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Da Westbank Virus

Da West Bank — Speaking off the record, a Centers For Disease Control researcher stationed at Belle Chase Naval Air Station has recently confirmed the spread of a new local strain of virus. Researcher Ron LeMark said, “I think it’s time that people on both sides of the Mississippi River knew the truth about why West Bankers are the way they are, so me and my fellow researchers are ready to go on the record with this new research and bring our two local banks together. Yeah – We bridgin’ da gap!”

The information was released to media sources on a vintage vinyl record, which, when played backwards, revealed a cover-up at all levels of government. A hybrid strain of virus was apparently discovered by researchers years ago, which helps explain why people on the Westbank are a little different than everyone else. Details are still sketchy at this point but this is what is known about the virus so far.

Biological Nomenclature:

• *Virus Westbankus (Da Westbank Virus)*

Symptoms:

- Hairdoo doubles in height
- Overwhelming urge to pay tolls
- Blue eye shadow fetishism
- Speech and Cognitive changes (“Hey brah” “Dis-dat-dese-n-doze” “Where Y’at?”)

Related Diseases:

- Harvey Tunnel Worms
- Marrero-laria
- Algae-ears
- Crescent City Connectivitus

Treatment:

Westbank neighborhoods will have planes do fly-overs while playing classical music and jazz and each suburb will have trucks driving through that will offer residents the following trade-ins:

artwork and/or hooked-on-phonics tapes for large cans of hairspray or any sticky item from a truck dashboard.

A Westbank virus full-body-condom has been proposed for Eastbankers who feel they have to travel to the Westbank during the epidemic.

Local politicians and activists had the following to say:

“This information was kept from the public by City Hall during the Morial administration, but one thing we could do is to change the Crescent City Connection from a toll bridge to a draw bridge. That way we could just raise the bridge at night, and only allow Cox Cable customers or Hornets fans to cross it.”

— *Mayor Ray Nagin*

“This information was kept off the record during Harry Connick’s administration, but I feel that the best protection from the virus is a little culture, the appropriate British-style hat and a good strong cigar!”

— *D.A. Eddie Jordan*

“That virus was not spread by the bag of personal loan money that Edwin Edwards lent to me, and besides, a good friend of mine told me not to worry because the best protection from the virus was a little culture, an appropriate British-style hat and a good strong cigar.”

— *Cleo Fields*

“Can you catch the Westbank virus in prison?”

— *Edwin Edwards and Jim Brown*

“Ah yes, the Westbank virus ... research on that ancient virus dates back a thousand years over here. We’re still fighting about that too!”

— *Yassir Arafat*

“Even though ground zero for the virus appears to be my neighborhood in Marrero, the Westbank virus was really

caused by the Southern Decadence Parade in the French Quarter, and by Yassir Arafat, the liberal media, alien space-ships and those gay purple Tele-tubbies!”

— *Rev. LeBlanc, Marrero Protestant Minister*

“If they had more parades, better hairdressers, and fewer religious nuts over on the Westbank, then maybe they would have a chance to survive ... for my rare character performances as a Westbanker, I combine the charm of Edith Bunker with the fashion sense of Marge Simpson, and voila!”

— *Drag Queen Bianca Del Rio*

“The best way to whip the Westbank virus is to punish it with a more dominant strain.”

— *Dominatrix Mistress Natasha*

“If Westbankers would just smoke more pot, I mean medical marijuana, then the virus could be brought under control. And someone would have to open a good late night eatery over there, y’know, for when I get the munchies!”

— *Gary Wainwright*

“The Westbank clearly needs cultural re-development to fight the virus ... I propose building the world’s largest Border’s Bookstore in a residential area, and that way, when the residents of the Westbank start feeling feverish and tacky, they can just Make A Run For The Border!”

— *Pres Kabacoff*

“Our newly created office of National Home-made Security is looking into the threat of terrorists using the Westbank virus as a biological weapon, to be used against both residents of the Eastbank and the rest of the free and cultured world.”

— *Tom Bridge, Director of Newly Created Office of Home-made Security*