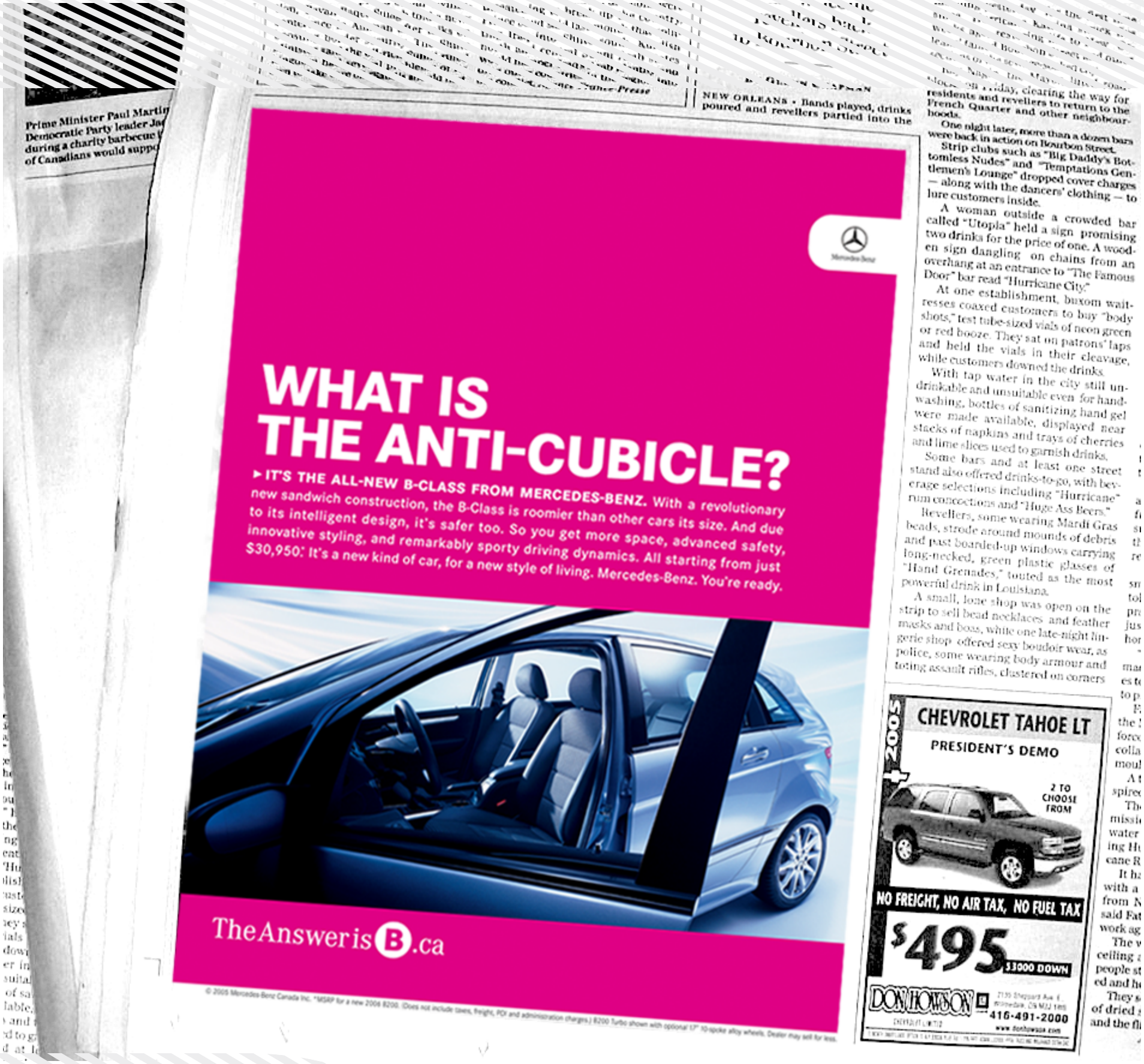
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NEW ORLEANS - Bands played, drinks poured and revellers partied into the
residents and revellers to return to the French Quarter and other neighbourhoods.
One night later, more than a dozen bars were back in action on Bourbon Street.
Strip clubs such as "Big Daddy's Bottomless Nudes" and "Temptations Gentlemen's Lounge" dropped cover charges — along with the dancers' clothing — to lure customers inside.
A woman outside a crowded bar called "Utopia" held a sign promising two drinks for the price of one. A wooden sign dangling on chains from an overhang at an entrance to "The Famous Door" bar read "Hurricane City."
At one establishment, buxom waitresses coaxed customers to buy "body shots," test tube-sized vials of neon green or red booze. They sat on patrons' laps and held the vials in their cleavage, while customers downed the drinks.
With tap water in the city still undrinkable and unsuitable even for handwashing, bottles of sanitizing hand gel were made available, displayed near stacks of napkins and trays of cherries and lime slices used to garnish drinks.
Some bars and at least one street stand also offered drinks-to-go, with beverage selections including "Hurricane" rum concoctions and "Huge Ass Beers."
Revellers, some wearing Mardi Gras beads, strode around mounds of debris and past boarded-up windows carrying long-necked, green plastic glasses of "Hand Grenades," touted as the most powerful drink in Louisiana.
A small, lone shop was open on the strip to sell bead necklaces and feather masks and boas, while one late-night lingerie shop offered sexy boudoir wear, as police, some wearing body armour and toting assault rifles, clustered on corners
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