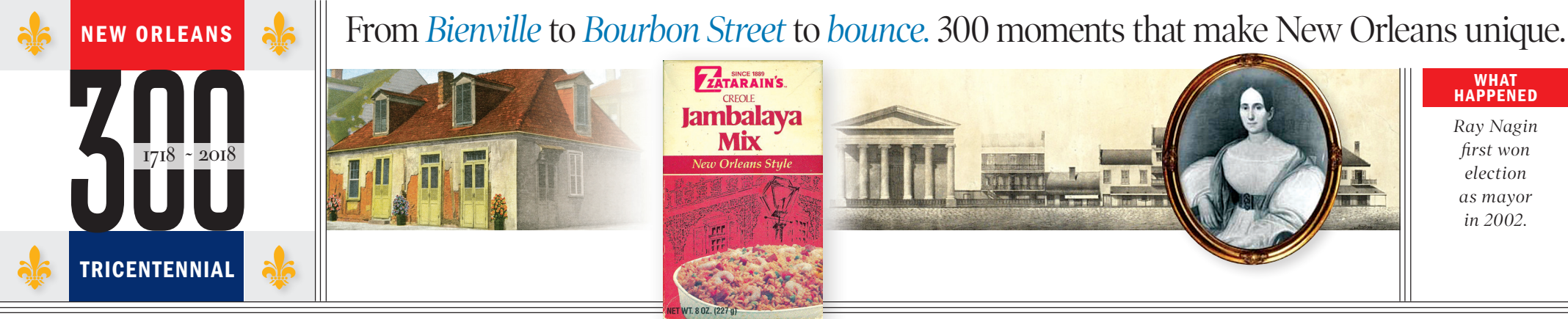




WHAT HAPPENED

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In just 12 years, **Ray Nagin** went from hero to villain in New Orleans.



As mayor-elect, Ray Nagin dances across Canal Street on the way to his inauguration on May 6, 2002.



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Nagin was first elected as mayor in 2002. A Cox executive with no political experience, he was viewed as an agent of change at City Hall. He got off to a slow start, but he managed to get a \$260 million bond issue passed for capital projects, and the city was benefiting from a boom in real estate and the movie and convention business. But Hurricane Katrina ended all that, and it permanently

changed the arc of Nagin's story. The beleaguered mayor was pilloried by the national media for lackluster storm planning, but won some fans when he railed against the federal government's response and fought for all residents — rich and poor — to return to the city. He lost some locals with his “Chocolate City” address, but won a second term in a hard-fought campaign against Mitch Landrieu. During much of his second term, his administration seemed adrift, and before he left office in 2010, allegations of corruption had begun to plague him. On Jan. 18, 2013, Nagin was indicted on 21 charges of conspiracy, bribery and money laundering for allegedly taking nearly \$500,000 in kickbacks from city contractors. A year later, a jury convicted him on 20 of those counts, and U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan sentenced him to 10 years in federal prison. He began serving that term in September 2014.



With just a fraction of the voters back in New Orleans, Ray Nagin won the election against Mitch Landrieu in a runoff with 52 percent of the vote.