

We're Reviving the Renaissance

In the decade or so before Katrina, the people of Biloxi were enjoying the most prosperous time in our city's 300-plus-year history. \$6 billion worth of growth. 15,000 new jobs. Hundreds of millions of dollars invested in public education, better streets and drainage, recreation facilities, affordable housing and historic preservation. All this while cutting the city property tax rate in half.

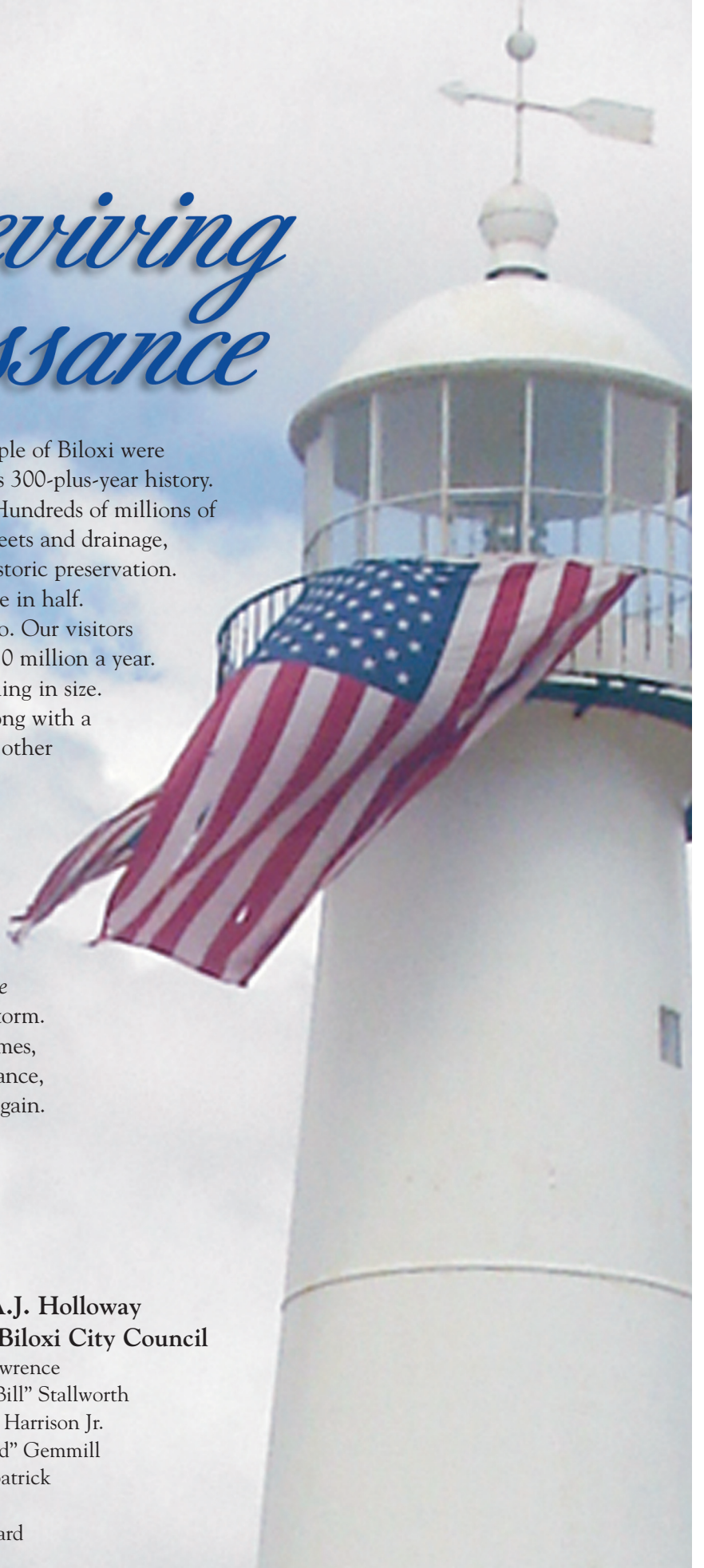
The rest of the country was taking note, too. Our visitors went from a million a year to between 8 and 10 million a year. Our airport and convention center were doubling in size. Nearly 20,000 new hotel rooms were built, along with a host of museums, restaurants, golf courses and other top-flight amenities.

We were making history.

Then came Aug. 29, 2005. The worst natural disaster to ever strike the U.S. landed on our shores.

Some hope the Gulf Coast rebuilding effort spawns a renaissance in south Mississippi. The people of Biloxi want to *revive* the renaissance we were enjoying before the storm.

Today, we're working together to rebuild homes, businesses and lives. We're reviving the renaissance, and we're well on our way to making history. Again.



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