

New Orleans Rising

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Acquaintances greet each other
Friends that haven't seen each other in ages.

Strangers meet strangers
'How is your house, darlin?'
'How is your life and your mementos,
Your tchotchkes and your mother?'

It's gone, I'm gone, but he or she is fine.
Mostly, I seem to be alive.
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It's dark where I'm staying,
So I came to the Quarter,
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There is nothing where I used to live,
So I'm crashing in the Quarter now.

I drove 400 miles to be here.
It's the old 'hood, the old ship
By the quiet, thank God, Mississip.

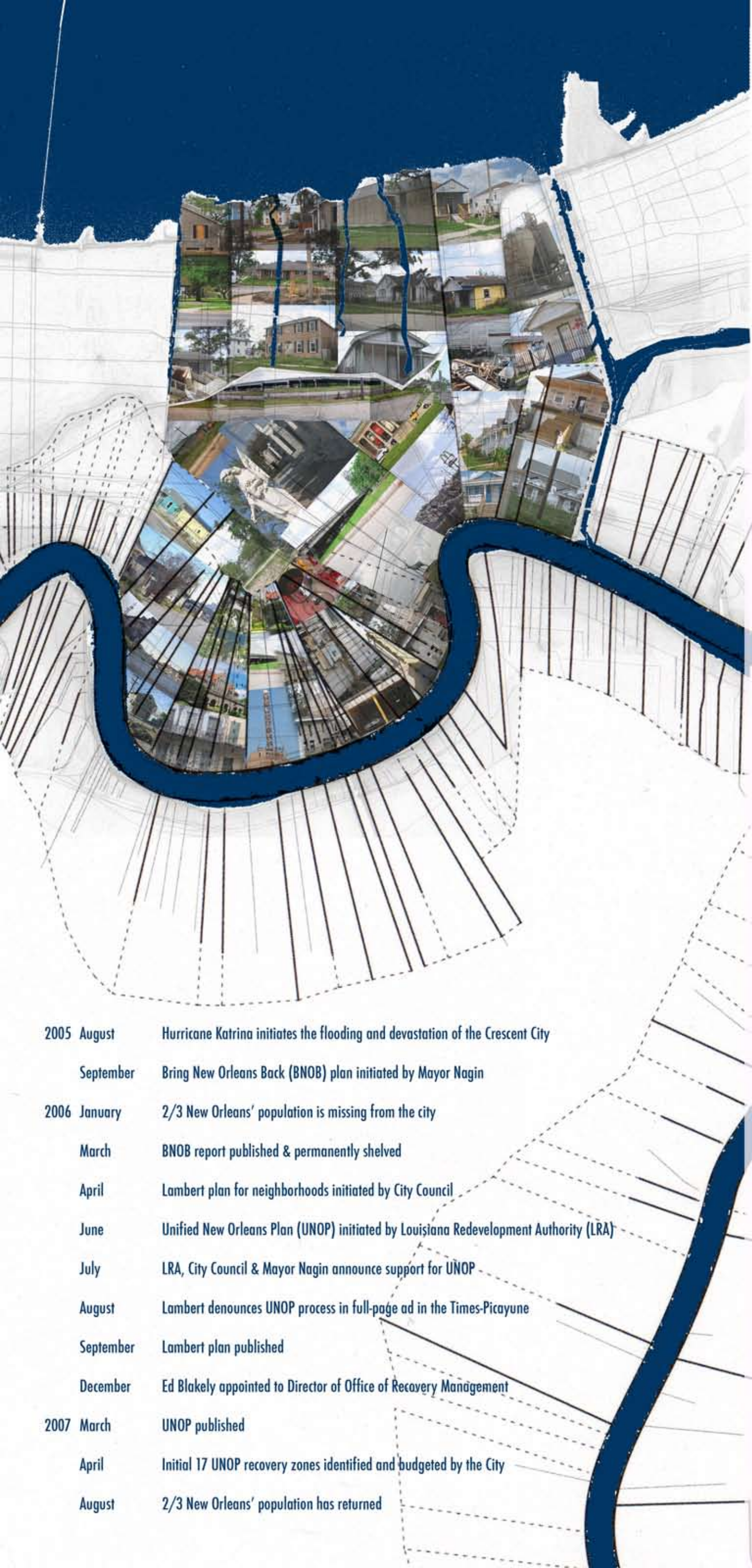
I've pulled away from the USA
And set my anchor in the Quarter,
Right here in the La Rose Envie Café

I feel the death around me
When times past
Came right here and sat in the coffeehouse
And tried to think of what came next.
Something always did.

Some conspired to make money,
Others wrote, kvetched or hid.
Something always came next.

In 1812, in 1850, 1956, 1968
Main thing is we're still alive
Here in the old French Quarter,
In the old French mothership,
In the old French mothership.

By Andrei Codrescu.



2005 August	Hurricane Katrina initiates the flooding and devastation of the Crescent City
September	Bring New Orleans Back (BNOB) plan initiated by Mayor Nagin
2006 January	2/3 New Orleans' population is missing from the city
March	BNOB report published & permanently shelved
April	Lambert plan for neighborhoods initiated by City Council
June	Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) initiated by Louisiana Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
July	LRA, City Council & Mayor Nagin announce support for UNOP
August	Lambert denounces UNOP process in full-page ad in the Times-Picayune
September	Lambert plan published
December	Ed Blakely appointed to Director of Office of Recovery Management
2007 March	UNOP published
April	Initial 17 UNOP recovery zones identified and budgeted by the City
August	2/3 New Orleans' population has returned