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# what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

Well, the elections are over – no more a-tacky – I meant to say tacky – ads to watch over and over again on TV. Now we just have to listen to the pundits, who will go on and on about the election for the next 30 day until the next hot topic comes along.

Poor Haiti – that country can't seem to catch a break. Hopefully Hurricane Tomas will not add insult to injury and more death and destruction to an already reeling country.

It's Les Miles' time to shine – LSU vs. Alabama this weekend. This is a big one, folks, and LSU still has Arkansas ahead of them. Southern University, well all I can say is Stomp Mitchell or “Stumped Mitchell.”

It's very possible that LSU will fall back, and SU will fall back, and by the sheer volume of all that falling back, WE will fall back at midnight Sunday when Daylight Savings kicks in. Come Monday morning when we get up it will be light outside, but we will be driving home in the dark at the end of the day. Please remember to check your headlights.

But enough of the silly chatter. Let's get down to business.

DAS/Facilities Sean Hamilton made it through a whole week here. I just saw him a little while ago and he has not run out the door with his hair on fire. It looks like he might be here to stay.

Undersecretary Alan Boxberger and I have been working closely this week on the budget. As you know we are still facing a difficult budget year and we are preparing a budget recommendation for the next fiscal year. It will be another tough year but we will continue to find ways to move forward regardless of the challenges.

I just returned from a meeting of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. We are so blessed in Louisiana to have such a great group of juvenile judges who care about our youth, and who are diligent with regard to transactions in their courts.

All of you are doing a fabulous job meeting the mission. I know because I see it firsthand and people tell me that you do. The judges I spoke with today were very complimentary of the work you do. It takes all aspects of the system coming together on behalf of the youth and families of Louisiana, and each one of you is critical to the mission.

We're finally seeing some cool weather. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – stay warm and dry, and I hope the team you cheer for wins!

Sincerely, “Doc” *Dr. Mary Livers*

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