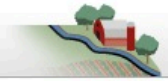


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Harvesting Cash | A Yearlong Investigation by The Washington Post



How to Spend an Extra \$15 Billion

In the past five years alone, the U.S. government has handed out more than \$95 billion in agricultural subsidies. Post reporters criss-crossed the country in 2006, identifying more than \$15 billion in wasteful, unnecessary and redundant spending.

BEHIND THE SERIES

Washington Post reporters [Dan Morgan](#), [Gilbert M. Gaul](#) and [Sarah Cohen](#) spent more than a year examining federal agriculture subsidies, generating more than a dozen stories and several interactive maps in 2006.

Dan Morgan, a long-time Post staffer, recounts how the three decided to tackle the series.



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Gilbert M. Gaul describes how their reporting led them to the rice country near El Campo, Tex.



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Sarah Cohen details how money went to farmers who didn't need it, and in many cases, didn't want it.



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\$1.3 Billion to People Who Don't Farm

The largest annual subsidy, called direct and countercyclical payments, is given to farmers regardless of what crops they grow — or whether they grow anything at all. The Post found that, since 2001, **at least \$1.3 billion** was paid to landowners who had planted nothing since 2000. Among the beneficiaries were homeowners in new developments whose backyards used to be rice fields. (July 2, 2006)



Growers Reap Benefits Even in Good Years

For the 2005 corn crop, the federal government spent about \$4.8 billion to compensate farmers for low corn prices. That was **\$3.8 billion** more than needed to give them the government-guaranteed price. The program has cost taxpayers \$29 billion since 1998. "Most smart farmers are cashing in on it," says one expert. (July 3, 2006)

No Drought Required For Federal Drought Aid

A 2002 program aimed at helping those facing a serious drought gave **\$635 million to ranchers and dairy farmers** who had moderate or no drought. Some ranchers got money because they lived in counties declared disaster areas after debris fell to earth from the space shuttle Columbia. The program was **created to help a Republican candidate for the Senate**. It included \$34 million for **catfish farmers**. (July 18, 2006)

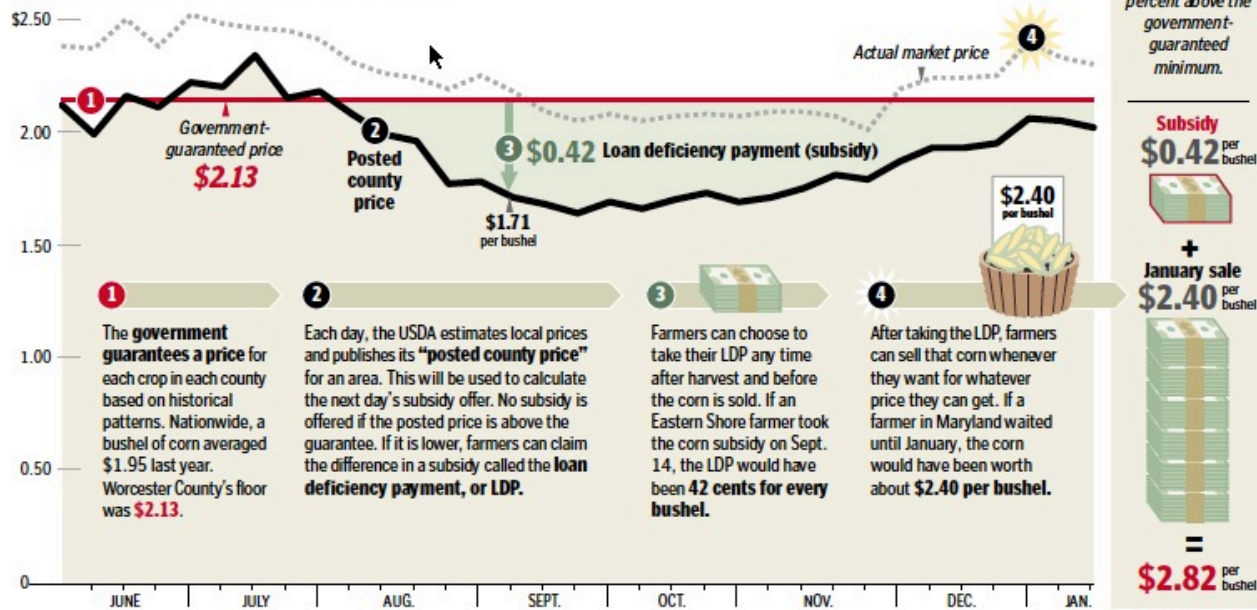


Washington Post: Harvesting Cash

Making the Most of a Subsidy

The federal government has guaranteed minimum prices, or floors, to farmers for generations. Loan deficiency payments, created in 1985, have become the largest component of that guarantee. The subsidies — available for major commodity crops including corn, wheat, cotton and soybeans — can vary each day for each crop in each county where it is produced. Here is how the LDP works, based on market conditions and estimates for corn published by the U.S. Agriculture Department last year for the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Sale price for one bushel of Eastern Shore corn in 2005





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The Magnetar Trade: How One Hedge Fund Helped Keep the Bubble Going

by Jesse Eisinger and Jake Bernstein, ProPublica - April 9

The hedge fund helped create arcane mortgage-based instruments, pushed for risky things to go inside them and then bet against the investments. [More](#)

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by Jake Bernstein and Jesse Eisinger, ProPublica, April 14, 5:37 p.m.

Citing reports by ProPublica, lawmakers describe the hedge fund's role in the collateralized debt obligations business.

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SEC Warns Former JPMorgan Exec It Plans to Sue Over Magnetar Deal

by Marian Wang, ProPublica, April 13, 1:10 p.m.

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by Al Granberg, Special to ProPublica, Aug. 26, 2010, 10:10 p.m.

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California Watch: On Shaky Ground



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Introducing myFault

myFault uses official maps of seismic hazards in California to identify the dangers you or your school or workplace could face during an earthquake.

Produced by California Watch, the Golden State's largest investigative reporting team, myFault is based on the same government data used to report our series on seismic hazards in schools. The app shows how the places you care about could be affected by landslide, liquefaction and fault rupture zones.

The app also includes an earthquake preparedness checklist for you and your family, based on recommendations by emergency responders, FEMA and the American Red Cross. We've also included a flashlight (LED flash-enabled devices only) for use in emergencies.

Features include:

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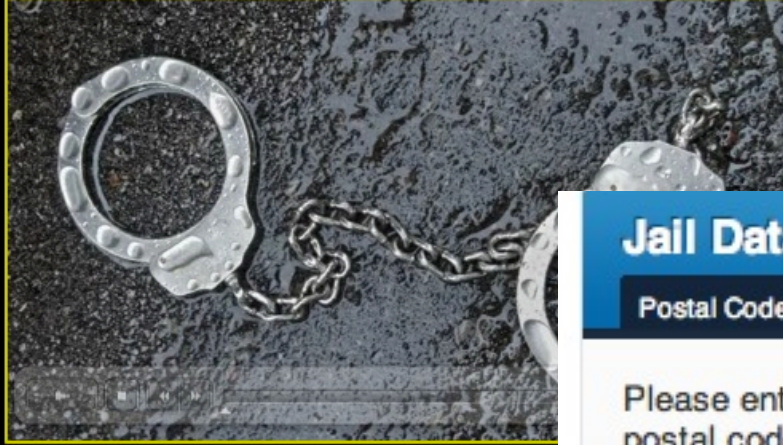
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Driven to Distraction

With virtually every American owning a cellphone, distracted driving has become a threat on the nation's roads. Studies say that drivers using phones are four times as likely to cause a crash as other drivers. Yet Americans have largely ignored that research. Device makers and auto companies acknowledge the risks, but they aggressively develop and market gadgets that cause distractions. Police in almost half of all states make no attempt to gather data on the problem. The federal government warns against talking on a cellphone while driving, but no state legislature has banned it.

Through articles, videos and interactive features, The Times has examined the risks of talking and texting behind the wheel. The series also explores the extent of the problem, its origins, and the pressures people feel to stay connected while driving. And the series shows the political, regulatory and scientific dimensions of an issue that has prompted conversations and action across the country, from the Oval Office and statehouses to corporate boardrooms and kitchen tables.

By the Numbers

11 percent of drivers talking on their phones at any given time, according to federal study

December 7, 2009 [Promoting the Car Phone, Despite Risks »](#)

2,600 traffic deaths caused each year by drivers using cellphones, according to Harvard study

July 19, 2009 [Driving and Legislatures Dismiss Risks »](#)

570,000 accidents leading to minor and serious injuries caused each year by cell phone distractions, according to Harvard study

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50 percent of Americans believe that texting behind the wheel should be punished at least as harshly as drunken driving

October 23, 2009 [New York Times/CBS News Poll »](#)



GAME
Gauging Your Distraction



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New York Times: Driven to Distraction game

Published: July 19, 2009

Gauging Your Distraction

New studies show that drivers overestimate their ability to multitask behind the wheel. This game measures how your reaction time is affected by external distractions. Regardless of results, experts say, you should not attempt to text when driving.

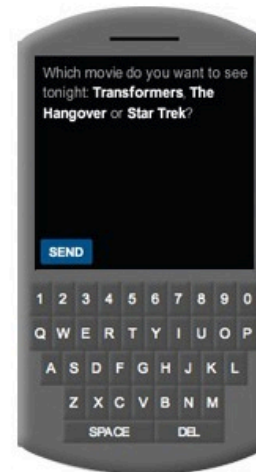
How It Works

- 1 Change lanes by using the numbers (1 through 6) on your keyboard. (You cannot use the number pad.)
- 2 When you see a green sign with a number, switch to that lane. Try to align with the designated lane as quickly as possible.
- 3 At three intervals, a cellphone with a text message will appear. Read and respond to the messages while driving.
- 4 When you answer a text message, answer with the same words that appear in bold on the phone's screen.
- 5 Use your mouse to text from the on-screen phone.
- 6 The game will end soon after you respond to the final text message.

Please Note:

This game is designed to demonstrate the potential consequences of distractions like texting on your driving ability.

As with all games, intense levels of concentration or repetition can lead to more successful outcomes.



START GAME

New York Times: Driven to
Distraction game



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54-year-old man ends slavery to electricity monopoly. Discover the underground kit he used before they shut it down!
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Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

Fact-checking Newt Gingrich

With Newt Gingrich's hat hovering in the air above the ring, we decided to look at his record on the Truth-O-Meter.

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Potential GOP presidential candidate Newt Gingrich said on ABC's "This Week" that the Obama administration had cut democracy-promotion funding in Egypt.

Tracking the promises of President Obama and the Republican leaders

PolitiFact is tracking and rating the campaign promises of the Republican leadership and President Barack Obama.



[The GOP Pledge-O-Meter](#) follows dozens of promises made in 2010 by Republican leaders in their speeches and in the *Pledge to America*, their blueprint for the 112th Congress.



[The Obameter](#) follows more than 500 promises made by Obama in the 2008 presidential campaign

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After the U.S.-led military alliance ejected Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait in 1991, the Kuwaitis "never paid us."

Donald Trump on Wednesday, April 27th, 2011 in a press conference

Donald Trump says Kuwait never paid U.S. back for ousting Saddam Hussein

During an April 27, 2011, [news conference](#) in Portsmouth, N.H., Donald Trump -- the businessman and potential Republican presidential candidate -- was asked what he would do differently from President Barack Obama.

"What I would do differently is come down really hard on OPEC," Trump said, referring to the cartel of oil-producing states, including many in the Middle East, which are behind the recent rise in gasoline prices. "If you look at these nations, they wouldn't be there except for us. You take a look at Kuwait. I mean, we handed Kuwait back to the people that right now essentially own Kuwait, because it's really ownership more than anything else. We handed it back. They never paid us."

Trump was referring to the Persian Gulf War in 1991, when a U.S.-led military alliance drove Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait after the Iraqi dictator invaded the small, wealthy, oil-producing emirate.

Is it really true that Kuwait didn't bother paying us back after we bailed them out? Not at all.

We turned to the [final report on the war](#) presented to Congress in 1992. According to the report, the U.S. was on the hook for the cost of more than 500,000 U.S. troops and associated equipment



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Shortly after President Barack Obama released his full birth certificate on April 27, 2011, Donald Trump -- the businessman and potential Republican presidential candidate -- held a news conference in Portsmouth, N.H.



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Sources:

Donald Trump, transcript of press conference in Portsmouth, N.H., April 27, 2011 (CQ subscribers only)

Donald Trump, [video](#) of press conference in Portsmouth, N.H., April 27, 2011

[Final Report to Congress: Conduct of the Persian Gulf War](#), April 1992

House Budget Committee Democratic Caucus, "[Lindsey is in the Ball Park: A War on Iraq Could Cost \\$100 Billion to \\$200 Billion](#)," September 23, 2002

E-mail interview with Michael O'Hanlon, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, April 27, 2011

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Statements we say are Pants on Fire!



Donald Trump

After the U.S.-led military alliance ejected Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait in 1991, the Kuwaitis "never paid us."



[Kuwait paid \\$16 billion in war costs, U.S. paid \\$7 billion](#)



Donald Trump

"CNN did a poll recently where Obama and I are statistically tied."



[One poll \(misidentified\) conducted before he delved into birth certificate issue](#)



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"Seniors will have to find \$12,500 for health care because Republicans voted to end Medicare."



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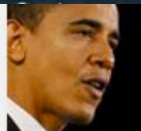


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"We've lost 26 million jobs ... since (Obama's) been president."



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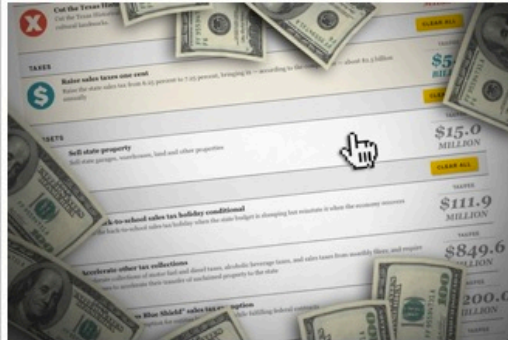
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by Ross Ramsey, Matt Stiles, Niran Babalola, Chris Chang and Noah Seger | April 19, 2011 | 30 Comments

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by Matt Stiles | March 15, 2011

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Tuition fees 2012: what are the universities charging?

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Ami Sedghi and Jessica
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Oxford University is amongst the universities planning on charging the maximum £9000 tuition fee. Photograph: Robert Judges/Alamy

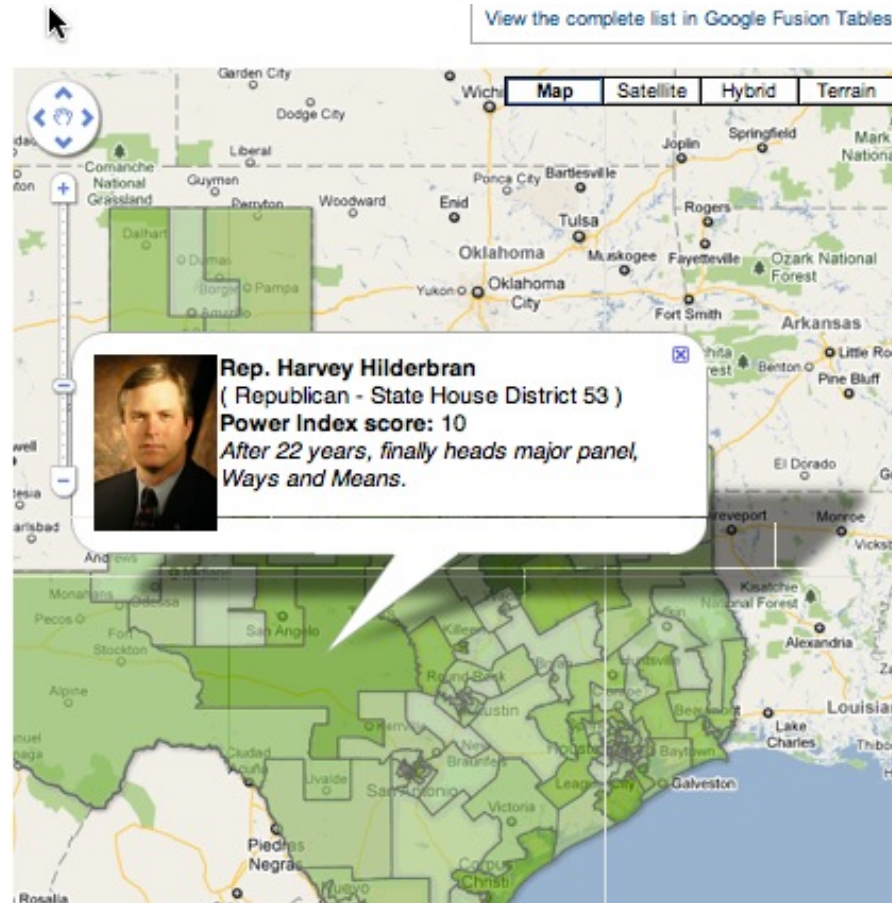
Universities are starting to announce their tuition fees for students in 2012. How much are universities planning to charge?



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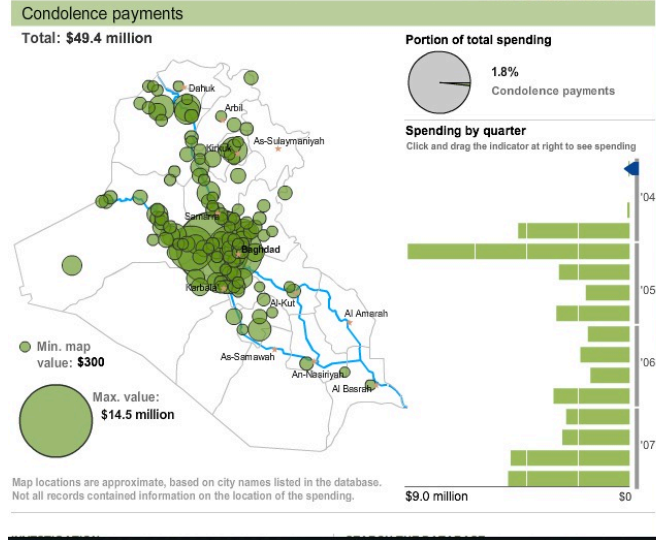


Money as a Weapon

The U.S. has spent at least \$2.8 billion under the Commander's Emergency Response Program in Iraq, which lets senior military officials spend money for "urgent humanitarian relief and reconstruction" projects with minimal oversight as part of the counterinsurgency effort. The money has been spread throughout Iraq over the past five years for projects ranging from small payments for doors damaged in raids to multi million-dollar water treatment plants. | [About the CERP Database](#)

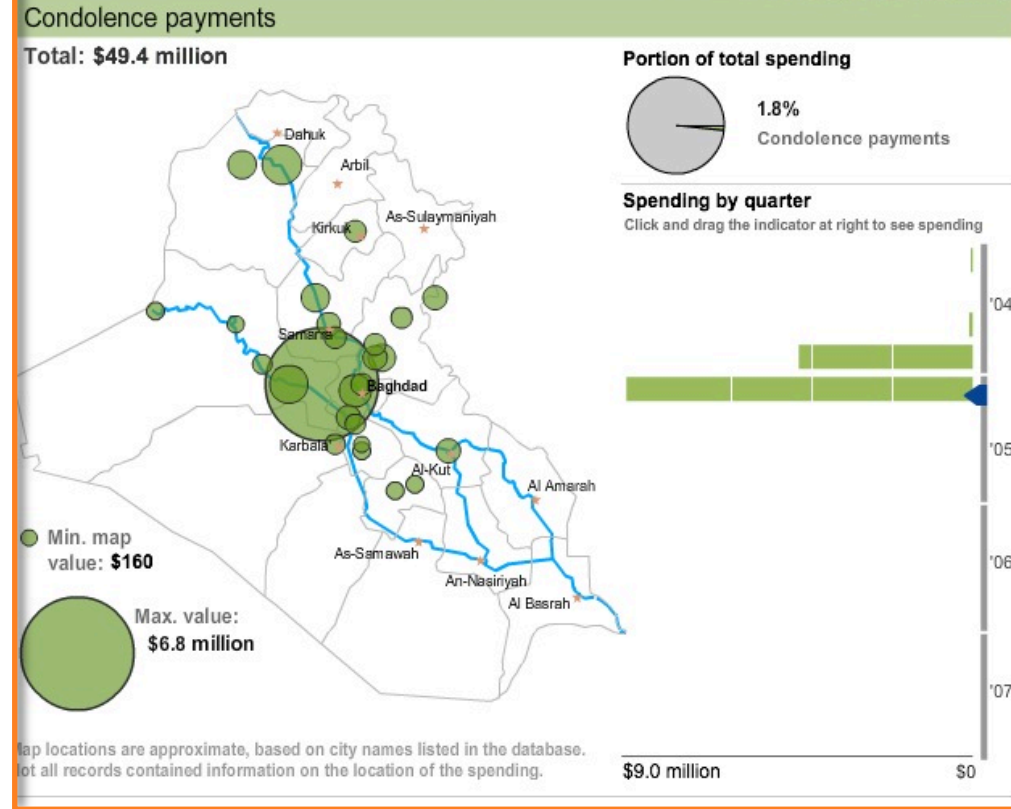
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This database contains records of each project of the Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) Iraq Reconstruction Management System, obtained through Army Corps of Engineers in response to an Information Act request. The records are presented in their raw form, with no changes made to the data. [Post. Read additional information about the database here.](#)

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Feb. 11, 2005	\$12,800	CONSTRUCT TWO WATER COOLING POOLS FOR BEAR & TIGER CAGES AT ZAWRA PARK ZOO	U.S.	BAGHDAD	BAGHDAD	
Dec. 15, 2004	\$71,153	REPAIRING STEAM BOILER NO.2, COOLING TOWER NO.3, LIFT NO.5 AND HIGH TENSION CIRCUIT BREAKER, SUPPLY LIGHTING SPLICES FOR THE HOSPITAL BUILDING	U.S.	DIWANIYA CITY	AL QADISIYAH	Health Care

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Army documents show that \$48,000 was spent on 6,000 pairs of children's shoes; an additional \$50,000 bought 625 sheep for people described in records as "starving poor locals" in a Baghdad neighborhood. Soldiers ordered \$100,000 worth of dolls and \$500,000 in action figures made to look like Iraqi Security Forces. About \$14,250 was spent on "I Love Iraq" T-shirts. More than \$75,000 sent a delegation to a women's and civil rights conference in Cairo. And \$12,800 was spent for two pools to cool bears and tigers at Zawra Park Zoo in Baghdad.

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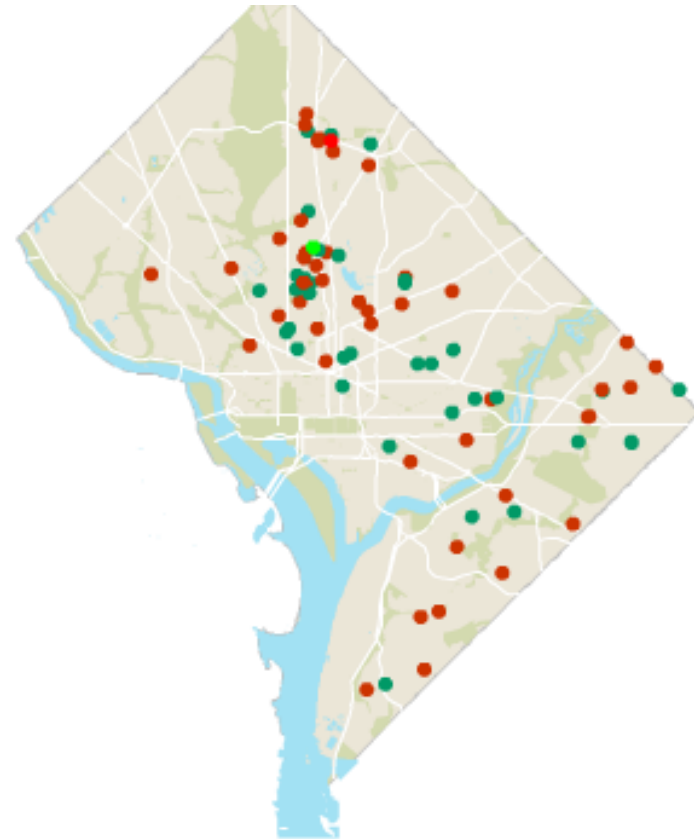


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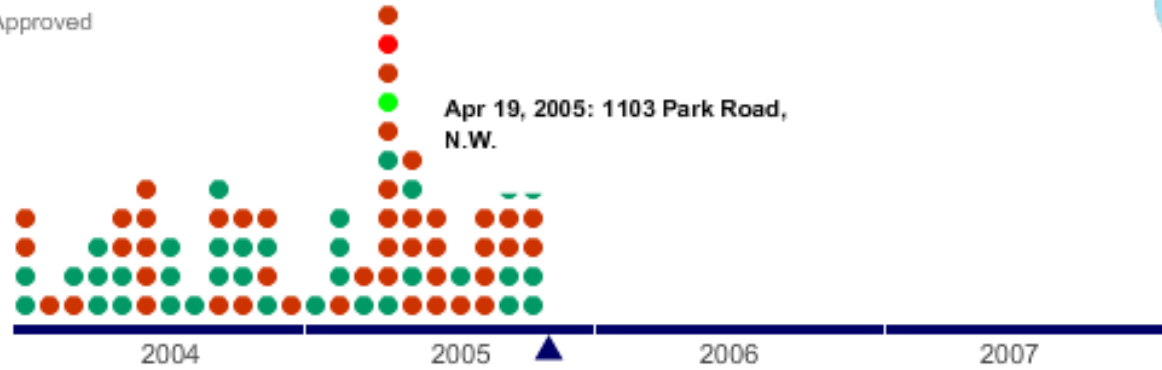


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 Picasso Condominium
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 Violations: 0 before / 0 after



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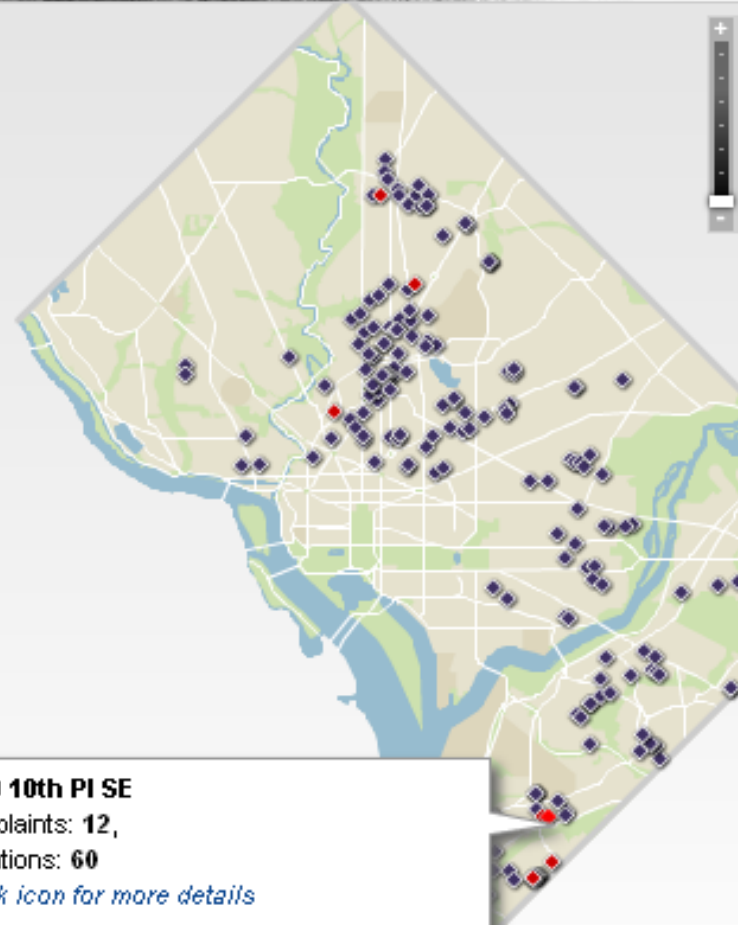
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Owner: Edward Knott

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Violations: 60

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Alachua Co Clerk Of Circuit Court

Curtin, Mary G.
Agency Name: Alachua Co Clerk Of Circuit Court
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 "Retired" in: 11/1/1998
 Total retirement benefit collected: \$173,299.04

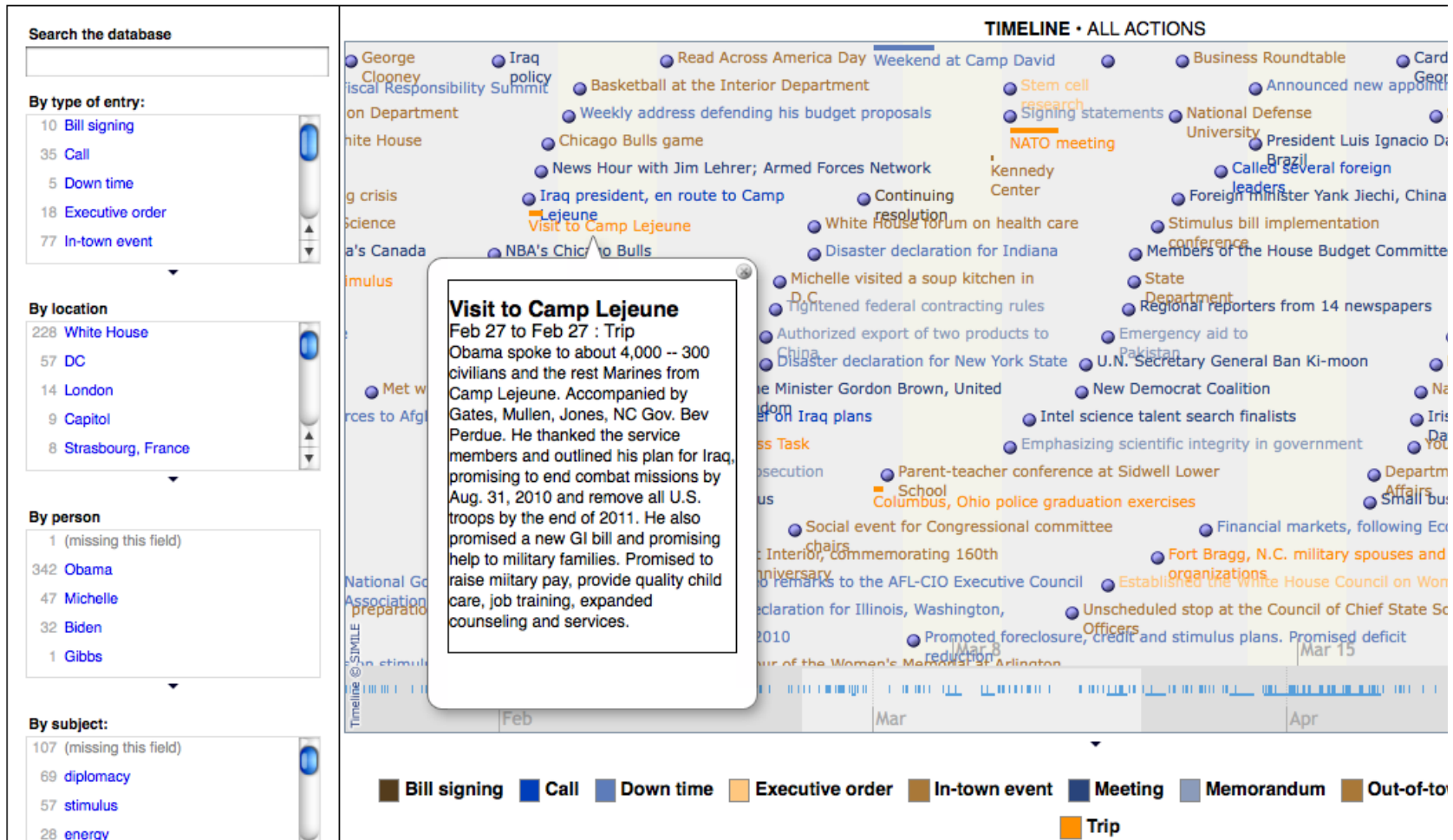
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Johnson, Lillian R.
Agency Name: Alachua Co Property Appraiser
 Salary in 06-07: \$71,883.66
 Monthly retirement payment: \$1,768.84
 "Retired" in: 2/1/1997
 Total retirement benefit collected:

Alachua Co School Board

Childs, Virginia S.

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Reverses the Bush administration policy on presidential records.
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FOIA reversal
Memorandum
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Freedom of Information Act memorandum reversing some Bush administration policies and directing agencies to presume the it directed the Justice Department to change the policy within 45 days. (Signed 1/21; released 1/22; entered into Federal Regi
- Thursday, Jan. 22

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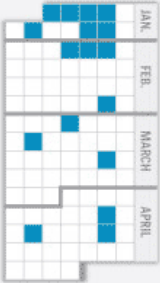
- Mexico City Policy reversal (abortion)
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- FOIA reversal
- Presidential records reversal
- Interrogation procedures
- Reversal Guantanamo Bay closure
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- Payment mileage standards
- New contracting
- Federal contracts and unions
- Reversing policies toward organized labor
- Contractors to notify workers of union rights
- Reversed regulatory and review orders
- Labor agreements in large federal construction
- Changing establishment of faith-based office in White House
- Changing the composition of the Domestic Policy Council
- Expanding eligibility for S-CHIP

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Reversing Predecessors' Actions

REVERSALS

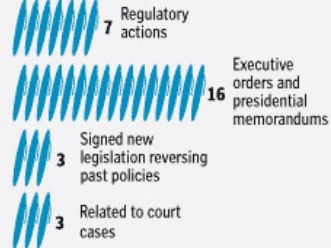
Days Obama issued a reversal to a previous administration's policy



Selected reversals:

1. Obama's first unilateral actions were a series of orders directing the government to open records in agencies and for past presidents.
2. A series of executive orders concerning labor rights in federal contracts have been reversed with each change in party control of the White House since Ronald Reagan.
3. The Obama administration has started the process of rescinding at least four sets of "midnight rules" instituted in the waning days of the Bush administration on issues including the "conscience clause" for medical workers and financial disclosures required from union officials.

How the 29 reversals break down:



KEY PLEDGES

✔ Kept
 ◐ Partially
 ● No substantial action taken

Before presidency

Reject torture without equivocation; close Guantanamo Bay and secret prisons.

Amend executive orders to make sure that all contact between all White House staff and outsiders on regulatory matters is open.

Sign legislation restoring some rights to sue against pay discrimination and reauthorizing a health-care program for disadvantaged children.

What he has done

✔ All of Obama's promises on detainee treatment have been addressed. The Guantanamo prison remains in operation while the administration considers how to close it.

● No executive order has been issued. The OMB has reported nine meetings with outside groups related to regulations. The transition posted all recommendations from outsiders on its Web site.

✔ Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Act on pay in his second week in office, and the children's health-care bill on Feb. 4.

SOURCE: Blueprint for Change | The Washington Post - April 29, 2009



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	Labor	Yes	Yes	http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/msha/MSHA20041943.htm	9/28/2004	Dave D. Lauriski	Assistant Secretary	Las Vegas	NV	With the National Mining Association, presented awards to nine operations for their safety records.

id	Amount	Notes	Program
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Mining ented erations ords.	\$0.00	conference cooperative alliance to foster more safety and health in mines. Also presented awards for safety and health. DeRocco was also there.. Can't tell if it is a conference or what.	

Rove's Asset Deployment

Before the 2004 election, the White House political team directed appointees to tout grants, polic decisions and other administration actions in competitive states for the presidential race and key media markets. Top officials also traveled on official business to districts with close congression elections in coordination with the president's team.

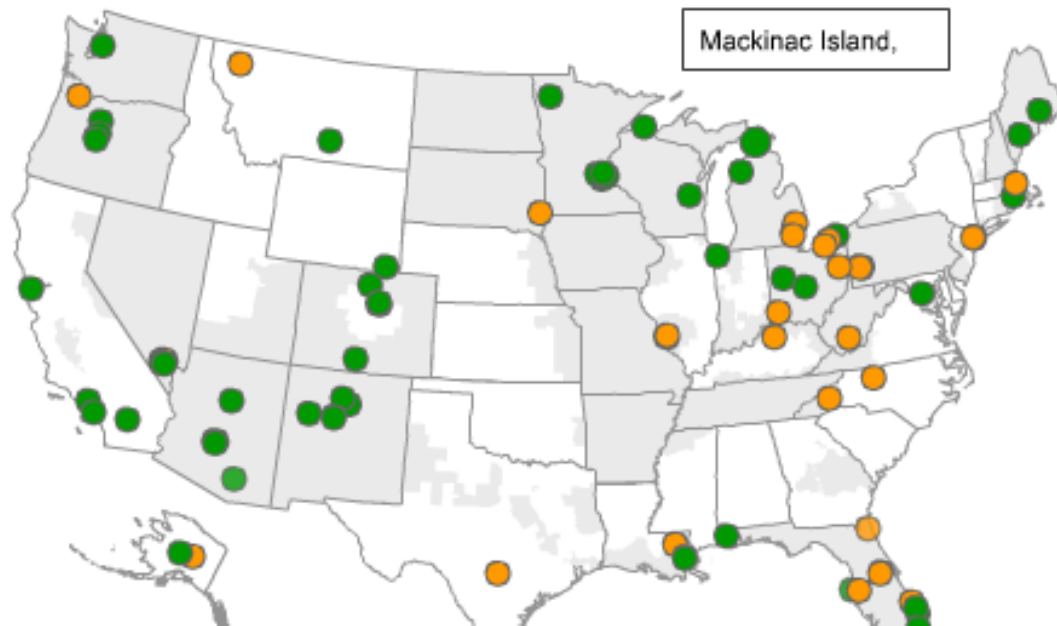
The Washington Post analyzed the travel of two cabinet members and their immediate deputies More than three-quarters of the trips in the final five months of the election were in areas identify by the White House more a year earlier, according to documents obtained by congressional investigators. Many of the rest were in areas with close congressional races.

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□ Key media markets and areas with competitive elections

● Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and top deputies

● Then-Interior Secretary Gale Norton and top deputies



June 4: Mackinac Island, Mich.

Gale A. Norton, Secretary Speech on national energy issues at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual Mackinac Policy Conference.

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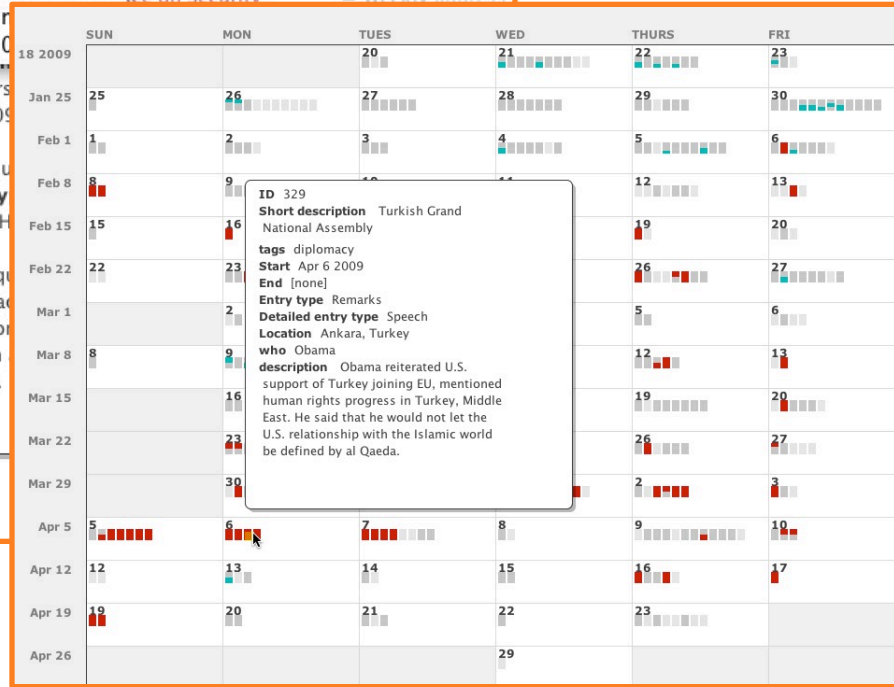
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Timeline view showing event details:

- National Day of Renewal
- Jobs and recovery meeting
- Capital City Public Charter
- Route 34 bridge in Carlisle, visit to Harrisburg
- Howard University panel discussion on Black
- Expansion of Congress
- House member
- Called several foreign leaders
- Visit to Springfield, Va. construction site
- Praised the passage of the stimulus bill
- House Democratic Caucus
- Established the
- National Prayer Breakfast
- Caterpillar plant in East Pe
- Promoting infrastructure
- Lincoln Bicentennial
- Buffalo plane crash
- Business Council
- King Juan Carlos I, Sp
- Traveled home to Ch
- Weekly address

Event details for ID 329:

- Short description: Turkish Grand National Assembly
- tags: diplomacy
- Start: Apr 6 2009
- End: [none]
- Entry type: Remarks
- Detailed entry type: Speech
- Location: Ankara, Turkey
- who: Obama
- description: Obama reiterated U.S. support of Turkey joining EU, mentioned human rights progress in Turkey, Middle East. He said that he would not let the U.S. relationship with the Islamic world be defined by al Qaeda.



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by *T. Christian Miller, Jeff Larson, Al Shaw, and Krista Kjelman Schmidt, ProPublica, March 22, 1:03 p.m.*

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Feb. 18, 2003

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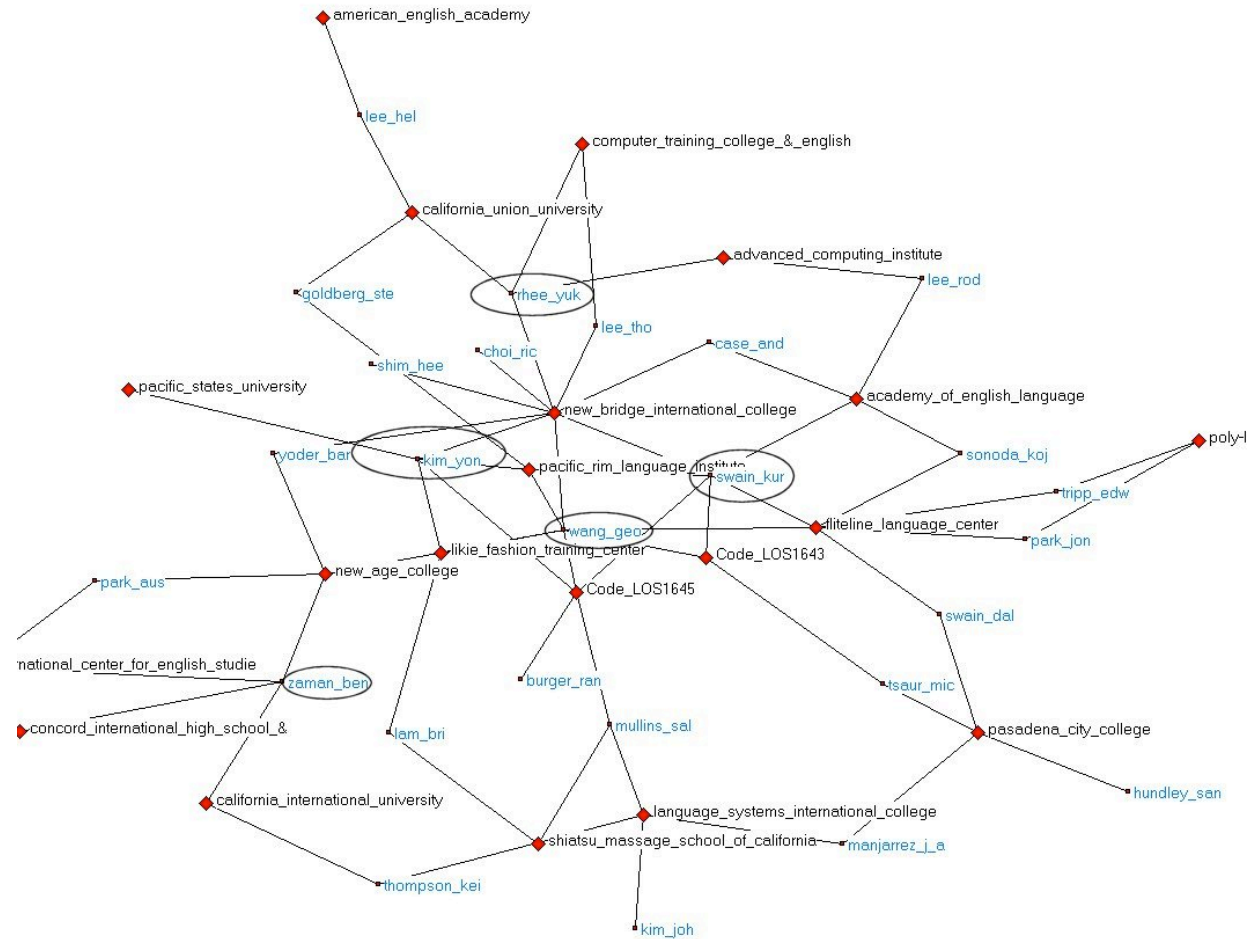
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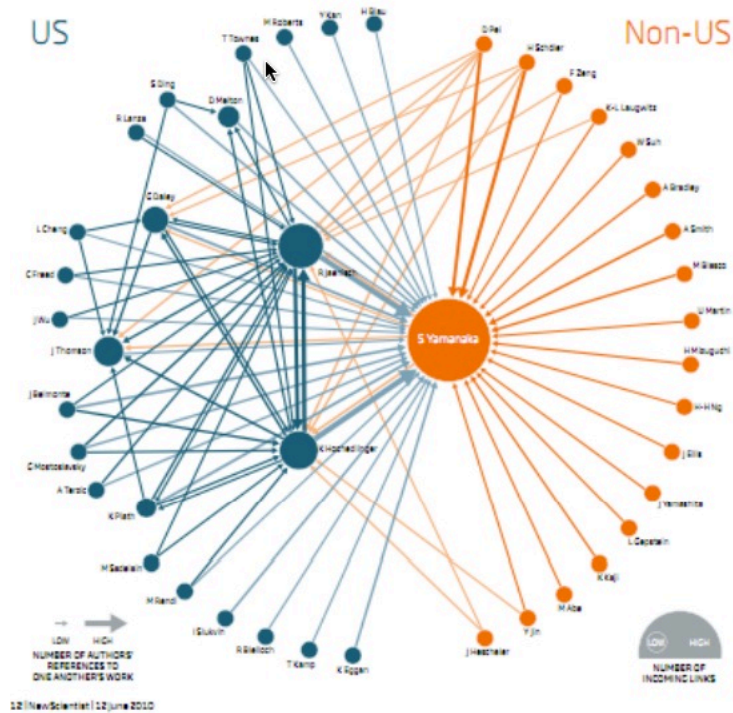


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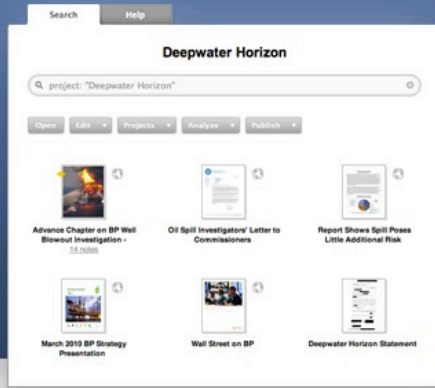
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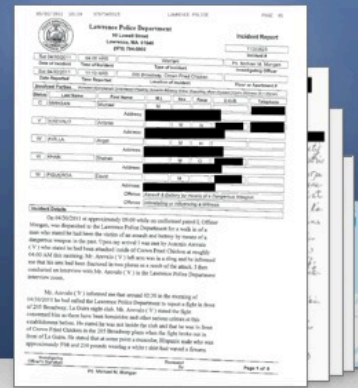
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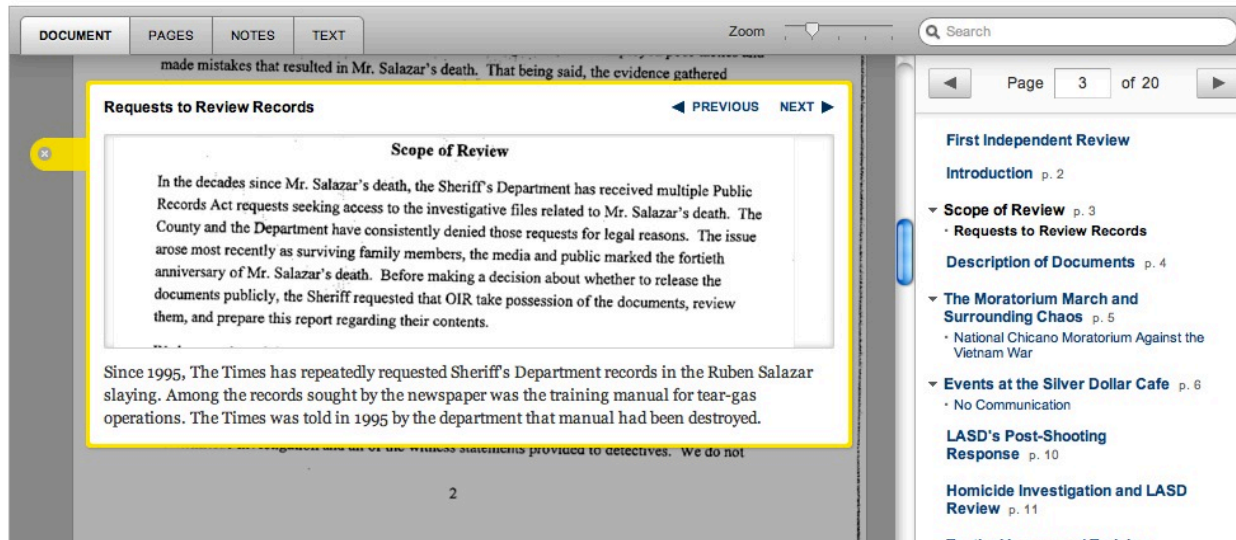
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— Robert J. Lopez (Feb. 19, 2011)

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made mistakes that resulted in Mr. Salazar's death. That being said, the evidence gathered

Requests to Review Records

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Scope of Review

In the decades since Mr. Salazar's death, the Sheriff's Department has received multiple Public Records Act requests seeking access to the investigative files related to Mr. Salazar's death. The County and the Department have consistently denied those requests for legal reasons. The issue arose most recently as surviving family members, the media and public marked the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Salazar's death. Before making a decision about whether to release the documents publicly, the Sheriff requested that OIR take possession of the documents, review them, and prepare this report regarding their contents.

Since 1995, The Times has repeatedly requested Sheriff's Department records in the Ruben Salazar slaying. Among the records sought by the newspaper was the training manual for tear-gas operations. The Times was told in 1995 by the department that manual had been destroyed.

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Los Angeles Times: The Ruben Salazar Files using DocumentCloud

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

ESCALA GROUP, INC.,
GREGORY MANNING,
LARRY LEE CRAWFORD, CPA,

Defendants.

09 Civ. ____

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), for its Complaint against Escala Group, Inc. ("Escala"), Gregory Manning ("Manning") and Larry Lee Crawford ("Crawford"), alleges that:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a disclosure and accounting fraud case that concerns fraudulent related party transactions between Escala, then a Nasdaq-listed company in the collectibles market, and its parent company, Afinsa Bienes Tangibles, S.A. ("Afinsa"), a privately held Spanish company that sold investments in portfolios of stamps in Europe, in connection with sales that became part of what Spanish criminal authorities have called a ponzi or pyramid scheme. In a fraudulent business scheme based upon the secret and dramatic manipulation of collectible stamp values, Escala and its former CEO,



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1. The detainee affiliated himself with the Taliban.

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grenades and other small arms weapons.

4. The detainee attended the al-Qaida Information Course in Kabul, where the instructor cited the al-Qaida bombing of the *USS Cole* as a positive example of the uses of al-Qaida training.

5. The detainee met Osama Bin Laden on approximately eight occasions.

b. The detainee participated in military operations against the coalition.

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The Reporter's Lab
APRIL 15, 2011 BY SARAH COHEN LEAVE A COMMENT

Welcome to the Reporter's Lab, a site focused on tools, techniques and research for public affairs and investigative reporting.

The lab will address a vital precinct in the journalism production line that has sometimes been left behind by social media, data journalism and the accelerating pace of breaking news: the beat and investigative reporting that uncovers hidden, not public, stories. For professional and pro-am journalists who specialize in public affairs, the technological revolution passed them by sometime in the early millennium. Mining documents usually means reading and re-reading and manually cross-referencing. Mining data largely uses techniques popularized in the 1980s. Collecting records dispersed among dozens of websites involves a lot of clicking and saving.

I spent much of the last year interviewing reporters, editors, researchers, technologists and entrepreneurs and found a world of methods and tools for intelligence and security, information science, digital humanities and social science that could, if harnessed, transform reporting. With few newsrooms investing in these advances, most reporters are still left on their own to unravel big document and data dumps, listen to hours of public

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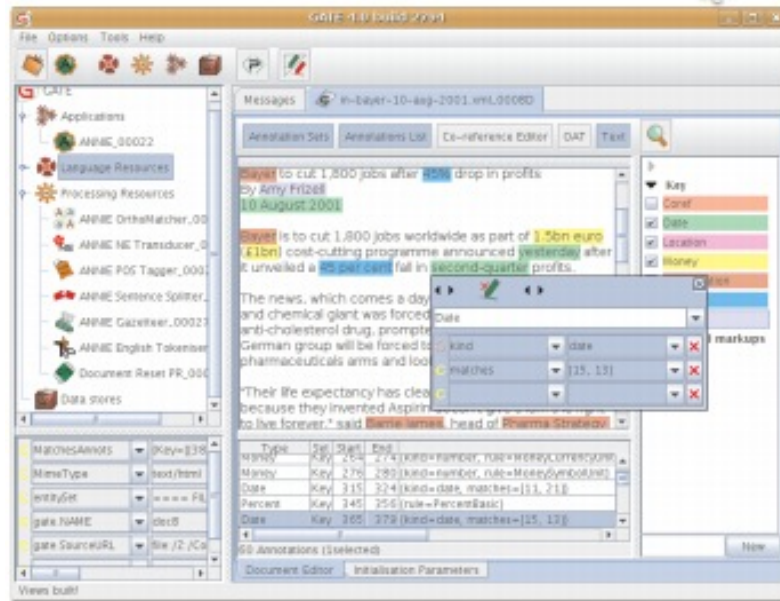
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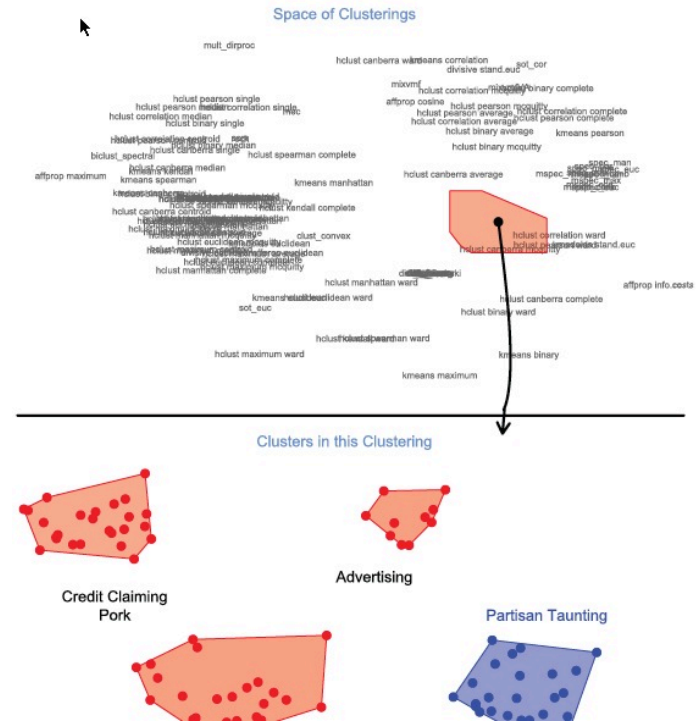
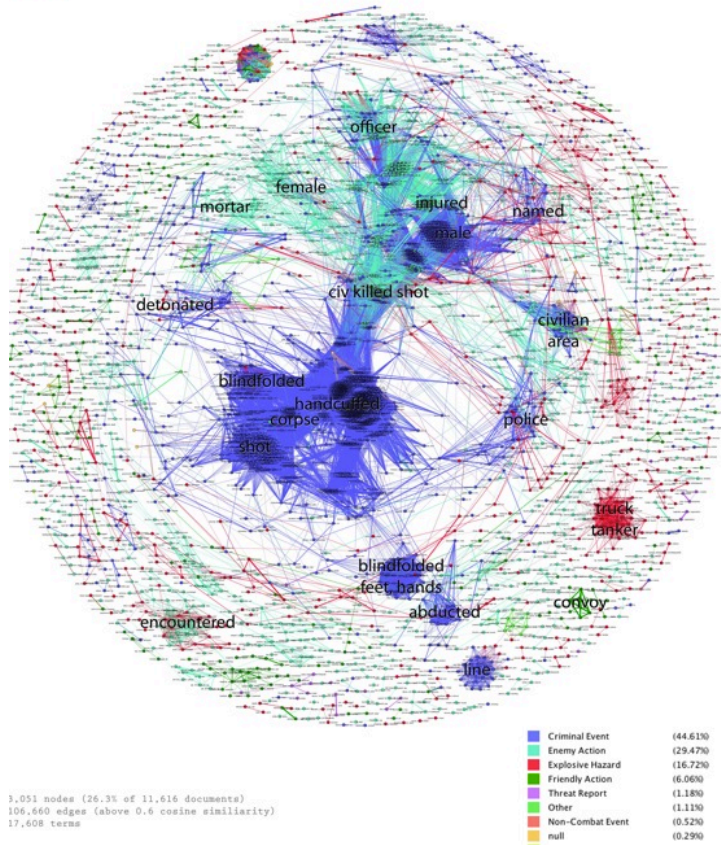
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Exploring document collections at
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department

BEHAVIOR WAS APPROPRIATE.

P. REVIEW TEAM ANALYSIS

1. Were there social, medical, community, systemic or legal factors that contributed to the child's death or quality of life?

Yes No Unable to determine

- There was no communication among various entities involved with the family.
- Investigation by CFS inadequate, no follow-up with reporter or other collateral contacts.

2. Were there parental or familial behavior factors that contributed to the child's death?

Yes No Unable to determine

3. Were all services and interventions (child protection, social, medical, police, legal, etc.) appropriate for the needs of the child/family and provided in accordance with established statutes and policies?

Yes No Unable to determine

- No communication
- Investigation inadequate

4. Were staff who were involved with the family adequately prepared to provide protective or other required services?

Yes No Unable to determine

5. Are statutes and policies adequate?

Real documents still difficult

David Lawrence?
 [redacted] [redacted]

(yes McMT)

- involved since start, Does Not know how /mg.
- Faming a ?
- what is interest, own stock
- said he was managing team
- * - said less in doc, but still account debasements
- demand money, [redacted]
- ? - [redacted] share on 400 share, [redacted] @\$
- Secured by land, 60%, Do you know which land & crops security.
- acre [redacted] +
- Yield
- Mr. Delta does not own land,
- No Risk Financially, Coy at Risk
- manufacturing plant is real job.
- Cross Sales, Does not know of Sabot Marketing
- said.

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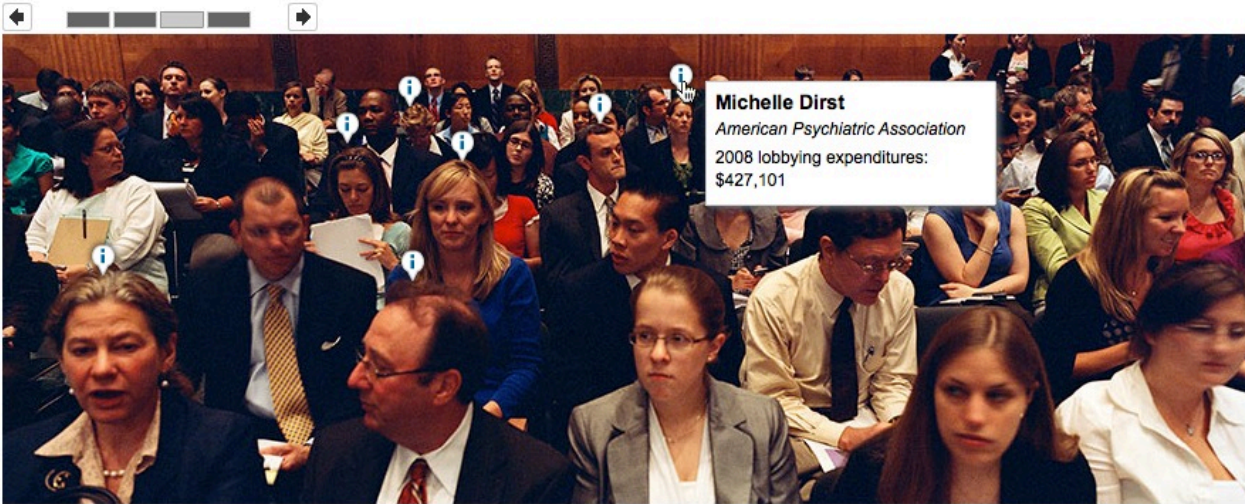
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