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Topic:  
Hurricane Katrina

Enduring Image for Reader:  
Finding hope through despair

Genre #1: Map of where the Hurricane hit

A) Outline of Approach: The map will give the reader an idea how big the area was that the Hurricane hit and where it was on the map.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I picked this genre because I thought it was a good way to open up story/project. It isn't necessarily part of the main image, but I thought it was a good starting point.

Genre #2: Obituary

A) Outline of Approach: The obituary will open up my story. The story starts by showcasing the grandma's despair and will build off of it. The obituary is of her father.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I picked an obituary because I wanted to find some way to connect the end of the story, the birth certificate, to the start of the story.

Genre #3: Timeline

A) Outline of Approach: The timeline shows what the grandparents did in the hurricane and how they survived. It also has pictures to help the granddaughter.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I picked a timeline because I thought that it would help the granddaughter realize what her grandparents had to go through. It is more interactive than just a story and I think the pictures help paint an image in the reader's mind.

Genre #4: Picture

A) Outline of Approach: The picture I took was of a wooden pole with some signs and the wanted dog sign of the grandma (Josephine). I made the signs myself and arranged them on a pole I found outside. I thought it turned out well.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I picked this as one of my genres because it builds on the despair. I wanted to start my project giving the mood of despair and then the mood of hope.

Genre #5: Reflective Poem

A) Outline of Approach: The poem is in the perspective of the grandma, Josephine, and it reflects the love she has for her dog and the struggle she is having finding it.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I put this poem because I thought that it gave the picture more meaning. It gives a little insight into the grandma's mind.

Genre #6: Newspaper Page

A) Outline of Approach: This genre is a snippet out of the newspaper, The Daily Sun. The article shows how the man wants to move on and I take the time to write in a couple of breaking news snippets of the time frame.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: I put the story in because it shows how people want to move on and hopefully it shows that the grandma can too. I added the other parts to it to keep it interesting and to add more depth.

#### Genre #7: Letter to the Editor

A) Outline of Approach: The letter to the editor explains how Josephine finds her dog and how she is moving on from despair just like the man from the article is. Also the sticky note at the bottom, states that she just found out that her son and his wife are expecting a child, the one who this scrapbook is for.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: This piece is starting to pull it all together. We are starting to feel some hope because she found the dog and then even more hope because she is going to be a grandma. This is always where we are first introduced to her granddaughter, whom this scrapbook is for.

#### Genre #8: Birth Certificate

A) Outline of Approach: The last genre I have is the birth certificate of her granddaughter, Katrina Josephine Johnson. They named her granddaughter after the hurricane and also named her after Josephine, the grandma.

B) Justification of Genre Choice: The last genre fully pulls the story together. The reader gets the feeling of despair from the death and the hurricane, and then gets the feeling of hope from finding the dog and the birth of her granddaughter. The outside of the scrapbook states that Katrina is to be given this scrapbook, if anything was to happen to Josephine.

#### Questions for my peers

- 1) Did my message clearly come across?
- 2) Was it easy to follow along with my story and know what I meant?
- 3) Did you enjoy reading it?

For My  
Granddaughter  
Katrina

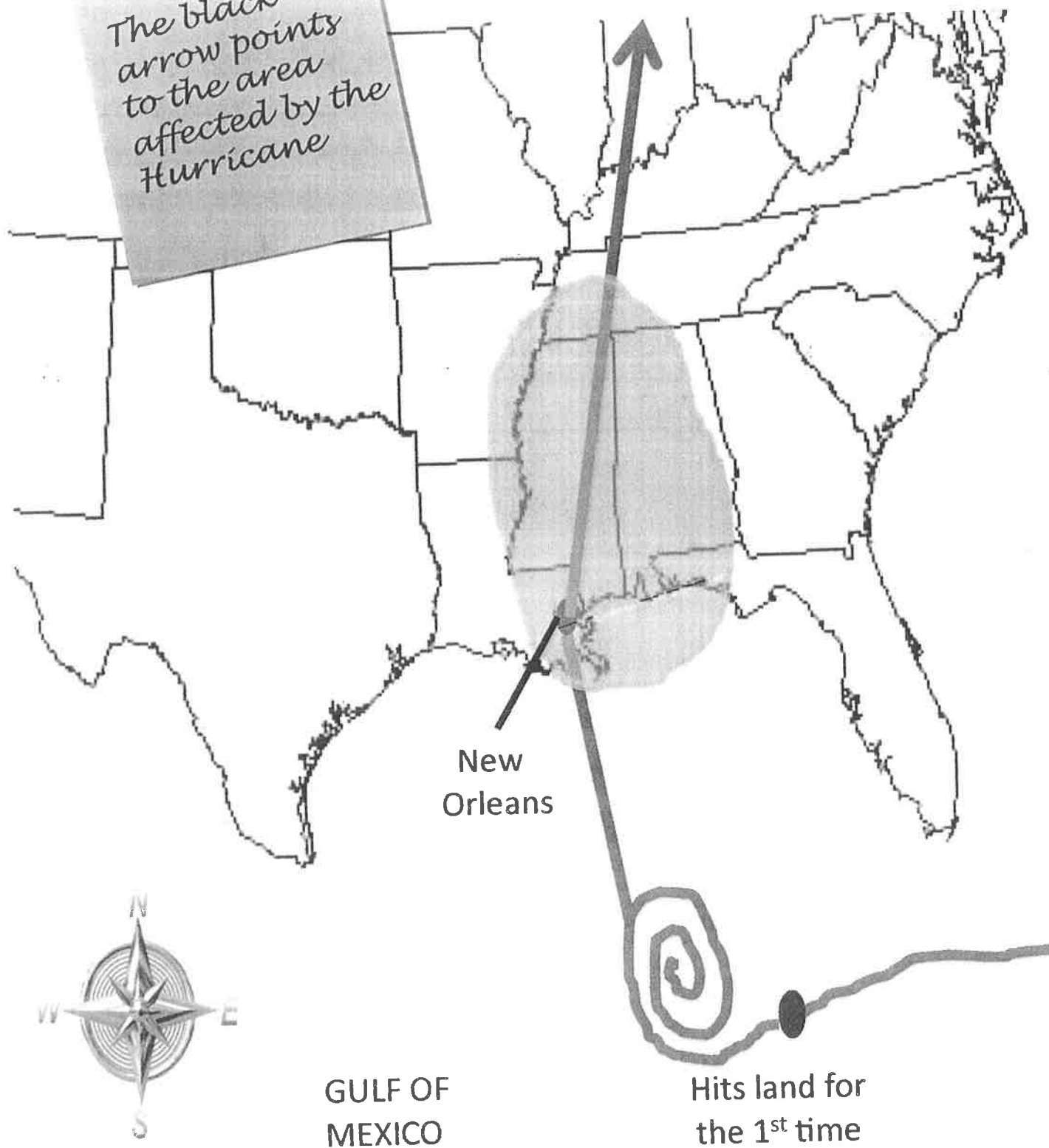
# HURRICANE KATRINA

(The Natural Disaster from which  
you were named)



*Your  
Granddad's  
and my house  
after the  
destruction*

*The black  
arrow points  
to the area  
affected by the  
Hurricane*



New  
Orleans

GULF OF  
MEXICO

Hits land for  
the 1<sup>st</sup> time

## Henry P. Johnson

New Orleans, LA- Mr.

Henry P. Johnson, 92, died August 15, 2005, from natural causes.

A native of New York, he was born on March 3, 1913, the son of George and Patricia Johnson. He was a retired Army veteran living in the Louisiana Manor retirement center.

He was proceeded in death by both of his parents, his two sisters, Jane and Mary and his wife Mary Anne.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Josephine and Paul Johnson, also of New Orleans, and Josephine and Paul's son, David and his wife, Abby.

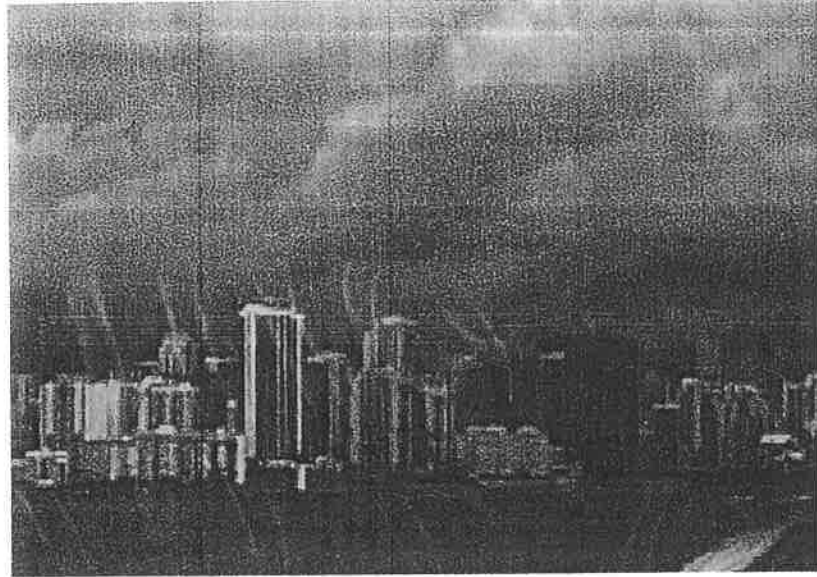
In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Henry's favorite charity, Catholic Social Services.

The funeral will be held at Franklin Funeral Home of New Orleans located on 3331 Old Applewood Dr., New Orleans, LA, on August 19 at 10:30 a.m. Internment to follow at Calvary Cemetery, 435 W 33<sup>rd</sup> St. in New Orleans, LA.

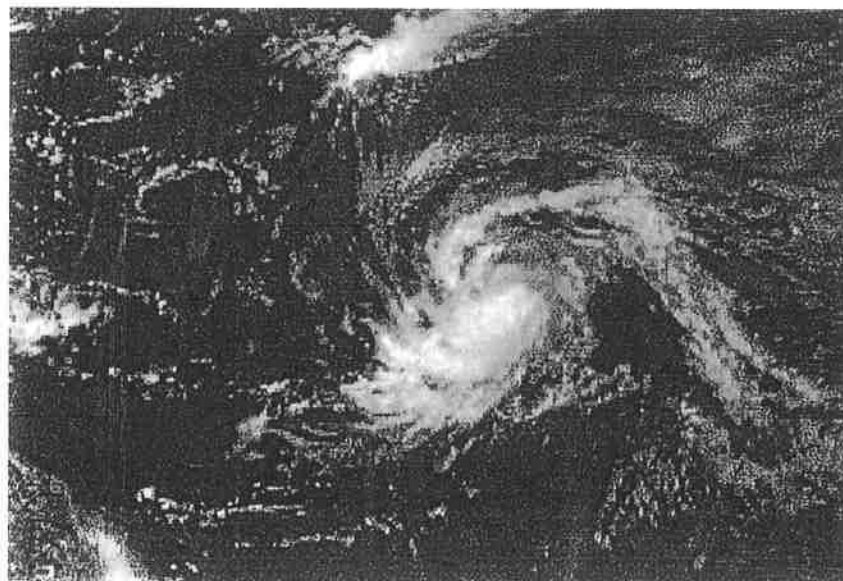
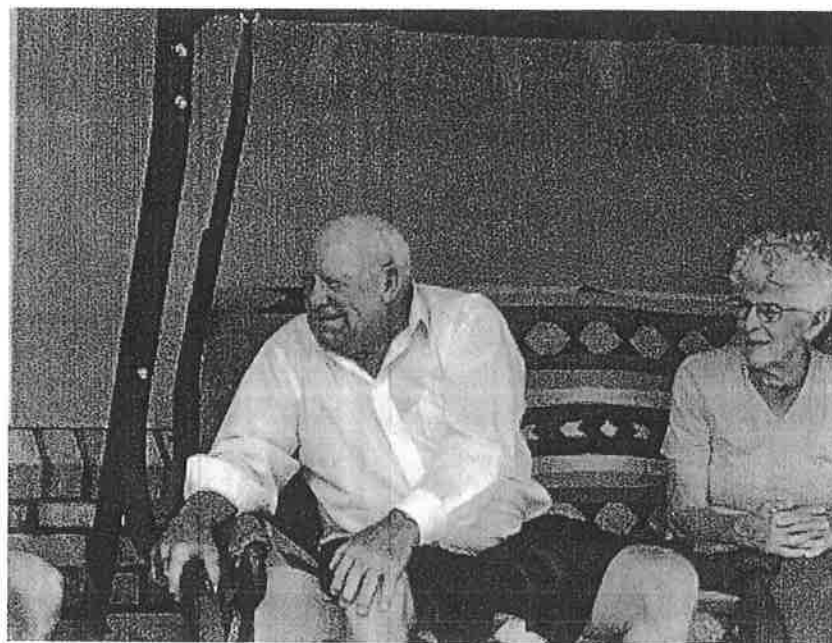
*Your great-granddad died a week before the hurricane started, and I was able to save the article.*



Tuesday,  
August 23,  
2005: Your  
Granddad and  
I just heard on  
the radio that  
there is a  
storm forming  
in the  
Bahamas.

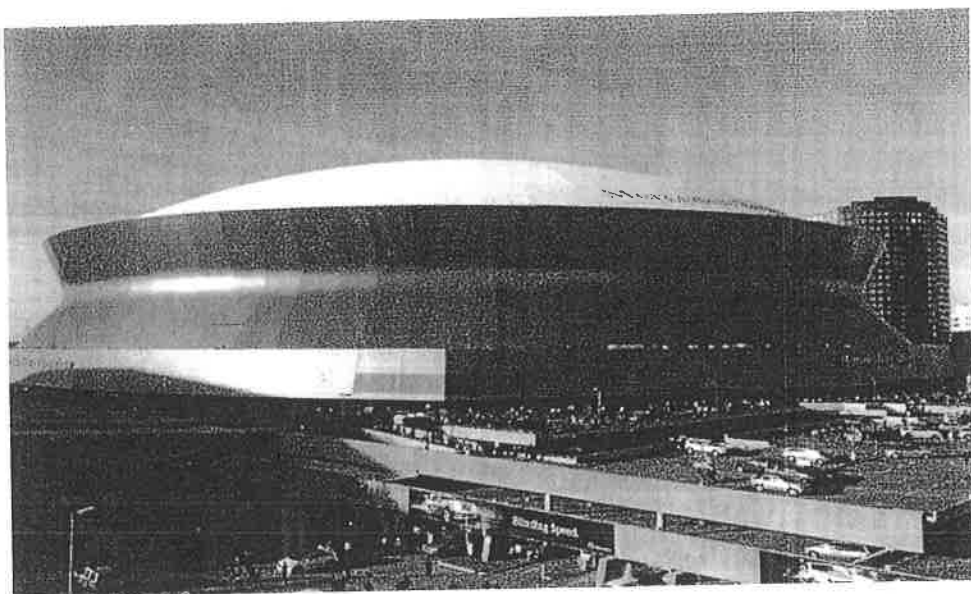


Friday, August  
26, 2005:  
Katrina now  
being called a  
tropical storm.  
The eye is just  
off the coast  
of Florida over  
the Gulf of  
Mexico.





the Louisiana Manor retirement center



New Orleans located on 5551 Old  
Applewood Dr. New Orleans, LA



Saturday, August 27, 2005: We left our house early the morning and went to stay in the Superdome. We are praying with thousands of other families. Hopefully we will all come out of this alive.

Sunday, August 28, 2005: Now seven hours later, we are still in the Superdome. The radio station just came on and listed off the neighborhoods that were hit, and ours was one of them.



Tuesday August 30,  
2005: About 15,000  
have been  
evacuated from the  
city and taken to  
the Superdome.  
10,000 Army and  
Air National Guard  
are now in our  
town.



MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR

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Wednesday, August 31,  
2005: The Hurricane is  
now being called a  
tropical depression.  
They say that it is safe  
to go back to our home  
tomorrow. We are  
hoping that the  
damage isn't  
unbearable and that  
Elmo is okay. (We had  
to leave him because  
there was not enough  
room with all the  
people in the dome.)



Hoping that the future

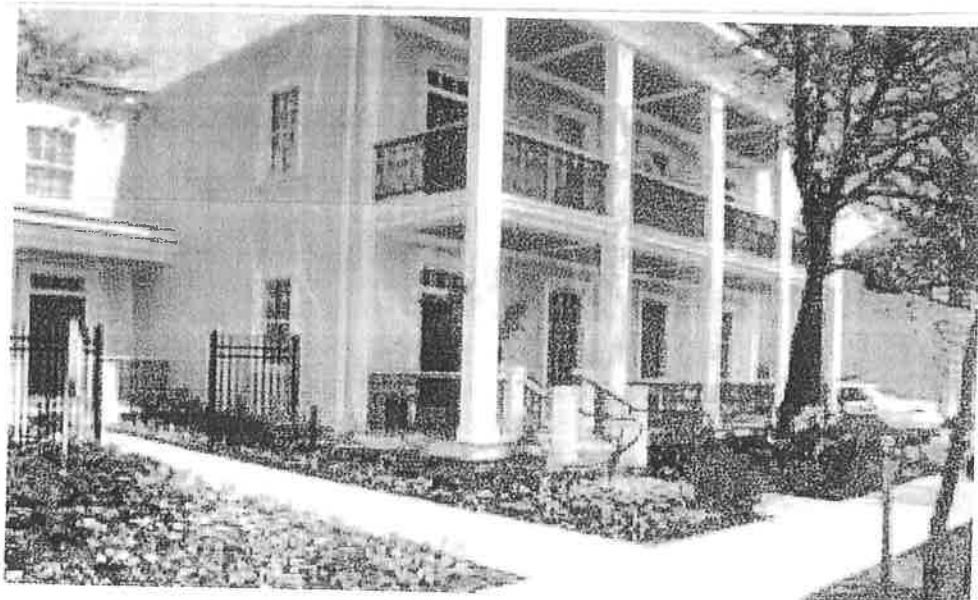




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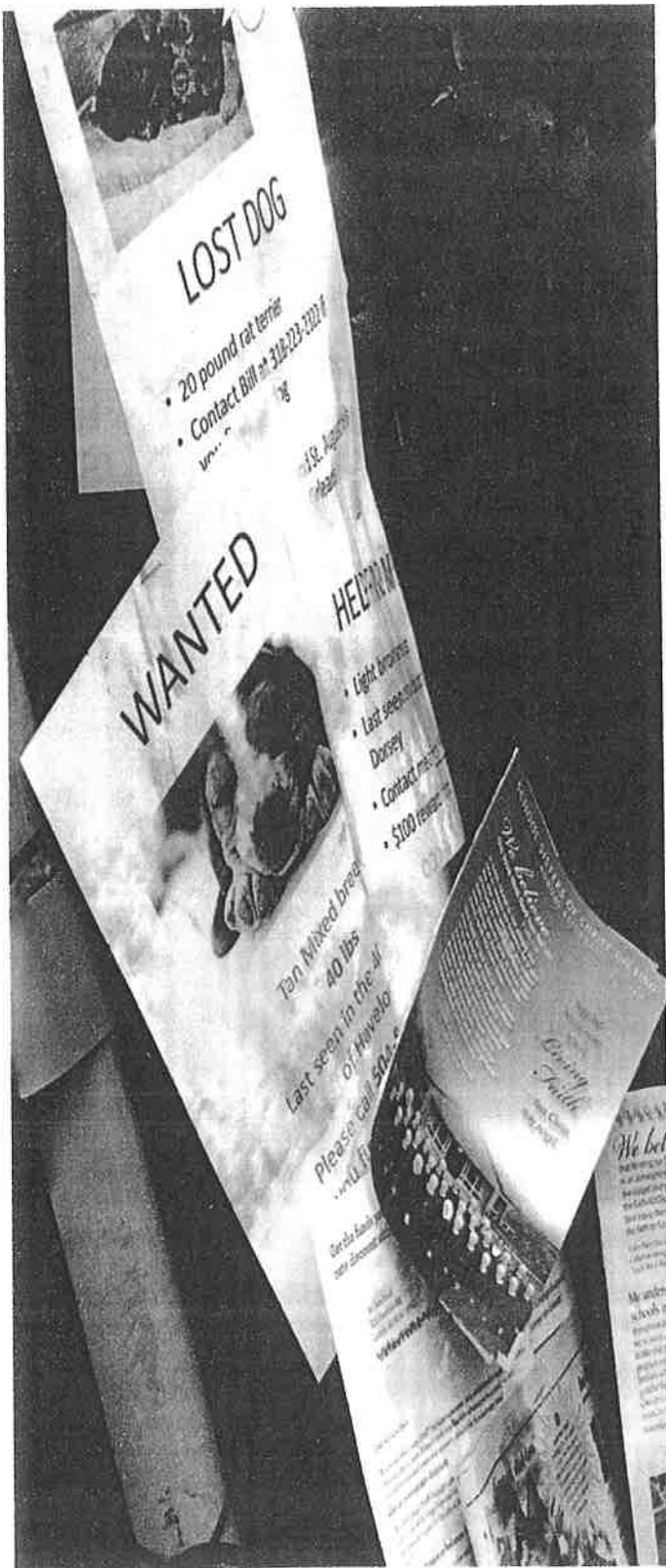


Orleans located on 3331 Old



Saturday, September 10, 2005: By now, around 48,000 troops are in our state, President Bush has just given us a \$10.5 billion dollar relief package, and about 30,000 people have been rescued. We are sleeping in a shelter at night because our home is destroyed.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005: 1.5 million people have been rescued, around 2,000 people dead and 2,500 people are still missing, including our dog, Elmo. We are staying in an apartment we rented, a couple miles from our old home, until we can rebuild.



## Where is Elmo?

My Best Friend has always  
been my dog,  
my knight in shining armor.

In these tough times of the  
Hurricane,  
I need my companion more  
than anything.

Passers-bys look, but do not  
act,  
For my struggle is forgotten  
about.

Hoping that the future  
brings,  
a reunion with Elmo, who  
unconditionally loves me.



# DAILY SUN

## New Orleans, "One Big Happy Family"



Today in the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and the surrounding area. During the interview of Police Chief Smith, he informed The Daily Sun that they have yet to find out the total number of casualties. He did report that there are two thousand missing.

"The best thing that has come of this disaster is that the people of New Orleans are realizing that they can work together,"

said Smith. "Now is the time to stay strong and beat this hurricane."

Hurricane Katrina was much worse than scientists had predicted and has caused much more damage than what was thought possible. Residential areas are completely flooded, and surrounding areas are being evacuated.

### Breaking News Snippets

Entertainment: Kanye West is suing Chicago DJ for having some of his songs in his possession that have yet to be released.

Businesses: Wal-Mart to build its first super center in the Southeast area of the country

Gas prices rise to over \$3 dollars, due to the Hurricane

World News: Pope Benedict XVI goes to the World Youth Day in Germany, his first trip outside of the Vatican since his inauguration.

Scientists in South Korea have cloned the first dog, naming it Skippy.

### WANT TO HELP? HERE'S HOW

In this time of emergency, those affected by the hurricane are most in need of the following:

- clothes
- food
- money
- blankets

Places to bring these goods

- Salvation Army
- Catholic Social Serv.
- Local Goodwill
- American Red Cross

Thank

*I put this newspaper page in because I read a very good article encouraging us to move on. That is what I am struggling with the most.*



Letters To The Editor

## Women finds hope through despair

A week before the Hurricane hit, I lost the man I look up to the most, my father. The Hurricane hit us hard and our house was destroyed, and I ended up having to leave my dog, Elmo, behind.

At this point my life seemed pretty bleak, and my husband and I were just trying to get through. We were being shipped from shelter to shelter just trying to stay warm and safe with thousands of other people. Then a small miracle happened, and my husband and I were able to start rebuilding our home.

With help from my son and daughter-in-law, we kept searching for Elmo. They would look on-line, while we would keep our eyes peeled for any signs of him here in our town.

Thankfully, a second miracle happened: Elmo was found. Through our family's perseverance and the help of many strangers, Elmo was rescued and driven to us from the owners of an animal shelter just outside of New Orleans.

For those of you still in despair, know that there is hope. Praise God!

Josephine Johnson, New Orleans

*Just around the time this was published, I found out that our son and his wife, your parents, were expecting! There is yet another reason for hope!*



# Birth Certificate

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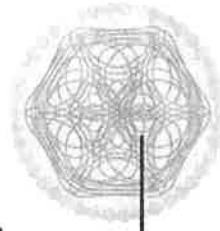
Katrina Josephine Johnson

Weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. was born

on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May

to David and Abby

In the year of 2006.



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