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Jacksonville is the largest city in the continental United States by area covering 841 square miles and was host to Super Bowl XXXIX held February 6, 2005. Fighting for the chance to host the Super Bowl in the small market of Jacksonville, the planning committee used simple maps to communicate how the shortage of lodging and restaurant outlets in the downtown area would be solved. An innovative plan to dock 5 cruise ships along the riverfront closed the deal with the NFL.

The underlying image uses a USGS DEM. The white rectangles represent the 6 bridges crossing the St. Johns River. The water features on the map have been cast in a golden hue to represent the 50th issue of *CP*.