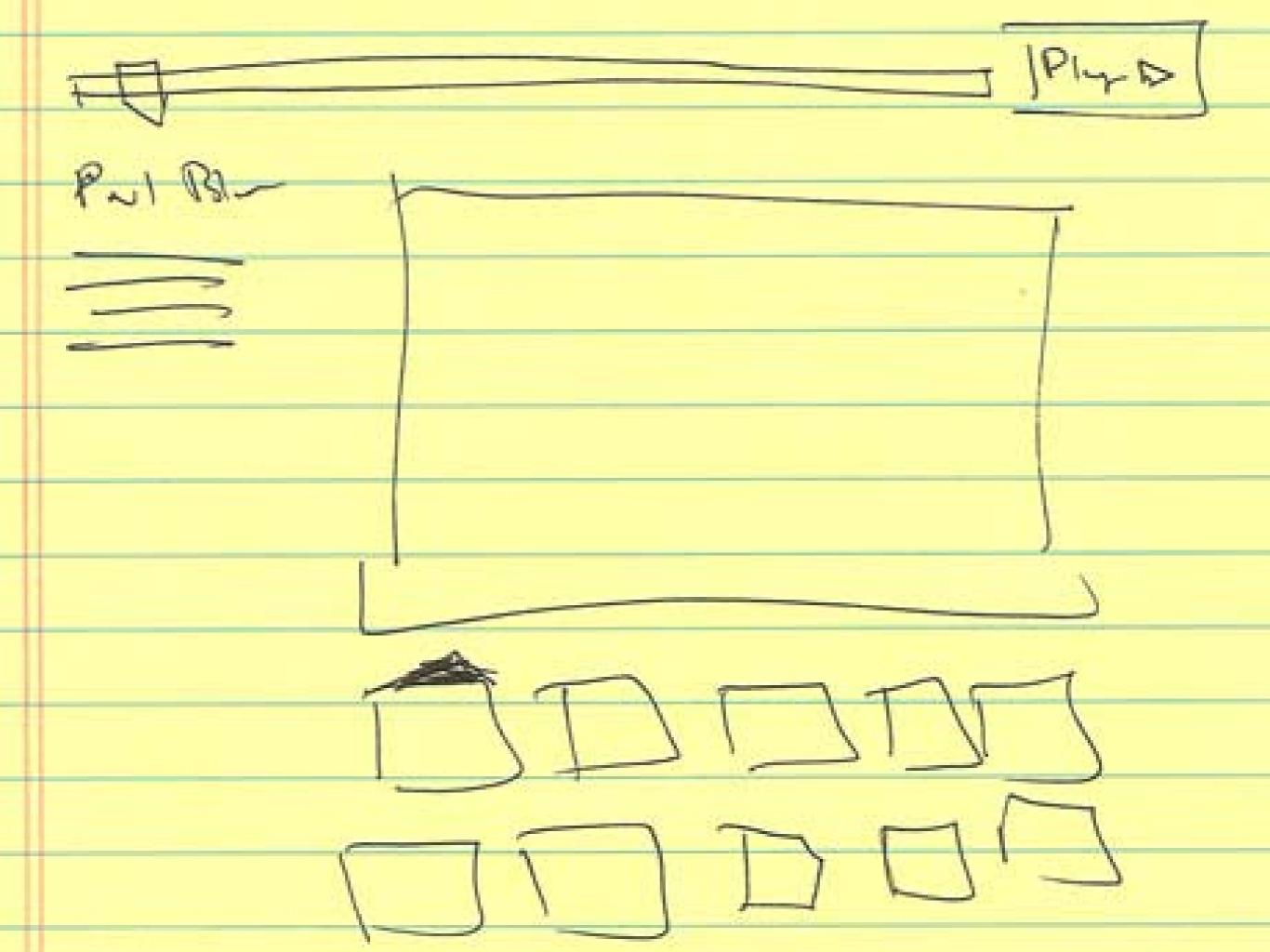
Man on Wire

(Documentary, 2008) This movie about Philippe Petit's illegal tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers had strong support in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. It was the region's second most popular documentary, behind Bill Maher's "Religulous."

MAN ON WIRE







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What We Rented from Netflix, and Where We Watched Them

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Rating

Synposis from NYTimes.com

Funnyman Kevin James ("King of Queens") stars as Paul Blart, an overzealous security guard who finds himself in way over his head when he attempts to thwart a criminal masternind's (Keir O'Donneil) plot to rob an entire shopping mail. Bobby Cannavale, Jayma Mays and Shirley Knight also star in this family-friendly laffer from director Steve Carr, which shares more than a few similarities with the much raunchier Observe and Report.

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CHICAGO



DALLAS



PHILADELPHIA



HOUSTON







Ranked No. 1

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No. 58



ST.LOUIS







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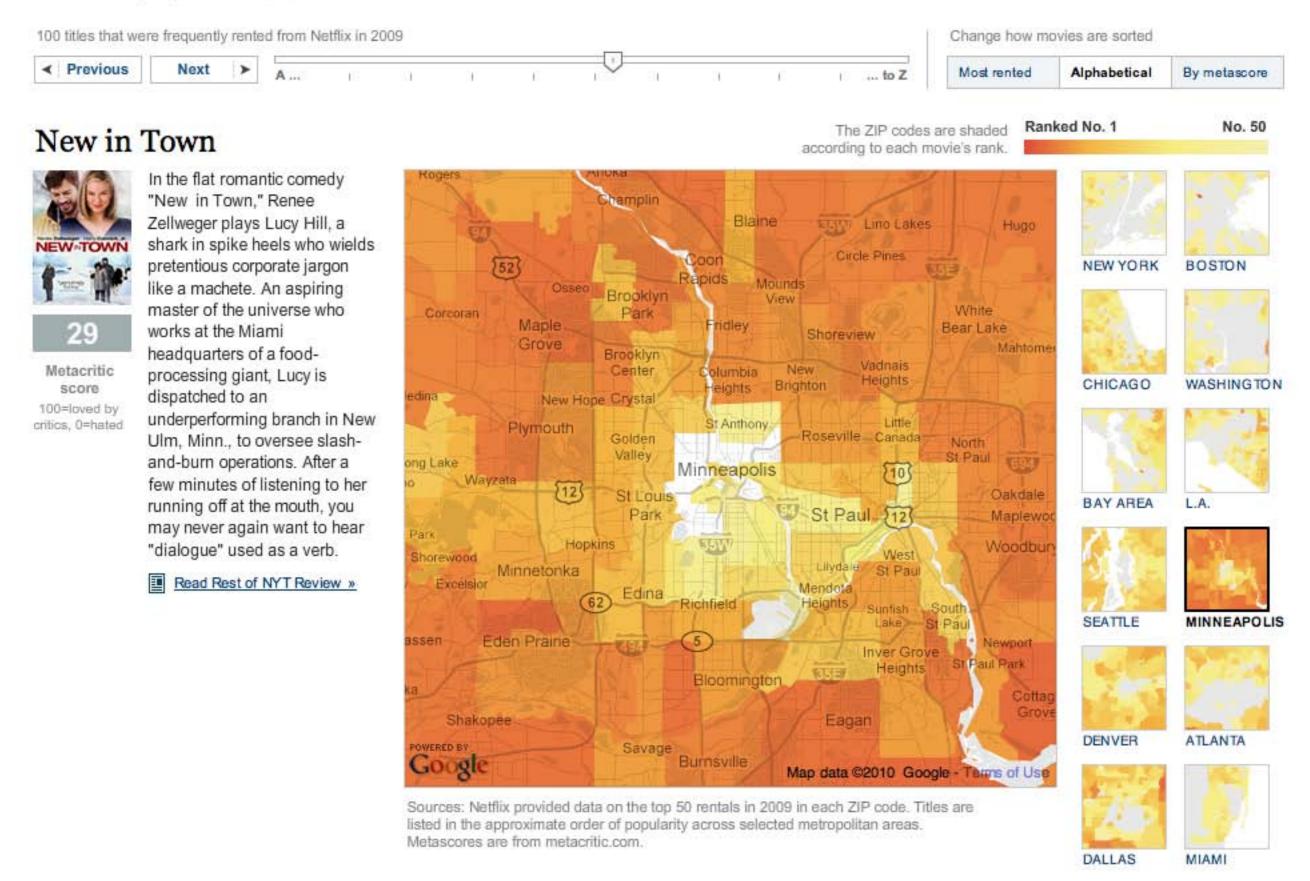




BOSTON

A Peek Into Netflix Queues

Examine Netflix rental patterns, neighborhood by neighborhood, in a dozen cities. Some titles with distinct patterns are Mad Men, Obsessed and Last Chance Harvey.
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What's the Story?

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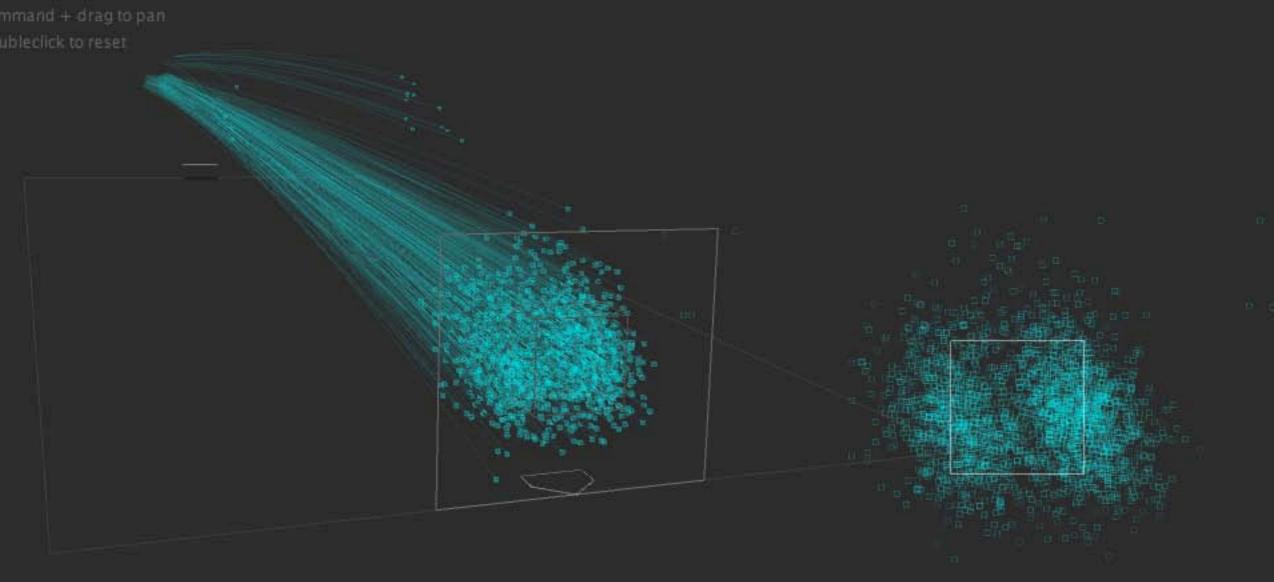
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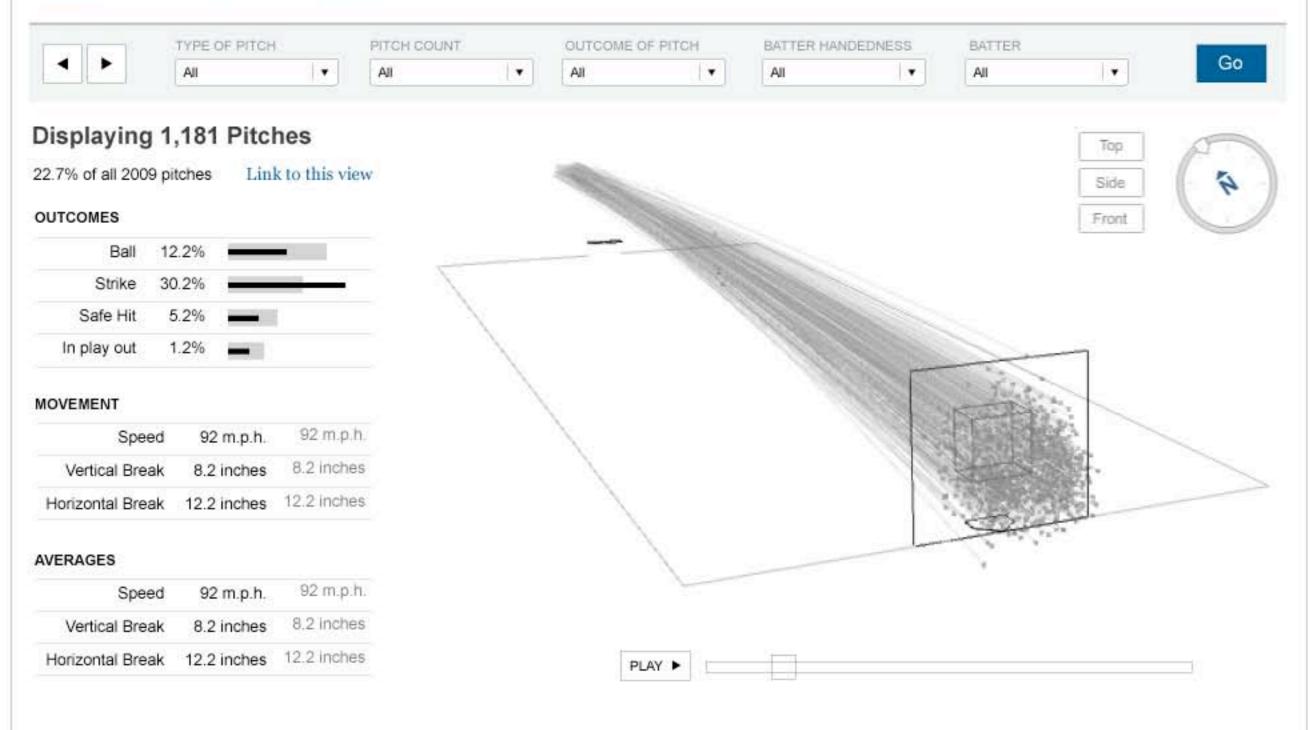


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Dominating the Game with One Pitch: Mariano Rivera 2009 Pitch Database



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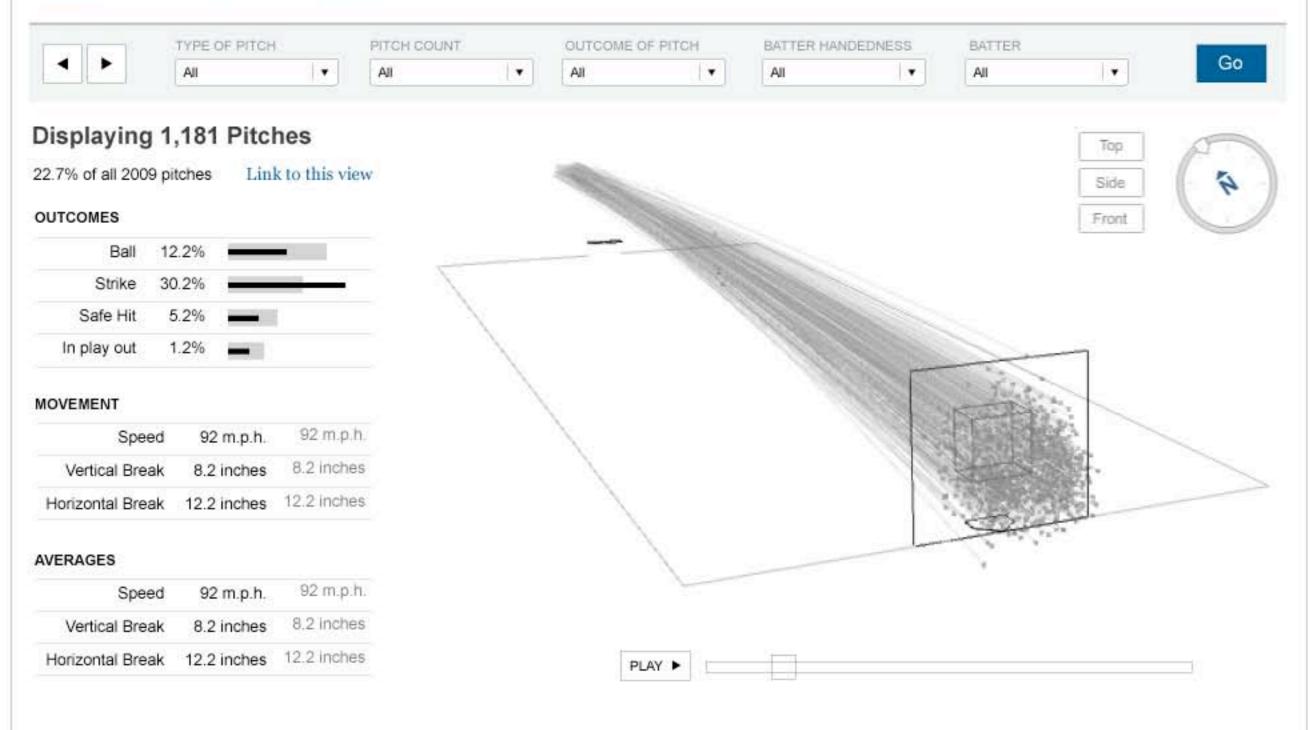


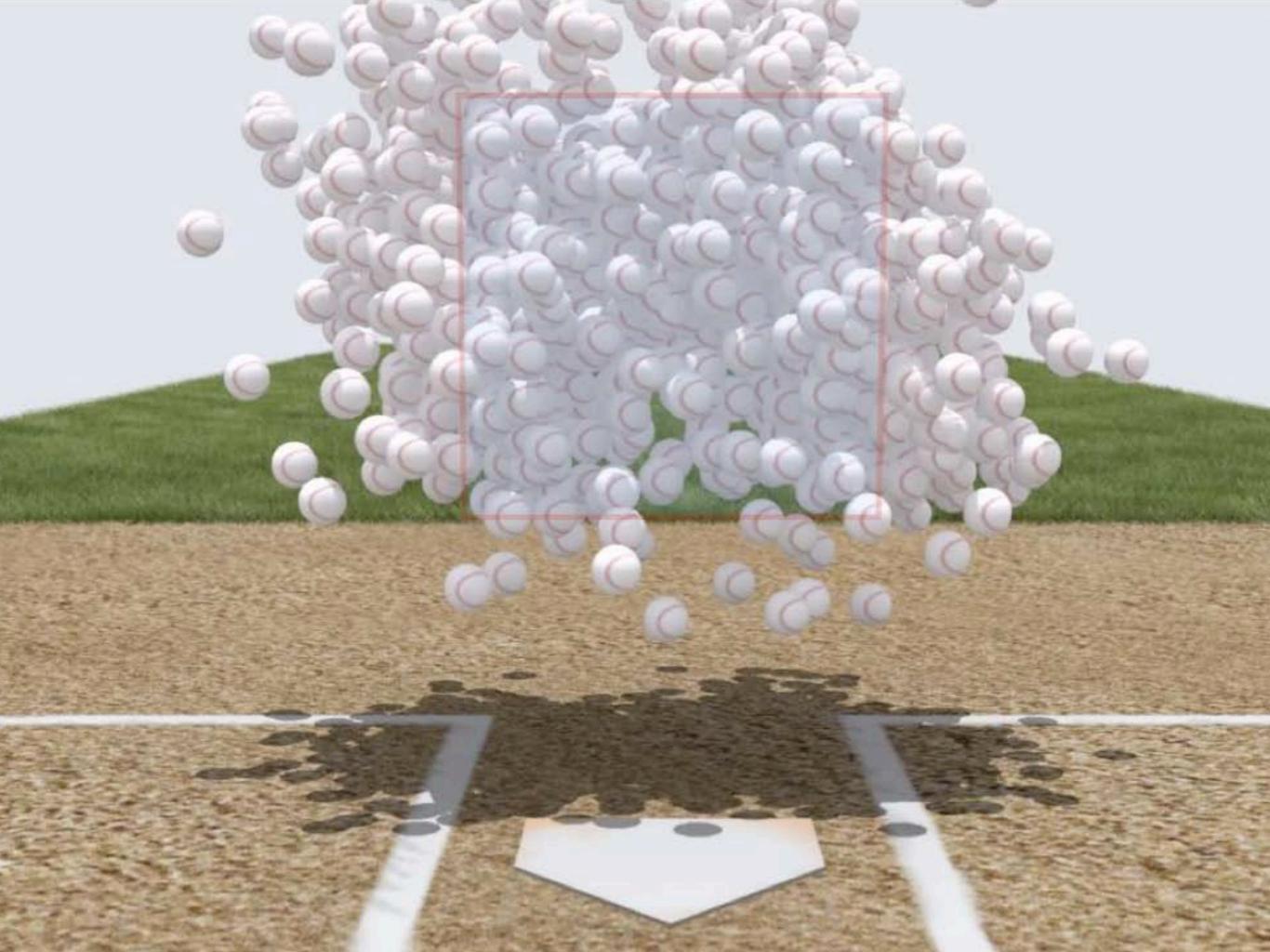
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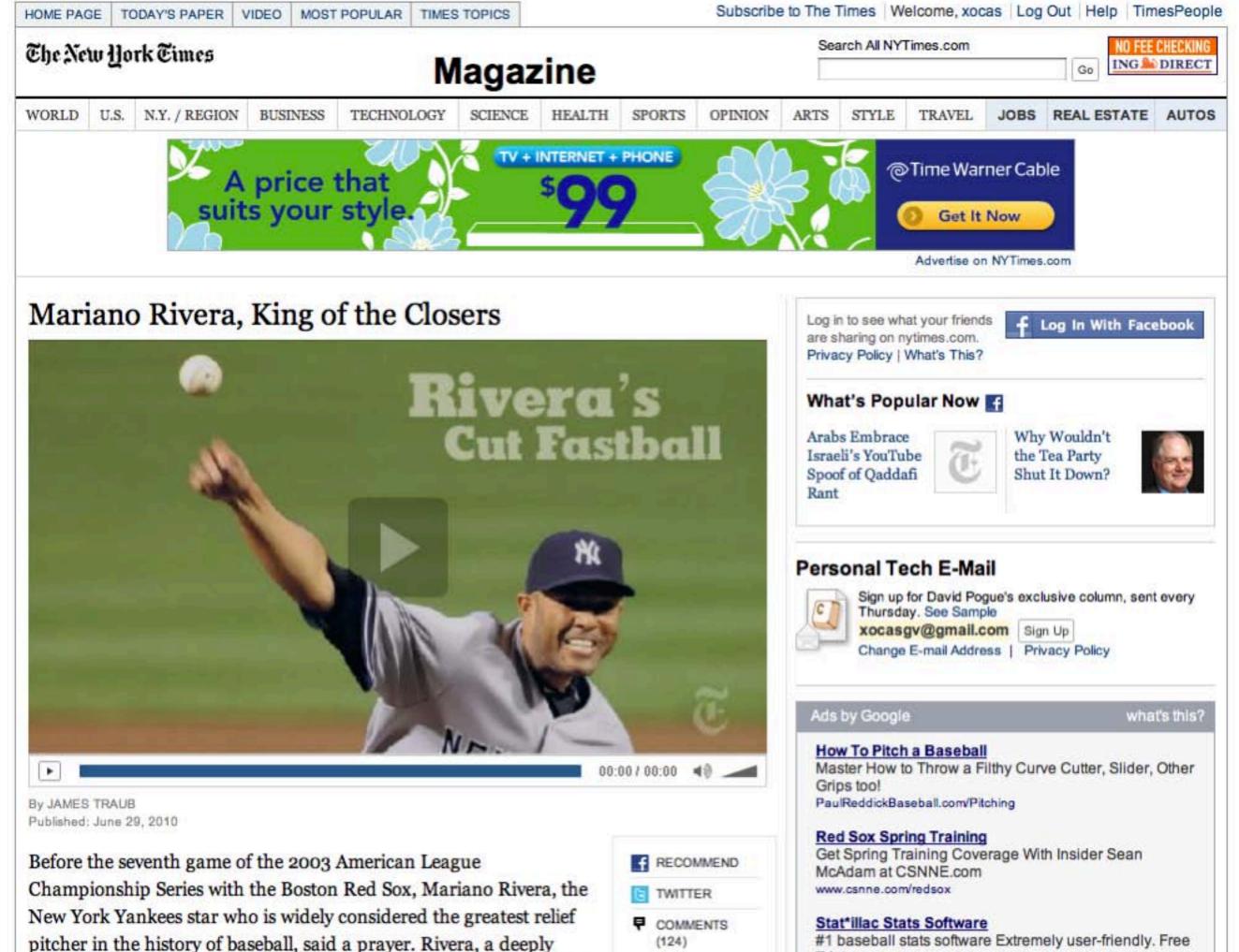


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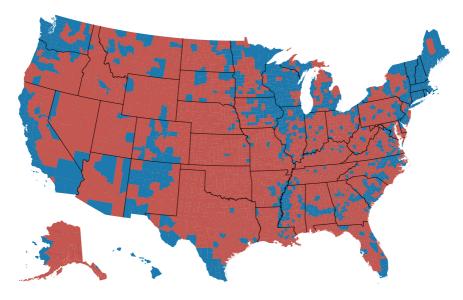
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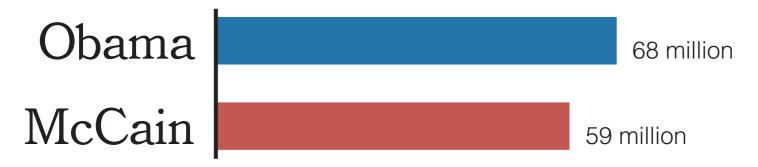


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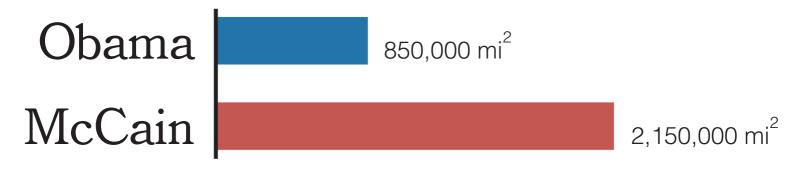
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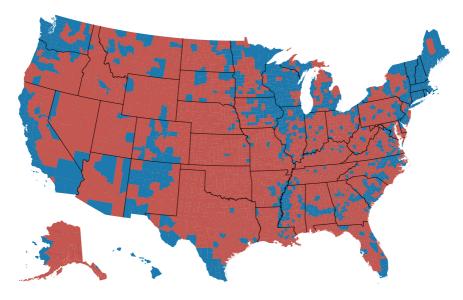


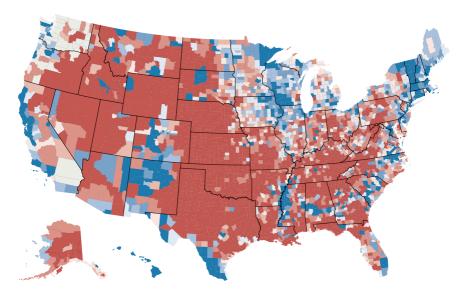
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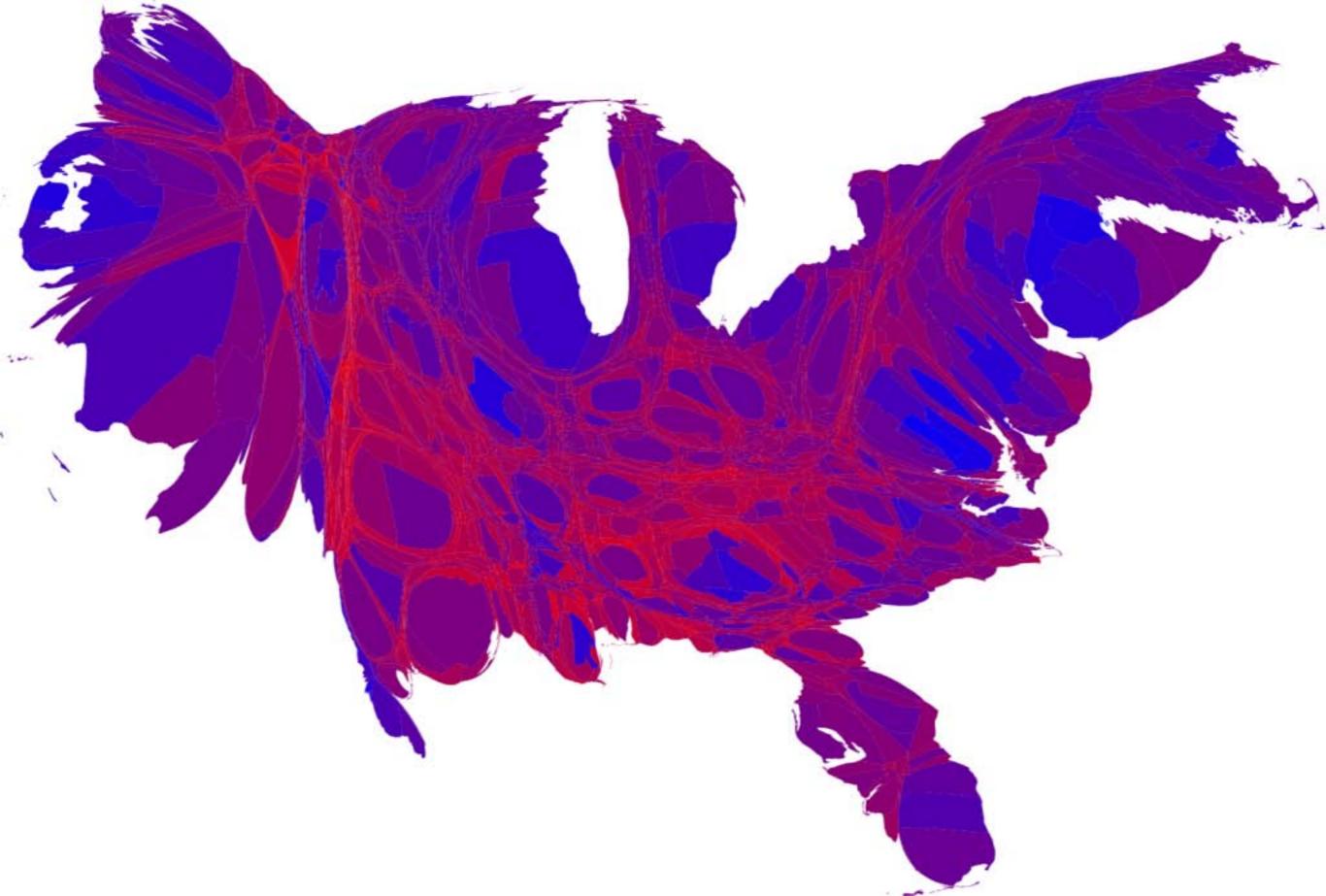


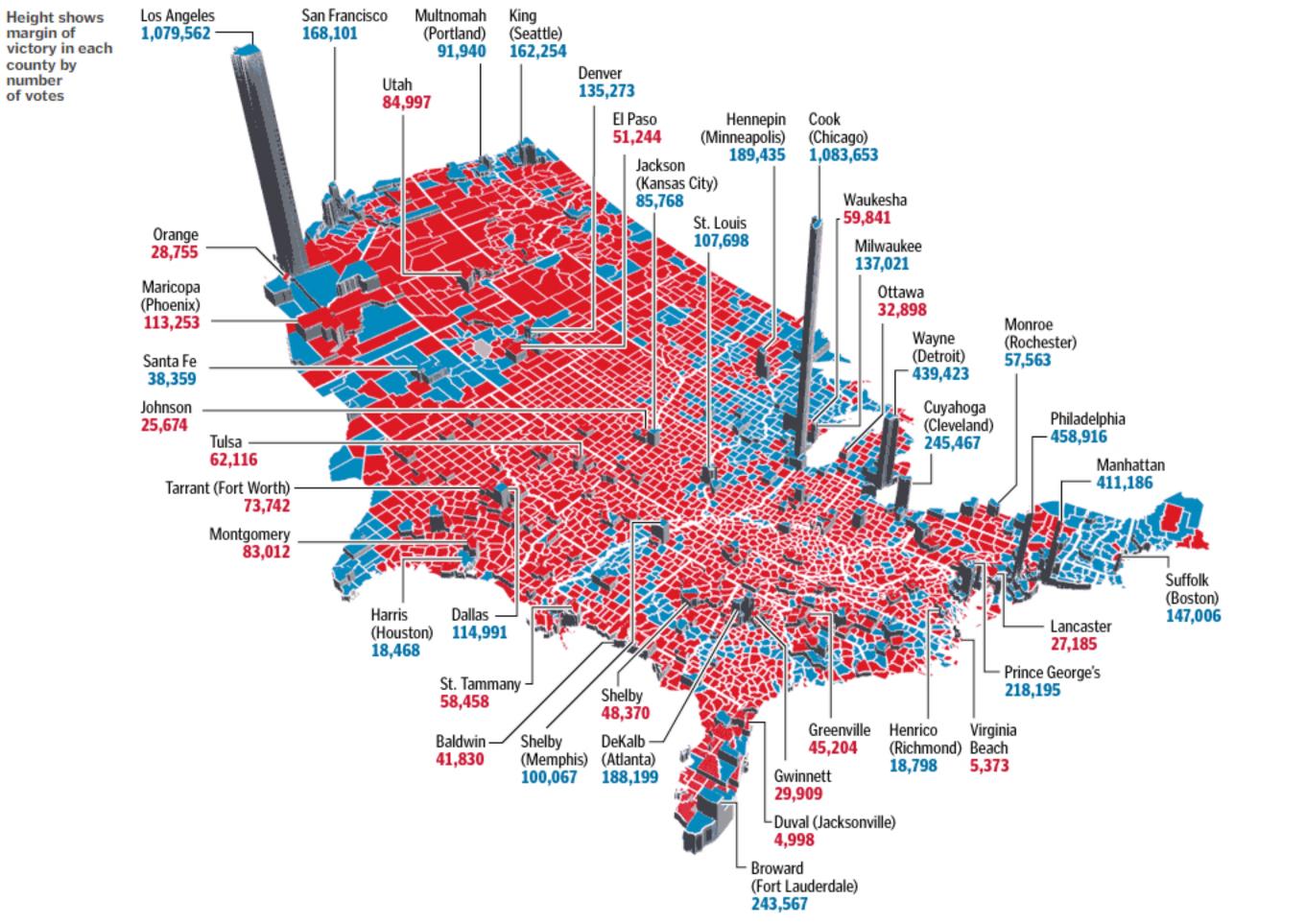
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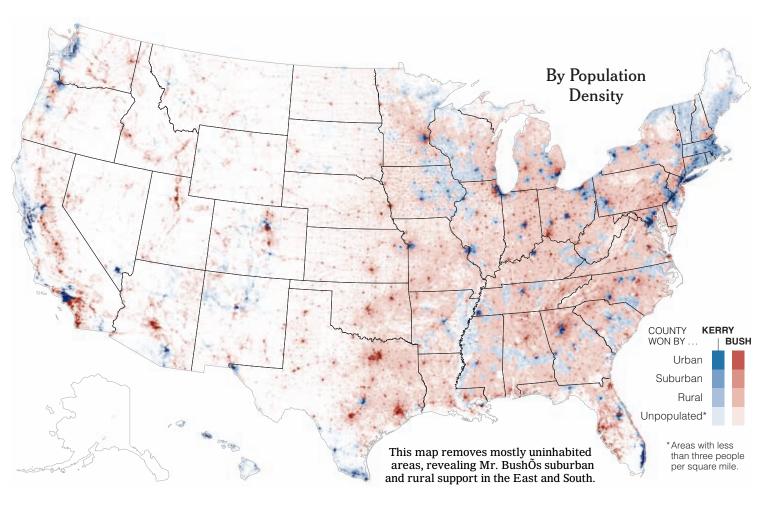


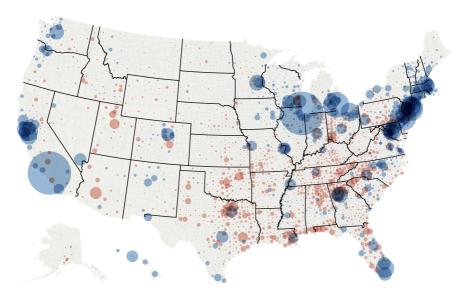










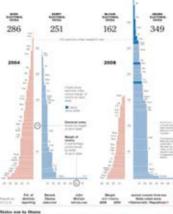


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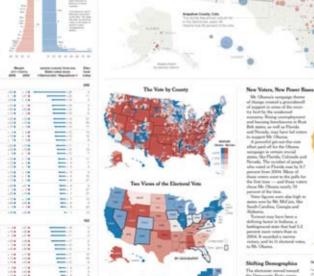


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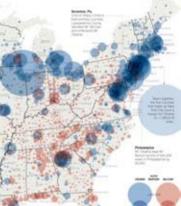
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By CHARLES DUHIGG

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As Clinton Solidifies Edge, G.O.P. Field Is Wide Open

In Democratic Race, **Rivals Are Turning** More Aggressive

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and JEFF ZELENY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has consolidated her early lead in the Democratic presidential contest, showing steady strength as the candidates head to ward the first voting early next year.

She has been chal lenged for fund-raising supremacy and news media attention by Senator Barack Obama of Illinois. Former Senator John Edwards of North Carolina beat her to the punch in introducing big policy proposals. But nothing that her main riv als have done has so far has derailed Mrs. Clinton, leading them to begin rolling out aggr essive new strategies aimed primarily at her, including courting black voters in South Carolina and stepping up attacks.

She has maintained solid leads in most national polls. And while polls in early v oting states like Iowa and New Hampshire are of limited value in pr edicting the outcome, they too show her more than holding her o wn entering the period in which primary v oters begin to make up their minds.

"I think they 've run a gr eat campaign," David Axelrod, Mr. Obama's senior adviser, said of Mrs. Clinton, of New York. "She's been a v ery disciplined c andidate. They've been deft in trying to get ahead of this tidal wave of people out there who really want change. They are doing the best they can with it."

But Mr. Axelrod, pointing to what he sa w as M rs. Clinton's foremost vulnerability, said:

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Republican Hopefuls Take Varying Paths in a Fluid Race

By MICHAEL COOPER and MICHAEL LUO

The race for the Republic an presidential nomination remains remarkably fluid, with important constituencies like evangelical voters having yet to set tle on a candidate, and the late entr ance of former Senator F red D. Thompson generating little excitement.

With the state of play so unsettled and Republic ans still grappling with the political implications of the Iraq war and President Bush's weakness, the leading contenders are plotting out strikingly different road maps to the nomination.

Mitt Romney's senior advisers met recently in Boston to present him with a blueprint for the next four months center ed on what some call a kindling str ategy the belief that early victories in places like Iowa, Michigan and New Hampshire will make him impossible to stop by F eb. 5, when a crush of other states vote at once. He has spent hea vily on advertising and building field operations in the early st ates, gambling that he wil l have enough money to hold of f later onslaughts by competitor s who have so far spent more sparingly.

The Thompson campaign, by contrast, starts from the premise that the unset tled early primary season and the lack of a clear front-runner have created a chaotic race that they c an capitalize on, despite a bumpy start that left some Republicans wondering if Mr. Thompson was fully prepared and eng aged. Theirs is a Continued on Page 26

Nuance and Resolve in Rulings By Attorney General Nominee

By ADAM LIPTAK

In his 18 y ears on the feder al bench, Judge Michael B. M ukasey issued more than 1,500 decisions concerning matters as cataclysmic as the H olocaust and as mundane as milk, beer and cig arettes.

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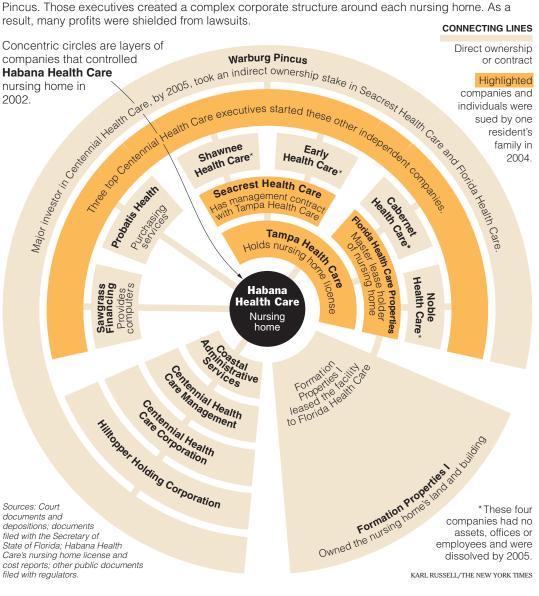
At Many Homes, More Profit and Less Nursing

Insulated From Lawsuits, Private Investors Cut Costs and Staff



Alice Garcia, with her granddaughter Jacqualynn Hewitt in 1995. Mrs. Garcia, who had Alzheimer's disease, died in 2003 after a bedsore became infected at Habana Health Care Center in Tampa, Fla.

LAYERS OF OWNERSHIP Formation Properties purchased the Habana Health Care Center and 48 other Florida nursing homes in 2002 and leased the facilities to executives backed by Warburg Pincus. Those executives created a complex corporate structure around each nursing home. As a result, many profits were shielded from lawsuits



Security Firm Faces Criminal Charges in Iraq

By JAMES GLANZ and SABRINA TAVERNISE American side in the early days of a joint in vestigation of the shooting, which in volved the

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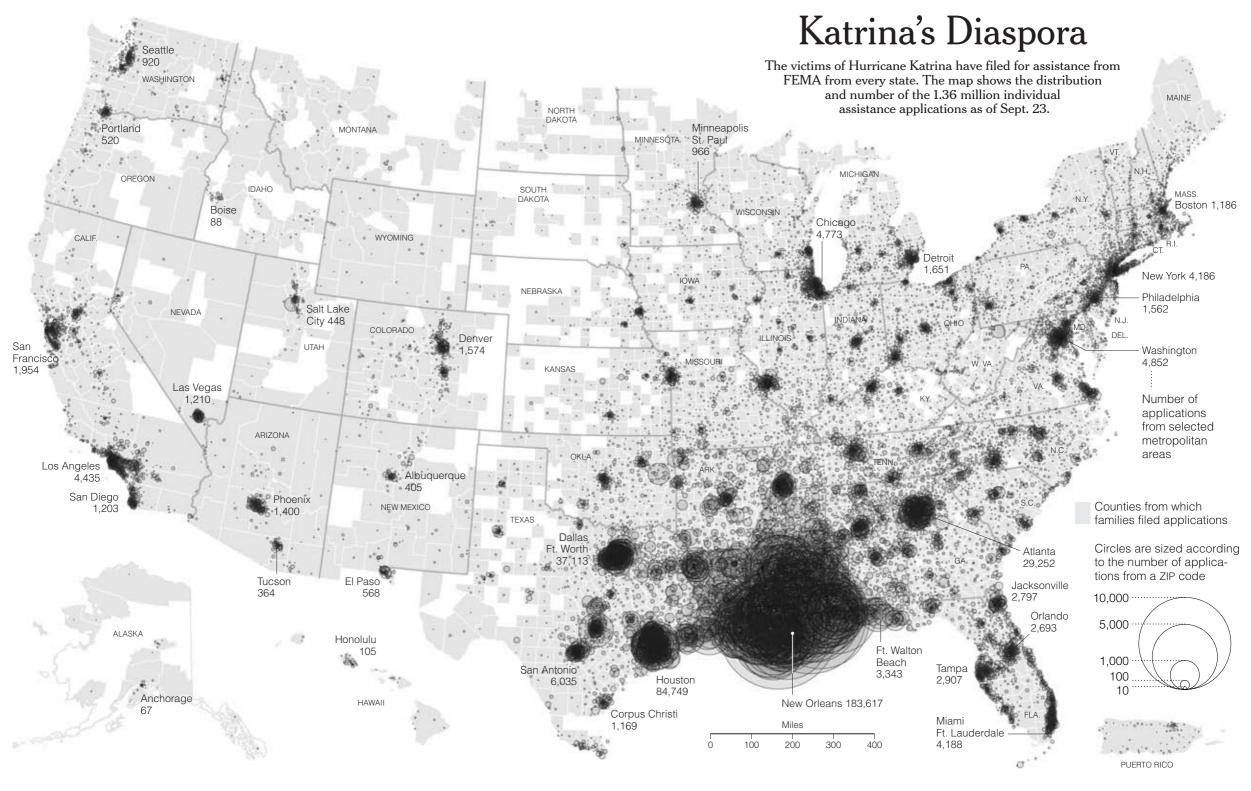
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They are scattered through all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico -623 in Utah, 1,114 in Kansas, 101 way out in Alaska. They are clustered by the thousands in large Southern cities like Dallas, Atlanta and Memphis, and huddled in handfuls in unlikely hamlets like Shell Knob, Mo. (pop. 1,393) and Fountain Run, Ky. (pop. 236).

Evacuees fled Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed in caravans of cars and fleets of buses, on helicopters and chartered planes, by boat and, a few, on foot. A month after the storm, a map

emerges of where they landed, based on ZIP codes from which applications for aid were submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as of Sept. 23.

Of 1,356,704 applications, 86 percent came from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama. But 35,539 families were more than 1,000 miles from the Gulf among the farthest: one in Nome, Alaska, 3,931 miles from the French Quarter and another in Lihue, Hawaii, 4,279 miles away.

Residents of New Orleans, a city that was two-thirds black, seem to have flocked to the nation's African-American population

centers. On average, the applicants came from counties where blacks were 28 percent of the population, more than twice the national average.

Baton Rouge, La., appears to be temporary home to 10 percent of evacuees, Houston 6.25 percent. But after the top 18 hubs, applicants are spread like the wind that whipped through their old neighborhoods: none of the other 900-plus metropolitan areas has even 1 percent of the total.

Some 4,000 ZIP codes — among them Pocahontas, Miss.; Promise City, Iowa; and Hope, Mich. - had just one applicant.

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Applications by distance from New Orleans

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800-1,600	45,371	3.3%	
1,600-3,200	13,403	1.0%	Distances could not be
3,200+	232	0.0%	calculated for 0.4 per- cent of applications.

Sources: FEMA; Census Bureau; Queens College Sociology Department Matthew Ericson, Archie Tse and Jodi Wilgoren/The New York Times

INTERACTIVES What's in Your Water Olympic Symphony Budget Puzzle

