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Greetings, Colleagues:

I hope you have survived the Easter holiday, eating all those boiled eggs. And chocolate eggs. I'd recommend we eat a few more salads to make up for all those eggs.

Many of you know my assistant, Nita Franklin-Shanklin. She saw something today and showed it to me – it made me laugh and I want to share it with you.

The 98-year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her some warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen and remembered a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas. She opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they know it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother, the nuns asked earnestly, "please give us some wisdom before you go." She raised herself up in bed and said, "Don't sell that cow!"

Ha! That little story really resonated with me. I had my share of Irish nuns cracking my knuckles when I was growing up....And, I was looking for that cow this week. Who hid the cow?? I want that cow tied up to the back door!

I hope you have had a chance to look at our new website. We want to know how you like it. Do you have any suggestions, are there other things that you would like to see on it? We welcome your ideas and really want your feedback. Please email OJJ.Webmaster@la.gov.

Also, I hope you like *The Inside Scoop...of OJJ*. When I saw this month's issue, it brightened my spirits. It reminds me of all of our people in every office and facility, and the good work that goes on throughout OJJ.

I want to remind everybody that we are going to have some stormy days as we go through the budget process. It's always a little scary, but the rough seas are just part of the process. Together we are going to weather this storm. We are going to make it, we will come through the stormy days and enjoy the brighter days ahead. All we have to do is stay calm, hold steady – and have faith!

As always, thanks for everything you do, every day, to help change kids' lives and meet the mission. I hope you all have a pleasant weekend.

what's up doc?



by Dr. Mary Livers

Sincerely,

“Doc” *Dr. Mary Livers*

P.S. Next week is Administrative Professionals Week. Don't forget the chocolate, flowers, lunches, cards (no boiled eggs, please) and thanks for all they do to meet the mission.

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