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# what's up doc?



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Greetings, Everyone:

This edition of What's Up, Doc? is coming to you from the road. I made the short week even shorter by taking off and traveling to Texas to visit family. I've been to Abilene, Austin and San Angelo, and now I'm returning to Louisiana. I discovered on this trip that I am allergic to dry, 102 degree heat, mesquite trees, cedar trees and cactus. With no relief in sight. I'm anxious to get back to Louisiana where I can complain about the humidity, 100 degree heat, and no relief in sight.

The next challenge is to get through Houston before the rush hour. I don't think I'm going to make it.

I hope everybody had a great Fourth of July. I heard that Baton Rouge had their fireworks show, but all over most of Texas, they did away with fireworks because of the extreme danger of fire. We did see some fireworks in San Angelo, and we really enjoyed it. Even if it was 102 degrees in the evening.

Well, what did you all think about the Casey Anthony case? My theory is that we have become accustomed to watching CSI where everything is perfectly matched, slam dunk, with lots of physical evidence. In real life, I don't think that exists most of the time, and what we need more than anything else is common sense. Sometimes I think we just lose our common sense. So that's my take on it. My prediction is that Casey Anthony is going to have an unhappy life.

I've had a pretty quiet week, and not too many phone calls for business. Just enough to let me know that things **are** happening in my absence. But I'm told we had a fairly quiet week.

I understand that today is the last day with us for some of our tech support people – Chris Allen, Wade Campbell and Jason Williams. Thanks to every one of them, for all of their help and for taking care of us. They will surely be missed. But, they will still take care of us, from a different roof over their heads. They will be just across the street, and I'm sure we will run into them in the cafeteria.

Well, I'll be back in the saddle again next week. I hope all you have a good weekend. I understand that the weekend weather prediction for most of the state is for very hot temps and possibly scattered showers. Everywhere except Lake Charles, which is close to Texas – no rain. We can certainly use the rain, at least in Baton Rouge.

Wherever you are, in whatever OJJ capacity you serve, my thanks to each of you, every day, for all you do to meet the mission.

Sincerely,  
"Doc" *Dr. Mary Livers*

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