

From Llyod Denis 12/20/10

Online right now and beginning tonight one half hour earlier at 6:30pm on Cox 8, Access TV in New Orleans until the end of the year there will be a special one hour version of **Crescent City Live** featuring two eye opening films I created which you will find interesting, funny, tragic, heart warming and eye opening. The first public viewing of “**Spirit of The St. Bernard**” will begin after a brief interview with **Anthony Brown**, one of the premier guitar players in New Orleans.

I was commissioned by Monika McKay of Columbia Residential to create a historical document about life in the St. Bernard community before the ravages of Hurricane Katrina and “**Spirit of The St. Bernard**” was completed after almost a year of soliciting and coordinating the wonderful people who’s testimonies made it possible. This episode of Crescent City Live is also viewable online anytime at www.CrescentCityLive.com and our subscribers can just click on SHOW. Non Subscribers will be able to sign up free of charge to gain access. All our episodes are available to subscribers at this website.

“**Spirit of The St. Bernard**” has a wide range of former residents telling their own stories about their lives and experiences living in this community. This is not in the National Geographic style of someone telling you about the people. I am extremely proud that the only words in this film come from the mouths of the people who lived there. I simply wove their individual commentaries into a single, sometimes funny and sometimes sad narrative that paints a picture of a community that few “outsiders” really understood.

Right after the S. Bernard documentary I’ve featured a special edit of “**A History of Public Education in New Orleans**”, which was commissioned by the Orleans Public Education Network. This edit is only twelve minutes long but provides a complete history of all the various ways public schools in New Orleans were governed. I wanted to share this with you so you could have this perspective as the governance of our public schools is in the news so much lately. I think you will be surprised at all the different ways our schools have been run over the years. Historian Al Kennedy was my main consultant and shares the credit for creation of this piece.

This Special Episode is also on Cox 76 in New Orleans at 12:Noon and Midnight, online at www.CrescentCityLive.com, click on SHOW.

Merry Christmas and Happy Safe Holidays please.

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