THE DAMAGE DONE

By the time Sandy struck the Northeast, as a NASA computer model (above) had predicted four days earlier, it had killed 72 people in the Caribbean. It was no longer a hurricane—but it was a thousand miles wide, with 80-mile-an-hour winds that drove the sea onto the coast in lethal surges. The final death toll was 147. As the world warms, it may see more storms like Sandy. It will certainly see higher seas.