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The last day of November officially marks the end of the yearly hurricane season. Since 1953, the National Hurricane Center has generated a list of pre-approved names for all tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean. There are six lists – alphabetically and in chronological order from A-W minus Q and U – that continue to rotate. **The lists only change when a hurricane is so devastating that its name is retired.**

The names for next season, therefore, will be the same as 2004 with the exception of **Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne** which were unusually devastating.

NEW names for 2010

Alex
Bonnie
Colin
Danielle
Earl
Fiona
Gaston
Hermine
Igor
Julia
Karl
Lisa
Matthew
Nicole
Otto
Paula
Richard
Shary
Tomas
Virginie
Walter

If all 21 names are used in a given season, the list reverts to the Greek alphabet. Hurricane Walter, for example, would be followed by Hurricane Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc!

more STRANGE MAPS

Here are some more highlights from the extensive archive of maps profiled in the book *Strange Maps* by Frank Jacobs

<http://strangemaps.wordpress.com/>

STATE MOTTOS



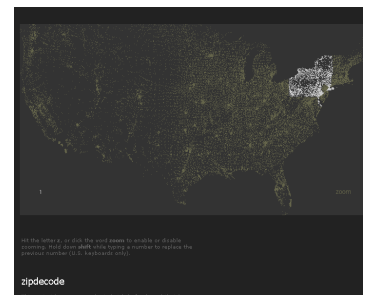
<http://www.twoeyeballs.com/>

INVERTED WORLD MAP



<http://www.vladstudio.com/wallpaper/?worldinversed>

ZIP DECODE

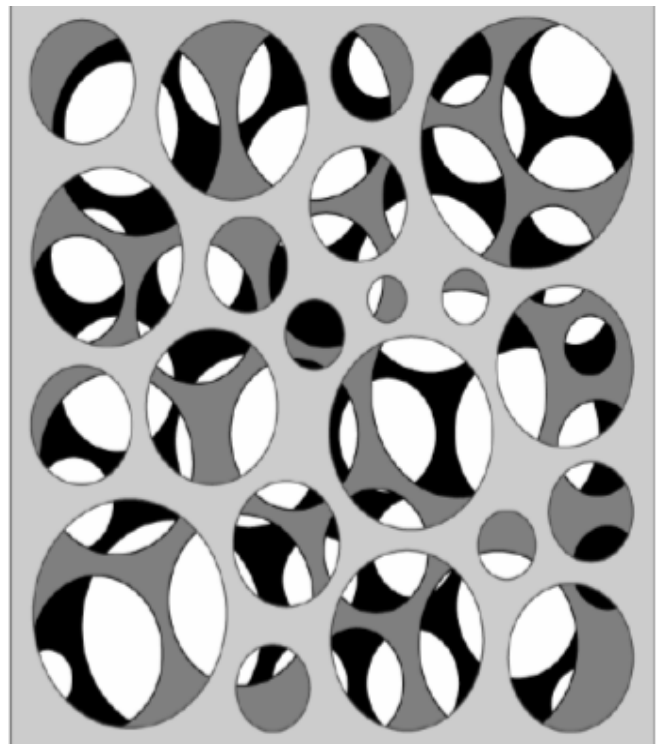


<http://benfry.com/zipdecode/>

How many circles are either shown or implied by the diagram?

This is a puzzle by Scott Kim.

It's one of hundreds of problems that have appeared on the Google U.S. Puzzle Championship Test



For more go to <http://wpc.puzzles.com/history/index.htm>