



## Ending on an Optimistic Note in New Orleans

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We end this little three-part photo-essay on where New Orleans is up to with the brightest spot: the French Quarter. I took these shots on New Year's Day.



*Shoppers in the French Quarter flea market. [Click picture to enlarge.](#)*

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(You can also check out [part 1](#), and [part 2](#) of the series).

There's a fair amount of traffic in the French Quarter, and nearly all businesses were open and looking good.



*New Year's Day tourist traffic in the French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*

We heard many foreign accents amongst the tourists wandering around.



*Tourists in the French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*

A good deal of seasonal jollity is on show.



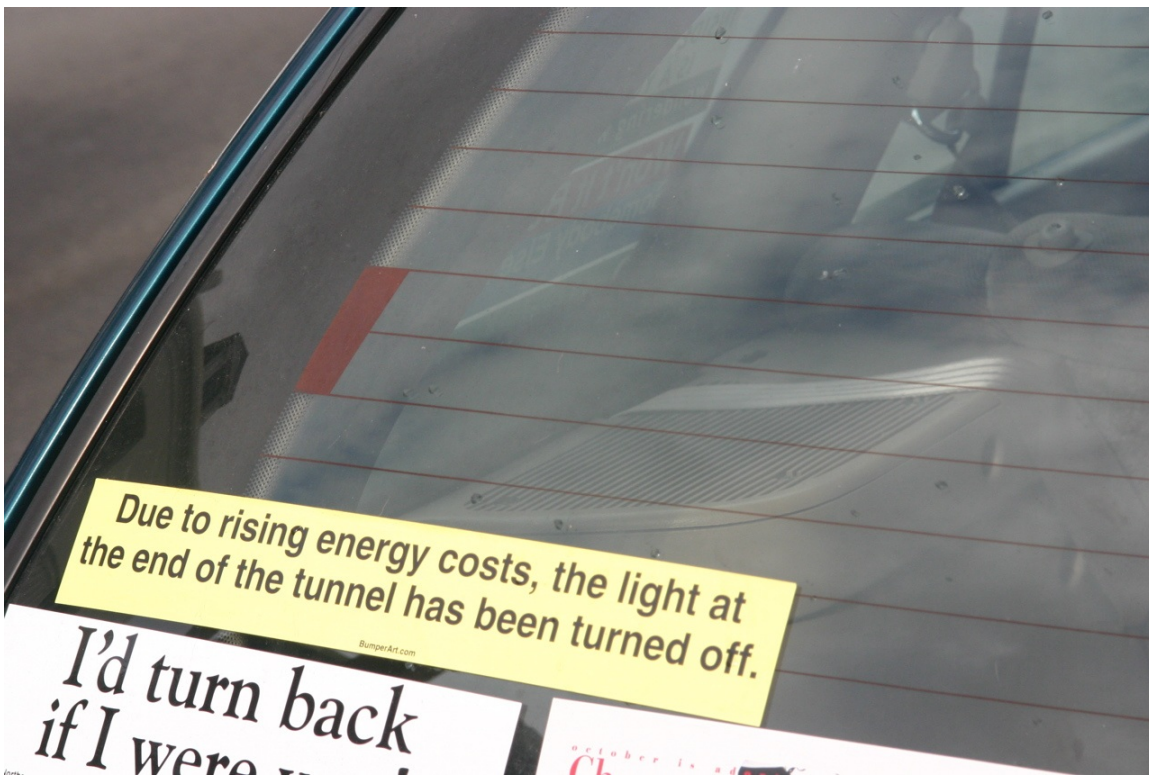
*Snow men and palm trees in the French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*

Of course, it's not good to look **too** close:



*Hurricane damage in French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*

And this is always on the back of our minds:



*Bumper sticker seen in French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*

But there is good news. The [New York Times](#) reports what many people told us: house prices in New Orleans have increased since the hurricane. That's certainly the market making a vote of confidence. And New Orleans hasn't lost its spirit:



*VW bug in French Quarter. Click picture to enlarge.*



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